



## ***The Knight Light*** -Knights of Columbus

Official Newsletter of Father  
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*"We are Knights of Columbus, go out and make a positive difference"*

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*Officers Meeting ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month*

**Grand Knight's Message:**

Happy New Year Brother Knights,

January brings both hope for a new year and a reminder of a tragic past. It is a month of resolutions and Right to Life. It also is reminder of the "culture of death". This month hundreds of thousands in America & many countries around the world will march in peaceful rallies in support of the unborn. Pro-life organizations are increasingly being filled by younger people who realize that "they" could have been legally killed by their parents. Their voice is getting louder. This does not mean we should stand back and leave it all to them. As Knights, we are called to "defend life in all its stages", from conception to natural death. We need to, and should stand with them. If you, my Brothers have not yet made a New Year's resolution, consider involvement in the Pro-life movement. Whether you march in Austin at the Rally for Life, pray in front of an abortion facility or just pray a rosary for those who do, your participation does matter. And while your actions may not matter to some in this world, it does matter to He who created it.

I hope to see you on that bus to Austin.

SK Charles G Boutte'

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

## **From the Desk of Father Jim**

My Brother Knights,

I pray that you and your loved ones were able to enjoy a Holiday and Holyday season filled with joy, peace and the presence of Christ. We are now back into our "Ordinary Season" of the year but before we begin this "ordinary time" I offer my sincere thanks to all of my brother Knights who were invaluable to us this Christmas season. We had Knights helping decorate our church, including our massive tree, undecorating our church, inside and out, and above all serving so prayerfully at our Midnight mass. Our fourth degree also did such an amazing job at our corporate communion last weekend. Every time I witness my brother Knights they are engaged in some type of fellowship which involves service to our parish, and this truly marks the existence of an active and service oriented council. Thank you for all you do, all the time.

Just a reminder, well ahead of time.....Our Cardinal is coming to dedicate our new facilities on Sunday, March 11 th at the 9:00 a.m. mass. He will preside at the mass then proceed to the educational facility and then over to Saint Vincent de Paul and afterwards back to the gym for a reception. I hope some of our Knights can be in attendance at this most joyful ceremony.

On a last note, we have begun planning for our next bazaar, which will be held in early fall this year on our parish grounds. Scott Lester has graciously stepped up to chair this years bazaar so please keep your eyes and ears open for developments, as they will be coming fast and furious. It is going to be exciting, different and lots of fun and of course hard work.

Again God Bless all of you, my brother Knights for all you do, all you have done, and all that you will do in the future. I am most grateful to you all and to our Almighty God.

Fr. Jim

## Article from the Catholic Herald

Sin-loss Resolutions: Faith resolutions for the New Year

JANUARY 9, 2018

By Juan Carlos Moreno, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

It is a brand new year, and that means it is once again the season for people to make resolutions to change or improve a facet or another of their lives. For many, these resolutions revolve around diet and exercise. Promises are made, plans are drawn, and gym memberships are purchased, only for the promises to be broken, the plans to be set aside and the memberships to go unused.

For us Christians, this is also a good time to make resolutions about our faith; hopefully with more success than our secular plans! The faith equivalent of a weight-loss resolution would be a sin-loss resolution.

To put it in a better way, our resolution should be to lose everything that separates us from God, so that we may be more like Christ. That is the goal of our life as Christians, to be other “Christ” in the world, bringing God’s healing presence to others.

According to St. Paul “we are God’s co-workers” (1 Cor 3:9). Being Christ’s disciples and collaborators is no easy task, as Jesus warned us: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me...” (Lk 9:23). We must become strong for this task. The faith equivalent of an exercise resolution is, of course, spiritual exercises! Many people don’t realize that our spirit has faculties of intellect and will go “flabby” when unused. Have you, or someone you know, gone back to school after several years of having left it behind? Most people describe their experience of doing this in terms akin to physical pain and exertion. Cracking those books open and trying to concentrate and formulate a thought after some time of not doing so takes quite an effort.

Unfortunately, our society today plays a big role in this intellectual state of affairs. Take “fake news,” for instance, a particularly toxic form of intellectual “junk food” that is fed to so many people in so many forms. As aspiring Christian athletes, we need to feed our intellect with the best food possible. Luckily for us, we are possessors of a vast intellectual tradition to draw from: from the Early Fathers to St. Thomas Aquinas, all the way to today’s popes and thinkers, we have the best the world has to offer.

Our will, too, must be trained so that we are able to deny ourselves as required of Christ. We are no slouches in this area either, and the approaching Lenten season is optimal to return to the practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving that help us turn from ourselves and enable us to recognize others and care for their needs. Our plans have better chance of success when we engage others in our quest, as even secular society recognizes with a myriad of personal trainers, and “life coaches” popping all over the place.

Without God’s grace our efforts are doomed to failure. What’s better than a detox diet? A soul detoxed from sin and reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Are you looking for the next greatest super-food? We have that too in the super-Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist that gives us Christ’s body and blood, soul and divinity for our salvation.

You know the drill: make your resolutions with concrete and achievable goals. Don’t try to do too much at once. Get a partner for the journey. Put on Christ and listen to your mother; your mother Church, that is. May God’s presence fill you and make shine with joy this new year and ever!

Juan Carlos Moreno is an associate director with the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

## **Website**

Our council website at [kofc8960.com](http://kofc8960.com) is going strong. 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](mailto: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 also have a mobile version of the website. Check it out at [kofcmobile.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) by the first Saturday of the month and I'll make sure it gets in.

Dustin Meyer  
Council 8960 Webmaster

## **The 2018 Clergy Appreciation Night**

The Galveston-Houston Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will host the Thirty-fourth Annual Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, February 2, 2018, at the Bayou City Event Center located at 9401 Knight Road, Houston, TX, 77045. This is a new location and venue, so please check map and address and plan ahead (check-in time 5:30-6:30pm with program and dinner start at 7:00pm). Our new venue will allow us to accommodate many more participants throughout the Archdiocese.

**Different this year from previous years is that there will be a cash bar, so if you plan to drink plan to pay.** Once each year we Brother Knights welcome the opportunity to express our thanks, respect, and solidarity with our Cardinal, Archbishop, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious. Clergy Appreciation Night provides you and your Councils an opportunity to honor your clergy along with all the other Priests, Deacons, brothers, and nuns in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. If you are interested in attending, contact Steve Lowry at 281-450-7068. Limited spots are available from our council for the event. Seats are \$35.00 per person.

## **Financial Awareness**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 is the first "Financial Awareness" presentation. This is the new KC 8960 program that was discussed in the last few meetings. This month's topic will be Estate Planning; that will include beneficiary designations, power of attorneys, wills & trust and more. The presentation will start at 7pm @ the KC hall. It will be about an hour presentation, plus and minus few minutes. Remember, there will be NO SELLING of products and/or services at this awareness presentation.

## **2017 Fraternal Survey**

It is that time again to account for your service hours. Remember that all of your man hours spent during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey can be counted. Whether you were cleaning out homes, working the POD or driving around those who weren't able. All those hours count. The survey is due by the end of January. There will be paper copies available at the December & January meetings. The PDF can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Remember that you can also keep track of your hours throughout the year using our website. 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.

## **Increase your weekly devotions with Pope Francis' Wednesday Audiences**

The Vatican YouTube channel will be hosting the Pope's weekly audiences every Wednesday for those who wish to view them. These audiences are the weekly address by the Pope to the world. Each week is dedicated to the Pope's teachings on a specific theological or ecclesiastical topic. Many of these audiences are part of a series. Have you ever heard of the "Theology of the Body?" That incredible theological work from Pope John Paul II was actually a compilation of several Wednesday audiences he did. Each audience will start off in Italian but there will be a translation of the Pope's message after the Italian in several languages including English and Spanish. If you wish to watch these audiences, just search for "The Vatican English" on YouTube or go directly there at this link <https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican/featured> There is a new audience every week as well as important messages from the Vatican if you wish to view them.

## **Pro Life Support**

Brother Knights,

As some of you already know, Council 8960 will be collecting baby items to help support mothers who choose life. We will have a bin available for drop off at each council meeting as well as Wednesday evenings when the halls are shown for rentals. Here is the list of items that was presented by Richard Lang, St Helen's Right 2 Life Coordinator. These will be turned over to the Houston Coalition for Life or the Foundation for Life.

Diaper sizes - newborn to 6 months

Baby toiletries ( baby shampoo, diaper cream, bulb syringe, pacifiers, thermometers)

Onesies, baby towels, wash cloths & wipes.

cribs, car seats & baby clothes.

These items are needed by local Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

The Knights of Columbus are Pro-Life & being Pro-Life is more than praying to end abortion. It also means supporting those that Choose Life.

All supplies can be dropped off at any KC function or Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

## **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**

4th Degree Exemplification 2/24 Crosby

Form 4 must be turned in to Charles or Ken by 2/1

Obtain packet from Charles, Ken or Rick

Contact Rick Johnson for details of Degree Ceremonies or if you know of someone that would like to become a Knight of Columbus

## **2018 Steps for Students**

The 2018 Annual Steps for Students Run/Walk for Catholic Education in our diocese will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Last day to register and have your packet sent to your school – January 31, 2018. Packet pickup this year will be on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Chancery at St. Dominic Center; Morkovsky Hall Room 106 from 10 am – 3 pm.

The registration fee is \$20 through January 31, 2018. After this time, the late registration fee of \$30 will be charged. There is a \$3 chip processing fee so \$17 from each school designated registration and \$27 from each late registration will directly benefit that school. We have also added family registration for 4 people available for \$70 through January 31, 2018. \$58 of a family registration will go back to the school.

We start the race next to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Houston, and this year we will have separate start and finish lines!

## **Diocesan Radio Programs**

Brothers,

In case you aren't aware, the diocese of Galveston Houston produces several radio programs on our faith and life around the diocese. Here is a list of weekly programming:

INSPIRATIONS (Hosted by Father David J. DuBois)

SUNDAYS: 6:30 a.m. KODA (Sunny 99.1) FM

LIFE TO THE FULL (Hosted by Madeline Johnson)

SUNDAYS: 3:45 p.m. KYOK (1140) AM Conroe 7:15 p.m. KWWJ (1360) AM Baytown

CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE (Hosted by various archdiocesan personnel)

SUNDAYS: 5:30 a.m. KWWJ (1360) AM Baytown 6:45 a.m. KYOK (1140) AM Conroe

OUR CATHOLIC VOICE (Hosted by Dr. Marcella Colbert, M.D.)

SUNDAYS: 3 p.m. KKHT (100.7) FM

SHOW OF FAITH (Live call-in program hosted by Father Mario Arroyo)

SUNDAYS: 7 to 9 p.m. KNTH (1070) AM

## **Pray As Brothers**

Each month, brother Knights from our council gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays to pray together as men of the faith. Please try to make these events.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month is a gathering in the prayer garden to pray a rosary for the lives of the unborn children in our nation. The rosary starts at 7:30 AM in the prayer garden.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month is a gathering at the knights hall on Hatfield Rd in the small hall to read scripture and pray together. The meeting starts at 7:30 AM.

Come and join your fellow brother Knights at these events.

## **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](mailto: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.



### **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 16th: 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.

### **Jan 17th: Financial Awareness Seminar**

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### **Jan 20th: 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 am 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.

### **Feb 2nd: Clergy Night**

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### **Feb 3rd: 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 at 7:30 am. 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.

