

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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Grand Knight's Message:

Peace be with you Brothers,

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for all the help and support you have given throughout this year. Everything we do is for the purpose of showing gratitude and giving glory to our Maker the one and only God and his Son our Savior Jesus Christ. It takes many volunteers to make our events successful and fortunately we have so many brothers who are ready to help and give of their time and energy in selfless dedication event after event. They realize that it is not about accolades but about a bunch of good Catholic Brothers getting together for the good of Our Church, Our Council and Our Community. My hat is off to you gentlemen you are the life blood of our organization.

Our Christmas Party held on December 9, 2018 was a big success, as always. We had a huge turn out and many young children who marveled at the appearances of Santa, Mickey, Minnie and Olaf. Thank you Daniel Riebschlaeger and our squires. Thanks to the Laitkep Family Kevin & Jo Ann and their children for organizing, buying and wrapping presents and decorating the hall. Thanks also to the cook team : Lloyd Stephens, Jeff Maresh, George Torralba, Randy Richard, John Chunda, Marvin Stasny, Larry Perion, Jimmy Rourke and Dennis Ermis. I had many great compliments on the food. Great Job brothers.

Lastly, let us remember those less fortunate not just because of material things but also people that may not be on your level of intelligence and enlightenment. We are all at different points on our life long journey so please be patient and kind with us until we reach your level. Let us all rejoice and give thanks to God for the glorious birth and life of his Son and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully, Michael Rodriguez

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

From the Desk of Our Pastor Father Jim

As you are all aware we are now in the midst of the great season of Advent, a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Let us take care that this season is not one filled with just Christmas shopping, Christmas Decorations and Christmas parties. It is a time to make straight the way of the Lord so that He will find room in our hearts. May the spirit of Christmas, that is Joy and Peace will find room in our hearts and therefore in our families. May you all have some blessed Christmas Holidays filled with the joy and peace of our Savior Incarnate.

Just a reminder that we have fast approaching the ordination to the priesthood Deacon Trey Crespo to the order of Priesthood. The ordination will take place on Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. right here at Saint Helen's in Pearland. All are invited. I will be calling on our brother Knights to help with some of the ceremonies and some of the receptions and rehearsals that are involved with such a great celebration. Let us please keep Deacon Trey in our prayers in the weeks ahead.

Let us also remember Fr. Richard in our daily prayers. After the bone marrow transplant 6 weeks ago, he has been making progress and is truly giving 110% effort toward a recovery. He has overcome some very difficult hurdles along the way, but it has not dampened his spirit as he continues his strong and deliberate prayer life. Let us keep him in our prayers, especially during this special time of Christmas.

Of course we keep in our prayers our Catholic Church throughout the world as it continues to meet and wrestle with the clergy sex abuse scandal. Let us keep the church in our constant prayers, especially the victims who suffered at the hands of abusers.

2019 Dues

It's that time of year again for payment of our annual dues. Dues are a large part of our budget each year and your contribution helps us to fund our charities and programs that make us who we are as Knights.

Some of you have already gotten a dues notice by email. If you haven't gotten your notice yet, you should be getting one in the mail shortly after Christmas. You can also email us at <u>kof8960@gmail.com</u> for an electronic copy of your notice (Getting electronic copies helps the council save money on postage).

You can either mail your check in to our Financial Secretary Dustin Meyer or email us at <u>kof8960@gmail.com</u> to get instructions on how to pay your dues by credit card. Look forward to another great year in 2019 with all of you.

Financial Secretary, Dustin Meyer

<u>Website</u>

Our council website at <u>kofc8960.com</u> 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 <u>kofc8960@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>kofemobile.org</u> 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 <u>kofc8960@gmail.com</u>

If you have any news or comments to be featured in the newsletter or on the website, send it to me at <u>kofc8960@gmail.com</u> by the first Saturday of the month and I'll make sure it gets in.

Dustin Meyer Council 8960 Webmaster

Prayer Service for Father Richard

St Helen's will be holding a prayer service for Father Richard every Monday at 7 pm in the Holy Cross Chapel at St Helens.

The Ordination of Brother Trey Crespo

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, the LaSalette Provencial, Bishop Oscar Cantu and all concerned have informed us that we at Saint Helen will be hosting the ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Trey Crespo on February 9, 2019. His ordination mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. Deacon Trey is a member of Council 8960 as well as Assembly 2084. We will be providing an Honor Guard for him from our council.

Squire's Corner

The following are the Squires Activities for the last 3 months

October 7 - Pearland Life Chain October 13 - participated in the March for the Surviving Youth (MOTSY) October 27 - Visit to St. Mary Seminary. Nov. 11 - Giving of Veterans Stars Corporate Communion Nov. 12 - Squires Family Thanksgiving Party Dec. 1 - Putting up of St. Helen Church Christmas Lights.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 21 - Circle/Social Activity January 14 - Meeting and Investiture of new members.

Sincerely,

Alex Enano Chief Counselor

We're on Facebook

In order to get more of an outreach and make it more convenient for you, we have started our very own Council 8960 Facebook page! Follow us @kofc8960 or Knights of Columbus Council 8960 to see our upcoming events. Please share our events with your friends to help with our fundraisers.

Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve - 4:30pm, 7pm, 9pm (Spanish) and Midnight Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day - 9 am

New Year's Mass Schedule (Mary the Mother of God – Holy Day) - Monday, December 31 5pm Tuesday. January 1 9am

2019 Gun Raffle

The 2019 Knights of Columbus Gun Raffle tickets are on sale now. Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets from 10:00am-3:00pm at Bass Pro Shops on the weekends. The Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The drawings will be held Saturday Feb 2nd at 3 pm at the KC Hall. Please contact Manny Gonzales at 713-376-6086 for more information on volunteering or to purchase your tickets today.



Guns provided by BASS PRO SHOP

Winner MUST pass ALL required Federal Firearms Regulations and Background Checks. Only the ticket owner or their parent/guardian may pick up the gun. Guns not collected after 90 days become the property of Knights of Columbus Council #8960

For tickets, please call Manny Gonzales @ 713-376-6086

or by Email at: mgonzales082011@icloud.com

Every 1st Saturday: 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.

Every 3rd Tuesday: 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.

Every 3rd Saturday: 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.

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	LARGE	SMAL	EVENT	TIME	GUEST	SECI	BAR -	CLEAN
December								
12/01/2018								
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12/02/2018		Х	4th Chri Par	3PM-8PM	60	0	0	FULL
12/07/2018		Х	PNHCF CP	5:30-9:30	150	0	0	FULL
12/08/2018								
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12/09/2018	X		3rd Chris Par	8AM-6PM	200	0	Х	FULL
12/09/2018		Х	Baby Show	1PM-4PM	104	0	Х	Partial
12/14/2018		Х	CPS	9AM-4PM	50	0	0	Partial
12/15/2018	Х		Hearts of Kid	12PM-3PM	200	0	0	Partial
12/15/2018		Х	Birthday	7PM-12AM	104	0	6	FULL
12/16/2018	Х		Forg Angels	1PM-5PM	304	0	0	FULL
12/19/2018		Х	CPS	9AM-4PM	50	0	0	Partial
12/22/2018	Х		PATH	11AM-5PM	400	0	0	FULL
12/22/2018		Х	Graduation	7PM-12AM	144	0	5	FULL
12/29/2018	Х		Quin.	5PM-12AM	350	3	7	FULL
12/29/2018		Х	Birthday	5PM-11PM	160	0	7	FULL
JANUARY								
01/05/2019								
01/05/2019		X	Graduation	8PM-1AM	100	0	1	FULL
01/06/2019	Х	X	Wedding	1PM-6PM	350	0	2	FULL
01/12/2019	Х		Quin.	6PM-12AM	304	2	4	FULL
01/12/2019		X	Quin.	6PM-11PM	100	0	4	FULL
01/18/2019		Х	CPS	9AM-4PM	50	0	0	Partial
01/19/2019		X	Birthday	7PM-12AM	104	0	5	FULL
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23-24 Jan	X	Х	PCofC	5PM-12AM	400	0	7	FULL
24-25 Jan	X	X	Lighthouse	8AM-12AM	500	3		FULL