



# 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:

My Brothers,

As this will be my last writing as your Grand Knight, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the wonderful experience you have granted me.

To represent you has been an honor. To be a part of you is a blessing. Over the last year, it has been a real pleasure to associate with so many good people. Some of you I have known for years and cherish your friendship. Others, I have just recently met and look forward to building new friendships. The kindness you have shown me and my family is deeply appreciated.

Brothers we are, Brothers we'll be! The other officers of our council have been a tremendous asset to me. They have devoted countless hours of their time, support and leadership. I cannot give them enough praise. I ask that you continue your support for our newly elected officer's as you have so faithfully done in the past.

I hope that with the new fiscal year you will find new inspiration and motivation. Find a program that interests you and become involved. Even though we have accomplished so much, we can do more. Be proud of what we have done, but don't be content.

I look forward to sitting beside you in future meetings, shouting "shake em up" during the good of the order, and building our support of the Church, the Parish and Charity. Remember, we are the Knights of Columbus. Go out and make a positive difference!

May God bless you and those you love,  
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)

## **Pastor's Message from Father Jim**

My brother Knights,

As usual I am overwhelmed at your dedication and generosity which was so evident these past two weeks. Fr. Reggie had been our chaplain for many years and as he celebrated his 50 years of priesthood, you, my brother Knights went above and beyond the call of duty to make this a special celebration for Fr. Reggie. The Dinner on the 21st was outstanding and first class in every way. The attendance at the mass he celebrated at Saint Helen was truly impressive and heartfelt, especially with all of our Fourth degree in full regalia. I cannot tell you how proud and thankful I am that all of you made this celebration such a great memory for Fr. Reggie. Fr. Reggie certainly appreciated it and was deeply moved, as was I. Thank You!

Just a reminder, as if you have not heard enough already....Our Bazaar is next weekend....June 12th and I know that we will have lots of brother Knights helping with set up, working that day and with clean up. Let us all look forward to working together and making this 50th Bazaar one to truly remember. If you have any questions or input...our chairpersons this year are Gilbert and Pam Rodarte.

Please keep in your prayers the young men who were ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston on Saturday, June 4th. Let us also pray for the "bumper crop" of new seminarians which we have entering the seminary in August and let us of course pray for those currently in the Seminary.

I ask you also to keep in mind that our Capital Campaign is in full swing. We are approaching the \$3 million dollar mark in pledges. Construction has begun on the existing classrooms, with full crews beginning to work the day after the Bazaar. Great things are happening at Saint Helen...let us give thanks to God. If you have not made a pledge yet or would like more information please call the office and talk with me....I will be glad to share the exciting news with you.

God bless America, God Bless you and God bless our parish of Saint Helen.

Fr. Jim

# **Resolution**

**Whereas** the Knights of Columbus Fr. Eugene Hyeck Council

#8960 wishes to show its continued support for St Helen

Catholic Church;

**Whereas** St Helen Catholic Church is undergoing a capital

improvement campaign to fund much need facility

improvements;

**Whereas** the Board of Elected Officers of Council #8960 have

voted and approved to support said campaign with a

contribution of \$30,000 to be spread evenly over the three

years campaign.

**Whereas** the Board of Elected Officers of Council #8960 has

voted and approved to make an initial payment of \$10,000

from budgeted funds in fiscal year ending June 31, 2016;

**Whereas** the Board of Elected Officers of Council #8960 has

voted and approved that Council approve by Resolution that

funds be budgeted the next two fiscal years for two additional

contributions of \$10,000 each

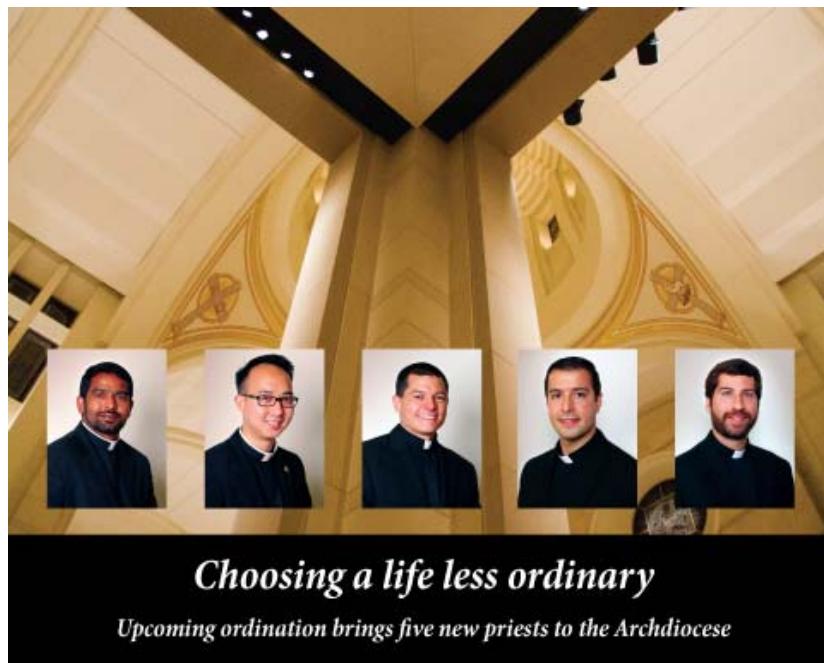
**ON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED, BE IT**

**RESOLVED THAT** a majority of the members present at the

council's regular meeting on July 19, 2016 approve and direct

the Board of Elected Officers to facilitate such action.

**Let us pray for our newly ordained priests and deacons.**



Deacons David Bilavendiran, Augustin-Khôi Duy Lê, Preston Quintela, Nicolas Ramirez and Clark Sample were ordained into the priesthood at 10 a.m. on June 4 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy. in downtown Houston.



The Ordination of Transitional Deacons, held Saturday, May 14, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, brought three men a step closer to the priesthood. Michael Applegate, Michael McFall and Truong Son Cao Nguyen were ordained to the Sacred Order of Diaconate through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza.

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

### ***LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle***

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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## **St Helen Parishioners Going to the Holy Land**

On June 14th – June 25th Several Parishioners from St Helen's will be departing for a two week trip to the Holy Land to pray at the holy shrines and basilicas there. Around 30 parishioners, many who are Brother Knights and Catholic Daughters, will be making this journey with Father Edmund Eduarte from St Joseph's in Baytown. Please pray for all those who are making this pilgrimage.

## Vocations

20 new seminarians are coming in to our Diocese.

Our new seminarian for St. Helen is Jose Alonso. He will be coming to us in September.

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 St. Helen advocate for more people to come together to pray for vocations. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed when people pray fervently, vocations flourish. Cardinal DeNardo 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](http://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

## Capital Campaign News

As I am sure most of you have heard by now, St Helen's will be making some significant changes to the parish facilities and the school. Construction on the school is already underway. If you have not done so already, please take the time to consider your sacrifice for the future of our Church Family. We have over \$3 million in pledges made to date but we are still well short of the \$11 million cost of the campaign. Any amount you and your family can contribute would be most helpful. We need the support of every family in the parish to make this campaign a success.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are opportunities available. Contact Daryl Thomas at the church office or at 281-485-9088. Thank you for everyone who has made this campaign a success so far.

Dustin and Laura Meyer –  
Capital Campaign Committee Members

## **Squires Corner**

During May the Squires have been very busy in many ways besides advancing to another grade in school. 20 Squires with 5 Counselors and 15 parents, all put together a very successful pancake breakfast at St. Helen's. We are very grateful to Father Jim and Father Hieu for their support and encouragement and all of St. Helen's parish. The Squires are preparing to attend the Squire State Convention coming up this month on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our Circle is proud to have one our Squires Ty Arredondo serving on the State Level who is ready to attend. Lastly the Circle 3437 elections are also taking place this month, so we are looking for all the Squires to attend the meeting.

Esto Dignes,  
AL Stryk,  
Chief Counselor.

## **Attention Texas Aggies**

Some of you may know Father David Konderla who has been the longest serving priest at St Mary's Catholic Church in College Station. The church is located a block from the A&M campus. He has served as the pastor and director of Campus Ministry, St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas since 2005. Pope Francis has named Father David as bishop of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and accepted the resignation of Bishop Edward Slattery, 75, from the pastoral governance of that diocese.

Join all the Aggies of the past decade in congratulating Fr. David on his new position as bishop and pray for his continued wellbeing and success in his new role! He will be ordained and installed on June 29 at Holy Family Cathedral.

Read the full article on the usccb's website <http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-055e.cfm>

## **Council Elections**

This month we will be holding our annual elections during the general meeting. Make sure to attend and vote on the leadership for our council. It's your voice that keeps our council running as efficiently as it does. Come out this month and vote.

## **Scholarships**

### **Scholarship Recipients**

The Scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the following students were awarded scholarships this year: Charlie Maldonado, Kailey Laitkep, Rachel Rosinski, Albert Okoh, and Jake Orlando. We congratulate each of them on their achievements and service.

### **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 12th: Bazaar!**

This year's bazaar is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendar for This weekend! Come out and meet your fellow parishioners at this fun family friendly event. Don't forget to get in on the parking spots that will be auctioned off. Please note that there will not be a 5 pm mass this Sunday. If you wish to help out with this great event contact Gilbert Rodarte at 281-485-2492.

### **June 12<sup>th</sup>: Jubilee Mass for the Sick and Persons with Disabilities**

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be celebrating a jubilee mass at Corpus Christi Catholic Church for those in our diocese that are sick or disabled. The mass will be bilingual and at 5:30 pm on Sunday June 12. The church is located at 9900 Stella Link Rd. Houston, 77025 if you wish to attend.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day**

Wishing everyone a very Happy Father's Day. May you and your families enjoy a heartfelt celebration.

### **June 21st: General Meeting: Elections**

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.



## COUNCIL #8960 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2016

[PRINT THIS MONTH](#)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31	1	2 4th Degree Meeting 4th Degree Meeting	3	4 Pro-Life Rosary
5	6	7 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 St Helen Bazaar	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> Galveston/Houston Chapter Meeting	15	16	17	18 Missal Reading and Prayer
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20 1st Degree Event [Host: 12320]	21 General Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Pro-Life Rosary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Pro-Life Rosary
3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7 4th Degree Meeting 4th Degree Meeting	8	9
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