



# ***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:**

Brother Knights,

As Catholic gentlemen, we should strive, not only to grow in our faith, but to be role models for other Catholics, to be a light in the darkness. Knights serve a king, our King is our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. In the presence of our King at mass, do we as Knights reflect the reverence that is due our Lord? With charity, do we encourage others? Or is mass just something we just do on Sundays? The following message appeared in The Patriot, the newsletter for the 4th Degree & Brother Roger is the Chaplain.

Dear Brother Knights

Etiquette for Holy Mass

Please remember the two fundamental principles upon which our behavior and attitudes in church rest:

- 1) The church is a sacred space! It is the Lord's house where we come to worship God together.
- 2) Mass is a holy and sacred act! It is during the Mass when all the graces and merits of our Lord's sacrifice are applied to our souls in a sacramental fashion. If you keep these two principles in mind, all the following points of Mass etiquette will make perfect sense.
- 3) Please dress appropriately. We should dress for Mass as if a King had invited us to a wedding feast, for that is what Mass truly is. Jesus, our King, is the groom and we are his bride. Who would show up to a wedding improperly dressed? Therefore, we should wear our best for the Lord.
- 4) Please arrive to Mass punctually. It is a good idea to arrive at Mass on time in order to participate in the entire liturgy. After finding your seat, take the opportunity to review the Bible readings, prepare yourself in prayer, or reflect on what you wish to bring to Jesus during the Mass. Arriving on time is also respectful to other parishioners because it prevents distractions once Mass has begun.

**Deadline** for articles is **8pm on first Tuesday at the Officers Meetings.**

Articles may be emailed to [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

**Grand Knight's Message (Continued):**

5) Please turn off your devices. This includes cell-phones, pagers, or anything else that rings, beeps, or buzzes.

6) Please do not bring any food, drink, or gum into the church.

7) Please reverently genuflect towards the tabernacle before sitting down. We do this to show respect to Jesus, our crucified King, who is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the hosts that are preserved in the tabernacle.

8) Please stay until the end of Mass. Mass ends when Father gives the final blessing then says, The Mass is ended, go in peace and we say: Thanks be to God. The final blessing is very powerful and will aid and protect you throughout the week. You are encouraged to stay and sing the final recessional hymn as well. Attending Mass in its entirety from beginning to end will give you a fuller, richer experience than leaving right away.

9) Please exit the church reverently and respectfully. Again, this is to show respect to other parishioners and our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There is a custom where some people stay several minutes after Mass in thanksgiving for the Eucharist they have just received. You are encouraged to do the same.

Peace

Brother Roger Clement

May this Lenten season strengthen you on your faith journey!

Viva Cristo Rey!

SK Charles G Boutte'

**From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:**

Greetings My Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is upon us. I pray that all of us can use these forty days to be men of prayer, fasting and giving of ourselves for the service of God. I know that many of my brother Knights will be busy every Friday during Lent with our fish fry, may God bless your efforts, and I will see you all hopefully each Friday to “sneak” my pieces of fresh fried fish.

I encourage all of us during this most holy season to find time to spend at least 15 minutes each day in silent prayer with our Lord. As we were told the First Sunday of Lent, the forty days in the desert were necessary for Christ before His ministry, how much more you and I need to spend time with the Lord in the quiet of our hearts. I will pray for all of you and your families during this most holy and prayerful season of the Church year.

Please remember that we have daily mass, stations on Friday and that all Fridays are days of abstaining from meat. Also a reminder that the Knight of Columbus help lead the Way of the Cross on March 16th at 7:00. Please try to get to the church by 6:30 for liturgical instructions. May God bless you and yours, and may you continue the work of the Lord that you are called upon to do in the name of our Risen Savior, whom we anxiously await to celebrate on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Jim

## **A Shepherd's Message**

The season of Lent approaches on Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has written a most engaging Lenten letter this year for the whole Church. He takes his cue from a passage in the Gospel of St. Matthew 24:12, "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold."

The words of Jesus are spoken on the Mount of Olives near the end of his public life and concern the end of time. But the Holy Father uses them as an invitation to all of us, that the community even now can be tempted by false prophets, by great trials, and in that situation, many hearts can become cold, stony and unreceptive to the warmth and challenge of the Gospel.

Pope Francis indicates false prophets as those who manipulate human emotions to mask momentary pleasures as true happiness, who promise wealth and search for it as an idol. Those who follow them ultimately arrive at loneliness. Self-sufficiency is always destructive since it denies the Lord as the source of all and of our need for His mercy. The Holy Father also writes that some false prophets are "charlatans" who can lead the young astray by a panacea of drugs, superficial relationships and living only in "virtual" worlds. People can be robbed of their freedom and their genuine dignity as created in the image and likeness of God. They have become cold!

Greed destroys charity. The state of creation also shows the state of human hearts as it is poisoned by sin.

Pope Francis not only gives a list of what cools charity, he also invites the Church into a re-awakening of hearts that comes from the appearance of the Season of Lent. He lists the beauty of almsgiving and generosity, of fasting and abstinence that can "empty" us of our selfishness and yearn for the food that comes from God's Word and the Church's call to repentance. He begs us to restore a more intense prayer life. He especially recommends the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a magnificent means for every member of the Church to come to his or her senses of faith, remember and confess their sins and be reconciled by the extravagant mercy of the Lord.

I would also add a renewed dedication and participation in the Liturgy especially on weekdays, a prayerful slow and reflective reading of the Scriptures, and attention to beautiful traditional devotions like the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary. In this Archdiocese we always use the Lenten Mysteries to accompany the 2,300 persons who will be baptized, confirmed and receive their first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They need our solidarity and we need their enthusiasm for the Catholic Faith.

Lent always has a goal: hearts warmed by the Crucified and Risen Lord. Cold hearts are a sign of deformation. Cold hearts must begin a journey that is both challenging, but also joyful.

Let us join the Holy Father this Lent and show one another in our local Church that we are genuine and "on fire" with and for the Lord this Lent. The summons to conversion is urgent. Let us respond with a "yes" to Jesus Christ. †

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo



## **Knights of Columbus 8960 Scholarship**

### College Scholarship Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus Council #8960 is offering college scholarships this year from a pool of \$5000. The council's scholarship committee will review all applications, conduct interviews, and host the written essay submitted with the scholarship application. The committee will determine how many scholarships to award. The awards will be in \$1000 increments. Chris Lessmann will have applications at the next council meeting or you may contact him at [chris.lessmann@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.lessmann@yahoo.com). Applications are due March 28, 2018.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a child or grandchild of a Brother Knight of Council #8960 in good standing (i.e. current on membership dues or dues exempt).
2. Must be a practicing Catholic who has received the sacrament of Confirmation.
3. Must be graduating from high school in Spring 2018 (or earlier).
4. Must be graduating with a grade point average of 2.5/4.0 or above.
5. Must be attending a college or university as a full-time freshman in the fall of 2018. Those selected for scholarships will need to show proof of enrollment prior to receiving payment..

## **A Very Special Thanks to Our Squires**

Brother Knights,

We would like to thank all of our squires and Brother Knights who assisted in serving the hundreds of guests for our clergy appreciation night this month. Your assistance in serving the food for this event is very much appreciated by all our Brother Knights throughout the Galveston-Houston Diocese! Thanks again for making this year's event a great success!



## 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

### **Harvey Relief from St Vincent De Paul**

There are still programs available thru SVDP for Harvey Relief. The House in a Box program is a joint coalition with Gallery Furniture that provides pieces or whole house furniture. Bed Bath and Beyond can provide a \$300 gift card and there is a Harvey Homes program. If anyone is aware of a community member (doesn't have to be a St Helen member or a Brother Knight) that is still feeling the effect of Harvey please have them contact our SVDP Pantry. There are procedural and documentation requirements of which one is a home visit. Our volunteers go into the homes, determine the needs and guide the client thru the process. To date they have conducted 31 home visits and about half have received some type of assistance. The pantry also provides food and financial assistance from our funds. The pantry hours are Monday/Thursday 2-4, Tuesday 6-8 and Wednesday 5-7. The pantry can be reached at 281-485-2976.

**Please also consider a donation to St Vincent De Paul during your next visit to Mass at St Helen's. The need after Harvey is still ongoing and any financial support will help. You can write a check to The St Vincent De Paul Society and place it in the collection basket during any Mass. The Church office will see that St Vincent gets the funds. Or just stop by the pantry during our office hours.**

### **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!

### **Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of Service**

Come be the “hands and feet of Christ” with hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 at the Archdiocesan Young Adult Day of service, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Teams will help serve those in need like Harvey victims, the sick, the poor, the hungry, homeless, prisoners and immigrants. The day begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz, followed by breakfast **then head out to serve in teams all over the city**. Online registration required. Participants can choose from a list of available service projects.

Cost: \$10 includes t-shirt/breakfast if registered by the deadline March 5, 2018.

This registration is for Credit Card only, if you would like to pay in cash or by check please contact YACM Office at 713-741-8778.



### **Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry**

Every Friday during Lent, St Helens will be performing a Stations of the Cross at 4:45 PM and at 7 PM. The 4:45 event is led by the children of our parish and the 7 PM is the adult stations. Try to make one of these very moving displays of our faith this Lenten season.

Then from 5:30 to 7:30 the Knights will be cooking a fish fry for all to enjoy. It will be \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$8 for kids. The Catholic Daughters will also be there selling deserts. Proceeds go to supporting our council and the charities we support.

Make your Fridays this Lent days of prayer, fellowship, and charity as we celebrate the Lord together.

### **Benefit Dance for Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Council 6403 in Alvin is sponsoring a dance & raffle to assist in repairing Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manvel on February 24th. Doors open at 7pm, dance starts 8pm until midnight. Music by Steven Breaux and The Whiskey Daniels Band. All proceeds go to the restoration effort. Sacred Heart has over \$100,000.00 in damages & their deductible is 25K. Tickets are \$10.00 presale, \$12.00 at the door. \$5.00 for children. The address is 129 CR 146, Alvin, TX. 77511. Call 281-489-8720 for more info.



## **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

## **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.

### **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.

### **Stations of the Cross**

During Lent, we would like to remind all Brother Knights that St Helen's will be doing a Stations of the Cross every Friday at 4:45 pm and 7 pm. Bring your family to these powerful events in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord. 4:45 is the children's event and the 7 is the adult's. Afterwards join us at the hall for our Friday fish fries starting at 5:30.

### **Fish Fry Fridays**

Fridays during Lent our council will be hosting our annual Lenten fish fries (except Good Friday). Bring the family out for good food and great company! Food will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact event chairman Andrew Boniface at [281-917-7336](tel:281-917-7336). Come to the Stations of the Cross starting at 4:45 at the church and then join us for these delicious meals.

### **Feb 17th: 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.

### **February 20th: 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.

### **March 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.

