



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:

My Brothers,

I want to remind everyone that we will celebrate our Memorial Mass on Nov.15th at St Helen Catholic Church at 9:00 am. We will line up at 8:45 am for precession into mass. Immediately after, we will meet at the KC Hall on Hatfield Road for breakfast and to read the names of our deceased members.

The Ralph Aulds Sr. Reverse Draw was once again a HUGE SUCCESS!!! Thanks to everyone (especially event chairman Dick Schock) who helped with our recent fundraising event. So many cooks, servers, ticket sellers, bartenders, silent auction coordinators, etc.....

The evening was a blast, and we raised money that will help the charities we support!

Advent is just around the corner. Help spread the word that the Knights of Columbus will be selling tamales after all masses during Advent (while supplies last)!. For more information, and to volunteer an hour or two of help, contact Mathew Caballero at [832-641-8757](tel:832-641-8757). Buen Provecho!

Please keep the family of brother Erwin Leo Wind Sr. in your prayers. The Lord called brother Erwin to his eternal reward on Tuesday October 27, 2015. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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

May God bless you and those dear to 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

From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:

Greetings Brother Knights,

First Congratulations on a great Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw! What a great crowd, excellent food and best of all fantastic fellowship. I'm looking forward to next year already. Just a couple of updates.....the Joseph Fiorenza Retirement center for priest was dedicated last month and this week the Altar in the Chapel was dedicated and consecrated by the Cardinal. I had the chance to visit with Fr. Reggie and he is doing well and looking good and he loves his new place.

A reminder that Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we will be having a mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, the eve of Thanksgiving, at 7:00 p.m. here at Saint Helen. We will also be having a mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m. for those who want to get to mass and then go home and finish the turkey. I encourage all of us to take time to give thanks to our good and loving God for all the blessings God bestows on us each and every day.

Also a reminder that the season of Advent is fast approaching..... November 28th & 29th to be exact. During the Season of Advent we will be having a Communal Penance service at our parish on December 2 and all the surrounding parishes will be hosting Communal Penance services....please check the bulletin for the dates and times of other Communal Penance services.

More to come on upcoming celebrations in December, such as the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8th...and the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th and of course our great celebration of the Birth of our Lord on December 25 is fast approaching.

Please take special notice when you come to Sunday mass of the beautiful and very large new Ciborium that we will be using during Advent, together with the large new cross on the altar...both gifts of our Knights of Columbus Council.

God Bless

Fr. Jim

Insurance Update from our Agent Brian Hyek

"Work in Retirement? Don't Bet on It"

Wall Street Journal (04/21/15) Tergesen, Anne
(Subscription and password required.)

An annual retirement survey released Tuesday makes clear, working longer often proves an elusive goal—and for many, it's an unrealistic way to bail out a retirement savings deficit. "The odds are against" those who want to work for pay in retirement, says Luke Vandermillen, a vice president at Principal Financial Group, a 401(k) administrator that partners with the nonprofit Employee Benefit Research Institute to produce the annual survey. A more realistic strategy, he adds, "is simply to save more." According to the survey, 67 percent of workers report that they or their spouses have saved for retirement, up from 64 percent in 2014. But only 22 percent are very confident that they will have enough money to live comfortably throughout retirement. Given that most feel their savings will fall short, it's not surprising that 67 percent of workers say they plan to work for pay in retirement. But here's why that may not be such a realistic plan: Among those who are already retired, only 23 percent actually work for pay. "People consistently overestimate their ability to work in retirement," says Vandermillen. Among the things that can cause people to leave the workforce earlier than they expect are health crises, layoffs and ageism on the part of prospective employers.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/totalreturn/2015/04/21/work-in-retirement-dont-count-on-it/>

Squire's Corner

The Squires have been busy with preparing for the Veteran remembrance both at St. Helen's and assisting with the Ceremony at Trinity Oaks Senior Living. Squires spent many hours retiring old flags by cutting out and saving the Stars which are being given to our Veterans who so proudly served our Country. This project was hosted by Counselor and Mrs. Gonzales who opened their home to approximately 25 of us along with Father Jim our Circle Father Friar. Twenty-two flags with over 600 Stars were cut out and packaged for presentation. The officers are busy rehearsing for the Investiture of several prospective young men this 18th of November.

On Saturday the 21st a special day for all the Squires from our whole Archdiocese at St. Justin Martyr Church with the Presentation of the SILVER ROSE. We will be carpooling from St. Helen's and more information will follow by emails. Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Al Stryk

News from Our Communication's Director

Our new website is up and running strong at kofc8960.com. You can click on any of the links in the emails the council sends out to visit it. The website has tons of pictures of our recent events, news from our council, our diocese, our state council, and much more.

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.

We believe the email addresses are up to date now, however, if you know someone who is still not getting the emails please send me their name and email address to kofc8960@gmail.com so I can correct it.

Thank you,
Dustin Meyer

CSC News

At this past month's General Meeting for CSC, it was decided to postpone the motion for term limits until the annual meeting when new board members will be elected in July of 2016. The resolution will be posted in the newsletter again in the June 2016 issue.

Ed Klein

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.

Nov 15th: Memorial Mass

Join us in celebration of our fellow brothers who have gone to meet the Lord in a special mass on Sunday November 15th. We will honor them at the 9 am mass. We will be lining up at 8:45 am for a precession before mass begins. 4th Degree please assemble at 8:30 am. Afterwards, join us for breakfast at the KC Hall on Hatfield Road where we will be reading the names of our deceased members, as well as the deceased members of the Catholic Daughters.

Nov 15th: Donuts

The Knights will be serving donuts after the 9 am mass on Nov 15th. Come join us for this treat and then head over to the KC Hall for a full breakfast and the Memorial Events that are to follow.

Nov 18th: Squire Investiture

Council 8960 will host a Squire Investiture on Nov 18th. If you would like to participate in this event please contact Al Stryk for more details.

Nov 21st : Major Degree in Spring

There will be a Major Degree being held at St Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church Council #10861 in Spring on November 21st. If you plan to make your 2nd or 3rd Degree, contact the membership director to get you signed up for the event. Registration begins at 8:45 for 1st Degree candidates. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Christus Center. 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification will begin at 10am. Lunch will be served (\$7.00 for non-candidates) following the conclusion of the 3rd Degree exemplification. Make sure to wear clothing appropriate for a regular Sunday Mass. If you wish to attend, confirm with our membership director no later than November 19th.

Nov 21st: Missal and Prayer Reading

Our next missal reading study and prayer meeting will be on Nov 21st. We will meet in the morning from 7:30 to 8:30 at the KC Hall on Hatfield Road. 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.

Nov 22th: In Memoria Concert at the Co-Cathedral

The Archdiocesan Choir and the Catholic Schools Choir of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston under the direction of Dr. Rick Lopez will be presenting their 7th Annual "In Memoria" Sacred music concert at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart to honor the passing of Father TJ Martinez. General Admission is \$25 (Senior Admission \$15, Student \$10). For more information and ticket information call 713-741-874 or visit archgh.org/inmemoria.

Nov 25th and 26th: Mass of Thanksgiving at St Helen's Catholic Church

Join St Helen's Church in a mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the abundance of gifts that God has bestowed on each of us. We will be celebrating two masses this Thanksgiving season. The vigil mass will begin at 7 pm on Wednesday Nov 25th and there will be an 8 am mass on Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving!

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Are you and your spouse celebrating either your 25th (married in 1990) or 50th (married in 1965) wedding anniversaries this year? His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be celebrating these silver and gold occasions with a special celebration mass in November and December of this year. The 25th silver anniversary mass will be celebrated on November 29th and the 50th gold anniversary mass will be celebrated on December 20th. Both masses will be held at 3 pm at the co-cathedral in downtown Houston. You must register for these events by going to www.familylifeministryhouston.org/wedding-anniversary-jubilee.html

Dec 2nd: Parish Penance Service

St Helen's will be hosting an Advent Penance Service in preparation of the birth of our Lord. Please see the bulletin for details on the time.

Dec 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.

Dec 12th: Major Degree in Sugar Land

A Major Degree will be hosted by the St. Basil Council 4204 in Sugar Land on Saturday, 12 December 2015. All candidates should be present at 9:00am at the St. Theresa School Gym. Financial Secretaries can either provide the 3rd Degree Medallion or request the host council to provide. A luncheon will be served at the completion of the degree. Candidate meals are free, a nominal charge for others. Contacts are: Pete Muceus, Financial Secretary (peterkofc@comcast.net) (281-491-9671). Tido Peralez, District Deputy (ktido7382@yahoo.com) 832-661-0653 If you are interested in this event, contact our membership director to sign up.

Dec 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass

There will be a celebration mass at St Helen's Catholic Church to honor our Lady of Guadalupe. We will hold a rosary at 10 am followed by Mass at 11 am. There will be a reception in Helena Hall immediately after mass.

Dec 13th: VA Visitation

Our next VA Visitation will be on Dec 13th. Please contact Paul Webb for more details.

Dec 13th: Council 8960 Christmas Party

It's that time of year again for the annual Christmas party! Come join us for a night of good holiday cheer. Knights and their families are welcome to enjoy cocktails, a Christmas meal with all the dressings and gifts from Santa himself! The cocktail hour will begin at 4 pm followed by the Christmas meal at 5 pm. Santa will arrive at 6 pm to give gifts to children from infant to 12 years old. If you would like more information about this event or want to volunteer, contact our Grand Knight Ralph Aulds Jr for details.

Jan 22nd: Clergy Appreciation Night

The registration for this year's Clergy Appreciation Night is open. We have 2 tables (10 people each) reserved for the council and several seats are still available. However, these seats fill up fast so reserve your spot today. Tickets are \$30 per person and you must RSVP with Michael Rodriguez ASAP to reserve your spot. The event will be held at the Stafford Center in Stafford, TX and will consist of speeches from many high ranking Knights and His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

Past Events

Oct 30th: 2015 Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. Yet again another sold out year! With the addition of the silent auction and an incredibly successful booze basket raffle, we raised more money than we ever have on this event! Congratulations to all the winners!

Nov 8th: Veterans Day Event

I wish to take this time to thank all of the participants at this year's Veterans Day Event held at Trinity Oaks on November 8th. Mario Juguilon Jr, who played a great piano for us, son of brother Knight Mario Juguilon. Mr. Al Stryk, Mr. Tom Rozinski, Mr. Ernie Laitkep, Squire James Polk, Pearson Polk, and their Father Mr. Stephen Polk. Squire Alex Boutte, and his father Charles Boutte, Little Cowboy Gilbert Quintanilla, and his father Jim "Cowboy" Quintanilla. It was a fine affair honoring our local hero's both living and deceased but not forgotten. Long may we remember the sacrifice our hero's gave in their lifetime.



Oct 24: Conformation Luncheon

The following brother Knights: Charles Boutte, Dick Shock, Ned Talbot, Jackie Yardley, Jeff Maresh Ricardo Robles, George Toralba, Al Caracciolo, and Jim Cowboy Quintanilla spent the morning with spatulas in hand to cook hamburgers and Hot Dogs for the young men and women attending the confirmation retreat held at Saint Helens that day. There were over 150 youth that participated in the retreat that day. The brothers were very fortunate that the rain held off until after the meal. A great time was had by all. And everyone enjoyed the meal.

Oct 11: VA Visitation

Thank you to all the brother Knights that came to our most recent VA Visitation. There were 18 brother Knights and their families that showed up to support our heroes! David Stryk, Rhonda Stryk, Charles Boutte, Richard Peyton, Joe Campos, Paul Webb, Lloyd Stephens, Al Stryk, Marie Stryk, Charles Delahanty, Thang Mai, Theodor Mai, Ken Oradiegwu, Francis Davita, Jackie Yardley, Theresa Yardly, Fisher Yardley, and Ty Arredondo.

COUNCIL #8960 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 National Vocations Awareness Week 40 Days for Life	2 National Vocations Awareness Week 40 Days for Life	3 National Vocations Awareness Week Officers Meeting	4 National Vocations Awareness Week	5 4th Degree Meeting National Vocations Awareness Week	6 National Vocations Awareness Week	7 Pro-Life Rosary National Vocations Awareness Week
8	9	10 Galveston/Houston Chapter Meeting	11 6878 1st Degree [Host: 6878]	12 Vocations for Men 18-35	13	14
15 Memorial Mass	16	17 General Council Meeting	18	19	20	21 Missal Reading and Prayer Major Degree
22 Galveston/Houston In Memoria Concert	23	24	25 Mass of Thanksgiving	26 Mass of Thanksgiving	27	28
29 25th Anniversary Wedding Jubilee Mass	30	1 Officers Meeting	2 Parish Penance Service	3 4th Degree Meeting 4th Degree Meeting	4	5 Pro-Life Rosary

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29 25th Anniversary Wedding Jubilee Mass	30	1 Officers Meeting	2 Parish Penance Service	3 4th Degree Meeting 4th Degree Meeting	4	5 Pro-Life Rosary
6	7	8 Galveston/Houston Chapter Meeting	9	10	11	12 Major Degree
13 KofC Christmas Party	14	15 General Council Meeting	16	17	18	19 Missal Reading and Prayer
20 50th Anniversary Wedding Jubilee Mass	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Pro-Life Rosary