

# The Emblem



Gramercy KC Council No. 1817

December 2020

Brother Knights and Families,

Thanks to everyone who attended the November meeting.

The meeting this month will be Wednesday, December 9. The rosary will start at 6:30 PM, meal at 7:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

Thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Curtis “Calute” Cashio for conducting the November meeting. I had to quarantine in preparation for my back surgery. He will also conduct the December meeting as I will be recuperating.

Please pray for our brothers who are sick or in distress, especially Brothers Johnny Norris, Allie Bourgeois and Gaston Bourgeois.

No Sunday Dinner in November and December. January Sunday dinner will benefit St. Peter Chanel School. Date to be determined.

Merry Christmas to our Brother Knights and families. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas.

There is a Knights of Columbus link on the church web site. Go to [www.rivrdcat.org/kc-bulletin](http://www.rivrdcat.org/kc-bulletin).

If you would like to also receive your bulletin by email, please send your email address to [barrylweber@att.net](mailto:barrylweber@att.net). I will continue to mail your bulletin; email is just another opportunity to communicate our Council’s news.

*Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused!*

Vivat Jesus

Barry Weber – Grand Knight



## *December Birthday Wishes*

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jason Amato
- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jared Amato
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Byron Jacob
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Todd Bland
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Mahlon Poche’
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Anthony “Tony” Hymel
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Pat Whitney
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Boyd Weber
- 9<sup>th</sup> - McKay Roddy
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Kermit Coulon, Jr.
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Edward Guidry
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Richard St. Pierre
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Travis Hymel
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Timothy “Droopy” Bourgeois
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Glenn Miller
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Terry McCreary
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lois “L.J.” St. Pierre, Jr.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Emery Fortythe
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Danny Martin

## *Congratulations!*

November Knight of the Month  
Brother David “Boo” Louque

Family of the Month  
Brother Kerry Dufresne Family

# **INSURANCE AGENTS REPORT**

**Brother Matthew Maurin**

Let me start with thanking you all for graciously accepting me at your meeting, it was a warm welcome that was much appreciated.

As some of you already know, I am the new field agent for the council. My name is Matthew Maurin, I'm 22 years old and live in Reserve. I graduated from Louisiana Tech in May 2020 with a Bachelor's in Finance. However, due to COVID-19 I was unable to walk across the stage this past May. I joined the Knights of Columbus when I was 18 at Ascension of Our Lord where I currently head the grant committee. Since day one, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Knights. I can't express how much being a part of this brotherhood means to me. Also, this November I am running for constable for my district and plan on winning. I was officially hired on August 1<sup>st</sup> but have been working with the agency learning and getting my license since I graduated. I've met with some of you already and I can't wait to meet with everyone else and grow as a field agent the Knights.

So that was a little about me, but I got few more things I want you brothers to be aware of. The first is that the Knights recently bought a mutual fund company and come 2021 we will be offering mutual funds to all of you and the councils themselves.

The second is that I can offer the Knights services to all Catholic men not just Knights. So if you know any fellow Catholic men that would benefit from my services please let me know.

The last and most important one is I want you to be aware come November 3<sup>rd</sup> we as citizens of Louisiana have a very important constitutional amendment on the ballot. Amendment 1 if voted in will specify in the state constitution that there is no right to abortion in Louisiana paving the way for the state legislature to ban abortion the day Roe vs. Wade is overturned without having to worry about court battles, so please VOTE YES on Amendment 1 this election.

As always if you have any questions please contact me.

Matthew Maurin

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## **MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

*(Brother Gordon Jenkins, Director)*

Since the Corona pandemic, Supreme has instituted on line exemplifications. This initiation can take place in the candidate's home on his computer. Through this process the candidate is initiated into the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree of our order. Any 1<sup>st</sup> degree member can register, attend the online ceremony and become a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member. This process is available 24/7. The link is <https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/a025d4a5-5f59-4cef-9382-65291bb31716.pdf>

If you need help Brother Emery Forsythe or I can email the link to you.

We have a new member, Brother Terry Toland. Congratulations Brother Terry!

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

*(Brother Brien Louque, Director)*

Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and the Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) are in progress.

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

No Sunday dinner in November and December. January Sunday Dinner will benefit St. Peter Chanel School. Date TBA.

Our gumbo team, Brothers Lynn "Moose" Trosclair, Kenneth "Wop" Foret, Richard "T-Rich" Bourgeois and Keith "Cap" Hymel won first place in the Diocesan gumbo cook off. They will be representing our Council at the State meeting on December 5 at Camp Abbey in Covington. Good luck Brothers!

Brother Mickey "Mice" Bourgeois place 4<sup>th</sup> in the first flight, Brother Derrick Roddy placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the second flight at the KC state golf tournament in September. Congratulations Brothers.

Bingo is still on hold.

Rentals are still on hold except for members' family gatherings..

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION LOTTERY**

The Louisiana Catholic School Supplemental Tuition Lottery Program is open to the children of Knights of Columbus members who are in good standing. Four winning entries will be drawn each quarter. Each winning entry will receive \$500.00 paid directly to the child's Catholic School. Names of winners will not be removed from future drawings for the school year. Pre-Kindergarten and 12th Grade Catholic Students are eligible. See your Grand Knight for rules, information and application.

## **They Will Find Us**

Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two week vacation to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Suddenly, over the public address system, the Captain announces, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our \$5,000 PBS pledge check yet?"

"No, sweetheart," she responds. Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?"

"Oh, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check," she says. "One last thing, Esther. Did you remember to send checks for the Visa and MasterCard this month?" he asks.

"Oh, forgive me, Abe," begged Esther. "I didn't send that one, either."

Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40 years. Esther pulls away and asks him, "What was that for?"

Abe answers, "They'll find us!"



*December 2020*  
*Knights of Columbus Gramercy Council 1817*

| Sunday                        | Monday                               | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                      | Friday                     | Saturday   |
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|                               |                                      | <b>1</b><br><br>Jason Amato<br>Jared Amato                        | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><br>Byron Jacob   | <b>4</b>                   | <b>5</b><br><br>Todd Bland                           |
| <b>6</b><br><br>Mahlon Poche' | <b>7</b><br><br>Anthony "Tony" Hymel | <b>8</b><br><br>Pat Whitney<br>Feast of the Immaculate Conception | <b>9</b><br><br>McKay Roddy<br>Boyd Weber<br>KC Meeting<br>6:30 Rosary<br>7:00 Meal<br>7:30 Meeting | <b>10</b>                     | <b>11</b>                  | <b>12</b><br><br>Kermit Coulon, Jr.<br>Edward Guidry |
| <b>13</b>                     | <b>14</b><br><br>Richard St. Pierre  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br><br>Travis Hymel<br>Timothy "Droopy" Bourgeois   | <b>17</b><br><br>Glenn Miller | <b>18</b>                  | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>20</b>                     | <b>21</b>                            | <b>22</b><br><br>Terry McCreary                                   | <b>23</b><br><br>Lois "L.J." St. Pierre, Jr.<br>Emery Forsythe                                      | <b>24</b>                     | <b>25</b><br><br>Christmas | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>27</b>                     | <b>28</b><br><br>Danny Martin        | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>                     |                            |  |