

The Knight Light - Knights of Columbus

**Official Newsletter of Father Eugene Heyck Council** 

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December 2020 Volume 25, Issue 9 Regular Meetings ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month @ 7:30 pm Officers Meeting ~ 1st Tuesday of each Month

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

**Grand Knight Report** 

Happy Advent Season to all our Brother Knights and their families. I hope you are preparing for the holidays, most especially for the birth of our lord, Jesus Christ. This time always brings us back to place of the memory and the gift of family. As children we waited forever to find our gifts from Sears Christmas book under the tree on Christmas morning, then we witnessed our children's joy of anticipation for that special morning. Now we can't wait to give our grandchildren their presents. Growing up in Michigan was truly ta Norman Rockwell painting of snow, beautiful lights and the glow of faces around the Christmas Tree. My fondness memory was traveling in the countryside on Christmas Eve with my children visiting their grandparents, driving around looking at the holiday lights in the dark snow-covered night, then arriving home just in time for Midnight Mass. Afterwards my wife and I enjoyed building and setting the gifts under the tree. I remember waking up at 5 or so in the morning, lying in bed, just waiting to hear the excitement from the children when they discovered Santa did arrive in the night. Then Christmas Day was filled with family fun, food and laughter. Special memories.

Debbie and I wish a Blessed, Merry Christmas to all the KC families during this holiday season. Give thanks to the most high for the gift of family and great memories of years past.

God Bless

Rick Johnson, GK

**Dues Reminder** 

We still have outstanding dues for this year and beyond. Please see our Financial Secretary, Dustin Meyer for your payments or pay online at our website.

We have started our Fall Raffle; we need help in promoting and selling tickets to help fund our commitment to charity. Please see David Provenzano or Leo Lowdermilk for tickets.

# From the Chaplain's desk

## Tis the Season!

Greetings and salutations to you my brother Knights. I pray that you and your family are healthy and staying cautious during our pandemic. I wanted to offer to you and yours the best wishes for a wonderful and grace filled Advent Season. As we await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, I wanted all to know of several important dates we have coming up this month. We will be installing the Christmas lights around the church on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m., if you would like to help you can certainly make this a family affair, bring the kids, help them get in the Christmas spirit. Also wanted to remind all that we are having an evening of reconciliation on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> which will take the place of our normal Advent Penance Service. We will have 10 priests available to hear confessions from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and this is a most excellent way to help "Prepare the Way of the Lord" by receiving the graces of the sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no formal beginning or end to this evening.....just drop by anytime between 7:00 and 9:00 and you will have the opportunity to experience this special sacrament. Also, just a reminder about our Christmas mass schedule.

Since we have no idea of what numbers of people will show up at any given mass, this is our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day mass schedule:

Christmas Eve....4:30 p.m......Church Christmas Eve....4:30 p.m.....Helena Hall Christmas Eve....7:00 p.m.....Church Christmas Eve....7:00 p.m.....Helena Hall

Christmas Day....9:00 a.m......Church

Please remember that all of our liturgies must have in place Covid 19 protocols: hand sanitizers at all the entrances to the church, masks to be worn at all times, social distancing 6 feet from non-family members and communion in the hand only. We will be live streaming all the masses in the Church during this season. I pray as your pastor and your chaplain that we will all make every effort to celebrate the birth of our Savior in some special way this year, given all that has gone wrong this year.....let us make Christmas RIGHT!!!

As I write this note to all my brother Knights, I truly pray and wish that all of you and your families enjoy a Christmas season filled with healthy, happiness and harmony. God Bless, Merry Christmas and a Happy New year in 2021!

### Father Jim

#### **Corona Virus Prayer**

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Christ heal us.

#### Website

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 <a href="kofcmobile.org">kofcmobile.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com">kofc8960@gmail.com</a>

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

Dustin Meyer Council 8960 Webmaster

#### **Christmas with Santa Party**

Has been Cancelled

### **Church Christmas Lights Decorating**

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Blood Drive**

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

# Fish Fry Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

More Information to Come.

#### **District Deputy Report**

All office holders need to be in compliance with "Safe and Sound" certification or risk being removed from post. New website for recruitment "Knights.net" To sign up new members (E-members)

### Casino Night

Chairman is needed for this committee

### **Hall Sitters Needed**

Contact Jimmy Novak

#### 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.

#### Pro Life Rosary Every 1st Saturday

Come join us for our monthly rosary for an end to abortion. We meet at St. Helen Catholic Church in the prayer garden at 7:30am. 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

#### Missal Reading and Prayer Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

Join us for our next Missal Reading and Prayer service. We will meet in the morning from 7:30 to 8:30am 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.

#### General Meeting Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Join us for the monthly General Meeting of our council starting at 7:30pm. Come early at 7:00pm 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.

			BAR	<u>DUTY</u>	2020			
<u>Date</u>	Lg	<u>Sm</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Security</u>	<u>Bar</u> <u>Crew</u>	<u>Clean</u>
November								
11/14/2020		Х	Birthday	6pm-12am	90	1	3	Full
11/20/2020	Х		Funeral Meal	12pm-3pm	200	0	0	Partial
11/21/2020	Х		Wedding	3:30pm-8:30pm	150	2	1	Full
11/22/2020		Х	Corporate Comm	6am-2pm	150	0	0	Partial
11/24/2020		Х	District Meeting	6pm-???	40	0	SC	None
December								
12/6/2020	Х		4th Christmas Party	5pm-10pm	100	0	0	Partial
12/11/2020	Х		Pearland Booster	6pm-11pm	300	0	6	Full
12/19/2020		Х	Funeral Meal	12pm-4pm	80	0	0	Partial
12/20/2020		Х	Blood Drive	9am-2pm		0	0	Full
12/31/2020	Χ		New Years Eve Dance	8pm-1am	350	0	BM	Full