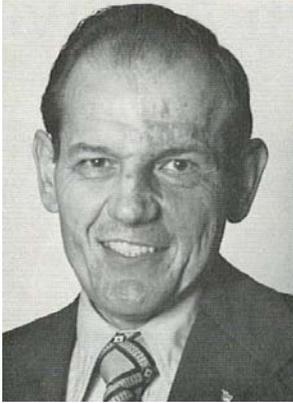


## Eugene Hogan

September 4, 1926 – April 2, 2014

(State Deputy 1977 – 1978)

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Born F. Eugene Hogan to Francis and Kathryn Hogan, Gene grew up on 4th St NE Washington, DC. He came from a family of six, sharing mom and dad with his sisters; Lorraine, Joan, and Maureen. As a youth, he went to school at St. Martins in N.E. where he was an altar boy, then onto Gonzaga High School (class of '44).

Shortly before graduation from Gonzaga, Gene enlisted in the Navy (May, 1944) along with several of his classmates. He attended training in Memphis for Aviation Radar, Radar Operations and in Miami for Aerial Gunner. Gene served 2 years, finally receiving an honorable discharge while in Washington State. Gene hitchhiked his way home!

After his tour in the Navy, Gene attended the University of Maryland, working full time while carrying a full course load and earning a degree in accounting in 1952. He also played semi-pro football for the Washington based football team "Car Credit" in the late 40's-early 50's playing against other semipro teams and also teams from the local service bases like Ft. Belvoir.

Gene met his bride-to-be Jean Welsh, at Edgewood playground in NE DC and they were married in 1948.

Gene spent his entire professional career at Washington Auto Supply, Inc. The business was started by his dad in 1939. Gene worked for his father from the outset and later joined the business on a fulltime basis when he returned from the war. He succeeded his dad as President of the company in the late 70s, remaining in that role until he retired in 1991. His sons Tim and Kevin continued the business until it closed after 69 years in 2008.

Gene joined Rock Creek Council 2797 in January, 1954, and joined the Fourth Degree in February, 1955 as a member of Washington General Assembly. In 1962, he transferred to Cardinal O'Boyle General Assembly as a Charter Member.

He was an active member of Rock Creek Council, serving as chairman of many functions and committees, including Youth, Catholic, and Fraternal Activities. He also served as General Program Chairman. Gene was elected Grand Knight for 1967-68 after serving as Warden, Chancellor, and Deputy Grand Knight. He believed in a hands-on approach. At car raffle time, for example, each member's raffle tickets were hand delivered to his home; and his entire family – wife Jean and their six children, Maureen, Karen, Susan, Tim, Tricia and Kevin -- were all involved in counting coins from the Tootsie Roll program. All three of Gene's brothers-in-law were members of Rock Creek Council as well.

From the Council, Gene moved on to serve as Treasurer of the Bishop McNamara Chapter in 1969-70. In July of 1970, then State Deputy Charles Zeunges appointed him District Deputy and he served the State Council in that capacity for two years, until elected State Advocate in 1972. In the position of State Advocate, Gene served with distinction, handling the duties of his office plus additional assignments in a very capable manner. During his term in office, in this and other State officer positions, Gene did much to promote the State Incentive Program (car raffle) to increase the amount available for scholarships and also took a prominent role in the Tootsie Roll program to assist those with developmental handicaps.

Gene assumed his duties as State Deputy, while still running the family business. With an eye towards both sets of responsibilities, he made his theme for his term as State Deputy "I am my brother's keeper," and this properly reflected his attitude towards both the Order and life in general.

Outside of the K of C, Gene enjoyed golf but remained active in his parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, as a Lector, Usher, and coach in CYO football and baseball. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Nocturnal Adoration Society, and Loyola Retreat Group.

Gene was the beloved husband of the late Jean Hogan; devoted father of Maureen Barbee, Karen Allen, Susan Pillels, Tim Hogan, Tricia Skelly and Kevin Hogan. He was also survived by his three sisters, Lorraine O'Keefe, Joan Bauk and Maureen Sullivan; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.