



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:

Brothers,

The year has started off “fast and Furious”!

Plans are well underway for our Golf Tournament and the Ralph Aulds Sr. Reverse Draw. These events raise money that help us support various charities, scholarship grants, our seminarians and more.

Our Newsletter is getting a facelift, and the council website is developing quickly!

This month we continue our visits to the VA Hospital to help our veterans get to mass and will prepare and serve lunch for the altar servers of St. Helen Catholic Church.

In September, along with our monthly Pro-Life Rosary, we will participate in a “March for Life” raising awareness that the unborn aren’t just fetal tissue.

Pope Francis said “Now, we take up this journey...A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust.”

Thank you for including me in the journey!

Remember we are Knights of Columbus, go out and make a positive difference!

God Bless,
Ralph Aulds, Jr.
Grand Knight

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:

I pray that my brother Knights and their loved ones have had an opportunity to enjoy our summer vacation and take a break from the heat. I want to let all of my brother Knights know what a privilege it is to be asked to be chaplain for our Council. It is a position I feel honored to hold and will do all I can to serve our Council well, please pray for me.

The one thing that I ask of our council in the upcoming months and year ahead is for us to remain committed to our Corporate Communion Sunday. I truly believe when we see such a large gathering of men and women who serve our church with such dedication, it is a true witness to our church family and strengthens our faith. Our Holy Father Francis speaks of Evangelization, and I can think of no better way to evangelize than to stand as witnesses of service to our church.

Brother Trey Crespo is now visiting Saint Helen for a few days before he returns to his studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Let us keep him in our prayers and hopefully in a couple of years we will be addressing him as Fr. Trey Crespo....what a blessing.

May God continue to bless you and yours and all the good things you all do in service our church.

Fr. Jim

Insurance Update from our Agent Brian Hyeck

Barn and husband insurance

Larry's barn burned down and his wife, Susan, called the insurance company. Susan told the insurance company, "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand and I want my money."

The agent replied, "Whoa there, just a minute, Susan. Insurance doesn't work quite like that. We will ascertain the value of what was insured and provide you with a new one of comparable worth."

There was a long pause before Susan replied, "Then I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband."

"New Life Insurance Study Debunks 'Buy Term, Invest the Difference'"

The rallying cry of the financial advice industry has been for clients to buy inexpensive term life insurance rather than more expensive whole life insurance and invest the premium savings on their own. The only problem is most clients never execute the second part of the equation, leaving many of them uninsured in later life and unprepared for retirement. "People don't buy term and invest the difference," said David Babbel, professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and co-author of "Buy Term and Invest the Difference Revisited," published in the May 2015 issue of Journal of Financial Service Professionals. "They most likely rent the term, lapse it and spend the difference," he said. And even the minority of those who do invest the difference are prone to the real-world emotional investing when individuals investors tend to buy high and sell low, perennially underperforming market indices, he added. Typical economic analyses that compare the cost of buying term and whole life policies fail to properly assess the guaranteed cash value growth component of permanent life insurance, Babbel said. He noted that cash value guarantees always grow, while a more volatile portfolio of stocks and bonds can rise and fall with the market.

4th Degree News

Fourth Degree Exemplification -

The Fall Exemplification will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at St. Michael's Church in Lake Jackson. If you are a 1st or 3rd Degree Knight and wish to join this class, please get with the Council's Membership Director for all the necessary information and guidance. There is no more waiting period between degrees to join the 4th Degree. Please do not hesitate, you need to start the application process without delay in order to be able to join this class.

Ken Oradiegwu
Faithful Navigator

Squire's Corner

Summer is coming to an end quickly for our squires and Circle 3437 wants to thank all the brother Knights and especially our Council 8960 for all the assistance and help in making the annual State Squires Convention a huge success. Two new squires were added to our Circle at the Investiture at the start of the convention.

Congratulations to one of our squires, Ty Arredondo was appointed to a Texas State Squires position. Several activities and membership drive are being planned.

Al Stryk

News from Our Communication's Director

As I am sure most of you know from the new emails that everyone has been getting, we are doing some significant changes to the way we communicate here at the council. I am pleased to announce the creation of our new website!

The website can be accessed at <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=8960> so please check it out and get involved in the events and activities of our council. You can also access the website from the links on the buttons in every email you receive from the council. I realize that the link above is a bit cumbersome, so we are working to move the website to one that is easier to remember in the very near future. I will update you in the next newsletter with that permanent address.

If you have any questions about the website, our newsletter, or any emails sent from the council please feel free to email me at kofc8960@gmail.com with your questions.

Also with the changes in distribution lists for sending out emails to the council, there may have been a few people left off or we may be sending you emails to the wrong email address. If this is the case, please email me your correct email address or the email address of the person who was left off and I will get that corrected ASAP.

Lastly, we are starting a "prayer wall" on our website. You can access this portion of the website by clicking the "WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS" button in every email you receive from the council. This portion of the website will be for prayers needed by brother Knights and their families. If you have a need for prayer, simply login using your membership ID number from your renewal card and use your birthdate as the password (or email it to kofc8960@gmail.com and I will add it for you). Please indicate the relationship to a brother Knight for family and friends. Visit this portion of the website often as it will change frequently. Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who are sick and infirmed in the council.

Thank you,
Dustin Meyer

Happy Birthday Father Jim!

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 41st anniversary of his ordination on Sept 21st!

Aug 13th: Concert for Life 2015

Sagemont Church will be hosting David Michael Moses on August 13 from 6 to 8 PM to raise funds for life saving, abortion ending work. A donor has generously pledged money for each person who attends this event. Please go for this completely free event in support of ending abortion in our country. Sagemont is located near the beltway and 45 at 11300 S Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77089

Aug 15th: Prayer group

This Saturday August 15, 2015 will be our next missal reading study and prayer meeting. We will meet Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the back meeting building. Please join us for coffee, donuts and good Christian fellowship as we seek the Lord together as brother Knights.

If you have any question, please contact Michael Rodriguez at 713-885-1274

Aug 21st: Catholic Night at the Astros

The Astros will be hosting Catholics from all over the diocese as they play the Dodgers on Friday August 21st. First pitch is at 7:10pm. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please go to

www.astros.com/catholic which will give you access to the discounted tickets. Use the password "catholic" at checkout. We hope to see you there.

Sept 19: Houston Walk/Run for Life

The Houston Coalition for Life is raising funds to support their mobile crisis pregnancy buses that have over a 90% success rate of helping women choose life for their unborn baby. There will be a run/walk at All Saints Church (215 E 10th Street Houston, TX 77003) from 8 am to 11 am in support of this worthy cause. If you are interested in supporting this effort go to www.houstoncoalition.com and sign up.

Oct 30: Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw

The Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw Tickets are on sale! We will be starting to distribute them at the general meeting and they will be available for purchase starting this coming week. Contact Dick Schock or Dustin Meyer for more information. We will be distributing flyers with contact information for the event very shortly. Stay tuned for announcements.

VA Visitation

The last VA Visitation was this past Sunday. The turnout from the Knights was phenomenal. We had more Knights show up for the visitation than actual veterans! The nurse's station called people off the floor so that we would have enough veterans to meet with the Knights that showed up. The attendees were Al and Marie Stryk, Mathew and Margarita Cavillaro, Chester Norman, Ned and Sandy Talbot, Frank Melchor, Frank Perez, Francis Devita, Paul Webb, Clifford Meeks, and Mike and Margarita Rodriguez. Thank you everyone who participated in this event. Our next VA Visitation will be on Oct 18. Make plans to attend and support the men and women who serve our country.

New AC Units at the Hall

The home association is currently working with contractors to have the AC units replaced at the hall. It has been a long process but the new units should be completely installed and operational this week. Thanks to all who made this happen.

E-mail Addresses

If you are still receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, we are asking that you provide us with your e-mail address if you have one available. Postage is continuing to go up and we are trying to save money. The council also provides other announcements via e-mail that are not included in the monthly newsletter. Also, please let us know if you have changed your e-mail address. You can send your new or updated e-mail address to kofc8960@gmail.com

HALL SITTERS NEEDED

We are still in need of “hall sitters” on weekends and this job is one of the easiest we have in the council. We need Brothers to be at the hall during the setup of events and answer a few questions or pick up a possible phone call. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Novak at 281-485-8960 and leave your name and number.