



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:

I want to start by thanking everyone who contributed to the great success we had at the chili cook off and gun raffle. Hundreds of people were there to share in the fellowship, the good eats and the fundraising for charity. A special shout out to Manny G. And Cowboy Q. for heading up this event.

Friday Feb. 12th we start our Lenten Fish Fry. Bring the family out for good food and great company! If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact event chairman Andrew Boniface at [281-917-7336](tel:281-917-7336).

Our next Corporate Communion is scheduled for Feb. 21st at the 9am Mass. Join your Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters, Squires and families for Mass and breakfast afterwards at the KC Hall. We will assemble in the Narthex of the Church at 8:45am.

And in conclusion, a quote from CARL Anderson, Supreme Knight:

"Let us take the call of both Father McGivney and Pope Francis to heart and live out charity to our neighbor, in unity with our Church and our Holy Father, and in the spirit of Fraternity".

Remember we are the 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:

My brother Knights,

I must first begin with a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all my brothers Knights, their spouses and our squires for the great appreciation banquet that was held on January 22nd. It was such a great night to honor all of our men and women religious who serve the Archdiocese. I know I join with all my fellow priests and religious in saying how much we appreciate all the support and appreciation you show to us throughout the year....Thank you and God Bless.

A reminder, Lent has begun. As we celebrate this great season we are reminded that it is a time for prayer, reflection, fast and abstinence. Just a reminder also that we have the stations of the cross held each Friday night during Lent and on Friday night, March 18th, the Knights are leading the stations together with myself and all my brother Knights who can attend.

Let us also remember that we are now in the middle of our Capital Campaign which means that it is time for us to raise the necessary monies needed for Phase One of our campus development. Three of the greatest changes that will be seen are the addition of 150 parking spaces, 14 new classrooms for our educational programs and a gymnasium and cafeteria facility for large gatherings. All of our parishioners will be contacted as to how you can help make the future of our parish sound and secure for the generations to come.

I pray that in the weeks ahead we continue to prepare ourselves to celebrate the great season of Easter, the new life the Risen Lord has promised to us and that we use this season of Lent to grow closer to our Risen Savior.

May God be with you and your families in the days and weeks ahead and let us remember all of our fellow Knights who are dealing with health issues.

Sincerely in Christ.

Fr. Jim

Insurance Update from our Agent Brian Hyek

Let Me Think About It

Many times people will delay the purchase of needed life insurance because they assume there is no rush. A recent study of claims paid on Knights of Columbus life policies reveals that in 2015 there were a number of claims paid on plans that were in force less than 12 months*. The leading causes of death were heart disease and cancer. The claims paid were from 20 states and four provinces of Canada.

Less Than Twelve Months

Time In Force		Occupation	Age	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Months	Days				
0	7	Self-employed Farmer	56	Accidental	\$ 100,000
0	10	Retired	68	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 5,000
0	12	Retired	72	Unknown	\$ 15,000
0	21	Retired	74	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 40,000
1	0	Retired	69	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 50,000
1	9	Custodian	41	Motor Vehicle Accident	\$ 200,000
1	11	Self-employed	56	Accidental	\$ 5,000
2	5	Courier	53	Cancer	\$ 20,000
2	10	Retired	71	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 5,000
2	24	Business owner	50	Unknown	\$ 250,000
2	25	Retired	61	Cerebrovascular Disease	\$ 25,000
2	25	Medical Technican	50	Cancer	\$ 100,000
3	10	Retired	65	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 30,000
3	20	Retired	72	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 5,000
3	20	Student	23	Natural or Unknown Causes	\$ 25,000
3	29	Retired	73	Diseases of the Respiratory System	\$ 5,000
4	5	Retired	56	Accidental	\$ 100,000
4	11	Restaurant Owner	48	Cancer	\$ 50,000
4	19	Collision Automobile Operator	45	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 40,000
4	21	Manager	64	Cancer	\$ 250,000
4	24	Retired	69	Cancer	\$ 50,000
5	3	Retired	71	Diseases of the Digestive System	\$ 10,000
5	3	Homemaker	55	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 25,000
5	15	Retired	75	Diseases of the Respiratory System	\$ 5,000
5	26	Farrier	41	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 100,000
6	7	Retired	70	Cancer	\$ 5,000
6	19	Retired	75	Cancer	\$ 8,000
7	1	Retail Sales	55	Diseases of the Respiratory System	\$ 10,000
7	13	Infant	0	Unknown	\$ 25,000
7	29	Retired	71	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 14,545
8	4	Construction Manager	66	Cancer	\$ 95,000
9	1	Business owner	55	Accidental	\$ 10,000
9	9	Emergency Medical Technician	41	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 15,000
9	16	Retired	69	Motor Vehicle Accident	\$ 20,000
9	26	Housemaker	63	Cancer	\$ 28,355
10	3	Retired	62	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 25,000
10	6	Unemployed	37	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 5,000
10	9	Retired - disability due to accident	58	Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 30,000
10	14	Retired	64	Cancer	\$ 150,000
10	16	Retired	67	Cancer	\$ 5,000
10	18	GPO-took out first policy as juvenile	31	Alcohol Intoxication & Drug Overdose	\$ 20,000
10	22	Retired	71	Cerebrovascular Disease	\$ 10,000
10	22	Infant	0	Unknown	\$ 10,000
11	8	Infant	0	Unknown	\$ 20,000
11	12	Retired	70	Cancer	\$ 5,384

* Death proceeds payable from the Order's Fraternal Benefits are excluded.

Squire's Corner

Columbian Squires: Our Pearland Circle Squires are busy with a fund raiser to be able to attend the State Squires Convention. Two Valentine baskets are going to be RAFFLED at the fish fry this Friday in time for Valentine's Day. They are also painting rocks with bible verses. During Lent they are very busy serving at the Church Services especially with the Stations of the Cross. They are also helping every week with the Fish Fry clean up. Next regular meeting is on Tuesday, February 23rd.

For any questions, 281-485-4095,
Al Stryk Chief Counselor

Holy Relics of St Anthony

The Archdiocese will be host to the relics of St Anthony of Padua this Lenten Season after they have successfully traveled to Canada, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Both Pope Francis and Sister Lucia of Fatima have held these sacred Relics in the 1990's. The relics will be on display for veneration at various locations from Feb 19th to Feb 28th. Here is the schedule (times are for the Mass with veneration to follow):

Feb 19th: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 1111 St Joseph Parkway Houston 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM

Feb 20th: Co-Cathedral – Mass at 6:30 Veneration until 2:00 PM Mass at 5 PM

Feb 21st: Co-Cathedral – Mass at 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5:30 PM (all followed by veneration)

Feb 22nd: Christ The Incarnate Word 8503 S Kirkwood Rd Houston Masses at 7 AM, 12:15 PM, 7:30 PM

Feb 23rd: The Shrine of the True Cross 300 FM 517 Rd E Dickinson Veneration at 5 PM Mass at 7 PM

Feb 24th: St Anthony Cathedral Basilica 700 Jefferson St Beaumont Veneration 11 to 9 Mass at 12:10

Feb 25th: Catholic Charismatic Center 1949 Cullen Blvd Houston Veneration 12 to 9 Mass at 7:30 PM

Feb 26th: Annunciation Church 1618 Texas Ave Houston Mass at 6:30 AM, 12:10, and 7 PM

Feb 27th: Our Lady of the Cedars 11935 Bellfort Village Dr Houston Veneration 9 AM to 10 PM Mass 6:30 PM

Feb 28th: St Anthony of Padua 7801 Bay Branch Dr The Woodlands Mass at 7a, 9a, 11a, 1p, and 6p

Go to <http://www.archgh.org/blog/main.asp?Tid=1833&id=461&cat=Archdiocesan> for more information

From our Communications Director Dustin Meyer

This month, I wanted to share an uplifting story that I found that occurred during last month's brutal snowstorms in Washington DC for the March for Life. Catholic students from Omaha and Minneapolis were headed to the March but got stuck on the Pennsylvania Turnpike during the snowstorm, some of them for 23 hours. So what did they do with this time while waiting for the storm to clear? They got off their buses and came together to celebrate Mass right there on the turnpike. They made an altar out of snow and attracted 6 priests to help with the Holy Service. By the time Mass had begun over 500 people showed up around the site to celebrate Mass with them. You can see a video of the Mass here: <https://www.facebook.com/120695584609182/videos/1176963815649015/>. It just goes to show how God is present even in the direst of circumstances.



VA Visitation

We would like to thank Dennis Ermis, Della Ermis, Clifford Meeks, Bruno Okoh, Albert Okoh, A Stryk, Marie Stryk, and Paul Webb for attending our last VA Visitation in January. Our veterans greatly appreciate these visits from our council. The next VA Visitation will be March 20th. Mark your calendars to go and thank our brave men and women who have sacrificed for our great nation.

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. We would appreciate all of your thoughtful consideration in this matter! If you would like to help, please call or email Charles Boutte so that he can know to expect you.

Kidz Harbor Construction Projects

St Helen's Youth Ministry currently helps to support Kidz Harbor, a Children's Shelter in Liverpool. This program provides emergency shelter to abandoned, abused and neglected children ages birth to 18 in the state of Texas. There are several Brother Knights assisting them in these endeavors and we are looking for more to assist in some minor construction projects for them. If you are interested, contact Charles Boutte at 281-253-8972 or at his email Charles@onehundredcrosses.com. You will need Virtus training.

Stations of the Cross

St Helen's will be doing a Stations of the Cross every Friday at 4:45 PM. Bring your family to these powerful events in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord. Afterwards join us at the hall for our Friday fish fries starting at 5:30.

Fish Fry Fridays

Our council will be hosting our annual Lenten fish fries on Fridays during Feb and Mar until Easter (except Good Friday). Bring the family out for good food and great company! Food will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact event chairman Andrew Boneface at [281-917-7336](tel:281-917-7336). Come to the Stations of the Cross starting at 4:45 at the church and then join us for these delicious meals.

Divine Office Readings

Deacon Steve and our Seminarian David Hurst will be conducting weekly readings from the Breviary or Divine Office on Monday thru Thursday during the Lenten Season. 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 during Lent. The Monday and Wednesday prayers will begin at 6:30 PM and the Tuesday and Thursday prayers will begin at 7:30 AM.

Feb 10th thru March 20th: Houston Coalition for Life 40 Days for Life

The Houston Coalition for Life is hosting the Spring 40 Days for Life outside Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway Mon-Sat until March 20th. They will be praying for the unborn Mon-Fri between 6:30 AM and 6:30 PM and Sat from 6:30 AM to 3 PM. Even if it's only for an hour, your presence there could save a life.

Feb 16th: General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be on Feb 16th at 7:30 pm. Please come and meet your fellow brother Knights and learn about the events that will be happening in the coming month.

Feb 20th: Missal Reading and Prayer

Our next missal reading study and prayer meeting will be January 16th. We will meet in the morning from 7:30 to 8:30 in 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.

Feb 20th: Steps for Students

The ArchDiocese of Galveston/Houston will be hosting the annual Steps for Students 5K at the co-Cathedral to help raise money for Catholic Schools in our Diocese. Come out and support this worthy cause and hear an address from Cardinal Dinardo. Father Jim is raising money for the event at www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/frjim-courville/2016. Let's help him raise more money than any other priest! For more info about steps for students go to www.steps4students.org.

Feb 20th: 4th Degree – Port Authur

We will be having a major degree on Feb 20th for any brother Knight wishing to make their 4th degree. The event will be in Port Aurthur. If you would like to attend this event, contact our membership director as soon as possible to get scheduled and get the details required.

Feb 21st: Corporate Communion

Our next Corporate Communion is scheduled for Feb. 21st at the 9am Mass. Join your Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters, Squires and families for Mass and breakfast afterwards at the KC Hall. We will assemble in the Narthex of the Church at 8:45am.

Feb 27th: Diocesan Young Adult and Campus Ministry Conference

If you or someone you know is interested in the Diocesan Young Adult program, there will be a conference held at St Pius X High School at 811 W Donovan Street Houston, 77091. This will be a day of formation, prayer and fellowship for all young adults ages 18-35 years old. To register go to www.archgh.org/yacm

March 3rd: St Helen Penance Service

As we begin this Lenton Season, St Helen's will be hosting a Lenten penance service on March 3rd. The service will begin at 7 pm in the church. This will be a great opportunity to reconcile with God before the Easter celebration which will be on March 27th.

March 5th: 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.

Past Events

Thank you to all the Knights and Squires that helped to put on our annual Clergy Night to honor our men and women religious in the Archdiocese.



These are all the squires and councilors from our council that served the food for the night to everyone. Thank you for everything you did that night!



Here are all our clergy and brother Knights with their wives that attended from our council.



And for just a bit of humor, I tried to get a good one of our Grand Knight and his wife, but it ended up getting photo bombed by my wife, George Torralba, Deacon Dale, and our seminarian David Hurst. We all got a good laugh out of it afterwards.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 Officers Meeting	3	4 4th Degree Meeting	5	6 Pro-Life Rosary Chili Cookoff and Gun Raffle
7	8	9 Galveston/Houston Chapter Meeting	10	11	12 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	13
14	15 First Degree Initiation [Host: 12320]	16 General Council Meeting	17	18	19 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	20 Steps for Students Major Degree - 4th Degree Missal Reading and Prayer
21 Corporate Communion	22	23	24	25	26 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	27 Diocesan Young Adult and Campus Ministry Conference
28	29	1 Officers Meeting	2	3 4th Degree Meeting St Helen Penance Service	4 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	5 Pro-Life Rosary

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28	29	1 Officers Meeting	2	3 4th Degree Meeting St Helen Penance Service	4 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	5 Pro-Life Rosary
6	7	8 Galveston/Houston Chapter Meeting	9	10	11 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	12
13	14	15 General Council Meeting	16	17	18 Knights Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	19 Missal Reading and Prayer
20	21	22	23 First Degree followed by Business meeting [Host: 6878]	24	25 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Pro-Life Rosary