



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:

Peace be with you Brothers,

I am once again very appreciative of all the hard work you do. We have had a very busy schedule with Clergy Night, Gun Raffle / Chili Cook-off and The Ordination of Sir Knight Father Trey Crespo. All these events were attended well and tended well by our Council. Father Jim was very happy with our help for the Ordination. For me and I bet many of you, it was a great honor to participate in such a big day for our Church and especially for one of our own Brothers, Father Trey. On behalf of our Council I would like to extend our heartfelt Congratulations to Father Trey. There will be reports given at our meeting next Tuesday.

This Sunday is our Corporate Communion at 9:00 mass, with breakfast to follow at the hall. I would like to give a big shout out to our Squires. There were over 20 Squires and Counselors both at the Clergy night dinner and Father Trey's ordination. These young men make us all proud by the way they comport themselves and the help they provide. They served food and drinks at both events and I know I am speaking for many sore back & sore knee Brother Knights when I say these Squires were a big help in the breakdown phase of the ordination on Saturday afternoon. Thank you Squires, Alex Enano Chief Counselor and all Counselors. We will be in the Lenten season soon and have many opportunities for both Brother Knights and Squires to get in on the Fun. See you all at our next meeting this coming Tuesday the 19th.

Respectfully,
Michael Rodriguez

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

Articles may be emailed to kofc8960@gmail.com

From the Desk of our Pastor Father Jim

My brother Knights,

What a great month it has been for our area church and our parish of Saint Helen! One of our brother fourth degree Knights is now Father Trey Crespo. His ordination on the 9th of February was truly a very emotional, spiritual and moving event for all who were present for the celebration of this Sacrament of Holy Orders. I cannot begin to put into words the gratitude I feel in my heart to all of my brother Knights for their hard work to make this event happen. You all worked tirelessly, hauling hundreds of tables and chairs to our reception, then returning again in time for the Sunday reception. You all helped cook and serve the rehearsal dinner, the Ordination reception, the Mass of Thanksgiving. On top of all of that we had a fantastic turnout of fourth degrees, in full regalia, for the ordination itself on Saturday. I could not have been more proud and more grateful for all you did for Father Crespo. It was once again a great tribute to witness our Council in full action to serve our church in such a selfless and magnanimous way. Words are not adequate to express my gratitude.

What a great turnout for our corporate communion this past Sunday, February 17th.....it was almost a tight fit to get everyone in....and that is a great thing!!!! Remember that Lent is upon us as we begin Ash Wednesday on March 6th. We are scheduled to lead the stations of the cross on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be present and to observe this great season of Lent in order to prepare ourselves for the great celebrations of Holy Week. A reminder also that our Cardinal DiNardo is now in Rome for the meeting of bishops around the world regarding sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Let us keep him and all our church leaders in our prayers and also pray for all the victims of sexual abuse.

On a final great note.....Father Richard continues to improve. He has moved into the rectory to continue his recuperation. Please note Father Richard is not back in active duty...he is still in the healing process and will be for a few months. He cannot say mass, do funerals, perform weddings, have appointments, or go out in public....no restaurants, no movies, no grocery stores....no public gatherings. Even with all these limitations we give thanks to God for all Fr. Richard has been through and he continues now to work toward good health during this recuperative time. Please pray for him

With gratitude.....

Father Jim

Website

Our council website at 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 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 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

2019 Annual Dues

Most of you have paid your dues at this point and we greatly appreciate your contribution. Dues are a large part of our budget every year and they help to fund our charities throughout the year. If you haven't paid yet or don't know your balance, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you haven't gotten your notice yet, please email us at kof8960@gmail.com for an electronic copy of your notice (Getting electronic copies helps the council save money on postage).

You can either mail your check in to our Financial Secretary Dustin Meyer or email us at kof8960@gmail.com to get instructions on how to pay your dues by credit card. Look forward to another great year in 2019 with all of you.

Financial Secretary,
Dustin Meyer

Prayer Service for Father Richard

St Helen's will be holding a prayer service for Father Richard every Monday at 7 pm in the Holy Cross Chapel at St Helens.

Join us in honoring Father Trey Crespo

The Knights of Columbus here in Pearland would like to extend our heartfelt prayers and thanksgiving to our Lord for our newest priest, Father Trey Crespo. Thank you to all who volunteered to help to make the ordination at our church such a large success. Please keep Father Crespo in your prayers that he may be a fruitful minister to his flock and bring blessings upon those he meets.

Membership and Degree Opportunities

Please join in welcoming our newest member to our council Jimmy Del Los Santos.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on 2/23/19 at the Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson
No Major Degree scheduled in the area at this time

Spring Membership Drive

We will be holding a membership drive for new members on the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd at all masses in St Helen. We are looking for volunteers to help man the booth at different masses. Please contact Rick Johnson at 832-596-5572 if you wish to help out.

Squire's Corner

1. We welcome the new Squires to our group namely; Henry Johnigan, James Johnigan, Santana Hernandez, Jacob Dominguez and David Ramos.
2. A total of 20 Squires served during the Clergy Appreciation Night at the Bayou City Center.
3. The Squires attended the ordination of Fr. Crespo on February 9 at. St. Helen Catholic Church. They served in the reception, as food servers and helped in the clean up/take down afterwards.
4. On Sunday, February 9, Mr. Al Stryk, Stephen Polk and Pearson Polk joined the Knights of Columbus in visiting our veterans at the VA.
5. Peek of the Month.
 - a) The Squires are planning to have a lock in at the K of C Hall on March. 1, 2019
 - b) Plan to serve during Fish fry is underway.
 - c) The Squires are being asked to lead as readers and servers during the upcoming Stations of the Cross, date TBD.

Thanks to the participants of our VA Visitation

We had a VA Visitation on Sunday February 10 at the VA Hospital. Here were the visitation volunteers. Clifford Malek, Richard Patton, Frances, Dennis & Della Ermis, Al & Marie Stryk, & Stephen Polk, with Squires James Thomason, Pearson Polk. 10 total.

American flag Stars were given to the Veterans made by the Columbian Squires. Thanks to all those that attended. You make a difference in our veterans lives.

Al Stryk

Lenten Hall Cleanup

Brothers, as Lent approaches we will need to prepare our hall for our annual fish fry Fridays. We will be doing a Hall cleanup at the KC Hall at 8:30 am on March 2nd. Please come out and help us to prepare the fryers and other cooking equipment. It's a big job and we need all the help we can get. See you there.

Lenten Retreat at St Mary's Seminary

St Mary's Seminary will be hosting a Lenten Retreat for all to participate in on March 9, 2019. The time is TBD but we will let you know when it is as soon as we find out. For now mark your calendars for March 9th and join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ on this day to help us focus our lives towards Christ.

Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry

Every Friday (starting March 8th) 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.

Annual Texas State Bowling Tournament

Brother Knights,

The 55th Annual Texas State Council Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament is fast approaching. The dates are April 27th – 28th and May 4th – 5th, 2019.

Location: Grand Station Entertainment, 2400 Earl Rudder FWY S., College Station, TX 77840.

Payments can be made payable to K of C Athletic Fund, and mailed on or before April 1, 2019 to: K of C Bowling Tournament, 2235 Angelle Dr., Port Arthur, TX 77642.

For additional information, please contact the Bowling Chairman – Skipper Arsenault at (409) 963-8630.

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. Potential awards can range from \$500 to \$1500. Chris Lessmann will have applications at the next council meeting or you may contact him at chris.lessmann@yahoo.com. Applications are due March 27, 2019.

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 (or will receive the sacrament prior to receiving the award).
3. Must be graduating from high school in Spring 2019 (or earlier).
4. Must be graduating with a grade point average of at least 2.5/4.0 or have achieved a score of at least 1000 on the SAT or 20 on the ACT.
5. Must be attending a college or university as a full-time first-year student in the fall of 2019. Those selected for scholarships will need to show proof of enrollment prior to receiving payment.

We're on Facebook

In order to get more of an outreach and make it more convenient for you, we have started our very own Council 8960 Facebook page! Follow us @kofc8960 or Knights of Columbus Council 8960 to see our upcoming events. Please share our events with your friends to help with our fundraisers.

Every 1st Saturday: 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.

Every 3rd Tuesday: 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.

Every 3rd Saturday: 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.

