



# ***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,

Congratulations on a job well done! Thanks to your efforts, our Gun Raffle was successful. Thank You, Brother Knights.

See you at Fish Fry.

Viva Cristo Rey!

SK Charles 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)

## A Shepherd's Message (Message from the Cardinal)

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation; it completes Baptismal Grace, and leads to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Baptism and Confirmation are received once! The Eucharist is the Sacrament of our nurture in Faith and is continuously received.

Fed on the Body and Blood of Christ, the Christian disciple goes forth to live Baptism and the grace of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation — the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord. In the Sacrament of Confirmation each baptized person is more perfectly bound to the Church, is enriched and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, anointed to be a public witness of Christ, and obliged to spread and defend the faith in word and deed. The original sign of the laying on of hands after baptism received the addition of the sign of anointing with chrism oil very early in Christian history. In a certain way the Sacrament of Confirmation perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

In the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Confirmation is celebrated for our young people in their teenage years, usually 10th and 11th grade of high school. Last year close to 10,000 young people were confirmed. I along with Bishop Sheltz and a few other bishops are the normal celebrants for Confirmation of our youth.

In addition, those adults and children of catechetical age who enter the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation are confirmed at the time of either their Baptism, or, if they have entered the Church from other Christian denominations, during their Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church. Their Confirmations are celebrated by the priests of the parish; it is the right of pastors to do so by Canon Law itself. Last year some 2,300 persons entered the Church and were confirmed in this group.

Finally, there are a number of adults who, though baptized as infants and even having received their First Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, have never been confirmed. Since the year 2000, this Archdiocese began preparing these adults at the parish level leading up to their celebration of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Bishop Sheltz and I always celebrate these Confirmations. Last year some 1,400 adults were confirmed at Pentecost. Starting this year, the Archdiocese extended this celebration to the Sunday of the Epiphany.

I consider the celebration of Confirmation (and the process of formation that leads to it) one of the more significant acts of evangelization that I do. I always encourage those confirmed to remember that they are witnesses: they are, to use a metaphor, “signed, sealed and delivered” just like a letter, a letter of the human heart now turned outward in witness to Jesus through the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given to all the confirmed. Once confirmed, you are “on notice” from the Lord that you are one of His interpreters. Your life translates the Gospel and the face of Jesus to others. It is a great dignity and joy, and a heavy challenge!

I want to extend my gratitude to our pastors and priests, our deacons and religious, our religious educators in schools and parishes, and above all our Catechists, for the essential, beautiful and sometimes trying work done in order to form our children, youth, young and old adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation each year. It is a great labor of evangelization, a formation that makes every catechist beg the Lord and His Mother to allow them to be transparent witnesses of the good news themselves, so that others will pick up the flame of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

God's blessings on all of our local church this year!

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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

Greetings my brother Knights.

I trust that God continues to bless you and your families as we approach this great season of Lent. I hope the Lenten season brings many blessings to you in this 40 days time of quiet prayer and reflection.

Just a reminder that Ash Wednesday is March 1st and we will be having two masses that day, one at 8:00 am and one at 5:00 pm, both masses will be followed with the distribution of ashes. Also on Ash Wednesday we will be having a liturgy of the word at Noon and at 7:00 p.m., followed by the distribution of Ashes. We expect extremely large crowds, especially in the evening, so I suggest coming to church early. Also a most important reminder that we have a Corporate Communion on Sunday, February 19th ....I hope all of our Knights and their spouses can attend...it is such a testimony of service for all our parish to see.

A reminder also that our annual Msgr. Braden Dinner dance is fast approaching....February 25th . I know many of you attend and many more of you are behind the scenes doing the kitchen work. I want to thank both groups in advance for all that you do to make Saint Helen Catholic School the great success that it is.

Also a reminder that all area parishes are having Communal Penance services, a great time to experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Watch the bulletin for times and places around our deanery. Our Penance service here at Saint Helen will be on March 30th .

Please remember brother Knights that on one Friday during Lent the Knights of Columbus lead the way of the cross....our Friday night will be March 24th ....please mark that date on your calendar.

One last reminder....Knights of Columbus recruiting Sunday.....March 26th .....

Just some information....Our construction is coming along quite nicely. Our Saint Vincent de Paul building will be complete in a few weeks.....the parking lot will begin to have concrete poured before the end of the month...and that will be a blessing for many and all is going according to our plan...and so far the plan of God...I hope...Let us pray for continued good weather.

I send my prayers, blessings and love to all my brother Knights and their families.

Fr. Jim

## **New Website Additions**

Just a reminder that our council website is [kofc8960.com](http://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](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 are pleased to announce a new 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

## **Knights of Columbus 8960 Scholarship**

### College Scholarship Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus Council #8960 is offering college scholarships this year from a pool of \$4500. 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 and the amount of each award based on the number of qualified applicants. The minimum award will be \$500. 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 April 5, 2017.

### 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 2017 (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 2017. Those selected for scholarships will need to show proof of enrollment prior to receiving payment.

## **Membership Drive**

We will be hosting our first membership drive of the year on the weekend of March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:rickj53@gmail.com)

## **Squire's Corner**

The Squires are busy with school projects and yet we were able to attend the State Squires Midyear Convention in San Antonio, Chief Squire Ty Arredondo, and Deputy Chief Alex Boutte and Circle Chairman Luis Ortiz

While there, we had the opportunity to interact with squires from all over the state. The State convention this summer will be in Humble hosted by their Circle. We should have a good group attending this event. With the K of C Fish Fry and Lenten activities there will be plenty to do.

Mr. Stryk Chief Counselor  
Circle 3437

## VA Visitation Schedule

Brother Knights,

This year's VA Visitation schedule is as follows:

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 drive directly there, we usually arrive at the VA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## 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 in January. 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!



## **The 2017 Steps for Students 5K**

Brothers,

It's time again for the annual Diocesan sponsored Steps for Students to support Catholic Education around our Diocese. Mark your calendar for this Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. The day will start with Mass at the Co-Cathedral at 6:30 am with Cardinal DiNardo followed by the race itself at 8 am. The race/walk will start at the Co-Cathedral on St Joseph Parkway and goes through the downtown area near the Co-Cathedral. If you are interested in participating, the registration fee is \$25. All proceeds go towards raising awareness and support for Catholic Education in our diocese. For more information and to register go to [www.steps4students.org](http://www.steps4students.org)

## **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

### **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**

As Lent approaches, 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. Bring your family to these powerful events in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord. Afterwards join us at the hall for our Friday fish fries starting at 5:30.

### **Fish Fry Fridays**

Starting Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Our council will be hosting our annual Lenten fish fries on Fridays during Mar and Apr until Easter (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.

### **February 18st: 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.

### **February 18th: Steps for Students**

The ArchDiocese of Galveston/Houston will be hosting the annual Steps for Students 5K at the co-Cathedral to help raise money for Catholic Schools in our Diocese. Come out and support this worthy cause and hear an address from Cardinal Dinardo. For more info about steps for students go to [www.steps4students.org](http://www.steps4students.org).

### **February 18th: 2017 Archdiocesan Respect For Life Mass**

The Annual Respect for Life Mass will be held on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Co-Cathedral with Cardinal DiNardo as presider. There will be a reception at the Cathedral Centre (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) immediately following Mass. Please RSVP for the reception at [respectlife@archgh.org](mailto:respectlife@archgh.org)

### **Feb 19th: Corporate Communion**

Our next Corporate Communion is scheduled for Feb. 19th at the 9am Mass.

Join your Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters, Squires and families for Mass and breakfast afterwards at the KC Hall. We will assemble in the Narthex of the Church at 8:45am.

### **Feb 25th: Msgr Braden Dinner Dance**

St Helen's annual Msgr. Braden Dinner dance will be on February 25th



### **February 21st: 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.

### **Mar 1<sup>st</sup>: Ash Wednesday**

The Lenten Season is about to begin. St Helen's will be celebrating Ash Wednesday masses at 8 am and 5 pm as well as celebrating a liturgy of the word at noon and 7 pm. All four celebrations will distribute ashes. Try to make an earlier celebration as the later ones will have rather large crowds. Also if you're an early bird, St Luke's will be celebrating a 6 am distribution of ashes. The other times for St. Luke's if you're interested are 10:45 am, noon, 5 pm, and 6:30 pm distribution of ashes and a 9 am mass with distribution of ashes.

### **Mar 1st thru Apr 9<sup>th</sup>: Houston Coalition for Life 40 Days for Life**

The Houston Coalition for Life is hosting the Spring 40 Days for Life outside Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway Mon-Sat until Apr 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be praying for the unborn Mon-Fri between 6:30 AM and 6:30 PM and Sat from 6:30 AM to 3 PM. Even if it's only for an hour, your presence there could save a life.

### **March 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.

### **Mar 24th: KofC 8960 Way of the Cross**

Please make a special effort to attend the Way of the Cross on Mar 24<sup>th</sup>. This particular Way of the Cross will be hosted by our council. We want to see as many brother knights there as possible.

### **Mar 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>: Membership Drive**

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### **Mar 30th: St Helen's Lenten Penance Service**

As we begin this Lenten Season, St Helen's will be hosting a Lenten penance service on March 30th. The service will begin at 7 pm in the church. This will be a great opportunity to reconcile with God before the Easter celebration which will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

