



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,

The month of August brings not just the heat, but many feast days.

First and most important, The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6th). Our Lord led Peter, James & John to a high mountain where He revealed His glory.

Next, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (August 15th). Where we celebrate Our Lady joining her Son, Our Lord, body & soul in heaven.

The 3rd feast, August 18th. The Feast Day of St Helen, who found the True Cross & built many churches.

The Catholic Church has given us these feast days and many others to remind us and aid us on our journey through this life. Brothers, take some time, think about the saints and how their lives & intercessory prayers can help us to be the men God wants us to be.

Viva Cristo Rey!

SK Charles Boutte'
Grand Knight

Deadline for articles is **8pm on first Tuesday at the Officers Meetings.**
Articles may be emailed to kofc8960@gmail.com

Pastor's Message

My Brother Knights,

Greetings to all of you as we continue to endure a very hot summer. I hope that you and your loved ones have had a chance to get away to someplace cool and relaxing this summer. I want to first congratulate our newly elected officers to their various positions....I know they will serve us well in the year ahead and may God Bless.

Just a few important reminders. We now have with us on staff our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Richard Hinkley....a brother knight....and we are very excited and happy to have him on board. We will be joined in September by a seminarian , who will be doing his pastoral year here. His name is Jose Alonso and he will be joining us in mid-September. We are excited that the Cardinal has seen fit to assign these two wonderful and dedicated men to our parish. Let us remember in our prayers David Hurst, our seminarian from last year, as he continues his studies at Saint Mary's Seminary this year.

As I am sure you all have noticed construction has begun on our new education complex. The pavilion is gone and a lot of dirt is being moved around....we are excited to have reached this important phase in our history. The first building to be going up will be the Saint Vincent de Paul building which will be located on Plum Street, next door to the rectory. You will notice that the parking lot on the east side of our property is already fenced off to prepare for this construction. I know it will be an inconvenience in parking, but only for a short time...it is called progress. If it be the will of God this particular building will be one of the first building finished and therefore our parking lot restored as soon as possible.

A couple of reminders: Saint Helen Catholic School students return on August 11th and CCE classes resume the week of September 12th. We are also having an Altar server training and appreciation day on Saturday, August 27thwith hot dogs and hamburgers...cooked by our great KC chefs...I hope you can join us. On Monday, August 29th , Cardinal DiNardo will be here to celebrate mass at 8:00 a.m. to mark the 20th anniversary of our school. If you can make this celebration, it will be one to remember. A final reminder that our next Corporate Communion Sunday is September 11th at the 9:00 a.m. mass, I hope to see hundreds of you all there. You all are truly living witnesses of the gospel being alive at Saint Helen.

On a personal note, I am going to take a week off in September as a vacation, I will pray for you all while I am gone.....but do not try to find me.....I will not be able to be found easily. Please pray for me as I pray for you.

God bless....your faithful Chaplain,

Fr. Jim

Home Association Cleanup

We will be having a Home Association Cleanup this Saturday August 20th at 8 am. We will need lots of Brother Knights to help us to make our property look new again. Please consider coming to help with this effort. If you have any questions please contact Dick Schock at 832-640-3425.

VA Visitation Schedule

Brother Knights,

This year's VA Visitation schedule is as follows:

August 14, 2016
October 23, 2016
December 18, 2016
January 22, 2017
March 26, 2017
May 28, 2017

Please mark your calendar and join us to give thanks to our veterans for their incredible sacrifice.

Council Events for the website

Brother Knights,

We are looking for your help with making our newsletters and website the best that they can be. If you participate in any council event or diocesan event, send us some pictures of the people and activities that took place there. You can be a direct contributor to showing how great our council is in volunteer activity around our community. The more events we can get from you the better our council can show how active we truly are and that can help to induct more Brother Knights into our order. If you have pictures please send them to me at our council email address for the website at kofc8960@gmail.com

Also, if you know of a Brother Knight (or a widow of a Brother Knight that wants them) who is not receiving the council emails, please have them email me at kofc8960@gmail.com so I can get them added to the distribution list.

Dustin Meyer
Council Website Administrator

Vocations

On Tuesday evenings during Adoration we pray the rosary for vocations. Helen Drab Stigant leads the rosary at 7pm and encourages people to stay afterwards to pray additional prayers for vocations in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a powerful time for our prayers to be heard, Jesus is in the room with us!

On Wednesdays after 7pm Mass, there is also a dedicated prayer time in front of the Tabernacle. This prayer lasts about 25 minutes.

We as Brother Knights are asked to please help Helen advocate for more people to come together to pray for vocations. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed when people pray fervently, vocations flourish. Cardinal DiNardo spoke to a group of us several weeks ago about vocations. He said when people call to tell him they need more priests at their parish, he responds with the question: "How many seminarians have you sent me?" St. Helen's has over 6,000 families, yet we have 2 seminarians, and only one who is diocesan. Trey Crespo will unlikely serve in the archdiocese unless he is sent to Mary Queen in Friendswood.

We are asking all parishioners to pray daily for the seminarians and priests who serve our Church and diocese during the week.

Make a special effort to attend a Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening prayer for vocations

If you have adopted a seminarian, make a special effort to send them a note of Thanksgiving for saying "Yes" to the call to priesthood.

There is a website called invisiblemonastery.com where one can pledge to pray for vocations. This offers a continuous prayer for priestly vocations. If we can build a strong prayer ministry dedicated to the increase of vocations, I am sure St. Helen's will be sending more than 1 seminarian to serve our archdiocese

Tons of Officer Birthdays!

Our Chaplain Father Jim will be celebrating his birthday on September 1st! Please wish him a very special Birthday. Thank you Father Jim for all your contributions to both this council and St Helen's Church! It will also be the 42nd anniversary of his ordination on Sept 21st!

Our Grand Knight Charles Boutte's birthday is August 18th. Please wish him a very special Birthday as well.

We also have a few other officers, Jackie Yardly on August 10th, Ken Oradiegwu and Manny Gonzales both on August 15th, and Jim Roark on August 25th

6 officers in one month! Seems like if your birthday is in August you might just be officer material. Happy Birthday to all of you and any other Brother Knight that will be celebrating their birthdays in August.

The 2016 Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw

It's that time of year again to start preparations for our biggest fundraiser of the year! For those of you who haven't attended this event in the past, it's a night of good fun, good food, and dancing the night away.

The event will include a steak dinner for two, a completely free and open bar, and music and dancing for all those who attend. And the best part is you could even leave with \$10,000 by the end of the night! We will hold a drawing throughout the night to award the following cash prizes:

\$500 for the first ticket drawn
\$125 for every 20th ticket drawn
\$10,000 for the last ticket drawn

We will be starting to sell tickets at this month's General Meeting on August 16th. Tickets are \$125 for two people. Only 400 tickets will be sold so get your tickets early in order to reserve your spot. The event will be held on Friday, October 28th from 6pm to 11pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall 2320 Hatfield Road. Dinner will be served from 7pm to 9pm and the dancing and drawing begins at 8pm. You need not be present to win.

You can get your ticket at the General Meeting or contact Dick Schock at 832-640-3425 to purchase them or for questions about the event.

2016 Texas State Council Golf Championship

This year's Texas State Council Golf Championship is rapidly approaching. The event will be held August 26 – 28 at the Squaw Valley Golf courses in Glen Rose TX (near Fort Worth). The entry fee for the Friday event is \$70 per golfer, the entry fee for the individual two day (Friday/Saturday) tournament is \$130 per golfer, and the entry fee for all three days is \$165 per golfer. If you are interested in participating in this tournament, the deadline for registration is Aug 1st.

For more information and to get the registration form, go to the Texas KofC website at www.tkofc.org or directly to the page at <http://www.tkofc.org/events/v/2016-knights-of-columbus-state-of-texas-open-golf-championships-august-26-2>

Upcoming Major Degrees

There will be a Major Degree (2nd/3rd) October 29th at Council 4577. The Degree starts at 10am. Continue your journey to Full Knighthood by learning the lessons of the 2nd & 3rd degree. Contact Rick Johnson, Membership Director if you are interested.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification, Saturday October 1st at St Bernadette's. If you are interested contact Rick Johnson, Membership Director or GK Charles Boutte'.

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.

Kidz Harbor Back to School

St Helen's youth ministry will begin collecting donations for Kidz Harbor, a shelter for homeless children, for back to school supplies. If you would like to make a donation of school supply materials drop them off at the Middle School building or in the Main Office with a label of 'Kidz Harbor donation' so they get to the kids there.

August 16th: General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be on August 16th at 7:30 pm. Join us 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.

August 20th: 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.

August 20th: Virtus Training (Full Class)

If you volunteer with any children ministries, including our Columbian Squires, and have never taken the Virtus training, there will be a course at Mary Queen in Friendswood on August 20th at 10 am. If you do plan to attend this event please go to www.virtus.org to register. If you just need the refresher class, there will be one on August 23rd at St Helen's.

August 23rd: Virtus Training Refresher

If you volunteer with any children ministries, including our Columbian Squires, and need to refresh your Virtus training, there will be a refresher course at St Helen's on August 23rd at 6:30 pm. If you do plan to attend this event please go to www.virtus.org to register. The class will be 1 ½ hours. This course will only be for those who have taken the class before during the years between 2004 and 2010. If you need the full class, there will be one at Mary Queen's on August 20th.

August 27th: Altar Server Luncheon

Our council will be cooking for the annual altar server luncheon on August 27th. We will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for altar servers who will be attending this event. Please consider joining us at the Church to help with food preparation and cooking.

August 29th: St Helen's School 20th Anniversary Mass

Come join us for 8 am Mass at St Helen's to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of our school. Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo himself to commemorate this achievement of our parish.

September 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. 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.

September 10th: Run & Walk for Life

The Houston Coalition for Life will be hosting a Run/Walk for Life on September 10th at All Saints Church 215 E 10th St Houston from 8 am to 11 am. The walk is to help keep the mobile crisis pregnancy centers parked next to Planned Parenthood running to allow mothers to choose life instead of abortion. Registration for the event is on their website at www.houstoncoalition.com Richard Lang, St Helen's pro-life coordinator has set up a team called 'St Helen's Team' so make sure to choose that during registration. Please be generous with your donation to support this life saving cause. You can also make a donation if you can't attend at the same website.

September 11th: Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion will be on September 11th. Please join us for 9 am mass followed by breakfast at the KofC Hall on Hatfield Road. If you are a Brother Knight please gather at 8:45am in the Narthex to process into Mass with your fellow Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters, and Columbian Squires. It's a morning of prayerful worshiping of the Lord, fun, a delicious breakfast, and getting to know your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

September 17th: Young Catholic Professionals National Gala

The Young Catholic Professionals will be hosting their National Gala on September 17th at the Westin Oaks at the Galleria (5011 Westheimer Road) at 6:30 pm. The Young Catholic Professionals is an organization seeking to challenge, train, and inspire young adults in their 20s and 30s who work in various professions to promote their spiritual life in Christ. The organization provides social activities to meet other Young Catholics in the diocese, retreats, theological group studies, and many more. Tickets to the gala are \$125 per person or \$75 for young catholic professional members. To learn more visit the Houston chapter at www.ycphouston.org or for the National Gala specifically at www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/gala2016.

September 28th – Nov 6th: 40 Days for Life

This Fall's 40 Days for Life is right around the corner. Plan to join fellow Christians around our city in prayer at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast on 45 to end abortion.

October 6th – 9th – Journey to Damascus Women's Retreat

The Houston/Galveston Diocese will be hosting a Journey to Damascus Women's Retreat at 19000 Cricle Lake Dr, Pinehurst for the weekend of October 6th through the 9th. If you know a women in your life that might be interested, the retreat aims to promote leadership and service among Christians of all faith backgrounds to promote Christian values in our society. The cost is \$180 and includes room, board and meals. If you know someone who may be interested go to www.houstonJourney.org for more information and to register. Anyone wishing to attend must pre-register.

October 15th – Celebration Extravaganza

Come celebrate with your fellow parishioners in Helena Hall on October 15th to celebrate our parish. We will be providing a steak dinner music and a silent auction for this fun day of fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please attend the August 17th hostess meeting in the Braden Center at 7 pm. Tickets will go on sale September 24th and 25th after masses. Contact Kay Ann Kernek at 281-485-1392 or kernekcpa@yahoo.com for more information.

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