



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:

Brother Knights as we start the 2016 - 2017 Fraternal Year, let us count our blessings. Then, let us give Thanks to Our Father in Heaven for those blessings. Our trials & tribulations are blessings that Our Lord uses to shape us into who He wants us to be, if we let him.

I say this because as we look around us, the world seems to have gone insane. Christianity is under attack. The family is under attack. Manhood is under attack. Religious freedom, under attack. All we hold dear, threatened. It is tempting to be fearful, silent, do nothing & just follow the culture. This, my Brothers, is not an option. People need to see strong witnesses to the faith. Men who seek to serve God and are not afraid to show it. There is no political solution to the problems we face. We must continually strive to be the type of Knights that Fr McGivney envisioned, lights shining in darkness.

As Knights of Columbus, we are strongly encouraged to have a Marian devotion, to be men of prayer, to defend life & not just be men of good deeds. I invite you to join with your Brothers on First Saturdays for the Rosary for the Unborn & mass. Scripture study & fellowship on the 3rd Saturday, to spend time in Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and to participate in the 40 Days for Life.

As practicing Catholic gentlemen, this is who we are called to be. Through prayer & public witness we can do our part to help change the culture. We are not a men's club. We are Knights and our king is Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ!

Viva Cristo Rey!

Charles Boutte
Grand Knight

Deadline for articles is 8pm on first Tuesday at the Officers Meetings.
Articles may be emailed to kofc8960@gmail.com

A New Fraternal Year has begun and with that we have newly elected officers! Please congratulate the following brothers on their appointments:

Grand Knight SK Charles G Boutte'

Deputy Grand Knight Michael Rodriguez
Chancellor SK Steve Lowery
Inside Guard Alfred Caracciolo
Outside Guard SK Ricardo Robles
Outside Guard SK Jackie E Yardley
1 yr Trustee SK George E Torralba
2 yr Trustee SK Kevin G Laitkep
3 yr Trustee SK Randall R Richard
Program Director SK James Quintanilla
Membership Director Richard Johnson

All other positions remain the same.

Let us pray for all our new officers that they can lead us to great success this year!

CSC Amendment 3.04A

The following amendment will be adopted by the CSC:

If you have resigned from the CSC for anything except the following 2 reasons:

1. *Immediate Illness*
2. *Another Leadership Office in the Knights of Columbus Council that conflicts with CSC business.*

You may never become a board member elected or appointed to the CSC

VA Visitation Schedule

Brother Knights,

This year's VA Visitation schedule is as follows:

August 14, 2016
October 23, 2016
December 18, 2016
January 22, 2017
March 26, 2017
May 28, 2017

Please mark your calendar and join us to give thanks to our veterans for their incredible sacrifice.

Vocations

On Tuesday evenings during Adoration we pray the rosary for vocations. Helen Drab Stigant leads the rosary at 7pm and encourages people to stay afterwards to pray additional prayers for vocations in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a powerful time for our prayers to be heard, Jesus is in the room with us!

On Wednesdays after 7pm Mass, there is also a dedicated prayer time in front of the Tabernacle. This prayer lasts about 25 minutes.

We as Brother Knights are asked to please help Helen advocate for more people to come together to pray for vocations. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed when people pray fervently, vocations flourish. Cardinal DiNardo spoke to a group of us several weeks ago about vocations. He said when people call to tell him they need more priests at their parish, he responds with the question: "How many seminarians have you sent me?" St. Helen's has over 6,000 families, yet we have 2 seminarians, and only one who is diocesan. Trey Crespo will unlikely serve in the archdiocese unless he is sent to Mary Queen in Friendswood.

We are asking all parishioners to pray daily for the seminarians and priests who serve our Church and diocese during the week.

Make a special effort to attend a Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening prayer for vocations

If you have adopted a seminarian, make a special effort to send them a note of Thanksgiving for saying "Yes" to the call to priesthood.

There is a website called invisiblemonastery.com where one can pledge to pray for vocations. This offers a continuous prayer for priestly vocations. If we can build a strong prayer ministry dedicated to the increase of vocations, I am sure St. Helen's will be sending more than 1 seminarian to serve our archdiocese

Squire's Corner

Our squire's circle is one of the biggest in the state and we would like to thank all our councilors that make this circle such a success. The following Brother Knights will be serving as councilors during the following year:

Al Stryk, Devin Zakarevicz, Steven Polk, Leroy Mata, Shine Dines, Matt Buentello, Greg Kernek

Please support these Brothers in their endeavors to make our circle even more of a success in the coming year. If you are interested in becoming a counselor, contact Al Stryk, our chief councilor, to find out what is required.

The next squire's meeting will be on the last Tuesday of the month July 26th at 6:30 pm. We need all the squires to attend to get started in the new fraternal year and become part of a committee.

The Dallas Hero's Fund

On July 7, five police officers were ambushed and killed as they guarded a peaceful protest in Dallas.

Several more officers were wounded, along with some civilians. The tragedy was contained by the quick action of dozens more brave law enforcement officers. Now the recovery and healing begin.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of standing in solidarity and support of those who serve our community – especially law enforcement, first responders, our military and veterans, clergy and religious. In this time of pain and need, we ask for your special prayers and support for these families.

The Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus met in Dallas on July 8-10. As that meeting concluded, a unanimous decision was made to establish the Dallas Heroes Fund to solicit donations for the immediate support of the affected families of these officers. Advance checks for \$1,000 each will be delivered in the next few days to the families of these five slain “Guardians of Freedom”. And all money raised through this fund will be distributed to the affected families. This is a rapid response effort only, and the fund will close August 15, 2016.

If you would like to donate to this fund for fallen heroes, go to www.tkofc.org to visit the Texas State Council website and navigate to the donate page or go directly there at
<https://www.tkofc.org/fundraising/donate/project/dallas-heroes-fund>

2016 Texas State Council Golf Championship

This year’s Texas State Council Gulf Championship is rapidly approaching. The event will be held August 26 – 28 at the Squaw Valley Golf courses in Glen Rose TX (near Fort Worth). The entry fee for the Friday event is \$70 per golfer, the entry fee for the individual two day (Friday/Saturday) tournament is \$130 per golfer, and the entry fee for all three days is \$165 per golfer. If you are interested in participating in this tournament, the deadline for registration is Aug 1st.

For more information and to get the registration form, go to the Texas KofC website at www.tkofc.org or directly to the page at <http://www.tkofc.org/events/v/2016-knights-of-columbus-state-of-texas-open-golf-championships-august-26-2>

Christopher West is coming to League City

Christopher West, bestselling author and Catholic Apologist, is coming to League City at St Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church on August 6th (1612 E Walker St). The event will be from 9am – 12:30 pm at the Church. He is best known for his work with Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. This event will be on Life, Love and Mercy. If you are interested in attending, tickets are \$30 pre-sale at the parish office or \$35 at the event. For more information contact Theresa Diaz at Theresa.diaz@saintmcc.org or call her at 281-332-3031 ext 104. The website is <http://saintmcc.org/news/christopher-west-life-love-and-mercy>

Divine Office Readings

Deacon Steve will be conducting weekly readings from the Breviary or Divine Office on Monday thru Thursday. 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. The Monday and Wednesday prayers will begin at 6:30 PM and the Tuesday and Thursday prayers will begin at 7:30 AM.

June 18th: Missal Reading and Prayer

Our next missal reading study and prayer meeting will be June 18th. 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.

June 21st: General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be on June 21st at 7:30 pm. We will be conducting our annual council elections for officers. Please come out and vote for our new officers. Your voice matters in choosing how our council moves forward.

July 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.

August 11th: Concert for Life

David Michael Moses will be performing at the House of Blues at 1204 Caroline St Houston 77002 on Thursday Aug 11 starting at 7:30 to benefit the Houston Coalition for Life and CPC's around Houston. The event is completely free. Donors will be giving a set amount to the Houston Coalition for every person that shows up to the concert. Please join this event in support of all unborn life in our area.

September 10th: Run and Walk for Life 2016

There will be a fundraiser to keep the mobile crisis pregnancy centers parked next to Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast and Texas Ambulatory Surgical Center on Sept 10th at All Saints Church at 215 E 10th Street Houston, TX 77003. The walk/run is from 8 am to 11 am. Registration will open Aug 1st. You can find out more information at www.houstoncoalition.com or by following #LivesDependOnUs

September 28th – Nov 6th: 40 Days for Life

This Fall's 40 Days for Life is right around the corner. Plan to join fellow Christians around our city in prayer at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast on 45 to end abortion.

