



The Knight Light -Knights of Columbus

Official Newsletter of Father
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Regular Meetings ~ 3rd Tuesday of each Month @ 7:30 pm
Officers Meeting ~ 1st Tuesday of each Month

Grand Knight's Message:

Brother Knights,

2017 marks the 100 anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Once a month for 5 months, Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francisco & Jacinta. She asked them to pray the rosary daily & encouraged the faithful to receive Holy Communion every 1st Saturday for 5 months (1st Saturday devotion). They were given several visions, including a vision of hell. During her last visit, October 13th, occurred the Miracle of the Sun that was witnessed by 70,000. Our Heavenly Mother has always sought to bring us closer to her "divine Son". As Knights we are called to have a Marian devotion. In this year commemorating the centennial anniversary of Our Lady's visit to Fatima, how's your relationship with your "Mother"?

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Viva Cristo Rey!

SK Charles G Boutte'

Deadline for articles is **8pm on first Tuesday at the Officers Meetings.**
Articles may be emailed to kofc8960@gmail.com

New Website Additions

With the new year comes new changes to our existing website at kofc8960.com. If you haven't visited it before, please do so to find a wealth of info about our council including every event that is taking place over the next few months on our event calendar or to read any newsletter including the current one in our newsletter section.

There is also a member's only section that you can log into if you are a current member of the council in good standing. Simply use your membership number from your membership card and your birthdate to enter this section. This section has several important areas of interest:

Updating Information

The member's list gives the roster of all the members of our council. If you ever change your email address or phone number (or know someone who needs their information changed), simply go into this list and find your name to update your information. You can post a picture of yourself also so the council knows what you look like. You can also directly email any other member of the council from this page if you don't currently have their email address.

Of course you can always email me directly at kofc8960@gmail.com when you have changes to your information and I'll make sure they get added.

Recording Volunteer Hours

Have trouble keeping track of your volunteer hours for the year. The member's only section has a great place for entering those in. It breaks the hours up for you into several categories. Even if you do keep good track of these hours on your own, please enter your hours here as you make them. The website keeps totals for our Grand Knight and Financial Secretary to know where we are, so it will be a huge help for the officers for you to take the time to enter those hours here.

Officers

If you are a current officer, there are a couple of forms to view the volunteer information of our council including form 1728. The lists give a per-member and council total breakdown of all volunteer hours in a nice easy to use format.

Easy Mobile Access

Through our partnership with UKnight Interactive, we are pleased to announce a new mobile version of the website. Check it out at kofcmobile.org This new mobile version makes entering volunteer hours a breeze. You can also see events at our council, neighboring councils, assemblies, and chapters, find major degrees in our area and much more.

Prayer Requests

Have a request for prayer for you or a loved one? The Prayer Request section of the website lets you submit them for the council to see. Check this section often to find out about the prayer needs of our council and parish.

News, Pictures, Comments

Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions about the website or newsletter by emailing me directly at kofc8960@gmail.com

If you have any news or comments to be featured in the newsletter or on the website, send it to me at kofc8960@gmail.com by the first Saturday of the month and I'll make sure it gets in.

Dustin Meyer
Council 8960 Webmaster

Major Degree

There will be a Major Degree at St Bernadette in League City on Jan 28 at 10 AM. If you are interested in making your 2nd or 3rd Degree at this event, please contact Rick Johnson rickj53@gmail.com

Membership Drive

We will be hosting our first membership drive of the new year on the weekend of March 25th and 26th. Mark your calendars for this event. We need as many brother knights to volunteer to help out as possible. More details will come next month, but if you are interested please contact Rick Johnson rickj53@gmail.com

Squire's Corner

Happy New Year to all. The Squires had a busy December and are starting the new year with a lot to do. Special thanks to 5 Squires who came to help at the VA Hospital. Our next big event will be Jan. 13. It is the State Midyear Convention in San Antonio.

There will be an Investiture of new members into our circle in February, we need the Applications as soon as possible. See you at the meeting.

Mr. Stryk Chief Counselor
Circle 3437

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

It's time again for the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. For those who don't know, it's a fun night put on by the Knights of Columbus to honor our brothers and sisters who have dedicated their life to Christ and a priest, brother, sister, or other form of consecrated life. The night will be held at the Stafford Center in Stafford, TX and will consist of speeches from many high ranking Knights and His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

We are unfortunately sold out of tickets for this year but, we are looking for volunteers to help our squires to serve the guests that will attend the event. Our squires have to serve around 1300 plates to the guests there so any help with this is much appreciated. If you want to help out please contact Al Stryk @ 281-485-4095 for more details. You must be Virtus trained.

VA Visitation Schedule

Brother Knights,

This year's VA Visitation schedule is as follows:

January 22, 2017

March 26, 2017

May 28, 2017

Please mark your calendar and join us to give thanks to our veterans for their incredible sacrifice. We meet at the Church in front of the Family Life Center at 8 AM and carpool to the VA hospital in the med center. If you want to meet drive directly there, we usually arrive at the VA on the 2nd floor at the chapel about 8:45 AM, start visiting the veterans who are there at 9 AM, and then do Mass in the chapel at 10 AM. We are always back in Pearland before noon. Come out and join your fellow brother knights in this very impactful morning with our vets. And bring the whole family!

Keep Pearland Beautiful Highway Cleanup

For those that don't know, our council partners with Keep Pearland Beautiful to help keep sections of McHard highway free of litter several times a year. Our next cleanup will be Feb 11. We will meet at the Knight's Hall on Hatfield road at 7:30 AM to enjoy some coffee before heading out for the cleanup on McHard. It usually only takes about an hour or so to finish the area. Come out and help us do our part to keep our community as beautiful as it is.

Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that membership dues need to be paid this month. You should have received your paperwork in the mail by now, but if you haven't please contact Jimmy Novak kofc8960@yahoo.com to get information on them. You can bring your money to this month's general meeting if you haven't already paid for them.

2017 Chili Cookoff

Our annual Chili Cookoff will be held on Feb 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hatfield Road. Come out and taste the delicious chilis that will be served at this fantastic event. Doors will open at noon and cups and spoons will be provided for spectator sampling! Best of all, the event entry fee is included in the purchase of a gun raffle ticket so no additional cost is required.

If you are interested in cooking chili for the event there is a \$20 entry fee per team. Cooks should arrive at 8 am to begin cooking. Judging will occur at 2 pm in a covered cook area. Teams must prepare a minimum of 3 lbs of meat chili on-site. (Meat chili only... hand cut or grind, no beans, potatoes, etc) Cash prizes will be awarded for the winners.

Please bring a bottle of liquor for our booze basket to be raffled off at the CookOff to our regularly meeting on January 19th.

Contact Thad Bujnoch at 713-204-8459 for more information about the event or to set up a team.

Annual Gun Raffle

Our annual gun raffle is in full swing! This year's drawing will be held on Feb 4th so get your tickets soon to be eligible. Doors will open for the raffle at noon on February 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hatfield Road and the drawing will be held at 3 pm during the Chili Cookoff. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. You do not need to be present to win the raffle, so get yours tickets even if you can't be there. This year a total of 30 guns will be raffled off (subject to availability). Also the purchase of a ticket will get you entry into our Chili Cookoff event!

All the guns for the raffle are provided by Bass Pro Shop. Tickets are sold every Saturday until the drawing in front of Bass Pro Shop or at the General Meeting.

If you are looking to help out with this event, we are in need of volunteers to help sell tickets at Bass Pro Shop every Saturday between 9am and 3pm. Even an hour of your time would be a big help.

In Memory of ArchBishop Flores

We are very sad to report the death of ArchBishop Patrick Flores, emeritus ArchBishop of San Antonio. May his soul rest in peace. Eternal life grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

2017 Texas Rally for Life

Join the Office of Pro-Life Activities at the Diocese of Galveston Houston for the Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX on Saturday Jan 28th to march and pray for an end to abortion. Buses will leave the St Dominic Chancery at 6 AM. Bishop Joe Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin will say Mass followed by the March and Rally at the Texas Capitol. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for those 18 and under and for students. Online registration is available. Contact the Office of Pro Life activities at 713-741-8728 at the archdiocese for more information.

Divine Office Readings

Deacon Steve will be conducting weekly readings from the Breviary or Divine Office on Monday thru Thursday. Come and join your fellow parishioners in this prayerful dedication to our Lord. It is a great way to strengthen your faith with your community. The Monday and Wednesday prayers will begin at 6:30 PM and the Tuesday and Thursday prayers will begin at 7:30 AM.

Youth Ministry Program

Our Youth Ministry program at St. Helen is in need of volunteers on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:15 pm to help with parking lot safety and traffic control during dismissal. Our program on Wednesday nights has grown to well over 200 youth in 6th-8th grades, and we need help to get them safely into their parents' vehicles at night. All volunteers must have completed the Virtus Protecting God's Children training course before starting to help. I would appreciate all of your thoughtful consideration in this matter! If you would like to help, please call or email me so that I can know to expect you.

January 17th: General Meeting

Join us for the monthly General Meeting of our council starting at 7:30 pm. Come early at 7 for a meal provided by the council. Come and learn about all the events and activities our council will be holding over the next month.

January 21st: Missal Reading and Prayer

Join us for our next Missal Reading and Prayer Service. We will meet in the morning from 7:30 to 8:30 in the KofC Hall on Hatfield. Please join us for coffee, donuts and good Christian fellowship as we seek the Lord together as brother Knights. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Rodriguez at 713-885-1274.

January 22nd: VA Visitation

Our next VA Visitation is on the 22nd. If you want to go (bring your family too) meet us at the Family Life Center at 8 AM. This is a great way to make an impact in a veteran's life and thank them for serving our country.

January 28th: 2017 Texas Rally For Life in Austin

Join Catholics from around the state at the state capital in Austin by standing up for the unborn. See the section above or visit archgh.org (the archdiocesan website) for more information.

February 4th: Pro Life Rosary

Come join us for our monthly rosary to pray for an end to abortion. We meet at St Helen's Catholic Church in the prayer garden. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet in the chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Rodriguez at 713-885-1274.

February 4th: Gun Raffle and Chili Cookoff

After the Pro Life Rosary in the morning, come join your fellow brother knights at the 2017 Gun Raffle and Chili Cookoff. Doors will open at noon and entry is free if you've purchased a gun raffle ticket. If you are cooking in the event, please be there at 8 AM.

February 11th: Keep Pearland Beautiful Cleanup

Come out and help keep our wonderful city as beautiful as it is by helping us to clean up McHard road of litter. We will be meeting at the Knights Hall at 7:30 for coffee and then carpooling to McHard to do the cleanup. The actual cleanup usually only takes about an hour or so and the day is very rewarding.