



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:

Keep Christ in Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

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:

My brother Knights,

As we have begun this season of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord into our world and into our hearts, I hope this season finds you and your loved ones safe in the love and grace of God. Just a couple of reminders, we will be putting up Christmas lights at the church on Saturday the 19th and we can use all the capable hands available.

The real purpose of this message is to help us recall that, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, begins the Year of Mercy. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis asked all Catholics through the world to make the upcoming year a year of mercy to all peoples, especially to those in war torn countries. We are blessed to live in a country of freedom and peace due in large part to our men and women in uniform. Let us remember all those service men and women who will not share their holidays with their loved ones due to their service to our country. Let us keep in our daily prayers, sincere prayers of love and mercy for those who work for peace and justice that our world may know mercy.

I wish and pray that this holy season of Advent and Christmas, and this year of mercy is a time filled with love and happiness for you and your families. Rest assured you will all remain in my daily prayers, and I hope I remain in yours.

God Bless
Fr. Jim

Insurance Update from our Agent Brian Hyek

Got \$730K saved for nursing care? Dementia could cost that much

[Jayne O'Donnell](#) and [Laura Ungar](#), USAToday 9:45 a.m. EDT October 16, 2015

People with dementia — especially those with Alzheimer's disease — often live for years after reaching the point where they need 24-hour care, leaving families in an emotional, financial and logistical quagmire.

Randy and Mary Kaump of Hamden, Conn., know this all too well. Randy's mother, Janis, just passed her 97th birthday in her \$13,000-a-month nursing home room. She was diagnosed with senile dementia about four years ago, and her varied types of care since then have totaled about \$400,000, which depleted her savings and about \$100,000 of the couple's.

"You feel like you're responsible because they raised you, so you owe it to them to take care of them in old age," says Randy Kaump, an obstetrician/gynecologist. "But it can be hard to deal with when we have our own kids and careers."

Baby Boomers are increasingly faced with supporting both their children and their parents, or at least helping to figure out how their parents can best help themselves. Senior citizens with heart disease and cancers that were once a death sentence are now living far longer. And as Randy Kaump notes, "Almost everyone becomes demented if they live long enough."

For some, while the brain is deteriorating, the rest of the body is often fairly healthy, says Bari Lewis, director of community outreach for the Kentucky and Southern Indiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Once they can no longer be trusted to handle their medications or meals on their own, some outside care is needed, but Lewis says round-the-clock care can be necessary for five to eight years. At a median annual cost of \$91,250 for a private nursing home room, according to Genworth Financial's 2015 Cost of Care study, that can add up to \$456,250 for five years and \$730,000 for eight.

Medicare doesn't pay for long-term nursing home care, and even short-term rehab stays are often cut short long before they should be, says Judy Stein, founder and executive director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy. She blames both nursing homes that rush patients out — saying they aren't progressing with physical therapy, for example — and the independent contractors who handle coverage decisions for Medicare.

"If you have any relatively long-term care needs, Medicare contractors regularly deny coverage," Stein says.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2015/10/15/assisted-living-elder-care-nursing-home-long-term-health-insurance-medicare/73202940/>

Bar Crew Members Needed

Calling all Brother Knights we are looking to energize our bar crew staff, and add some new teams for the upcoming year. If you are interested please come to the bar meeting at the hall on January 14th 2016. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7. Look forward to seeing all at the meeting.

St Vincent De Paul Toy Drive

Brothers,

As many of you know St Vincent's hosts a toy drive for the less fortunate children of our parish. Every year St. Helen's shows their extraordinary generosity in donating of toys for this event. Please consider donating an unwrapped toy to this worthy cause. We will be excepting toys in the middle school building on Sunday Dec 20 from 8 to 12. Even if you didn't grab a tag at last week's mass, please consider bringing a toy to support this cause. We are always in need. Please consider toys for older children (ages 8 to 12) as these age groups are least donated to.

Thank you,
Dustin Meyer

Gun Raffle

Brothers,

Tickets are on sale for this year's gun raffle. Tickets are being sold every Saturday at Bass Pro Shop or buy them at the meeting on the 15th.

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.

Dec 19th: Missal and Prayer Reading

Today will be our next missal reading study and prayer meeting. We will meet in the morning from 7:30 to 9 in the back meeting building. 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.

Dec 19th: St Helen's Christmas Lighting

Come join your fellow parishioners to help put up the Christmas lights for the church. We will meet in the Braden Center at 8 am to help string up the gorgeous lights that will decorate the church during this holy season. Bring your family and join in the fun!

Dec 20th: 50th Wedding Anniversary

Are you and your spouse celebrating your 50th (married in 1965) wedding anniversary this year? His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be celebrating this golden occasion with a special celebration mass in December of this year. The 50th gold anniversary mass will be celebrated on December 20th at 3 pm at the co-cathedral in downtown Houston. You must register for this event by going to www.familylifeministryhouston.org/wedding-anniversary-jubilee.html

Dec 23rd: St Helen's Christmas Decorating

Come join the Church to help decorate for Christmas day. Any amount of time would be appreciated. The decorating will begin at 9 am.

Dec 25th: Merry Christmas!!

Merry Christmas to everyone in our council and to all your families! My Christ bless you all this holy season.

Jan 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.

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.

			BAR	DUTY	2015			
	LARGE	SMALL	EVENT	TIME	GUEST	SECU.	BAR - C	CLEAN
December								
12/13/15	X		Xmas Party	12PM-8PM	200	0	0	FULL
12/19/15	X		Xmas Party	7PM-12AM	200	2	X	FULL
12/19/15								
12/20/15	X		Forg Angel	12PM-5PM	300	0	0	FULL
12/26/15								
12/26/15								
January								
01/02/16								
01/02/16								
01/09/16	X		Wedding	3PM-8PM	200	2	8	FULL
01/09/16								
01/16/16								
01/16/16		X	Anniv.	4PM-9PM	100	0	10	FULL
01/23/16	X		Wedding	5PM-12AM	400	2	1	FULL
01/23/16		X	Wedding	3PM-8PM	75	0	1	FULL
01/24/16		X	Baby Show	12PM-4PM	128	0	0	FULL
01/28/16	X	X	P Cof C	5PM-12AM	475	0	0	FULL
01/30/16	X	X	Lighthouse	5PM-12AM	600	3	X	FULL