



# ***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:**

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Recent events and comments both in & outside our council have caused me to wonder, “How many Catholics really know what it means to be a “practical or practicing Catholic?” Do we get it? To be a practicing Catholic means that you **strive** to live your life by what our Church teaches. 24/7, seven days a week, 365 days a year for life. To strive to have a properly formed moral conscience. Not to pick and choose which church teaching you accept. Being a Knight, should be an extension of your faith, an example that can lead others to the church founded by Our Lord. To strive to grow your faith, to have that conversion of heart. Sadly, too many have the false notion that everyone is going to heaven, Satan is not real & there is no hell. No consequences. This my Brothers is a contradiction of Sacred Scripture, which in the New Testament states multiple times, “many are called, but few are chosen”. As the culture and even some in our church, drift away from the teachings of Our Lord, we must seek to grow closer to Him. Consider the following passage from the Gospel of St Matthew:

“Enter by the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are that enter that way. How narrow the gate and close the way that leads to life! And few there are that find it.” Mt 7:13-14  
The path of a Knight is the narrow gate. Are we on that path? And are we leading others to it?

“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](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

## From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:

My Brother Knights,

Greetings from the desk of your Chaplain. I hope, trust and pray that all my brother Knights are enjoying some summer time with their families, children and grandchildren, what a great time of the year. I express my sincere thanks once more for the great turnout we had for corporate communion Sunday, it was truly inspiring and you all are such a blessing to our church....it is nice to "show you off" once in a while. We are having a blessed summer here at Saint Helen. We have visiting with us Brother Trey Crespo M.S. who will be with us for a while before he heads off to LaSalette France to spend some time at their church there. We also are blessed to have Mr. Joey White, who is a seminarian. Joey has finished his studies at Holy Trinity Seminary and the University of Dallas and will be with us for a couple of months before he heads off to Rome to complete his studies for the priesthood. Joey is going to become a brother Knight on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> down at Lake Jackson...his home town. We are also blessed to have another seminarian, Chris Wuenscher who will be with us all year doing an intern year. We are so grateful to our vocation director and the Cardinal for sending these great young men to us. Let us welcome them and continue to pray for them.

On another note our construction is finally getting to some finishing stages. We have just one more pour of concrete to complete our huge new parking lot.....that will be when the Family Life center, BBQ pit and Maintenance building come down. When all of this is done we should have a beautiful campus. Our new Saint Vincent de Paul building is up and running...if you get a chance drop by for a visit. We have a target date to move into the education building on August 8<sup>th</sup>.....?????? We will be having an official dedication and ribbon cutting when everything is really finished and presentable. Please pray for all of those who have helped make this happen. It has been in the process for years but is now coming to fruition.

Let us continue to love, support and pray for each other during these summer months and let us pray for a quiet hurricane season, which is now upon us. Let us also keep in our prayers all of those in various countries who do not enjoy the freedom and peace that we sometimes take for granted here in our great country of the United States of America.

God Bless  
Fr. Jim

## Squire's Corner

The Squires held their regular monthly meeting with an investiture for Nickolas Zaharevicz.



The circle also held elections for the new fraternal year with the following.

Alex Boutte – Chief Squire

Patrick Cramer-- Deputy Chief Squire

Notary—Theodore Mai

Bursar – Daniel Restropo

Marshall – Gabriel Estrada

Other chairmanships will be appointed at the next meeting.

State Squires Convention will be in Humble June 23 thru 25<sup>th</sup>.

Summer events are in the making

Al Stryk, Chief Counselor. Circle # 3437

## 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

## **2017 Elections**

The 2017 Council Elections were held in May and the winners are:

Grand Knight Charles Boutte

Dep Grand Knight Mike Rodriguez

Chancellor Dan Riebschlaeger

Treasurer David Schlothauer

Warden Jimmy Roark

Recorder Jeff Maresh

3rd Year Trustee Manny Gonzalez

Guards Aubrey Semien

Trey Laitkep

Jun Juguilon

Make sure you join us for our June general meeting to meet our winners.

## **Membership and Major Degrees**

Brothers,

We have six new Brother Knights joining our council at the May meeting. Please join us in welcoming them into our council.

June will also be host to a few major degree opportunities. If you haven't made your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> degree yet, see the schedule at the end of the newsletter for dates and times in June. You must pre-register with our membership director Rick Johnson before attending the events.

## **Ladies "Knight" at Coushatta**

Ladies, mark your calendars for the annual trip to Coushatta for a day of fun, games and gambling. Council 8960 will be hosting this event on June 24. Our council will provide a bus for transportation that will arrive at the Knight's Hall on Hatfield road at 6:30 am to leave for Coushatta at 7 am. The cost for the bus is covered by the council so that means transportation is free to you! The bus should arrive there around 10 am and leave at 5 pm to return to the Knight's Hall. The day will be filled with entertainment and gambling fun. Reservations are required, so please call Lloyd Stephens at 832-330-3430 or send an e-mail to [lslocksmith@yahoo.com](mailto:lslocksmith@yahoo.com) to get your name on the list.

### **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,

Below is an excerpt from an email from Richard Lang, our parish Right 2 Life Coordinator in regards to the needs of 2 Pregnancy Crisis Centers.

“I got the list back from the Houston Coalition for Life and the Foundation for Life.

They were extremely happy and grateful to the Knights for your generosity and willingness to help Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

Here's what they need.

### **Houston Coalition for Life**

Diapers size newborn to six months

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

Onesies”, baby towels and wash cloths, and wipes.

### **Foundation for Life**

Diapers and wipes, especially sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Items like cribs, car seats, clothes, etc. are also needed, so we will gladly accept anything the Knights wish to donate.

Please, let the Knights how grateful I and the coordinators for HCL and FL are for all the Knights do!

Let me know if you have questions.

God bless

Richard

Donated items can be dropped off at the hall at any KC meeting or on Wednesday’s from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in the office. The hall is a drop off site only. We will NOT be distributing any items, the hall is not a distribution center.

Thank you for your support!

SK Charles G Boutte’

Grand Knight

## **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 office to read and study the missal for Sunday and pray together. The meeting starts at 7:30 AM. There are donuts and coffee.

Come and join your fellow brother Knights at these events.

## **The Crawdad Social Club (CSC)**

Which is the Bar will hold its Annual meeting in July at the Regular Knights Of Columbus Meeting. There will be elections of two (2) three year Term Board Members. Anyone in Good standing in Council 8960 may place their name in nomination and also will have to pass a background check. If you are interested please call Dennis Patek @ 281-684-7194 or email [fridayspad@gmail.com](mailto:fridayspad@gmail.com).

The bylaws need to be updated and will also be read and amended and will be voted on at this meeting.



## **AN UPCOMING SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY (ACTS RETREAT):**

### **What is an ACTS Retreat?**

**ACTS Missions spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic Communities by promulgating ACTS.**

### ***What is ACTS ?***

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship.

ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build Christian community at a parish.

The ACTS Retreat begins Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

In this way, the ACTS Retreat fulfills the mission of:

***"Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities through ACTS."***

The ACTS Retreat experience is rooted in the Pascal Mystery in that retreatants are invited to reflect on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout the weekend, they are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to His love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have new life with Him. This invitation is extended through the pillars of the apostolate:

- **Adoration** : A response to God's love through prayer and worship
- **Community**: Participating in the One Body of Christ as Church
- **Theology**: Deepening our relationship with God in order to better fulfill His will
- **Service** : Answering the call to discipleship by following the model He gave us

Those who attend an ACTS retreat share in an experience that has impacted more than one million lives worldwide since the first retreat in 1987. There are numerous testimonies describing retreatants who were evangelized through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. They witness to becoming better fathers, mothers, husbands, wives and children.

Parishes have been revitalized, diaconate classes have been filled, and all seek to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer and service.

As a result, ACTS is supported by bishops and priests worldwide as a legitimate participant in the Church's New Evangelization. Through ACTS, the laity respond to their baptismal call, and seek to participate in the apostolic mission of the Church to "go and make disciples of all nations," and this has been found to be good.

**Saint John Vianney Church will be conducting an ACTS retreat from Thursday, July 27 to Sunday, July 30, 2017.**

For information about registration click [HERE](#) or you can contact Aubrey Semien at (417) 773-1041 or [asemien@yahoo.com](mailto:asemien@yahoo.com).

For more information on ACTS Mission: [HERE](#)

### **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.

### **June 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.

### **June 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.

### **June 17th: 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification at St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church from 8 am to 5 pm. You must pre-register with our membership director before attending. If you are interested please contact Rich Johnson for more details.

### **June 24th: Major Degree**

There will be a major degree opportunity to make your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at St Michael's Council 14700 from 10 am to 2 pm. You must pre-register with our membership director before attending. If you are interested please contact Rich Johnson for more details.