



Immacolata Council Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Immacolata Council 13819

Houma, LA

July-August 2018

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

I once again would like to thank you all, for the opportunity to be your Grand Knight for the upcoming Fraternal year. I would also like to say thank you to Brother David Neal for a job well done as our Grand Knight for the last two fraternal years.

I would like to welcome our new Program Director Darryl Barrios, Community Activities Director Neil Abbott III, Faith Activities Director Scott Anthony, Family Activities Director Paul Boudreaux, Life Activities Director Terry Allemand, and Membership Director Barry McNamara. Gentlemen, I thank you for accepting the invitation to lead these programs for our Council.

Without dragging my first report out too much longer, I hope to see you all at the officer installation, on the 28th of July after 4:30 Mass.

Thank You and God Bless

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Thibodeaux
Grand Knight

Officers 2018-19

Grand Knight – Chris Thibodeaux
Chaplain – Fr. Joey Pilola
Deputy Grand Knight – Darryl Barrios
Chancellor – Floyd Ordoyne
Financial Secretary – Jerry Boudreaux
Treasurer – Jim Thibodaux
Recorder – Randy Viteaux
Advocate – Mike Pontiff
Lecturer – TBA
Warden – Clark Hebert
Outside Guard – John Comeaux
Inside Guard – Tim Pennison
Three-Year Trustee - David Neal
Two-Year Trustee – Lynn Foret
One Year Trustee – Rocky Bush
Field Agent – Shane Duplantis

Chairmen

Program Director – Darryl Barrios
Membership Director – Barry McNamara
Community Activities – Neil Abbott
Faith Activities – Scott Anthony
Family Activities – Paul Boudreaux
Life Activities – Terry Allemand
Golf Tournament – Jim Thibodaux

Reminder

Council Meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month in the Community Gathering Center. The schedule is as follows: 6:00pm – Officers Meeting; 6:30pm – Rosary; 6:45pm – Meal; 7:00pm – Business Meeting. Any Practicing Catholic Male 18+ that is interested in joining, should contact any council member.

Upcoming Events

July 23 Diocesan Council Gathering, Houma Council Home
July 24 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home
July 28 Council Officer Installation (Following 4:30pm Mass)
July 29 Family Rosary (See Below)
August 2-5 ACTS Men's Retreat
August 2 Assembly 336 Meeting, Houma Council Home
August 4-5 State Bowling Tournament Week #1, Lafayette
August 6 Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting Meeting, Nicholls
August 7-9 Supreme Convention, Baltimore, MD
August 11-12 State Bowling Tournament Week #2, Lafayette
August 11 Patriotic Degree Exemplification, Alexandria
August 12 Birthdate of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney (1852)
August 14 Anniversary of the Death of Venerable Fr. McGivney (1890)
August 15 **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**
August 16 Council Business Meeting (See Above)
August 19 Council Sponsored Mass (10:30am)
August 20 Patriotic Degree Area Meeting, Houma Council Home
August 28 Admission Degree, St. Bernadette Council Home

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Willie & Penny St. Pierre for being named Immacolata Council's Family of the Month for June 2018!

FAMILY ROSARY PROGRAM

Join us for our next Family Rosary (formerly known as Fifth Sunday Rosary) on Sunday, July 29th beginning at 5:00pm.

Prayer and Worship Opportunities for the Men of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

- The Maria Immacolata Men's Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday morning beginning with Mass at 6:00 am followed by Bible Study from 6:30 – 7:30 am. If your schedule allows, please come join with us.
- On the first Saturday of each month Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs hosts a Mass for the men of the diocese at 7:30am at his home at 107 Albany Drive in Houma. Sign up for his newsletter at <http://www.spiritaflame.org> to receive updates.
- On the first Sunday of each month join with other men of the diocese for an hour of adoration and prayer beginning at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales.
- E:SIX (which stands for Ephesians 6) is a Catholic Men's Ministry which helps to form the masculine heart and an authentic spirituality by the celebration of the Holy Mass followed by coffee and donuts every week. This ministry was formed to help men to put on the "full armor of Christ", giving them the tools to grow in holiness, and to be the spiritual servant leaders of their families they have been called to be by God! This ministry helps men to build fraternity with other men and creates a Band of Brothers from all parts of the Diocese! The schedule of locations is as follows:
 - 1st Thursday of the Month – St. Thomas Aquinas, Thibodaux
 - 2nd Thursday of the Month – St. Lucy, Houma
 - 3rd Thursday of the Month – St. Hilary, Mathews
 - 4th Thursday of the Month – Maria Immacolata
 - 5th Thursday of the Month (If Applicable) – Lumen Christi

Building the Domestic Church – August Theme: Hospitality

Scripture speaks frequently about the importance of a family's hospitality because of its life-giving love that nourishes weary souls and heals broken hearts.

Meditation

From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia

Led by the Spirit, the family circle is not only open to life by generating within itself, but also by going forth and spreading life by caring for others and seeking their happiness. This openness finds particular expression in hospitality, which the word of God eloquently encourages: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware" (Heb 13:2). When a family is welcoming and reaches out to others, especially the poor and the neglected, it is "a symbol, witness and participant in the Church's motherhood." Social love, as a reflection of the Trinity, is what truly unifies the spiritual meaning of the family and its mission to others, for it makes present the kerygma [teachings] in all its communal imperatives. The family lives its spirituality precisely by being at one and the same time a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world.

1. What are some specific ways in which our family practices hospitality within our home? In what ways is hospitality challenging for our family, and in what ways does it help our family grow in grace and happiness?
2. Have we ever thought of hospitality in terms of welcoming the other as Christ? How might this calling of Christian hospitality change our practices of hospitality?
3. What are some ways as a family to grow in hospitality? How might we open our home more to the poor, lonely, brokenhearted and neglected? Is there someone who has a rough family life that could use some time around our family for the support and encouragement that love offers?

Scripture Reading - Psalm 84:9-13

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

listen, God of Jacob.

O God, watch over our shield;

look upon the face of your anointed.

Better one day in your courts

than a thousand elsewhere.

Better the threshold of the house of my God

than a home in the tents of the wicked.

For a sun and shield is the LORD God,

bestowing all grace and glory.

The LORD withholds no good thing

from those who walk without reproach.

O LORD of hosts,

blessed the man who trusts in you!

Family Project

Invite acquaintances from your parish or neighborhood over for a meal, and spend some time socializing afterward. Invite them to join you for family prayer, too.

Don't Assume You're Covered

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

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