



# ***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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### **Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

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### **Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

Aubrey Semien

### **Membership Director**

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*Regular Meetings ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month @ 7:30 pm*  
*Officers Meeting ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month*

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

Greetings my brother Knights,

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer. I am grateful and humbled for the confidence you have shown in me to elect me your Grand Knight. It is one of the greatest honors I have achieved in my lifetime. I pledge to represent you faithfully and to always make decisions based on our principles and for what is best for our great council. My door is always open and am open to discuss ideas on how to achieve improvements. This year I would like us to focus on our volunteerism to our council's many opportunities for fundraising and service to our church St. Helen.

As St. Paul instructs us we are all members of one body, equally important, each with indispensable functions. If one of us suffers, we all suffer. If one of us rejoices we all rejoice. I am excited to start a new fiscal year and I hope you are as well.

Peace be with you,

Michael Rodriguez

**Deadline** for articles is **8pm on first Tuesday at the Officers Meetings.**

Articles may be emailed to [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

## **From the Desk of Our Pastor Fr Jim**

My brother Knights,

I pray that all are enjoying some fun time this summer with family and friends. I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks to our Fourth Degree brothers who were present for our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Cardinal on July 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a great celebration that was made even more dignified by the presence of our fourth degree...thank you!

Congratulations to our new Grand Knight Mike Rodriguez...or "Donut Mike" as we call him...because he always has "special" donuts for the clergy and ministers on Donut Sunday. Let us all unite in prayers that our new leader will be blessed with a true sense of service, dedication and wisdom. Let us pray that all of our officers may be living and true examples of all that our brotherhood stands for.

I am giving thanks also at this very moment, because the news is broadcasting that all 12 youngsters and their coach have been rescued successfully from the cave in Thailand. Thanks be to God. Let us pray that they may be united soon with their families.

President Trump announced his selection for the Supreme Court. His name is Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Judge Kavanaugh is a Catholic, educated by Jesuits, is a member of Blessed Sacrament parish in D.C. and is an active Catholic who is Pro-Life. He faces a tough fight to win the approval in Congress. Let us pray that he can be confirmed and guide our country with justice and wisdom.

May you and your loved ones enjoy the days we have remaining of this "summer vacation" time but may we always remember we should never take a "vacation" from our personal prayer life, the sacraments and our Sunday worship.

May God bless and keep you and yours.

*Fr. Jim*

## Website

Our council website at [kofc8960.com](http://kofc8960.com) 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 [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) 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 [kofcmobile.org](http://kofcmobile.org) 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 [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

If you have any news or comments to be featured in the newsletter or on the website, send it to me at [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) by the first Saturday of the month and I'll make sure it gets in.

Dustin Meyer  
Council 8960 Webmaster

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation masses are approaching. The Vigil mass will be Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the day of masses will be Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am and 7pm. Hope to pray this Holy Day with each of you.

### **St Helen's Parish Picnic**

St Helen's Catholic Church will be hosting a parish picnic for families to come and spend a day together. The event will be Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Come out and join your fellow parishioners in this joyous day.

### **Congratulations to our New 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights**

We have 3 new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights: Ernest Escalona Sr, Ernest Escalona Jr, and Ejike Ndukwu all of which recently made their 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees at our council. Congratulate our brothers on their achievements.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification**

The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be in October. If you are interested in making your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, you must pre-register with Ken Oradiegwu before the event.

### **Squire's Corner**

Circle 3437 had the regular monthly meeting in spite of the summer vacation time. Newly elected Chief Squire Brian Zakarevicz led the meeting with many ideas put out for consideration.

The Worthy Grand Knight Mike Rodriguez spoke to the Squires about the new fraternal year for Council 8960 and the Circle 3437 growth. Four squires turned eighteen graduating out of the Squires. Gabe Estrada, Ty Arredondo, Luis Ortiz, and Daniel Restrepo. Becoming a Knight of Columbus is the next step. Enjoy rest of the summer.

Al Stryk , Chief Counselor

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

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

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: General Meeting**

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

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 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 at 7:30 am. 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.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>: Awards Night**

This year's awards night will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> and will be a celebration of all the achievements of our council. Please come out and see those Knights who have given outstanding service to our council over the year. We will have a meet and great social starting at 6 with dinner and awards to follow. Come out and join us.

