



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,

Here is a message of what you & your Brother Knights have been doing.

Our worthy State Deputy, Doug Oldmixon, has asked me to give you a weekly update on Knights activities in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and related flooding. I am pleased to report that your Brother Knights have been working hard to assist those in need in their communities. Here are just a few highlights of what the Knights have accomplished in the first two weeks:

Charitable Works By The Knights:

Approximately 25,000 meals have been served to neighbors, first responders, those in shelters, and others seeking assistance;

Corpus Christi Knights have provided over \$150,000 in goods and services to those in need in their community (served meals, delivered supplies, assisted with clean-up, etc.); Supreme and Texas State Charity have provided councils with over \$12,000 for purchasing food and cleaning supplies;

Supreme established an account at SYSCO so councils can order food and have it delivered directly to them (at no cost to the council) to make it easier to serve meals to those in need;

Council 2433 in Hallettsville housed nearly 200 residents evacuated from a nearby nursing home;

Council 3217 in Dickinson used boats to evacuate stranded neighbors and a local priest; Council 2490 in El Campo cooked and served meals to the National Guard deployed to that area;

Several councils in the Houston area are working with Catholic Charities as points of distribution for truckloads of supplies;

Councils throughout the area are now assisting churches and homeowners with post-flood cleanup (removing drywall and insulation, treating with bleach, removing damaged furniture, etc.)

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

Articles may be emailed to kofc8960@gmail.com

Grand Knight's Message (continued)

Assistance to Brother Knights in Need:

Thanks to donations from across the nation, funds are being provided from Supreme and Texas State Council Charity Board for Knights needing assistance.

In less than a week, 157 of the \$100 Gift Cards supplied by Supreme have been distributed to Knights. 53 grant forms have been submitted and \$55,800 has been given to Brother Knights; New expedited approval procedures result in most grants being approved and funds distributed in just a few days; Local Councils are helping to Knights needing assistance cleaning up their homes.

We expect our efforts will continue for many months to help the community and Brother Knights devastated by Hurricane Harvey and the related floods.

You have every reason to be proud of the Knights of Columbus organization and the great work your Brother Knights are doing to help those suffering from Hurricane Harvey. Many thanks to all of you who contributed funds, supplies, and assistance.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Harry

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Knights of Columbus

A Message from the Holy Father

The Holy Father, through the Vatican Secretary of State, sent the following message to Daniel Cardinal DiNardo for the people of Texas and Louisiana. Cardinal DiNardo is the Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"His Holiness Pope Francis asks you kindly to convey the assurance of his spiritual closeness and pastoral concern to all those affected by the violent hurricane that swept through the states of Texas and Louisiana in these days. Deeply moved by the tragic loss of life and the immense material devastation that this natural catastrophe has left in its wake, he prays for the victims and their families, and for all those engaged in the vital work of relief, recovery and rebuilding. He likewise trusts that the immense and immediate needs of so many individuals and communities will continue to inspire a vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation. With these sentiments, and with the renewed promise of his prayers, the Holy Father sends his blessing as a pledge of consolation, strength, and peace in the Lord."

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State, Vatican

A Shepherd's Message

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

*"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have sunk into the mire of the deep, where there is no foothold."
(Psalm 69:1-3)*

The cry of the psalmist speaks to the danger and distress of recent days along the Texas coast, which have tested the faith of all of God's children. Hurricane Harvey hit southeast Texas with great impact. The storm's rain unleashed unprecedented floods which have affected countless families and homes throughout our Archdiocese.

Is God asleep and not responding when we need Him the most? Yet at the cry of His disciples when the storm tosses them at sea, Jesus awakes in the boat and calms the waters. He hears the prayers of His faithful. Even creation obeys Him (Mt 8:24-27). When it seems that we are on the verge of perishing, we must wake up the Lord in our united prayers for personal need and for all of our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

Yet, the Lord is awake in us!

Along with the rest of the nation, I have been inspired by the selfless acts of heroism from first responders and volunteers, including many who traveled from other states to lend a hand during this desperate time of need.

Many of our Catholic parishes are helping in their local communities as their situations and resources allow, working in conjunction with both local and national relief efforts.

When we survey the loss and devastation, it is natural to wonder how such calamity fits into God's plan. The problem of suffering is a mystery that is always with us. However, our Christian faith reminds us that the Lord is never distant from us in this but is intimately close.

In His Passion, suffering and death, Jesus unites Himself with suffering humanity and proclaims victory over pain and death in His resurrection. While we often cannot understand the ways of His Providence, we know that God never ceases to work to bring about our ultimate good, despite the tragedy of evil and suffering. God IS mystery; He is not "domesticated." But the Lord is acting in us and through us. This is verified by the overwhelming response of help and charity from the human family as people of every race, class, religion and way of life have united in assistance for one another in rescue efforts and in humanitarian aid.

While our world hurts and remains divided in so many ways, in the midst of our darkest hour along the Gulf Coast, the people of Texas have shown humanity's best face as we step up to the challenge set before us. With the grace of our God, we will run the race before us with energy and joy. We will win.

We are in this together. I ask you to pray for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and for all of the communities impacted by this storm. And please join me in prayer for the victims of Hurricane Irma, which is making landfall at the time of this writing.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us! †

Council 8960 Makes National News

Our council has been recognized by Supreme for our efforts to help those in our community. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to help those in need around you. You are a shining example of what it means to be brothers and Knights.

Below is an excerpt from an article on Supreme's website that features this picture of our Grand Knight helping a family in need.



The area around Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 in Pearland, Texas, received a big hit from Hurricane Harvey. The Knights volunteering at the council's food distribution, also done via drive up, were men whose own homes were damaged or who had to take a leave of absence from work, these men stepped up to volunteer and help others in their community. The volunteers received trucks of fresh produce, non-perishable food, diapers, pet food, and bottled water early in the morning and then distributed to people driving up in vehicles often looking for supplies for multiple families. The recipients sign in, and then drive up and receive a quantity of supplies based upon the amount of families they are picking up for.

Read the full story at <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/latest-hurricane-stories.html>

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

Squire's Corner

Harvey affected everyone and the Squires were right in helping in many ways.

Chris Kernek came out with his father to help with cleaning houses. Big thanks to both of you.

At the last meeting some new officers were elected. Patrick Cramer as Chief Squire, Gabe Estrada as Deputy Chief Squire, Eduardo Cartensen as Bursar, Bryon Zackarevicz as Marshall, and Bryon Rendon as Sentry.

Along with that Committee chairmen were appointed.

The next meeting of the squire's will be October 9th. We will have an Investiture of new Squires. For additional information call:

Al Stryk, [281-485-4095](tel:281-485-4095)

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>

10th Annual Shepherd's Cup Golf Tournament

Unfortunately the Kingwood Country Club was badly damaged by Harvey and this event will no longer be Oct 2nd. It has been postponed for now. An update will be posted soon.

The diocese of Galveston Houston will be holding its annual Shepherds Cup which funds Catholic Education, Faith, and the Clergy of our diocese. The tournament will be on Monday Oct 2 at the Kingwood Country Club with an 11 am Tee Time. Registration will open at 9 that morning. The price is \$250 for individuals and \$1000 for a foursome team. A raffle and auction is also included as part of the event. You can register and find more information about the event at

<http://ghkcc.golfreg.com/ng/index.cfm/b3293c0/regPages/pages/?p=161913> or through the diocese's website at <http://archgh.org>

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCIL #8960

RALPH AULDS, SR. REVERSE DRAW

Friday – October 27, 2017 • 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.



— \$10,000 Grand Prize Give-Away —

\$125.00 per Ticket Includes Steak or Chicken Dinner for Two, Open Bar, Music & Dancing

Check ONE: Two (2) Chicken Breasts **OR** Two (2) Steaks **OR** One (1) each

First Ticket Drawn Worth \$500.00 Prize!

Every 20th Ticket Drawn Worth \$125.00 Prize!

Dinner served from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. • Dancing & Drawing begins at 8:00 p.m.

2320 HATFIELD ROAD • PEARLAND, TEXAS

ONLY 400 TICKETS SOLD

Need Not Be Present to Win

Brothers,

Mark your calendars for the annual Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw! This year's event will be held October 27th at the Knights Hall starting at 7 pm. If you've never attended the event you are in for a real treat. It's a night of fun with a live DJ, a steak dinner for two, and a completely free and open bar. The cost is \$125 and includes the chance to win up to \$10,000! You can't get an experience like this anywhere else and its only \$125 for two people! We will also have a silent auction and we will auction off an entire wheelbarrow full of booze during the event so there are even more chances to win.

This year we will be changing the menu just slightly by offering a choice between a steak dinner or a chicken dinner for two. Make sure you indicate which dinner you would like on your tickets. You can purchase your ticket at the regular monthly meeting in August or September or call one of our chairmen:

Dustin Meyer at 337-224-3760

Dick Schock at 832-640-3425

Joey Segovia at 214-713-7626

Tickets sell out every year and are 1st come 1st serve so call and reserve your ticket as soon as possible.

Volunteers and Donations:

We do need volunteers to help cook, serve, and assist with the event coordination and also items to donate to the silent auction and booze basket. If you are interested in volunteering please call Dustin Meyer at 337-224-3760. You can also bring any donations to the regular meetings.

Red Mass for the Judiciary and Dinner with Supreme Court Justice

Brothers,

The annual Red Mass for judges, lawyers, public officials, law school faculty, and law students will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on September 28 at 6 pm. If you or someone you know is in a judicial profession please encourage them to attend. The mass will be celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo.

Immediately following the mass there will be a dinner at the Hilton Americas Hotel at 1600 Lamar Street in the 2nd floor ball room. The guest speaker at the dinner will be the Honorable Supreme Court Justice Samuel A Alito Jr. Prices for the dinner range from \$35 to \$100 per person. You must register at the diocese website <http://www.archgh.org/news-events/events/red-mass/red-mass-dinner-registration/> Register early because seats will fill up quickly. Dinner registration closes Friday September 22nd

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.

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.

September 19th: 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.

Sept 23rd: Run/Walk for Life

There will be a fundraiser to keep the mobile crisis pregnancy centers parked next to Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast and Texas Ambulatory Surgical Center on Sept 23rd at All Saints Church at 215 E 10th Street Houston, TX 77003. The walk/run is from 8 am to 11 am. You can find out more information at www.houstoncoalition.com or by following #LivesDependOnUs

Sept 28th: Red Mass at the Co-Cathedral

There will be a mass to celebrate all who serve in our judicial branch including judges, lawyers, law students and others. The mass will begin at 6 am followed by a dinner with Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito. The mass is free to attend but the dinner is by ticket only so reserve your ticket as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Oct 2nd: 10th Annual Shephard's Cup **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The diocese of Galveston Houston will be holding its annual Shepherds Cup which funds Catholic Education, Faith, and the Clergy of our diocese. The tournament will be on Monday Oct 2 at the Kingwood Country Club with an 11 am Tee Time. Registration will open at 9 that morning. The price is \$250 for individuals and \$1000 for a foursome team. A raffle and auction is also included as part of the event. You can register and find more information about the event at <http://ghkcc.golfreg.com/ng/index.cfm/b3293c0/regPages/pages/?p=161913> or through the diocese's website at <http://archgh.org>

Oct 7th: 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.

Oct 21st: 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.

Oct 27th: Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw

Mark your calendars for the annual Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw. Tickets are on sale and are first come first serve so reserve yours as soon as possible because we sell out every year. The event will be held on Oct 27th starting at 7 pm. Contact Dustin Meyer at 337-224-3760 for more details or to reserve your tickets.

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:281-485-4095) for more information.

