

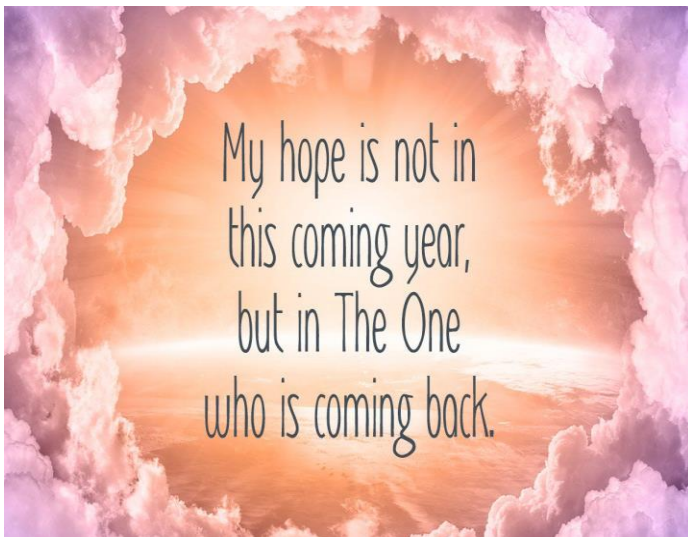
# Knights Life



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Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Duncanville, Tx,

## The New Year - 2022



Let us begin with renewed hope and much prayer that the coming New Year finds us on our knees and back into the arms of Jesus with His Gospel at the center of the human heart for ‘our sake and our salvation’ where it belongs.

“A generation comes, and a generation goes, but the earth remains forever. “The sun rises and the sun goes down and hastens back to where it rises.”

For the past 2,000 years, Christians have known that our main task in this brief earthly life is the transformation and salvation of souls: our own soul, all souls; the souls of the poor, middle and upper classes, the souls of all colors and races, the souls of both genders, the souls of the young and the old, and the souls of the infirm and healthy. None of us are sin free, and none because of their race or social position is beyond redemption. We stand for justice and mercy, not revenge and hatred.

“Lay not upon for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But store up treasure in heaven.”

We are at once inside the “world” yet outside of it. St. Peter said we are pilgrims and strangers. The New Year is a good time to ask: what do we as pilgrims and strangers want while here on earth? What is the connection between the lives of a persons, their work, and their viewpoint on the ever changing political and cultural landscape each generation must face? What do love, freedom, worship and health really mean? What does the union of man and woman in marriage really mean? What are the essential human values and why is the sanctity of human life fundamental to our

existence? We do not entertain an excessive fear of death because the price of eternal life has already been paid. We fight for the truth of the Gospel which has already answered these questions. However, God did not create us like animals who live by instinct. We have a “freedom to choose” to speak. Why would a believing and practicing Christian have to choose between Christ and the truth as if they are opposed? Jesus, for Christians, is the “Truth; as well as the Way and the Life. God is at once the Creator, the Redeemer and the Revealer of all Truth (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Jesus is the very basis of existence and morality in a world paying the price for trying to live without God.

For those who think they are caught between a disappearing and utopian past and a modern-day anxious and frightful future, come back to Jesus; He has a happier and everlasting future awaiting you. “[N]ow the spirit expressively says that in the later days some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared.”

Mankind is social. We exist in humble relationship to God and to each other. What we understand about those relations, how seriously we take them and our work for the common good shapes our viewpoints and character. No philosopher, scientist, artist, politician or military conqueror can take it from us, if we follow commandments in word and deed. Reality can be ignored only for so long because it has a way of reminding us, often with severe consequences, when we do. Today, for many, “science” is the new god with technology as

its main sacrament. But just thinking something is true doesn’t make it so. One may think he is a bird “trapped” in a human body, but try flying with human arms and see how high you soar!

We Knights of Columbus believe in upholding the Culture of Life. It is a practice of supporting life from the ‘womb to the tomb.’ A culture of love and support for those at the dawn of life – the yet born and the newly born; children before the age of reason; the infirm; those who are elderly and in the twilight of life; and all who are suffering and deprived of humanity. We believe all Christians must be involved in the salvation of souls throughout the world. We believe in living by example to spread the Gospel of Christ through knowledge of scripture, church tradition and especially through works of charity to our fellow man. We believe in these ways and that the New Year will truly be a year of renewal of our faith and renewed victories in the fight for the salvation of souls.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

Ref: Ecclesiastes 1:4-5

Matthew 6:19-20

I Peter 2:11

John 14:6

I Timothy 4:1-2

Wendell Jeanpierre Lecturer January, 2022

# About our Council

## Council Monthly Meetings

General Meeting every 1st Tuesday 7:00pm  
Officer's & Directors every 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm

## Postal address and meeting location

1111 W Danieldale Rd. Dining Room  
Duncanville Tx, 75116 USA  
972-298-4971

## KC District 86 - Assembly 2799

The council Officers listed below were officially installed for their 2nd term in office on July 6, 2021. Their term runs through June 2022

<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Fr. Steve</b>
<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Jorge Ruiz</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	<b>Jim Russell</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Mike Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Ramon Presas</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>James Smith</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>John Espree</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Efrain Ochoa</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Steve Reid</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Peter Perta</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Russell Gully</b>
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Tom Greco</b>
	<b>David Dybala</b>
	<b>Allen Reitmeier</b>

## Service Program Directors

<b>Awareness Committee</b>	<b>Jorge Ruiz</b>
<b>Concessions</b>	<b>Allen Reitmeier</b>
<b>Church Activities</b>	<b>James Smith</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>David Dybala</b>
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Al Evans</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>Mike Moloughney</b>
<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>Mike Moloughney</b>
<b>Knight Hands</b>	<b>Allen Reitmeier</b>

<b>Retention</b>	<b>Allen Reitmeier</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Jim Kowalski</b>
<b>Council Activities</b>	<b>Jorge Ruiz</b>
<b>Disaster Preparedness</b>	<b>Wendell Jeanpierre</b>
<b>Degree Team</b>	<b>Tom Greco</b>
<b>Sacramental Gifts</b>	<b>Keith Archer</b>
<b>Safe Environment</b>	<b>Jorge Ruiz</b>
<b>Health Activities</b>	<b>Robert Nieto</b>

## Knights Life Newsletter

Our Newsletter is published quarterly. The Newsletter is delivered electronically to your email address and is posted on our website. If you would like to receive a paper copy, they are available at the general meeting.

**Newsletter Editor and Publisher** Allen Reitmeier

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## Council Website

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<b>Website Editor</b>	Jorge Ruiz
<b>Website Admins</b>	Jorge Ruiz

## Email Communications

Emails are sent to our members on a regular basis. Make sure you add the email address below to your contact list so our emails do not go to you junk/span folder.

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## Membership Rosters

A full member ship roster is available in paper form to all Knights in good standing at the general meeting

## **Knight of the Month Oct 2021**



### **Joe Cuellar**

Maybe it's time to restart the Holy Spirit softball team (remember that outfit, Patrick Stepniewski?). We'd have a potential ringer in Joe. After

graduating from Oliver Wendell Holmes High in San Antonio in 1983, he went on to two-year Howard College in Big Spring on a baseball scholarship to play third base and finished up playing for the University of the Incarnate Word back in his hometown. Joe and wife Teresa, married 36 years, came up to our area when he was transferred by Office Depot. He's now an operations manager for Pegasus Appliance Repair in Dallas. The Cuellars live in Cedar Hill and have one child and one grandchild; Bianca Camacho-Terrazas and her husband, Nick, have a 2-month-old daughter, Ila Brooke, and live in Duncanville. Joe joined the council in March 2005 at the request of Jim Kowalski, who successfully cornered him at the parish's fall festival. Joe says he loves to be involved and is naturally outgoing. "I've never met a stranger," he said.

## **Knight of the Month Nov 2021**



### **Antonio Razo**

Talk about hitting the ground running. Antonio joined our council last summer and

immediately grabbed his work gloves. There was the

sanctuary restoration, painting classroom doors, working the fall festival and pitching in on multiple P.I.P. projects. It took a knee replacement operation in early November to slow him down. Antonio is from Mexico, and he and wife Lucila have been married for 42 years. They live in Cedar Hill and have three grown children and three grandchildren. Antonio said the knee is coming along and he hopes to be back in action with 8157 as soon as possible.

## **Knight of the Month Dec 2021**



### **James Smith**

Sartorially speaking, anyone who has known James for any length of time knows he's a t-shirt-and-shorts

kind of guy. In almost any weather. But when it comes to Council 8157, we've long known him as a man who gladly wears many hats. He has served in recent years as our treasurer. He's the director of church activities, which makes him the point person for the Lenten fish fries and other events scattered throughout the year. He's a member of the concessions committee. James is often the member who makes trips to multiple Sam's Club locations to stock the Valley Ridge stand – can't always find all of the items at one location. James joined the council in February 2013, took his major degrees about a year later and capped that off by joining the Fourth Degree in September 2014. (One other KC hat – he's the Faithful Captain of Assembly 2799.) He and wife Judy have been married since 1981 and live in Duncanville, their blended family including five children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (the ninth is due in May). And there's Jake, who enthusiastically greets most visitors. Enthusiasm also describes the man of the house, and our council is all the better for it.

## Family of the Month Oct 2021



### Gilbert Zuniga Jr. and Sr.

Father and son joined our council together in October 2014, and that figures. They've also been in business together for years. Their company is GilbertZ Trucking, and through their company the Zunigas made a generous contribution that recently benefited the entire parish. In advance of Holy Spirit's annual Fall Festival – the first one since 2019 because of the pandemic – the Zunigas donated more than a dozen pallets of Frito Lay products to 8157. Those were in turn donated to the parish and other organizations. They also allowed us the use of their bobtail truck, which came in extremely handy for transporting the rented tables and chairs used during the festival. The Zunigas were invited to join our council by John Espree. Gilbert Sr. was born in Kaufman and has lived in Dallas since 1946, graduating from Crozier Tech. Gilbert Jr. graduated from Adamson High and took over the family business when his father retired.

## Family of the Month Nov 2021



### Ed and Betty O'Brien

The two Catholic high schools in Syracuse, New York were fierce rivals – St. John the

Baptist and Assumption. Ed attended the former, Betty the latter. They met at a basketball game. Both were winners – Ed and Betty, that is. They were married on Nov. 5, 1955; your math will tell you they recently celebrated their 66th anniversary. The O'Briens left upstate New York for north Texas in the late 1970s when Ed started a business cleaning industrial uniforms. He joined 8157 in 2000 at the urging of Ron Suriano and Jesse Gonzalez and is also a member of Fourth Degree Assembly 2799. Ed served as our Grand Knight during the fraternal years of 2004-05 and '05-06. The O'Briens live in Duncanville and have five grown children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Family of the Month Dec 2021



### Jack and Juanita Ramsden

We often hear that new members of the

Catholic faith are among the most active. The Ramsdens came through Holy Spirit's RCIA program in 2008-09 and seemingly haven't taken their foot off the gas since. In pre-pandemic days, they were frequently involved in parish dinners, funeral luncheons and many other classes and activities that have unfortunately been on hold in recent years. Retirement has only meant more time for church and other community volunteering. Jack retired in June 2012 after running a machine shop in Dallas for 24 years. Juanita retired after 34 years with AAFES, most recently as a merchandise manager. They'll celebrate their 29th anniversary in July and have lived in Duncanville for 15 years after previously living in Cedar Hill. They have four children, seven grandchildren and one grandchild – oh, and three dogs. Jack joined the KC's in 2012, took his major degrees in May 2013 and was honored in summer 2020 as the council's Knight of the Year, recognition for years of quiet, understated service.

## Welcome New Members



**Jesse Zuniga**  
**Oct. 2021**

Jesse and his wife (Leticia) have been members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church for the past 15 years and previously were members of St. Cecilia for 10 yrs.

They have resided in Duncanville for the past 24 years. Jesse is originally from Guanajuato, Mexico and they have two daughters ages 21 & 18 yrs. and one 25 yr. old son. Jesse attended schools in Dallas & graduated from Sunset High School. Jesse has been employed with the Westdale Co. for the past 13 yrs. doing Assessment Management. He also previously worked doing home Inspections for 8 years in the Metroplex. Jesse's hobbies/interests include watching all sport events on TV and spending quality time with his family and traveling on vacations. I asked Jesse why he decided to join the Knights of Columbus, he responded "he would like to be more involved with our Church and help out wherever the need arises



**Marc Evans**  
**Oct 2021**

Marc and Gilda have both been active in our parish community for a long time. Both are still active in ACTs and RCIA as well. Often they have cooked and delivered meals to

those in need as well delivering hand-made gifts to those who needed a "lift". And recently (October 2021) Marc joined the Knights of Columbus. So now

he has one more volunteer enterprise to keep him busy – he is retired you know. Marc was a systems designer for Gate Gourmet – an airline food service company. Sounds like a very technical position. Gilda was in the education system her entire working career retiring as assistant principal at DISD. Marc likes to cook outside – a "hangover from Boy Scouts" he says. He also makes a "to die for" gourmet jelly. When asked why he finally joined the Knights of Columbus he said "I like to serve; I like to work with others". For sure he joined the right organization. Marc and Gilda have been married 41 years and have a son and a daughter. Welcome aboard, Marc.



**Joe Eubanks**  
**Oct 2021**



**Jose Luis Ramirez**

**Oct. 2021**

Although Jose was born in Mexico, he and his family (wife Maria,

daughters Josely (age 14), Abigale (age 13) and son Luis (age 12) have been living in Duncanville for the past 5 years. He and his family attend the 1:00pm Spanish Mass on Sundays here at Holy Spirit. Both Jose and Maria are professionals in that Jose is a plumber and Maria is employed by the Dallas Diocese. We can sure use a professional plumber in our Council. Jose likes to watch movies while enjoying their home. For more strenuous activity he enjoys walking, basketball and soccer. Welcome to Council #8157 – already he has attended a regular business meeting.

## **Knight Hands continue to serve the parish community.**

During the past 3 month (Oct -Dec), Knight Hands completed 12 projects. We repaired a leaking commode, we repaired a backyard fence (a P.I.P project), we delivered a 3-wheel scooter for use by one of our Knights, We picked up and delivered and hooked up a washer and dryer, we repaired the power steering on a car, we drove bees out of a fireplace, we changed (helped at least) light bulbs in the church, we lit a gas water heater pilot light, we installed a new commode, We repaired a washer, and we built a manger for baby Jesus for the church Nativity scene. None of these job were earth shaking and overly time consuming for Knight Hands, but they were very significant to those we served. Thanks you Ray Rivera, David Dybala, Larry Balagna, Efrain Ochoa, Antonio Razo, Linda Reitmeier, Hector Rubio, Mike Moloughney, Jack Ramsden and Jose Montoya for



jobs. Many, many Knights have contributed their time and energy to serve others – a mark of charity in their heart. Thanks to all for what you do and the kindness you show to those in need.



giving of your time and effort to make our community just a bit better. That is the mission of Knight Hands – to take the stress out of the lives of those who need help. Well done Gentlemen.

On a wider perspective, since the beginning of Knight Hands in May of 2010, we have completed 431 projects in the parish community (a few were outside the parish community). Knight Hands expended about 4,755 man hours of labor to complete these



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