



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:

Brother Knights,

First, I want to thank the Council Officers that have served the council during the FY 2016-2017. I am especially thankful that we were able to support 6 seminarians this past year. Thank You, Brother Knights. I also want to welcome the new Council Officers and know that I look forward to working with you this Fraternal Year.

To all 1st Degree Knights, Council 8960 will be hosting a Major Degree on Saturday, September 9th. I strongly encourage you to attend as the Degree ceremonies present an excellent opportunity to learn and grow as a Knight. You should also, if possible, attend a New Member Orientation. It is another opportunity to assist your development as both a Knight and a Catholic gentleman. The next orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th in the small hall.

Looking ahead, our council along with our Squire Circle 3437 will be hosting the 2018 Texas Columbian Squires Mid-Year Convention, January 12-14. Any Brother Knight who wants to be involved will need to be "Virtus" trained. The Squires present an excellent pathway to Knighthood for our youth.

Thank You, Brother Knights for all you do!

May Our Lord continually bless you!

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

From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:

Greetings to my Brother Knights,

As the summer continues to fly by quickly, I hope that you and your loved ones have had an opportunity to find some time away from the routine of things and enjoy some time for fun and relaxation. As I write to you, as I have just returned from the building site and thought I would give you an update as to our construction progress. They are striping the parking lot today, or at least the completed part and the cleaners are busy on the second floor getting ready for the movers on Monday. Things appear to be on schedule with the teachers returning on August 1st and the students returning on August 8th. It has been a very unique experience for the past two years but we will see the results of our labors very soon.

The demolition of the Middle school building, the BBQ building and the maintenance building is due to begin in September, at which time the parking lot will be finished and we will invite the Cardinal and Bishop our for a blessing of our new facility. Please keep this project in yours prayers.

I offer to all of my brother Knights a sincere "Thank You" for your warm welcome of our seminarian Joseph White this summer. He leaves for Rome today to continue his studies for the next five years. While here, he was warmly welcomed by our Council and it is typical of you guys to make a "visitor" feel so at home. Speaking of which.....we will have another seminarian join us in August for an entire year. His name is Chris Wuensher. Please let us extend to him our warmest welcome.

Please mark on your Calendar that August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have masses on the vigil at 5:00 and on the 15th at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Please try to make every effort to attend one of these masses.

A reminder also that we will have our annual Altar server training and cook out on Saturday...August 19thI hope some of you will help us honor our Altar servers with you help at the cook out on this date.

Lastly please keep our seminarian Jose Alonso in your prayers as he received his formal candidacy for the priesthood on August 20th at 9:30 at the Seminary with Cardinal DiNardo presiding.

May God Bless and keep you and yours.

Fr. 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

Congratulations Joseph Chein

Joseph Chein recently received his 3rd degree. Congratulate him on making this high honor in our council. Remember that we are hosting a major degree at our council on September 9th. If you need to make your 2nd or 3rd degree sign up with our membership director Richard Johnson.

Thank You from St Vincent De Paul

On behalf of St Vincent De Paul, thank you for the support with moving from the small room we were in to our new building near the back of the church. Six brother knights assisted in the move: Richard Johnson, Bob Paluszak, David Armstrong, Chester Norman, James Novak, Chris Collins. Thank you for supporting your community in this endeavor.

Just a reminder that St Vincent De Paul is always in need of food and financial donations. Food can be dropped off in the baskets inside of church and financial donations can be made by calling the St Vincent De Paul office at 281-485-2976. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Home Association

The Home Association manages the knights hall and all the equipment within it. If you are a member of council 8960 in good standing, you are also a member of the home association. This year's elections are going to be held Tuesday July 25th at 6:30 at the hall. Please come and vote for your officers. If you have an interest in running for a position, contact Dick Schock at 832-640-3425.

Squire's Corner

The Circle is going strong with the Officers to be installed at the next meeting. In June our Circle was represented at the State Convention at Humble. Our past chief Squire Ty Arredondo was elected to State Deputy Chief Squire. In spite of the rainy weather it all went well and our Circle has accepted the honor of hosting the next Midyear Convention this coming January 2018. Our work is cutout for us .With the new year starting we need to really ask our Catholic friends to step up and join the Columbian Squires.

Stay Cool and enjoy the summer.

Al Stryk, Chief Counselor

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The 43rd Annual State Golf Tournament

The Texas State KofC will be hosting its annual State Golf Tournament on the weekend of August 25-27th. The deadline for registration is August 15th. The event will be held at River Ridge Golf Club in Sealy Tx. The tournament will start at 1 PM on Friday and 7:30 AM on Sat/Sun. The entry fee is \$70 for the Friday event, \$165 for the Sat/Sun event and \$189 for the 3 day event. For more information go to <http://www.tkofc.org> or directly to the golf tournament page at <http://www.tkofc.org/announcements/v/43rd-annual-state-golf-tournament-august-25-26-27>

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

The Crowdad Social Club (CSC)

The CSC (otherwise known as the bar and its crew) will hold its Annual meeting at the Regular Knights of Columbus Meeting this month. 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

The bylaws need to be updated and will also be read and amended at the CSC meeting following the Regular Council meeting

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 1st and 3rd Saturdays to pray together as men of the faith. Please try to make these events.

The 1st 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 3rd 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.

Run/Walk for Life

The Houston Coalition for Life will be hosting its annual Run/Walk for Life on September 23. The Run/Walk will begin at All Saint's Catholic Church at 215 E 10th Street, Houston beginning at 8 AM. If you wish to register and support this great organization that helps women to choose life, you can register at <http://www.houstoncoalition.com/events/2016-polar-prediction-workshop>

An uplifting story of Life

The following is taken from the Houston Coalition for Life website:

The sidewalk sometimes extends beyond the front doors of the abortion clinic. Early on a beautiful May morning, our first client arrived at our “Big Blue Bus” under unique circumstances. She had come to us after a providential and completely unexpected encounter with the daughter of our director, Christine.

Around 7:30 AM that morning, the director’s daughter, Laura, just happened to be in a convenience store and overheard the woman ask the cashier where 4600 Gulf Freeway was. Laura immediately told the woman not to go to that address (which was Planned Parenthood), but instead to go to the blue bus across the street.

She gave her two cell phone numbers for staff of the bus. The woman then called one of the numbers and was guided to our bus. She had scheduled an appointment with Planned Parenthood for an ultrasound to plan an abortion.

When she arrived at the bus, she explained that she had been raped in March in the parking lot of a business late at night, but did not report it to the police. In fact, she had told no one. We immediately contacted Choices for Life (a ministry for victims of rape), and the woman talked to the director for close to four hours while sitting in the counseling room and filling the wastebasket half full with tear-filled tissues.

When Christine arrived at the bus, she told the young woman, “I was the one you spoke to on the phone this morning. My daughter, Laura, is the one you met at the convenience store. This was not a coincidence; it is what I like to call a Christ incident.”

The girl was greatly affected by this realization. After talking and crying for hours, she decided to get in touch with her mother in California where she also had lived. Her mother was very supportive and told her to have the baby. The young woman was then anxious to see her baby via ultrasound.

She was a totally different woman when she left the bus.

Just before she left, the young woman asked Christine to tell Laura thank you so much — and she would never forget her. She had found new hope!

The Houston Coalition for Life really does make a big impact in supporting women and helping them choose life. Consider making a donation to support the continued operation of these crisis pregnancy buses so more children can be born. If you can donate today at <http://www.houstoncoalition.com/donate>

Awards Banquet Recognition

The following Knights were recognized for their service to both St Helen's parish & Council 8960:

July SK James M. Novak, Sr.
August Michael Rodriguez
September Richard D. Johnson
October SK Richard W. Schock, Sr.
November Gary J. Martin
December SK Aubrey O. Semien
January James G. Carrasco
February SK James Quintanilla
March Clifford P. Meeks
April SK Christopher F. Lessman
May Michael M. Bise
June SK Ricardo Robles

Knight of the Year
SK George E. Torralba

The following families were recognized for their service to both St Helen's parish & Council 8960:

July Greg & Kay Ann Kernek
August Stephen & Suzanne Polk
September Jose & Liz Buentello
October Frank & Mary Helen Perez
November Thang & Lien Mai
December Kevin & Jo Ann Laitkep
January Devin & Valerie Zakarevicz
February Marvin & Joann Stasny
March Don & Connie Lindsay
April Ed & Mattia Maldonado
May Dennis & Della Ermis
June Ernest & Delores Laitkep

Family of the Year
Al & Marie Stryk

To the Knights and their families that were recognized at the banquet, Thank You for your service!

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.

July 18th: 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.

Jul 25th: Home Association Elections

The Home Association is responsible for maintaining our KofC Hall. If you are a member in good standing of council 8960 you are also a member of the home association. Come out on Jul 25th to vote in the election of officers. If you have any questions or wish to run contact Dick Schock at 832-640-3425.

Aug 5th: 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.

Aug 15th: Feast of the Assumption

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Aug 19th: 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.

Aug 19th: Altar Server Training

A reminder also that we will have our annual Altar server training and cook out on Saturday....August 19th. We need several brother knights to come out and help cook the food for our altar servers and serve the food to them. If you wish to volunteer, come during the morning to help out. For more information, contact one of our officers listed at the top of the newsletter.

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Sept 9th: Major Degree

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Sept 23rd: Run/Walk for Life

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Jan 12-14: Columbian Squires Mid-Year Convention

Volunteers are needed to help with the convention that will be held in January for our Squires. If you wish to help you must be Virtus trained. Contact Al Stryk our chief councilor at [281-485-4095](tel:2814854095) for more information.