



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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Regular Meetings ~ 3rd Tuesday of each Month @ 7:30 pm
Officers Meeting ~ 1st Tuesday of each Month

Grand Knight's Message:

Brother Knights,

As you know, Council 8960 was 1 of 10 Point of Distribution sites. Below is listed the results of our POD.

KofC Council 8960 FINAL POD COUNT

9/7/17 Thursday 17 VOLUNTEERS "S" SVDP, CDA,8960 & ASSY 2084
52 FAMILIES

9/9/17 Saturday 40 VOLUNTEERS BSA 404, 468 & 8960
256 FAMILIES

9/12/17 Tuesday 20 VOLUNTEERS CDA, St Helen parishioners, 8960
123 FAMILIES

9/14/17 Thursday 15 VOLUNTEERS 8960, St Helen parishioners
130 FAMILIES

9/16/17 Saturday 31 VOLUNTEERS KofC 12866, BSA 404, 468, 8960
183 FAMILIES

9/19/17 Tuesday 11 VOLUNTEERS 8960, St Helen parishioners
101 FAMILIES

9/21/17 Thursday 14 VOLUNTEERS 8960, volunteers
91 FAMILIES

9/23/17 Saturday 16 VOLUNTEERS 8960, volunteers
154 FAMILIES

8 DAYS / 1090 FAMILIES APPROXIMATELY 900 VOLUNTEER HOURS
35 ZIP CODES

Additionally, on 3 of the first 4 days, Southern Baptist volunteers from Virginia provided hot meals for both volunteers & needy families. It was an incredible experience. Well done Brother Knights! But our work is not yet done. There are still members of our parish & community that are still in need as they recover from Harvey. Some needs we can address and some we can help redirect to the appropriate resources.

I would also like to Thank those Brother Knights who were able to respond to the call to help demo homes damaged by the storm. Thank You! To those that are still in need, let us know, we will do what we can to assist.

Again Thank You, my Brothers!

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 my brother Knights,

I trust that you all and your families are recovering well from “HARVEY”. This hurricane has been such a catastrophic event our history and has affected so many lives. I must say at the start of my remarks that I was most deeply moved by the efforts of our Knights in their response to this disaster. Each home that I visited was faced with such utter destruction, but in almost every home that I visited I found usually 3 or four or more of our brother Knights helping out someone less fortunate than themselves. The outpouring of fraternal love, fellowship and charity was overwhelming. This continued on to our hall where food was being prepared, served and delivered. Our space serving as PODS and even helping by loaning our time and space to load up a cargo container of medical supplies for Puerto Rico. This list continues as does the outreach of my fellow Knights. I am so proud to be a part of a council that acted so quickly and with total self-giving. You all are a truly blessing from God!

I want to focus on this month of October....Respect Life Month. I know that we have already held our Chain of Life event on Pearland Parkway and 518 and it was a great success. We now have our rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, on October the 18th at 10:00 and I hope all our brother Knights and their families who can attend will be there. Let us pray without ceasing this month for a deeper respect for Life....from conception to natural death.

A reminder that fast approaching is the Holy Day, All Saints. It is November 1st and we will be having an anticipated mass at 7:00 on Monday, October 31st , and Mass on November 1st at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Let us all make every effort possible to honor all the saints who have gone before us. A reminder that the following day is All Souls day, when we pray for and remember our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of death...may they rest in peace.

I close with asking for prayers of all those affected by the massacre last Saturday, September 30 in Las Vegas, let us keep those who lost their lives in our prayers as well as their families and those who were injured.

May God bless and keep our fraternity safe in His loving care.

Fr. Jim

A Shepherd's Message

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our recovery efforts in the Archdiocese from Hurricane Harvey. So many of you are bearing a very heavy cross in patiently working through the many tasks to clean up and renew your homes and businesses after the catastrophic floods that visited us. Many others are assisting in aiding and helping the victims of the flood, providing financial assistance and, like all of us, praying for God's help in our needs and restoration. The outpouring of generosity in time and talent for those in need has been stupendous. May the Lord bless these continuous efforts. Let us not grow weary in the ensuing weeks and months.

Parts of the infrastructure of the Archdiocese have also suffered destruction with four churches inundated by flooding: St. Ignatius, Spring; Shrine of the True Cross, Dickinson; St. Francis of Assisi, North Side of Houston; and St. Philip the Apostle, Huffman. In addition, 60-plus other sites have reported various levels of damage from the flooding. The parishes themselves along with the Archdiocese have been energetically working to recover from this devastation, but time and patience will be necessary in the most affected places to bring the communities back together to their churches and schools. Our Catholic schools that have been damaged are of particular concern.

The outreach efforts by Catholic Charities, San José Clinic, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus and other groups in our local Church have been magnificent; so too has been the help provided by individual parishes and associations here. We are blessed by their presence and their actions.

I believe that the people of Houston and beyond on the Gulf Coast of Texas have given an astonishing example of service, spontaneous help and love of our brothers and sisters, an example that has been noted in other parts of our country. These deeds of charity have come from those pure in heart and, amidst frequent divisions and rancor in our society, such deeds have shown a deeper solidarity and unity in our common humanity. May this spirit of unity continue in the ups and downs of rebuilding here in the months ahead. May the Lord Jesus calm any troubled waters and restore our tranquility.

Resolution

Whereas the Knights of Columbus Fr. Eugene Hyeck Council #8960 wishes to show its continued support for members affected by Hurricane Harvey whom have experienced devastating loss to their properties and families,

Whereas these members are in need of financial support, the Board of Elected Officers of Council #8960 have voted and approved to support those affected members in good standing with the council,

Whereas the Board of Elected Officers of Council #8960 has voted and approved to source \$20,000.00 from CD's held in the councils coffers, to be distributed equally to each affected member that have registered through the proper channels ending the date of 10/17/2017, general meeting,

Whereas the Board of Elected Officers of Council #8960 has voted and approved that Council #8960 approve by Resolution that these funds be budgeted as soon as possible to be distributed equally to those members affected and duly registered,

ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a majority of the members present at the council's regular meeting on October 17, 2017 approve and direct the Board of Elected Officers to facilitate such action.

Grand Knight _____

Tax Relief for Harvey Victims

Disclaimer: The following is not legal advice or financial planning advice. I am not a lawyer or a licensed financial planner. I am just passing on information as it is given. As always seek legal counsel or a professional tax representative's advice before acting on any information given here.

President Trump just signed into law a measure for disaster relief aid passed by Congress. You can read the full text of the law here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/601/text>

The following explanation of the law from usa today provides the details that may affect your 2017 tax filings with the IRS. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/09/28/special-tax-breaks-hurricanes-harvey-irma-and-maria-disasters-approved-house/711985001/>

The tax measures in the bill approved by the House would affect:

Casualty losses: Currently, taxpayers can deduct losses from their income taxes if they exceed 10% of adjusted gross income, and the taxpayer itemizes. Both of those requirements would be eliminated in the bill, so designated storm victims could write off all their losses, regardless of whether they itemize.

Retirement withdrawals: The bill would lift the 10% penalty on withdrawing funds from many retirement accounts, including IRAs, to pay for disaster recovery. It also would provide more flexibility for borrowing from accounts.

Expanded charitable deductions: The current limit on deducting charitable contributions — taxpayers generally can only deduct 50% of their income — would be lifted for donations to hurricane relief, so people making large gifts could write more of them off. It would also change rules for applying large write-offs to multiple years of tax returns.

Employment relief: A tax credit would be provided of 40% of wages, up to \$6,000 per employee for a disaster-affected employer from a core disaster area.

Check with your financial planner for more details about how to take these deductions on your taxes or withdrawals from your retirement accounts to pay for damages to your property.

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

In the photo 3 Squires officers of our Circle, Patrick Cramer- Chief Squire along with Theodore Mai, and Nickolas Zakarevicz working in Mrs. Kister's house replacing insulation and sheetrock. Counselors Devin Zakarevicz, Stephen Polk, Mr. Mai, and others volunteering in this project after Harvey. Many others are helping in the community. The Circle officers are busy getting ready to welcome new squires at Investiture during our next meeting. A big thank you to everyone who is helping and see you at the next meeting.

God Bless, Al Stryk, Chief Counselor



Columbian Squires Mid-Year Convention

Volunteers are needed to help with the convention that will be held on January 12 – 14 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.

We are selling ads to help pay for the cost associated with holding the event at our hall. The ad is attached to the end of the newsletter. Pricing and ad sizes are available in the ad. For more information please contact Al Stryk at 281-485-4095.

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.

Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw Donations

Brothers,

If you haven't purchased your tickets to the event, I will have some available at our regular meeting on Oct 17.

We are in need of donations for our booze basket and silent auction. If you have anything to donate please bring them to the meeting or call me directly at 337-224-3760. Cash donations are also welcome. I look forward to seeing you at the dinner

Dustin Meyer

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.

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.

October 17th: 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.

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

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Nov 4th: Pro Life Rosary

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Jan 12-14: Columbian Squires Mid-Year Convention

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2018 PROGRAM AD FORM

Columbian Squires Annual Convention – Pearland, TX
Sponsored by Squires Circles 3437 and K of C Council 8960



Dear Brother Knights, Squires Circle and Sponsors,

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming event we are sure you would like to support. **Columbian Squires Circle 3437 in Pearland, TX** is proud to announce that they are hosting the 2018 Texas State Squires Mid-Year Convention. The Convention will be held during the weekend of **January 12 - 14** in Pearland, Texas at Knights of Columbus Hall #8960 and Mass at St. Helen Catholic Church.

The Squires are **"The Official Youth Organization of the Knights of Columbus"**. We need and request your Council or Assembly's support to place your ad in this year's 2018 Mid-Year Convention Program Book. Squires will be in attendance from all over Texas. Everyone has the opportunity to send in an Ad: business card or advertisement. Regardless of the size of the ad, your support will help offset the costs of this convention. We ask that you be a part of this convention by showing your support with the purchase of an ad.

Publication Deadline is December 8,2017.

We thank you for your support towards the 2018 State Squires Mid-Year Convention.

Please Print: (This form, the AD, and Check must be returned to address below)

Council # _____ Circle # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Submitted by (Please Print) _____

Title _____ Phone _____ Email _____

****Please indicate which size ad you would like to purchase with an "X"**

Full Page _____ Price \$ 125 HALF Page _____ Price \$ 75

1/4 Page _____ Price \$ 35 Business Card Size _____ Price \$15

Signature Sponsor _____

Please make all checks payable to:

Columbian Squires Circle 3437
Al Stryk, Chief Counselor

3208 Patricia Lane, Pearland, TX 77581

Publication Deadline is December 8, 2017.

Write your Ad on a separate page to send in. (Include Officers Names/Titles)