



# ***The Knight Light*** -Knights of Columbus

Official Newsletter of Father  
Eugene Heyck Council

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*"We are Knights of Columbus, go out and make a positive difference"*

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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:**

I love Corporate Communion Sunday!

This past Sunday was no spoiler. We had a great turnout of Knights, Catholic Daughters, Squires and families. Processing into mass with the 4th Degree's swords drawn is extremely impressive.

As always, Fr. Jim spoke highly of the Knights and thanked us for the things we do in the parish. Hopefully we caught the eye of some potential new members! Afterwards we had a fantastic breakfast at the hall. The meal was prepared by Lloyd Stephens and crew.

Great Job guys!

God Bless,

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](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

The following is a motion to allow our Grand Knight to sign a lease agreement with the Home Association of our council to separate our council from the hall itself. The officers of the council have voted to allow this arrangement to occur. There will be a council wide vote at the next general meeting. The terms of Use Agreement is not attached here in the newsletter to save space, but if you would like to obtain a copy of it before the vote in the next meeting please contact an officer of the council. If you have any questions, please contact our Grand Knight Ralph Aulds Jr at 281-788-7636.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING GRAND KNIGHT OF  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. EUGENE HEYCK  
COUNCIL 8960 TO SIGN TERMS OF USE  
AGREEMENT AND CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION  
AGREEMENT**

Held at Pearland Home Association on 09/15/2015 at 7:30pm.

Present: A quorum of Knights of Columbus Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960.

**ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** a majority of the members present at the council's regular business meeting authorize the Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 to sign the attached Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 and its members.

**From the Desk of our Chaplain Father Jim:**

My brother Knights,

First a sincere word of thanks to you all for the great attendance at the Corporate communion this past Sunday. Your presence as a body of devoted and prayerful men is a tremendous witness to our entire parish family. I also want to thank all my brother Knights who worked last Saturday, August 22nd, to make our Altar Appreciation luncheon such a success. We had over 100 people attend this training session and our Knights fed all these folks with a smile and burgers and hot dogs...you all are the best....THANK YOU!!!!

Also I wanted to let you all know Mr. David Hust is a seminarian that has been assigned to live and work at Saint Helen for the next school year. I will formally introduce him when he arrives, which will be later in this month. Let us make him feel welcome. The first thing I will do is check and see if he is a fellow Knight!

Also a piece of great news! The Joseph A. Fiorenza Home for Retired priest is now complete...the priests have moved in with the help of Saint Thomas High School young men. It will be dedicated by the Cardinal on Saturday, September 12th and I will report on that to you all at the next meeting.

A note of interest to all our parishioners here at Saint Helen. On the weekend of September 5th and 6th I will be giving the annual financial report to the parish, and it is a very healthy one. On the following weekend we hope to unveil the Master plan for the years to come....it is quite an undertaking and the plans have been under way with a Vision Committee for about 9 years....heads up!

Also another note of interest, the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston has assigned to us a missionary who will speak to us about the missions and make a mission appeal. His name is Fr. Joy James and he will be speaking at all the masses the weekend of September 19th and 20th. This should be a very interesting and informative talk.

I hope that all my brother Knights had a chance to enjoy some time of fun and relaxation with family and friends. Lastly I want to thank all those Knights who prayed for the success of our Pilgrimage this summer "The Footsteps of Saint Paul". It was a great trip for all and the brother Knights who joined us all had a good time and some even did behave...sometimes!!!!

God Bless

Fr. Jim

## **Insurance Update from our Agent Brian Hyek**

### **"Annuities Gain Popularity as Baby Boomers Age"**

*USA Today (08/22/15) Wiles, Russ*

Six-plus years into a rising stock market, many Americans continue to crave financial certainty and shun risk, which helps to explain why annuity sales have held up so well. It's not just the stock-market backdrop that makes solid annuity sales interesting — it's also the low interest rates. More investors are buying annuities even though they're paying some of the slimmest yields in decades.

“Normally, declining rates hold down sales of interest-sensitive products,” noted LIMRA commenting on a 3 percent rise in annuity sales in 2014. Here are other factors that help explain the improved popularity of annuities, including conservative products: If you think interest rates will rise, it's smart to delay buying a fixed-rate annuity so that you can lock in a higher yield later.

But after years of low interest rates, it's not a certainty that rates will budge by much anytime soon. Besides, the Fed's influence is focused on short-term rates such as those affecting money-market yields and credit card interest rates.

Annuity yields are more likely to reflect intermediate-term interest rates, as these investments are backed by the bond portfolios held by insurance companies, noted Andrew Murdoch, senior vice president of AnnuityFYI.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/08/22/annuities-gain-popularity-baby-boomers-age/31486595/>

## **News from Our Communication's Director**

Hopefully many of you have visited our new website at <http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=8960> You can also access the website from the links on the buttons in every email you receive from the council. The good news is we are almost complete in getting a better address so look for that soon.

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](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com) with your questions. I have been told that some members are still not receiving council emails. If you know someone that is not getting them, please email me.

If you have missed any previous newsletters, our newsletters are being archived there for viewing.

Thank you,  
Dustin Meyer

### **Happy Ordination Day Father Jim!**

Our Chaplain Father Jim will be celebrating the anniversary of his 41<sup>st</sup> ordination on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>!

### **Sept 12th: The Joseph A Fiorenza Priest Retirement Home Dedication**

The Joseph A. Fiorenza Home for Retired priest is now complete...the priests have moved in with the help of Saint Thomas High School young men. It will be dedicated by the Cardinal on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sept 19: Houston Walk/Run for Life**

The Houston Coalition for Life is raising funds to support their mobile crisis pregnancy buses that have over a 90% success rate of helping women choose life for their unborn baby. There will be a run/walk at All Saints Church (215 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street Houston, TX 77003) from 8 am to 11 am in support of this worthy cause. If you are interested in supporting this effort go to [www.houstoncoalition.com](http://www.houstoncoalition.com) and sign up.

### **Sept 19th: Missal Reading**

Saturday Sept 19, 2015 will be our next missal reading study and prayer meeting. We will meet Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 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 question, please contact Michael Rodriguez at 713-885-1274

### **Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Nov 1st: 40 Days for Life**

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> marks the beginning of the Houston 40 Days for Life. Come help save a life by standing in witness to the dignity and incredible worth of every single individual born and unborn. Join the Houston Coalition for Life Monday thru Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM or Saturday from 6:30AM to 3PM on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (4600 Gulf Freeway). In light of all the recent atrocities that have come out about Planned Parenthood, it is a perfect time to pray for the unborn and women who have to make these difficult decisions. Hopefully through this event we can help to save many unborn lives.

### **Oct 3rd: Pro Life Rosary in the Prayer Garden**

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.

### **Oct 9 2015 Charity Golf Tournament**

Join us for our annual charity golf tournament that will be held at Clear Creek Golf Course (3902 Fellows Rd Houston TX 77047). Entry is \$100 per player and includes range balls, door prizes, goodie bags and lunch. Check in will be from 6:30 to 7:30 AM with an 8AM shotgun start. Contact Patrick Aulds at (281) 513-0110 for more information.

### **Oct 18th VA Visitation**

Our next VA visitation will be on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. Join us in support of our veterans.

### **Oct 30: Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw**

The Ralph Aulds Sr Reverse Draw Tickets are on sale! We will be starting to distribute them at the general meeting and they will be available for purchase starting this coming week. Contact Dick Schock or Dustin Meyer for more information. We will be distributing flyers with contact information for the event very shortly. Stay tuned for announcements.

### **New AC Units at the Hall**

The new AC Units have been installed. Thanks to all our Brother Knights who assisted in this endeavor.

### **E-mail Addresses**

If you are still receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, we are asking that you provide us with your e-mail address if you have one available. Postage is continuing to go up and we are trying to save money. The council also provides other announcements via e-mail that are not included in the monthly newsletter. Also, please let us know if you have changed your e-mail address. You can send your new or updated e-mail address to [kofc8960@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8960@gmail.com)

### **HALL SITTERS NEEDED**

We are still in need of “hall sitters” on weekends and this job is one of the easiest we have in the council. We need Brothers to be at the hall during the setup of events and answer a few questions or pick up a possible phone call. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Novak at 281-485-8960 and leave your name and number.