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2025



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# Knight Line

Newsletter

Knights of Columbus Council #6413 and Assembly #2781  
Portland, Texas



September 2025

IN SERVICE TO ONE - IN SERVICE TO ALL

## "MEETING REMINDERS"

### OFFICER'S COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 4th  
OLMC Parish Hall  
7pm.

### MONTHLY COUNCIL #6413 MEETING

Thursday 11th  
Parish Hall  
Meal 7pm. Meeting 8pm.

### ASSEMBLY #2781 MEETING

Thursday 18th  
OLMC Parish Hall  
Meal: 7 Meeting 7:45pm.

KofC members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. You'll find out what's going on in our council and assembly and you will be able to take an active part by expressing your views and opinions on the issues.

## GRAND KNIGHTS COMMENTS



**Benjamin "Ben" Walker**

Worthy Brother Knights, Hopefully, this Labor Day Weekend, we all truly made an effort to thank our Heavenly Father, for the blessings that a good day of honest work bestows upon ourselves. as, our families and those we work beside us. If that work required muscle, we are thankful for the health that we currently have to complete the task, knowing that our physical strength is a gift from God. If that work required deep thought in order to come up with a solution, we thank our Lord for the gift of a beautiful mind, and the education and previous life experiences, to bring forth the answers to ensure task completion. If unable to accomplish the task alone, that we welcome the gift of our co-workers that our Lord surrounds us with, and united in purpose, God's Will is done.

As Grand Knight, I want to thank everyone that participated last month in any of the events during Family Week. That program will continue to grow annual within our Council, Parish and Community. It has always been important that our spouse, children and grandchildren as well as ourselves, comprehend how involved God is truly in our lives, and the lives of our love ones. Remember that this September gives us the opportunity to bless and thank our community's **FIRST RESPONDERS**, those unique individuals that have the uncanny ability to run towards the fire or gunshots or screams for help. The **BLUE MASS** Banquet will be held Saturday, September 20th, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Corpus Christi, TX. Please attend to honor these community heroes of ours.

May God take the works of our hands, in order to ensure that we are given the opportunity to be willing instruments for the completion of His Divine Plan.

Your Brother in Christ

*Benjamin Walker*

Vivat Jesus!



At the end of September, our Bishop will be hosting the **BLUE MASS** at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church on Saturday 20 September at 4:30pm. See the Blue Mass ad found on page 8. Please, share in this opportunity to ask our Lord for continued blessings upon such heroes that truly serve during the most stressful situations imaginable.

# SEPTEMBER

2025

Knights of Columbus calendar events:



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b>	2 Christopher Anzaldua-35 Garland Dieringer 87	3	4 Officer's Meeting Parish Hall. 7 p.m.	5	6 Al Arguijo-86
7	8	9 Edward Garcia-76 Sam Hernandez-29	10	11 Council Meeting Meal 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m. OLMC Parish Hall <b>9/11</b>	12	13 KofC Choir 6 p.m. Mass
14 KofC Tamale Sales after all Masses	15 Robert Lopez-61	16 Exemplification: OLMC Parish Hall RE Bldg. 6:30 p.m. John Davis Sr.-85	17	18 4th Degree Meeting Meal 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m. Parish Hall	19 KofC Tamale's <b>FINAL SALE DAY!</b>	20 Ladies Night Out Olive Garden Portland, TX. 6pm Blue Mass Most Precious Blood Corpus Christi 4:30 p.m. Mass
21 Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.	22 Mario Guerra-78	23	24	25 Randy Lauhoff-66	26 Ricardo Villarreal-59	27 Lionel Farias li-50
28	29	30 Noberto Garza Jr-33				

*May God grant you success in all your endeavors. May He give you the grace to stand up for what is right and courage to fight for the truth. On your special day, we just want to remind you that we are always and forever praying for you. And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years!*

## SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR EVENTS:

### MONTHLY MEETING (Thurs. 11th) Meal 7 p.m. Meeting 8 p.m.

Brother Knights, attend our regular monthly business meeting this month. Input and participation on discussions regarding the council's programs and activities are always welcome.

### CHOIR (Sat. 13th) 6 p.m.

Please meet at the back of the church for choir rehearsal at 5:30pm for 6 p.m. Vigil mass.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT (Sat. 20th) 6p.m.

Olive Garden, Portland, TX.

### BLUE MASS (Sat. 20th) Most Precious Blood Catholic Church

A **Blue Mass** is a Mass celebrated annually throughout the United States in the Catholic Church for those employed in the "public safety field" (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel). The color blue relates to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly used by these services. Similar to the Red Mass, the service honors those who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving as first responders. The Mass is an opportunity for the community to show gratitude to first responders and their families. This year the Blue Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD. Bishop, Diocese of Corpus Christi at Most precious Blood Catholic Church, Corpus Christi. **Mass 4:30 P.M. and banquet following mass in the parish hall.**

### KofC BLOOD DRIVE (Sun. 21st 8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.)



Did you know that 1 in 7 people entering a hospital need blood? Blood may be needed by trauma patients, organ transplant and other surgery patients, as well as individual with cancer or other disorders. Our council has been a faithful supporter of this need for many years, sponsoring blood drives every two months, for the benefit of members, families, and any parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel who might be in need of blood.

***A Grateful  
"Thank  
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recipients***



Adam Fernandez



Danny Martinez



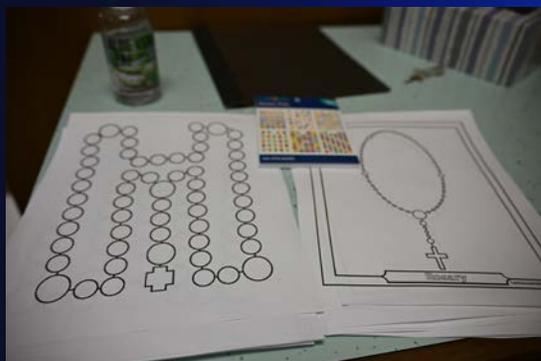
Laredo 4th Degree Fallout



**DIAPER DRIVE CHECK** - was donated to the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend, on Friday July 25th.

## SEPTEMBER 2025 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

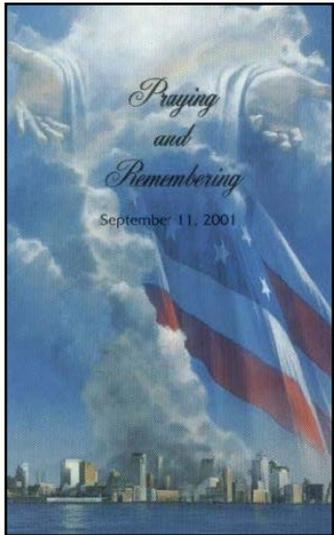
The month of August was filled with meaningful family activities, including the Blessing of the Backpacks, a rosary followed by an ice cream social, and a family potluck—just to name a few. A heartfelt thank-you goes to our Family Director, **Rob Jaska**, for coordinating these wonderful events. We also extend a **BIG TEXAS-size** thank you to **Butch and Corkie Guerra** for the many beautiful photos they selflessly capture. Their dedication allows us to preserve and share these special moments. All photos can be viewed and downloaded from the OLMC website via Flickr. The Knights of Columbus remain steadfast as Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism, and Defense of the Priesthood. Vivat Jesus!**



### Prayer to Mary Queen of the Knights

*Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to the pledge to extend the kingship of thy Divine Son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues, which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.*

### **SEPTEMBER 11th PATRIOT DAY!**



On September 11, 2001, at 08:45 on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors. As the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway, *television cameras and commentary coverage initially lead this scene to appear as a freak accident.* Then, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767—United Airlines Flight 175—appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center and sliced into the south tower near the 60th floor. The collision caused a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and the streets below. America was under attack!

*Dear Lord,*

*Please hold those families who lost someone in the horrific terrorist attacks of 9/11 carefully in the palm of your hand always, especially this time of year. Please welcome those lost into your kingdom. Hold them close to you, now and forever. Guide those who have and continue to serve and protect our country in order for us to experience the blessing of freedom. Give them the wisdom, courage and protection they need. We especially pray for all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the price of our freedom. Amen.*

### **What is the Association with Columbus?**

The Genoan explorer who discovered the New World in the 15th century believed from early on that it was his destiny to carry the Gospel of Christ across the water. The Catholic Columbus, whose first name means "Christ Bearer," is almost universally regarded as a national hero. It was for these reasons and more that in 1882 he was chosen as the patron for the Knights of Columbus. This allowed the Knights to remind the entire country of the Catholic roots of the New World. It also highlighted the truth that Catholics can also be good citizens – a view not widely held in the late 1800s.

### **KEEP IN PRAYER**

Elizabeth Ramon & Family	Doug Bremar
Javier Ramirez & Family	Fred Ruiz
Gary Moore, Sr	J.T. Buice
Kaye McCarty	Baltezar Palocios
Samantha Voce	Everett Pallotti
Annabella Farias	CPT Reyna Ryan
Leo Farias	Amy Laughter
Sam Hernandez	Eddie Rojas
Benjamin Henry Walker VI	Bev Cox & Family
Teachers and Students	Msgr McGowan



### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK:**

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the Troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.*

*Amen.*

September 11th



# KNIGHTS DECLARE SEPTEMBER 11th A 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE'

The Knights of Columbus called on all people of faith to observe Sept. 11, 2025, as a "World Day of Prayer for Peace." The Knights began observance of a World Day of Prayer for Peace in 2004 with a resolution passed at the Order's annual convention.

A full page ad in the *New York Times* on September 11 brought a simple message to more than a million people with the words: "September 11th: A day to pray for peace and those working to achieve it."

"As we pray for peace on Sept. 11, we not only honor the memory of those who were killed that day five years ago, but also in a special way all the brave men and women of the military who have sacrificed so much, even their very lives, to bring about true peace rooted in justice," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson "Faced with a situation in the Middle East where peace seems ever more elusive, now more than ever we must 'implore from God the precious gift of peace' as Pope Benedict has encouraged all believers to do."

The Knights of Columbus was one of the first organizations to provide financial assistance to the families of the fallen emergency personnel. Within two days of the attacks in 2001, the Knights began providing checks of \$3,000 – for immediate needs – to family members of emergency workers who lost their lives in the attacks, regardless of their religious affiliation. Ultimately more than \$1.49 million was disbursed – with a minimum of red tape – to wives and children of police, fire and other emergency workers. Recipients would later receive a second check for more than \$500.

The Knights has marked each subsequent anniversary of 9/11 with special events. In 2002, a memorial Mass was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. to honor and pray for those killed. In 2003, a September 11 exhibit was unveiled at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Conn. And since 2004, the Knights of Columbus has called on its members and all people of faith to recognize the day as the "World Day of Prayer for Peace."

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE' SEPTEMBER 11th

*God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:*

*peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred, and who justify killing in the name of religion.*

*events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among the nations and in the hearts of all. Amen.*

*God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible*

*-Pope Francis  
Prayer Service at Ground Zero*



Most Rev. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD  
 Bishop, Diocese of Corpus Christi  
 Cordially invites you to the

24th Annual

# DIOCESAN Blue Mass

Saturday, September 20, 2025  
 Most Precious Blood Catholic Church at 4:30 PM  
 Awards and banquet after Mass in parish hall  
 3502 Saratoga Blvd.  
 Corpus Christi, Texas

Keynote Speaker  
 SK Ruben "Radar" Rodriguez  
 Retired NCSO & CBP

*Honoring and Remembering those in the "Public Safety Field"*

*Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #2987*

*More Info: (361)833-0157*



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# October 2025 Clergy and Religious Appreciation Banquet



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Trustee for 3 years..... Jack McCarty  
Lecture..... Javier Ramirez-Santiago

*We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to the religious priests, deacons and sisters and all clergy who influenced the lives of those around them for the better and may God reward all of you a hundredfold for the kindness you have shown to us!*

**Family Director Rob Jaska extends heartfelt thanks** to everyone who volunteered during the August “Family” events! We gathered for a **Potluck Feast**, celebrating the example of Blessed Father McGivney, whose spirit of brotherly service continues to inspire deeper fellowship within our parish. Families also enjoyed an **Interactive Rosary**, where young children had the chance to discover the beauty of prayer—especially the importance of the Rosary—followed by a joyful **Ice Cream Social**. To close the month, we shared a wonderful **Family Movie Night**, bringing faith and fellowship together in a spirit of joy. May God continue to strengthen us as we encourage and affirm the central importance of Catholic family life in our parish community!

**Potluck**



**Doughnuts**



**Rosary**



# RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE



***Knight of the Month of July  
Sam Hernandez***



***Knight Family of the Month July  
Alfredo "Freddy" and Sandra Aleman***

In recognition of outstanding excellence, superior performance, accomplishment and dedication in recognition of the distinguished honor of the Knights of Columbus core values of:

**CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM**



# COMING IN OCTOBER!

In lieu of Ladies Night Out, we will be having the annual A.J. Cessac Shrimp Boil on Saturday, October 19th. The festivity will be at the Parish Hall immediately after the 6 p.m. Vigil Mass. It is an annual event of good Cajun food, fun, and , remembering and honoring its founder departed Brother A.J. Menu: Boil (shrimp, sausage, corn, new potatoes, and onions), fried fish, creole gumbo over steamed rice, slaw, hush puppies, desserts. Your attendance will contribute to the success of this event and you will enjoy it.

**THINGS ARE GONNA GET SPICY!**

*Come and enjoy tails, corn, potatoes, and much more...*

*Members, family member guests invited.*



## **A.J. CESSAC SHRIMP BOIL**

**THE PINCHING BEGINS AT 7PM!**

**\$20 PER PERSON**

**(CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE)**

**RESERVATIONS:**

**BETO MARTINEZ (361)537-8973**

**ROB JASKA (832)788-7965**

*A time to remember honoree and brother, Sir Knight A.J. Cessac*





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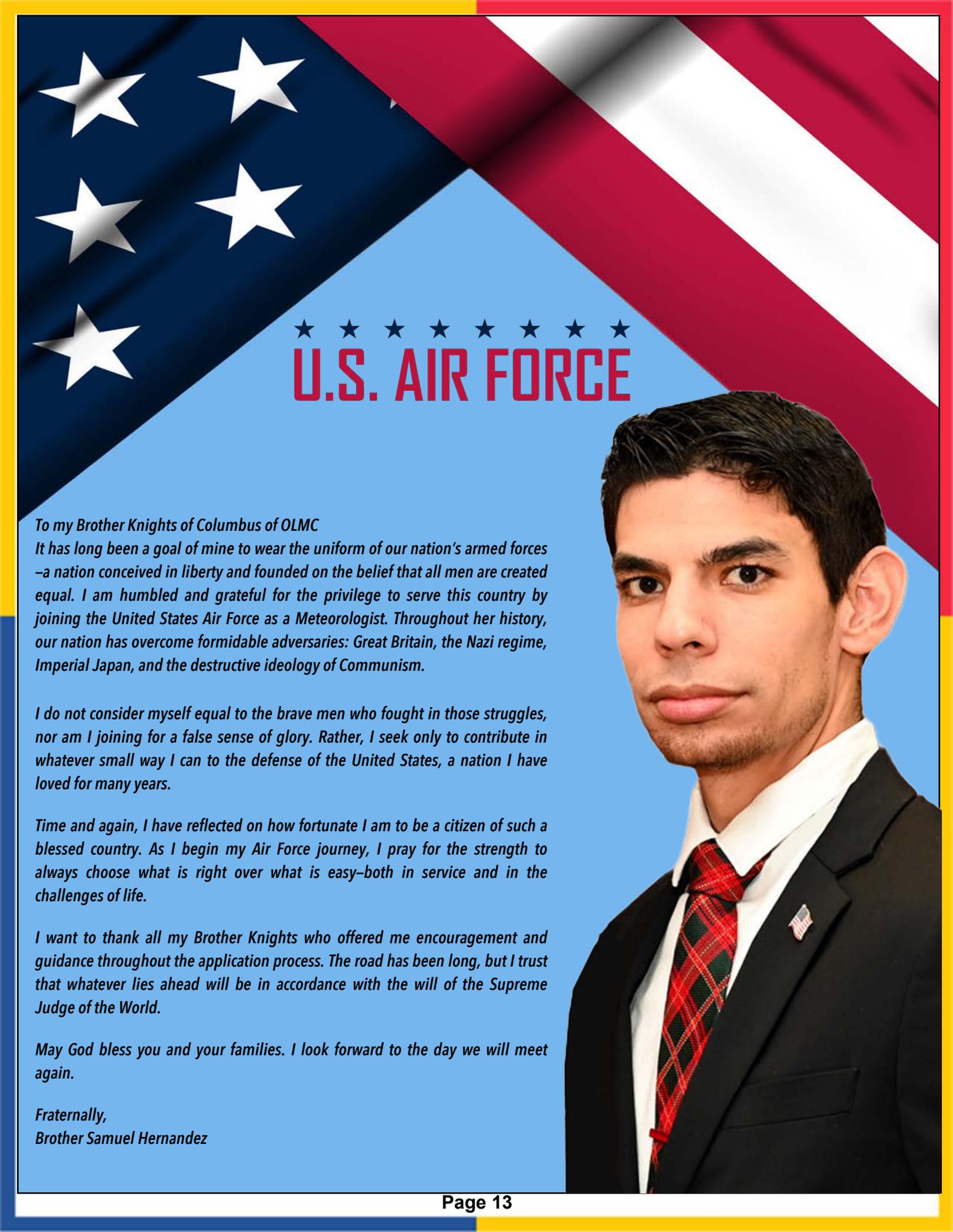
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**OCT. 11 FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM**

**ORDER FROM ANY KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ON SEPT. 19 AT PARISH HALL 5PM TO 7PM. THE KNIGHTS WILL ALSO BE SELLING AFTER ALL MASSES. ORDERS CAN ALSO BE PLACED VIA PHONE (361) 633-7500.**

**IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6413**



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**U.S. AIR FORCE**

*To my Brother Knights of Columbus of OLMC*

*It has long been a goal of mine to wear the uniform of our nation's armed forces—a nation conceived in liberty and founded on the belief that all men are created equal. I am humbled and grateful for the privilege to serve this country by joining the United States Air Force as a Meteorologist. Throughout her history, our nation has overcome formidable adversaries: Great Britain, the Nazi regime, Imperial Japan, and the destructive ideology of Communism.*

*I do not consider myself equal to the brave men who fought in those struggles, nor am I joining for a false sense of glory. Rather, I seek only to contribute in whatever small way I can to the defense of the United States, a nation I have loved for many years.*

*Time and again, I have reflected on how fortunate I am to be a citizen of such a blessed country. As I begin my Air Force journey, I pray for the strength to always choose what is right over what is easy—both in service and in the challenges of life.*

*I want to thank all my Brother Knights who offered me encouragement and guidance throughout the application process. The road has been long, but I trust that whatever lies ahead will be in accordance with the will of the Supreme Judge of the World.*

*May God bless you and your families. I look forward to the day we will meet again.*

*Fraternally,  
Brother Samuel Hernandez*



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## RESOURCEFUL LINKS RELATED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Corpus Christi "Area Chapter" Knights of Columbus: [www.corpuschristikofc.com](http://www.corpuschristikofc.com)

Corpus Christi Area Chapter Knights of Columbus "Flicker": [www.flickr.com/photos/ccdiochapter.org](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ccdiochapter.org)

Knights of Columbus Texas Sate Council: [www.tkofc.org](http://www.tkofc.org)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish: [www.olmcportland.com](http://www.olmcportland.com)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Flicker: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/olmcportlandtx/>

Our Lady of Mount Carmel KofC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/151836355364>

### **KNIGHT LINE SUBMISSION:**

We want to hear from you! Please submit your input to the Knight Line Newsletter. Please send to kofc@olmcportland.com no later than the 20th of the month. Requirements for submitting pictures:

-All pictures "MUST" be at least 1MB or larger in file size.

-Pictures must be related to Knights of Columbus event(s).

-A caption of the picture being submitted must be included.

-Only exception to cell phone pictures is, if your cell phone takes pictures in HD of 1MB or larger.

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