



# ***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 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month @ 7:30 pm*  
*Officers Meeting ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month*

## **Grand Knight's Message:**

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness grasped it not. (John1:1-5)

Brother Knights,

As the world rushes through it's "holiday season", let us remember that Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Our Savior, "the Light of the world". Let us remember that there is no "perfect gift" that we can give. We can however, be like our founder, Fr McGivney, through act of charity be lights that remind others of what the "season" is truly about.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory - glory as of the only-begotten of the Father - full of grace and of truth. (John 1:14).

May you all have a Blessed, Peaceful and Joyous Christmas!

SK Charles Boutte'

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

Articles may be emailed to [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

## **Pastor's Message**

My fellow Knights,

I would like to begin by once again saying a huge and heartfelt "Thank You!" The attendance at our corporate communion two weeks ago was amazing and very much a witness to our entire parish family. You have once again proven to be the outstanding group of men who are constantly of service to our church and being willing to stand up and be counted!

A quick word to remind everyone that as you know we are now experiencing the wonderful season of Advent, preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord in every way possible. I hope that we are all taking advantage of our time this season to make our Christmas season one of joy and faith and happiness. Please remember that a great way to use this season and the many seasons ahead of us are to use my Christmas present to our entire parish....the FORMED program, an invaluable resource for all ages and for all members of our parish. Remember all you have to do is log on to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and enter our parish code....**P2GC7F**...and you will have hundreds of Catholic movies, books, lectures, etc. at your fingertips. Just a small gift from me to you this Christmas season. The gift that keeps on giving all year...and one size fits all.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Penance services, Christmas celebrations and the list goes on. As we stay busy with all of these celebrations and activities, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas....Christ coming into this world to become man, suffer and die for us, be Resurrected and therefore showing us the true meaning of our existence. ..to enter into a loving and intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior so that we may share eternal life with him in the world to come.

May God bless all of you in this most special time of the year. Please know that you and yours will remain in my intentions in my daily mass throughout this season.

God Bless....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Father Jim

## **Happy Birthday Pope Francis**

December 17<sup>th</sup> is Pope Francis' Birthday! Please pray for him on his day that he may lead us closer to God with his teachings.

## **Congratulations Cardinal DiNardo**

On Nov 22, Cardinal DiNardo was elected to be the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops President, which is a move up from his Vice Presidential role since 2013. He will serve in this position for the next 3 years and will serve a vital role in the direction of our Church in the US. Please congratulate him if you see him and pray that he and all the clergy may lead us as Catholics to a closer life with Christ and a better United States Catholic Community.

See his video message to the Archdiocese here:

<http://www.archgh.org/blog/main.asp?Tid=1885&id=461&cat=Archdiocesan>

## **Welcome New Members**



Last month we welcomed several new brother knights into our council

Left to right  
Sean O'Connor  
Chase Nelson  
Bob Paluszak  
Stephen Whittle  
Nick Santowski (not shown)  
Charles Maldonado (not shown)

(1) Transfer - Elo Omavuezi ( not shown)

Please help to welcome these new brothers into our council.

## **VA Visitation Schedule**

Brother Knights,

This year's VA Visitation schedule is as follows:

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. We meet at the Church and carpool.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) so I can get them added to the distribution list.

Dustin Meyer  
Council Website Administrator

## **New Member Orientation**

Brother Knights,

We will be holding a New Member Orientation on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in the small hall. Refresh and expand what it means to be a Knight.

SK Charles Boutte'  
Grand Knight

## **A Special Thank You from St Vincent De Paul**

Brother Knights,

Thank you and your families for all the help this year with both the Thanksgiving Day Food Drive and the Christmas toy drive for the needy in our community. Through your generous food, toys, and monetary donations we helped over 80 families to have a wonderful thanksgiving and yesterday 300 kids to have a joyous Christmas.

Also on behalf of St Vincent De Paul, I would like to thank all the Brother Knights and squires that helped with both events.

We couldn't do these events every year without your generous support.

Dustin Meyer  
St Vincent De Paul Society

## **A Very Special Merry Christmas**

On Behalf of the entire KofC 8960 council, we wish you and your family a very special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## **Live telecast of the Christmas Mass from the Vatican**

Pope Francis will be broadcasting the Christmas Mass at the Vatican on Christmas Eve at 2:25 PM central time for the Christmas Vigil and 5 AM central time Christmas Morning from the Vatican. Don't miss out on watching this beautiful celebration of Mass from the Pope himself. The satellite feed will be broadcast in English, Spanish, and French at: [www.eurovision.net/wf/worldfeeds.php](http://www.eurovision.net/wf/worldfeeds.php) or you can find various other feeds at: [www.pccs.it/tj/telecasts.htm](http://www.pccs.it/tj/telecasts.htm). The latest updates on the broadcast schedule can be found at [www.ctv.va/content/ctv/it/worldtelecast/mondovisione-dicembre-2016.html](http://www.ctv.va/content/ctv/it/worldtelecast/mondovisione-dicembre-2016.html)

## **Austin Rally For Life**

The **2016 Texas Rally for Life** will be held on January 23, 2016 on the south steps of the Capitol in Austin. The Texas Rally for Life will commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973, which made abortion legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy. In the wake of Roe, legal abortion in our nation has claimed the lives of more than 57 million unborn children and has hurt countless women and men.

Buses are available from Houston, Pearland and Spring. Contact Life Advocates (713-682-LIFE email: [lifeadv@lifeadv.net](mailto:lifeadv@lifeadv.net)), Richard Lang-Pearland (713-298-4755 email: [right.2.life@sbcglobal.net](mailto:right.2.life@sbcglobal.net)) or Christ The Good Shepherd-Spring at 281-376-6831. For more information go to [www.texasrallyforlife.org](http://www.texasrallyforlife.org)

### **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.

### **December 15<sup>th</sup>: New Member Orientation**

Brothers, come out to the New Member Orientation and welcome the new Knights to our council. Also if you are a new Knight, come and learn more about our council and meet some of the Brother Knights here. You will learn of the events we put on and the charities we help. The meeting will start at 7 pm in the Knights hall.

### **December 17th: 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.

### **December 20th: General Meeting**

This month's general meeting will be on December 20th 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.

### **January 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. 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.