



The Knight Light -Knights of Columbus

Official Newsletter of Father
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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,

I want to start by thanking all of you who have been working so hard for the council. We have had tremendous support at our Lenten fish fries. The crowds have been large and the feedback has been tremendously positive. Not only do we provide a great meal, we provide fellowship to our families, friends and parishioners. When people see the good works we do, it makes them want to be one of us!

We had a very successful membership drive after masses this past weekend. Thank you to the membership committee for your effort and for representing the Knights of Columbus so well! You make us proud!

Don't forget on March 18th we lead the stations of the cross. All Brother Knights that can participate are encouraged to attend.

On Holy Thursday, the 4th Degree Knights will turn out for Adoration. Other parishes are also having Adoration at their Churches so we need our own Sir Knights to answer this call. All Sir Knights with regalia are asked to make every effort to attend.

As Easter approaches, I wish all of you and your families a safe and happy Easter. Remember, we are the Knights of Columbus. Go out and make a positive difference.

May God Bless you!

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

A Shepherd's Message

The oldest international collection for the Catholic Church is the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land; it is the only offering that the Holy Father asks of Catholics worldwide on one given day. This offering dates back hundreds of years. It is of note that the day we remember the Passion and Death of our Lord is also the day we remember the places, shrines, institutions and people of the Holy Land. The Franciscans in the Holy Land have the charge of the collection and the Congregation for Eastern Churches in Rome gives direction each year on where the monies are to be given. The Franciscans issue a yearly report on how the monies were used. I recently received a copy of the report.

As is to be expected some of the monies go to the upkeep of the many shrines and places of pilgrimage in the Holy Land, the places of "faith, memory and culture." Many of the funds go to charitable and social activities to keep alive the diminishing presence of Christians in the Holy Land, perhaps the most drastic scene being the gradual loss of Christians in the town of Bethlehem. The funds support needed centers that help in food distribution, clothing and medicines. Funds also help a number of educational institutions in the Holy Land, Jordan and Lebanon. The offerings of the faithful from all over the world are a sign of hope, of dialogue and of reconciliation.

Brothers and sisters, the response of members of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to special collections has always been outstandingly generous; in fact, in some of these collections our local Church ranks first among all dioceses in the United States. I know that you are generous. Pope Francis has made a special appeal in this Year of Mercy for all Catholics throughout the world to respond generously to this year's Good Friday Offering for the Holy Land.

On Good Friday, the Church has always read the Passion Account according to St. John. The portrait of the Suffering Christ in that Gospel is actually one of serenity: He goes to the passion voluntarily and always does the will of the Father. He invites all to come to Him, the source of truth and the source of life. At His death His side is pierced with a lance and blood and water flow forth, the signs of the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. From this wounded side we, as members of the Church, the Body of Christ, are born. From Jesus Christ we are nurtured and sent forth to be witnesses since we always abide in Him. Part of our witness is our generosity. May that generosity be yours this Good Friday as we all remember the Church and Her people in the Holy Land.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:

Greetings My Brother Knights,

I must begin by first thanking all of you for your great participation in our corporate communion Sunday two weeks ago. You guys almost filled up half the church!!! What a great testimony that is to your faith and great witness to our faith community of Saint Helen. I am sure that our Heavenly Father was smiling down on all of us that day in a special way. As we continue our journey through the season of Lent we realize that it is truly speeding past us. Easter is only two weeks away and hopefully we have been able to use this season well. I want to inform all my brother Knights that we will be having full rites for Holy Week. The week begins with the Chrism mass offered by the Cardinal at Sacred Heart Co-cathedral on Tuesday March 22nd and continues here in our Parish on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and of course the Easter Vigil, where we will welcome 18 new members into our Catholic Faith Community. I hope we can all make use of this excellent opportunity for us to strengthen our faith and commitment to our Risen Lord.

Congratulations!!! I know the Fish Fry is going well, I have seen the great crowds and had my share of the great fish...with the secret recipe. I want to thank the men who have given me the fish to go for the rectory....it is truly appreciated and has been put to good use.....

As we quickly approach this Easter Season I want all of my brother Knights to know that I will be saying a special mass of Thanksgiving on Easter Sunday, in particular for my fellow Knights and their families, and the members of their extended families, both living and deceased. Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving as your chaplain, it is a true blessing from God.

Fr. Jim

A Portfolio of Protection

Over the course of the last 133 years, the products and protection offered by the Knights of Columbus have grown to meet changing needs.

As we begin our 134th year of operation, we are proud to say we offer a complete portfolio of protection to our members — a portfolio that we think is our best yet, with high quality, customizable products designed to fit your family's needs and budget.

Permanent Life Insurance — Insure your life for life.

Permanent Life Insurance is our signature product. Why? It provides guaranteed protection for your loved ones. And while you're still alive, it builds cash value. It's a great solution for many basic needs, such as final expenses, income replacement and debt protection. It can also serve specialized purposes, such as estate planning and charitable giving.

Whatever the planned use, permanent life insurance is reliable. It will be there when you won't be, regardless of when that happens. Put simply: As long as you have paid your premiums, upon your death, your beneficiaries will receive the guaranteed death benefit (if not more) that you established for them.

There is one exception, though. Should you be fortunate enough to live to the ripe old age of 120, your Knights of Columbus Permanent Life Insurance policy will pay you your death benefit. It wouldn't be the worst 120th birthday present you receive.

Term Life Insurance – Affordable protection for temporary needs.

Sometimes financial obligations are temporary, and that's where term insurance brings the most value. Like permanent insurance, term insurance provides a death benefit to beneficiaries, but only within the specific term period.

Maybe you have a 30-year mortgage. Maybe you have 10 years left until retirement. Maybe you have two children who are about to go through college. In time, the mortgage will be paid off, retirement will arrive at last and the kids will finish college. Once those days come, your insurance needs will change. Term insurance can provide extra protection at affordable rates that — if structured properly — will go away once the needs themselves go away.

Please go to the link below for the full article:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/news/detail/portfolio-of-protection.html>

4th Degree News

Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration

The 4th Degree will be providing honor guard at the 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass and also guarding the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass until mid-night. Please assemble by 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24th. We ask all the 4th Degree members of Council 8960 who can, to come out and be part of the event. If you do not have full regalia, you can be part of the honor guard for the Mass. However, full regalia will be required for the second phase which is the guarding of the Blessed Sacrament.

We understand that all the other parishes around us will be having Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration, so it is highly likely that we will not have any other Sir Knight from outside our Council to come and support us. In the past, we would count on St. Luke's Council Sir Knights to support us, but that will not be the case this time because they too will be holding Mass and Adoration same time and same night.

Please inspect your regalia, I believe you have ample time to dust them, clean them or do whatever you have to do to them to be ready to join us for the Mass and Adoration. Please do not disappoint, we are all counting on this Council's Sir Knights who are able to participate, to have a respectable turnout.

Thank you all and Happy Easter in Advance.

Ken Oradiegwu
Faithful Navigator

Squire's Corner

February has been a busy month for the Squires with many activities and meetings. Father Hieu came and spoke to the Squires at their last meeting giving some very strong points about belonging to the great Organization. This month the Squires will lead the Stations of the Cross at St. Helens and many will be assisting as Altar Servers during Holy Week and Easter. They will be preparing the Easter bags with the Knights to be given on Easter Sunday. We wish everyone a very Blessed and Holy Easter.

Al Stryk Chief Counselor

Annual Knights of Columbus Scholarship Award

Any active Brother Knight's child or grandchild who is a confirmed Catholic and is graduating high school this spring may be eligible for one of this year's college scholarship awards. Chris Lessmann will have application forms and full eligibility requirements at the next general meeting. You may contact him directly at chris.lessmann@yahoo.com. Applications are due April 6, 2015.

Vocations

As discussed at the last general meeting, there is an opportunity to adopt a seminarian from St. Marys. Adopting a seminarian is for the purpose of praying for, writing to and if able to, providing some financial support in the form hygiene essential ie... soap, toothpaste etc... The seminarians have responded very positively to our letters and prayers. If you would like to adopt a seminarian, please contact Helen Drab Stignant, who is the mother of seminarian Michael Drab, at Jim3helen@aol.com. In addition, there is a prayers for vocations every Wednesday after 7:00 pm mass in the tabernacle.

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 Boniface 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. **We will be collecting candy at the fish fry to hand out after masses on Easter. Please consider donating candy when you come.**

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.

March 15th: General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be on March 15th 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.

March 19th: Missal Reading and Prayer

Our next missal reading study and prayer meeting will be March 19th. 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.

March 18th: Stations of the Cross

Our council will be hosting the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the church. Come and join your fellow Brother Knights as we pray this prayer in remembrance of the Lords' Passion.

March 20th: Open House

Our council will be holding an open house to welcome new Catholic men into our order on Palm Sunday March 20th at 2 PM. Please come out and help to instruct new prospective members on our order and the many ways we help our community through our programs.

March 22nd: Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

During the annual Chrism Mass, Cardinal DiNardo will bless the sacred oils that will be used in the coming year for the sacraments. At the end of mass, the oils will be distributed to all parishes of the Archdiocese. During the ceremony, all the priests of the Archdiocese are asked to renew their priestly vows and commitment to priesthood. If you wish to attend this sacred Mass to start off Holy Week it will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 7 PM.

March 24th: Holy Thursday Adoration

At 7:00 PM St Helen's will be conducting our annual Holy Thursday celebration Mass. If you are a 4th Degree Knight please consider coming to join the honor guard for this Holy Mass. 4th Degree Knights will assemble at 6:30 PM. After Mass St Helen's will be hosting adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Please consider spending time with our Lord during this solemn celebration of His Passion.

March 25th: Good Friday Rosary Procession

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants March 25, 2016 - Good Friday Service at 8:00am at Sacred Heart Co-cathedral followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the steps of the old Cathedral. For more information contact Vicky at 832-875-5126 or in Spanish, Viola 832-660-3924.

March 25th: Good Friday Stations of the Cross in front of Planned Parenthood

Come to the Modern Day Calvary this Good Friday, March 25, 2016. Join the Houston Coalition for Life outside the I45 Planned Parenthood abortion facility as they pray the Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Hough IV and the Parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham.

April 2nd: 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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 Open House	21	22 Chrism Mass	23 First Degree followed by Business meeting [Host: 6878]	24 Holy Thursday Adoration	25 Stations of the Cross Fish Fry	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Pro-Life Rosary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Pro-Life Rosary
3	4	5 Officers Meeting	6 Scholarship Award Applications Due	7 4th Degree Meeting 4th Degree Meeting	8	9
10	11	12 Galveston/Houston Chapter Meeting	13	14	15	16 Missal Reading and Prayer
17	18	19 General Council Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

