

Knights Life



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Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Duncanville, Texas, USA



A Long Day's Knights

By: Jeff Miller, Awareness Committee

Members of our council are certainly no strangers to long hours. That work ethic came in handy on Saturday, Feb. 15, when the 8157 day began with doughnuts around 7 a.m. and finished with dinner and dancing well into the night. With barely time to catch the collective breath, a collection of council members hosted a Major Degree ceremony in Holy Spirit's community center gym that began on Saturday morning and then kicked back that night on the same hardwood floor to enjoy the annual council appreciation dinner.

The degree ceremony included 10 of our own council brothers: Trevor Edwards (son of Chris Edwards), Abel Lugo, Bob Motta (who participated despite not feeling his best), Jim Ouimet, Ken Rarick, Raymond Rivera, Deacon Charlie Ruelas, James Smith, Mario Tiambeng and La'Don Wright. They and some others from various other councils in the region were treated to early-morning refreshments before the Second Degree ceremony began and a lunch of baked chicken, mixed vegetables and potato salad after the Third Degree session. (By the way, our council is hailed regionally for the quality of spread provided for such events.) Among those from 8157

who helped with the ceremony were Frank Salazar, Nick Kleinhaus, Jim Richardson, Bill Dover, Al Alonzo, Larry Balagna, Rey Estrellas, Andy Goza, Tom Greco, Russell Gully, Doug Karpan, Jeff Miller, Dan Murphy, Jack Ramsden, Jorge Ruiz and Jim Russell. A job well done – but then it was time to set up the gym for the evening's festivities.

A few hours later, council members enjoyed a terrific dinner catered by Cedar Hill-based Azteca Mexican Restaurants, longtime friend of the council. Frank and Andy directed much of the night's activities, including the presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award to Jack Anderson, Bill Chalko, Bill Dover, Jim Kowalski, Pat May, Les Migala, Leo Mattingly, Ed O'Brien and Art Senato. (Not all were present, but they all won.) A job well done – and a fair number of Knights were back on "duty" bright and early the following morning to help Patrick Stepniewski coordinate the council's annual winter blood drive. That's Knighthood.



About Council 8157

Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council 8157 is a fraternal organization which assists in charitable outreach to meet the needs of the church universal and Holy Spirit Catholic Church in particular. In June 1982, a group of 41 men of Holy Spirit Catholic Church formed KC Council 8157. They had visions of forming an organization that would be vital to our parish. Since that time Council 8157 has been one of the cornerstones of the parish. The Council and its members are truly in the structure of all activities within the parish. From cooking, ushering, lecturing, maintenance, to what our priest and parishioners need, they are there to help and provide guidance.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Business: Every 1st Tuesday 7:30 PM
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The council officers listed below were officially installed for their second term in office on Saturday, June 29, 2013. Their term runs through June 2014.

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Youth Activities: Larry Dumais, Art Senato

VOLUNTEER

We encourage all 1st Degree Knights to become active right away and participate in any number of community service events and council meetings. There are many opportunities available for you to help make a difference, please consider sharing your skills and talents with your community, let any of the service program directors know what you would like to do. Visit our website to find out more.

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

Rosters are available in paper form to all Knights in good standing at the council's general meetings.

Awards Keep On Coming

By: Allen Reitmeier, Awareness Committee

Recently this Council received three awards for outstanding performance by a Council. The first award, and one which this council receives almost every year, is the Quick Start Award. This award is in recognition to those councils who meet the requirements placed upon the council by the Supreme Council in the first half of the fraternal year i.e by December 31 of any given fraternal year. Those requirements include the state per capita charity contribution and the Supreme per capita charity contribution as well as certain requirements relative to Special Olympics and the Columbian Award.

The second award presented to the Council by Bill Dover, District #86 Deputy, was the Degree award which is in recognition of conducting a minimum of 6 ceremonies before January of any fraternal year. In fact for the past fraternal year this council “maxed” the number of degree ceremonies by conducting 13 ceremonies. Led by Tom Greco, the degree team inducted 71 Knights during the previous fraternal year – 42 of which were council 8157 candidates and already this fraternal year 35 Knights have been inducted by our degree team with 16 of them being 8157 members with a ceremony being conducted every month.

The third award presented was the Double Star Council Award. To gain Star Council the council must meet their recruiting goal, their insurance goal, must have attained the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founders Awards, plus completing the Service Program Personnel Report on time. During the last fraternal year which ended on June 31 2013, this council met all these and thanks to the prodigious recruiting efforts of Andy Goza doubled (tripled actually) its’ goal of new Knight and hence the Double Star Council Award. Congratulations to all.



Brother Knights Honored

By: Jeff Miller, Awareness Committee

Two of our brother Knights recently received tremendously prestigious honors. Larry Dumais was among the third annual “class” to receive the Bishop’s Award for Service to the Church from the Dallas diocese. And Deacon Paul Wood had a scholarship in his name initiated by Bishop Dunne (his high school alma mater) for the University of Dallas (his college alma mater).



Larry has been a Knight since 2006, soon after he and wife Cathleen became involved in Holy Spirit’s youth ministry. “I was looking to do more,” he said. Naturally, he’s served as our youth activities director for years. He has chaperoned multiple youth trips and retreats, including the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. The Dumais, who live in Midlothian, are Eucharist Ministers for the Sunday evening youth Mass and teach a Faith Formation class. Learning he was chosen for the diocesan honor, Larry said, “I don’t know how you say you’re overwhelmed that somebody thinks that much of you.”



Likewise, Deacon Paul said he was speechless when he learned of the \$40,000 scholarship at a surprise announcement in December during a meeting of UD representatives at Dunne. He graduated from Bishop Dunne in 1972, began working there while enrolled at UD and has been on the Dunne faculty for more than 40 years. Both institutions, he said, are like family. “Just like Holy Spirit has been,” he added. Deacon Paul and wife Diane live in Duncanville and have been parishioners since 1981. He became a Knight in 1994 and was ordained in 2006. His duties with the school and the church often limit his KC involvement. “Know that you are all in my prayers,” he said.

Knight of the Month

January - Jesse Radillo



Jesse followed a family tradition when he took his First Degree in October. His father, Eduardo, was a Knight in the 1950s, when the Radillo family lived in Mexico. Jesse was glad to step forward last year when invited and got off to a blazing start. He participated in the VA hospital cookout and November pancake breakfast on consecutive days, the "Breakfast with St. Nicholas" in early December and the catechist appreciation dinner in January. "I have my health," Jesse said. "The least I can do is participate." He works for Texas Trust Credit Union as a combination facilities coordinator and courier. Jesse previously drove for UPS. He was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and his family moved to El Paso when he was 2 years old. He graduated from El Paso's Bel Air High, where he met his wife of 26 years, Teri. They have lived in Duncanville since 1981 and have one child, an adopted daughter named Mia, 18. She

just finished her senior season on the DHS soccer team, and Jesse volunteered frequently with the team's booster club.

February - Art Senato



Maybe we should retire the February Knight of the Month award for Art since he has repeated in earning that distinction for the second consecutive year. Any month would likely be a fitting month to honor Art, a Knight since 1974 and a Holy Spirit parishioner since 2005. In his capacity as co-director of youth activities with Larry Dumais, Art helped coordinate the annual parish and district free-throw contests that were held in January in the community center gym. He also is a charter member of 8157's degree team, serving in the role of inside guard. Art is a regular helper at the pancake breakfasts in the fall and the fish fries during Lent. He's a native New Yorker (not well disguised by his accent) and has lived in Texas since the U.S. Air Force assigned him to Carswell Air Force Base in 1955 – living in Arlington since 2001. Art served in both the Air Force (1952-56) and the Army (1958-77) as a helicopter and airplane mechanic. Four decades after taking his First Degree, Art said council participation is as important to him as ever. "The Knights of Columbus is a big thing for me," he said.

March - Rod Kinard



If you worked at any of the fish fry dinners during the recent Lenten season – or were simply one of the attendees – you should have taken a moment to thank Rod. He took it upon himself before Lent began to spend twelve hours cleaning the council's deep fryer himself. If you're thinking Rod did that as penance, there's a sliver of truth in that. "Every year after the fish fries, we drain the oil out of it and then clean it," said Rod, a Knight since 2010. "I'd done that the year before but really didn't have any tools. So I looked the thing over and put a plan together and cleaned it top to bottom." But why solo, Rod? "I was kind of making it up as I went along. I bought some cleaner and some gloves and brushes and that kind of thing. I had the procedure. But until you've been through it once, you just kind of feel your way along." Rod and wife Lynn became parishioners soon after

they moved here from South Carolina 1986, and Rod went through RCIA at Holy Spirit shortly after that. They met at Oklahoma State University, where he earned a degree in radiation physics. The couple has five children – Travis (33), Katy (31), Clint (28), Hannah (24) and Amie (14) – and seven grandchildren.

Meals on Wheels

By: Allen Reitmeier, Awareness Committee



Nearly every man who joins the Knights of Columbus states that they “want to give back to the community” or “want to help people in the community”. According to the Visiting Nurses Association of Texas’ Volunteer Handbook, Meals on Wheels began in London, England in World War II during the battle of Britain. The Women’s Council began Meals on Wheels in Dallas in 1957, and the Visiting Nurses Association assumed responsibility for the program’s administration in Dallas County in 1972. Initially, 125 meals were delivered each week-day; but today more than 4,000 meals are delivered each day (Monday through Friday) in Dallas County. The mission of Meals on Wheels is to “insure that no senior goes hungry or forgotten”.

The basic eligibility requirements for recipients are:

1. be 60 years old or disabled
2. be unable to drive or leave home without assistance
3. have limited financial resources, and
4. live in Dallas County

Currently, approximately half of the meals delivered in Dallas County are delivered by paid drivers; and that’s why the contributions of the Duncanville Knights of Council #8157 are so significant. Every time a volunteer driver takes over a paid driver’s route (usually about 10 clients), enough money is saved to provide Meals on Wheels to another qualified senior; and there are approximately 1,800 qualified seniors currently on a waiting list to receive Meals on Wheels. For more information log onto www.vna.org.

Allen Reitmeier, Ed O’Brien, Mike Rumsey, Jack Ramsden, Dan Murphy, Ray Rivera, and Jim Kowalski from the Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council 8157 have answered the call to help people in the community. There is a real connection with the community when a Knight hands a meal to someone. Your time and effort given to help someone are not going to a person located in a remote place like Haiti, or Japan, or the Philippines, or in New York; but rather right there in front of you. Ed O’Brien says

“it’s a very good feeling knowing you are helping someone in the community”. Dan Murphy says “it’s fantastic to help others”. Reitmeier says “it’s more than just handing out a meal; it’s the connection with those in need. After a while you think of your clients as your friend – a most rewarding experience”. Smiles and “thank you’s” are the only payment received by these volunteer drivers.

These 7 Knights each deliver meals once a week and deliver a total of approximately 78 meals to needy seniors and disabled persons in the Holy Spirit Church parish area each week. What a mighty effort by these noble Knights!

Special Olympics Basketball Spring 2014

By: Jim Kowalski, Awareness Committee



Council 8157 has a right to be proud. “WHAT A TURNOUT”. First-time volunteers along with seasoned volunteers made the Special Olympics Spring 2014 Basketball

Tournaments at Cedar Hill High School and Grand Prairie High School on February 19th and February 22nd, respectively. The competition was attended by 1500 athletes and 28 volunteers 17 from council 8157 volunteering 144 hours of service. The response from our council was amazing and very much appreciated by the athletes, coaches and parents. Ask Elijah Bonilla, Diana Buenaventura, Juan Chapa, Reynaldo Estrellas, Al Evans, Jackie Evans, Ruben Gucodado, Francisco Hernandez, Jim Kowalski, Hector Lopez, Yolanda Mendoza, Jesse Radillo, Ken Rarick, Steve Reid, Allen Reitmeier, Raymond Rivera, or Frank Salazar. The one on one time with the Special Olympians is what the Knights are all about—“CHARITY” the first principle of our order. Once again Council 8157 went above and beyond for the benefit of others.

Family of the Month

January - La'Don and Ivonne Wright



La'Don joined our council in late November and was busy recruiting new members only a few weeks later while helping out at Children's Faith Formation's "Breakfast With St. Nicholas." That was standard procedure for La'Don, who was a recruiter for four years when he served in the U.S. Navy. "That was simple," he said of getting commitments from potential new Knights. "I'm a people person." La'Don has become quite active in Holy Spirit ministries since recently going through RCIA, culminating with Easter last year. He is a Zone Shepherd, a Eucharistic Minister and also an EM to patients at Charlton Methodist Hospital assisted by Ivonne. They're both graduates of Dallas' W.T. White High School and will celebrate their 18th anniversary in May. La'Don joined the Navy coming out high school and now works at DISD's Service Center 1. Ivonne works at Scottish Rite Hospital in medical records.

They live in Dallas and have four children: Dominique (16), La'Don Jr. (11), Donovan (10) and Devyn (4). Here's another relatively new Knight who took to heart the recommendation to become active in the council as soon as possible.

February— Jim and Mary Russell



Faith Formation's annual "Breakfast With St. Nicholas" held in the community center gym was an occasion to see Jim and Mary doing what they so often do individually and collectively – devote time and talent to Holy Spirit and its ministries. Jim was stationed on the serving line, and Mary was directing the youth choir. The Russells have been active in Holy Spirit life since dropping in on a Mass during the second week of the parish's existence early in 1974. Jim joined the Knights in February 2012 and became a Fourth Degree member last September. He is a charter member of 8157's Degree Team, now serving as Warden. Jim is in his first fraternal year as the council's Lecturer, in which he delivers an informative and inspirational talk at the end of each monthly general membership meeting. It's a

role that Jim takes very seriously; he works on each talk for about six weeks. The Russells have been Holy Spirit choir members for about 35 years, switching from the 9:30 Sunday Mass to the Saturday 5:30 group about 15 years ago. Mary teaches a second-grade Faith Formation class. They met at Oklahoma State University in the early 1960s, were married in 1966 and have lived in Cedar Hill since 1972. Jim retired in 2011, and Mary is a part-time music teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School in Waxahachie.

March - Andy and Susan Goza



Faith is a cherished family activity for Andy and Susan plus their 9-year-old daughter, Madison (who is eagerly looking forward to hitting double digits on April 30). Andy is one of three siblings, and all the Goza children attended Mass and religious education willingly. Enthusiastically. Their parents volunteered during class in the community center lobby. It was part of the family fabric that included everyone eating breakfast together, dinner together. "It was something that we enjoyed doing," Andy said. Susan wasn't Catholic when she and Andy were married in 1989. She converted about six years ago, primarily for Madison's sake then. "You can't really tell her, 'You need to do these things' unless you do them yourself," Susan said. But, as is often the case, the convert has become very involved: "I told Andy I should have done this years ago." Andy joined the Knights in August 2008 and served as Grand Knight 2010-12. The Gozas typically attend Saturday evening Mass with Andy ushering and Madison helping to set up the altar. Madison has attended Faith Formation since she was 3 while

also attending St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School. That allows her to "double up" on friends. And, as Susan noted, it keeps her involved with her parish. Not to mention helping her parents at multiple KC events.

Record Turnout

By: Allen Reitmeier, Awareness Committee

Wow!!! What a huge turnout for the first fish fry of the 2014 Lenten season. Thirty six Knights of Columbus helped set-up, cook, serve and clean-up starting early in the afternoon and finishing around 7:30pm. Not only was there a record turnout of Knights (36 – beat last year’s record by 6), there were also a large number of folks who came to partake of the meal – approximately 220. As per tradition, Knights served catfish (hand breaded and deep fried), French Fries, baked beans, salad and drinks.

Congratulations and “thank you” to the newest Knights who had their first opportunity to participate in a fish fry. They were:

Trevor Edwards
James Smith
Jose Montoya
Bob Motta
Ladon Wright
Abel Lugo
Hendrick Maison



Thanks as well to those Knights who help at the fish fries some of the time. They were

Carlos Favela
Noe Saenz
Gene Jones

And a very big “thank you” to the veterans who work almost all the fish fries. They are:

Andy Goza – collection table, cookies & setup
Ken Rarick – inside cook
Allen Reitmeier – inside cook
Berry Sikerski – fish
Juan Chapa – inside cook
Hector Lopez – inside cook

Bill Dover – collection table
Ray Rivera – setup & inside cook
Frank Salazer – in charge
Al Alonzo – photographer
Les Migala – server
Jim Russell – inside cook & server
Mike Fitzgerald – fish
Chris Edwards – fish
Frank Hernandez – serve
Larry Balagna – fish
Jim Richardson – fish
David Dybala – fish
Nick Kleinhaus – 2nd in command
Jim Ouimet – serve
John Espree – serve
Steve Zehnder – fish
Peter Perta – serve
Jack Ramsden – setup
Billy Callender – setup
Jorge Ruiz – fish

Many of these same Knights helped with clean up and restoring the gymnasium to its original condition. This was more than a work detail – this was an opportunity to meet new Knights, catch up on what’s happening in each other lives and generally have fun. What a gala event it was!!!!

Blood Drives

By: Allen Reitmeier, Awareness Committee

Despite a flurry of activities and late night events our council had to participate in the day before, Pat Stepniewski, our Health Director made sure our blood drive took place as planned early Sunday morning February 16, 2014. Immediately after the dinner dance the night before, the gym floor was transformed from a dance hall into a blood donating facility with impressive efficiency. Pat was assisted early Sunday morning by several other Knights who also seem impervious to late night partying and they were, Andy Goza and wife Susan, Al Alonzo, Jim Russell, Dan Murphy and Doug Karpan. Thanks to these dedicated Knights and Carter Blood Care for continuing the important work that helps to save lives in our community.

Pro-Life Ace Wing Award

By: Michael Moloughney, Pro-Life Director

As Catholics, Knights of Columbus have the responsibility to work for the common good of society. Our Holy Father has called us to be Pro Life, from conception to natural death. The Pro Life movement needs witnesses to act through personal involvement and daily actions. We might call this “Pro Life Warriors”. A Pro Life Warrior participates in Pro Life Masses, 40 Days for Life, Pro Life Rosaries, Sidewalk Counseling, Pro Life Walks or Processions, etc. All of these activities and many more qualify for the PRO LIFE ACE WINGS AWARD. What better way to publicly announce that you are Pro Life than to wear a set of Pro Life ACE Wings. ACE stands for: Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise, and without Exception.

The ACE Wings are 2” wide and 5/8” high and are metallic. The “Precious Feet” are the exact size and shape of an unborn baby’s feet at 10 weeks after conception.



Requirements for Receiving the Pro-Life ACE Wings Award

A minimum of 5 public Pro-Life events are required to qualify for the Texas State Council Pro-Life ACE Wings Award:

1. 4 out of the 5 must have to do with the unborn (see suggestions below)
2. The 5th item can also deal with the unborn or it can be an item such as:
 - a. Special Olympics Volunteer
 - b. Providing entertainment, working/volunteering at a hospice, nursing home, or Veterans hospital
 - c. Being part of any of the American Wheelchair Mission events

Suggestions of Pro Life Activities:
Pro-Life Masses Sidewalk Counseling
40 Days for Life
Volunteer at Crisis Pregnancy Center
Pro-Life Parades Hike For Life
Pro-Life Rosary Processions
Pro-Life Award Dinners
Pro Life Presentations to Youth
Rosaries Outside Abortion Clinics

Blood Money, the Business of Abortion

In an attempt to truly educate, inspire, and motivate the Knights of Columbus in Texas Tom Clark the State Pro Life Chairman for the Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus has made viewing the movie, “Blood Money, the Business of Abortion”, a key part of the ACE Wings Award for the 2013-2014 fraternal year.

By watching the movie in its entirety all 5 requirements for the ACE Wings Award will have been met. (Of course you can do additional items if you like, and you really should do 5 events if possible). Tom Stated, “I believe that no person can watch this movie without being stirred to act further to bring about the end of abortion and to work hard to save the lives of the unborn”.

There are 2 ways in which to view the movie.

1. A Council buys the rights to the movie and has a public showing inviting the Council and the Parish(s) that the Council is associated with. (Most desirable)
2. An individual buys a copy of the movie and watches it in the privacy of his home (Least desirable)

I am happy to announce that the following Knights and some of their spouses have met the requirement by viewing the documentary, “Blood Money, the business of abortion” in its entirety, on Thursday April 3rd at Holy Spirit Catholic Church: Juan M Chapa, Jim Russell, Mary Russell, Doug Karpman, Jim Kowalski, Gerald A Jacob, Andy Goza, Susan Goza, Al Alonzo, Allen Alonzo, Alex Sabo, Michael Luna, John Espree, Marcus Jones (Gene), Jean Jones, Greg Warr, Debbie Warr, Jorge Ruiz, Larry Dumais, Russell Gully, Patricia Gully, Dan Murphy, Pat Murphy, William (Randy) Reetz, Michael Moloughney.

Welcome New Knights!



In the spirit of young men who enlisted for combat as soon as eligible, Trevor joined the council almost within hours of his 18th birthday in January – nine days later, to be exact. He’s already a veteran of the concession stand, pancake breakfasts and fish fires. Son of former Grand Knight Chris Edwards, Trevor said religion is a big part of his life that he takes very seriously. He’s a senior at Duncanville High School headed for Texas A&M Commerce, thinking of majoring in biology. But he’ll first be taking a two-week trip in July with school friends to central Europe. (Need a chaperone?) Trevor is about to finish a year taking Tae Kwon Do and also spends a lot of time doing reading and research.

Stephen joined the council in January. He is a Colorado native who arrived in Texas after growing up in California. Stephen arrived in the state in San Antonio, where he studied aircraft maintenance technology. That’s where he met wife Jessica, while they worked together. The Huckebas celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in March. The Dallas residents have a 7-year-old adopted son, Nathaniel, and lost son Damian when he was 4½ years old. Stephen works as an aircraft mechanic for American Eagle Airlines. They’re individually or collectively involved in children’s faith formation, the grief ministry, women’s spirituality, spirituality studies, World Wide Marriage Encounter and Vacation Bible School.



Abel is a fast worker. In January, he took his First Degree. In February, he earned his Major Degrees. In March, he was chosen as the council’s Knight of the Month for April. Abel is from Dallas, graduated from Skyline High in 1994 and was in the Marines until 1998. Abel then earned an associate’s degree from El Centro College in Dallas in applied science. He works in the cardiac catheter lab at Dallas Regional Medical Center in Mesquite. His wife, Victoria, works at Victory Medical Center in McKinney as a surgical specialist. They live in Dallas, have been parishioners for three years and have three daughters: Daniella (14), Sofia (11) and Isabella (4). Abel enjoys running, hiking and going to the gym.

Welcome New Knights!

The opportunity for brotherhood and to do community service motivated Augustin to join the council, which he did in February. And since son Augustin IV joined, too, this also represents a chance for more father-son activity. Augustin was born in Laredo, Texas and grew up in Dallas, where he graduated from Sunset High in 1985. He has been married to Flora, a Woodrow Wilson grad, for 21 years. Augustin earned an electronics degree from the National Education Center and has worked for 19 years for Texas Instruments in Dallas, where he is a manufacturing specialist. Augustin IV (19) is the oldest of their three children, followed by Joanna (12) and Joseph (8). The family has lived in Cedar Hill for 10 years.



He often goes by Augustin Jr. and just turned 19 on March 30. Augustin is a graduate of Cedar Hill Collegiate High School and now attends UT-Arlington. He's studying nursing with the goal of becoming a surgical nurse. He likes soccer, which he used to play in a rec league, and also enjoys martial arts. So some of his kicks in soccer can be a little threatening. Augustin is a fan of the Chicago Bears; somebody tell Mike Rumsey. Augustin is looking forward to opportunities for volunteering and helping the parish.

Alex is one of those familiar Holy Spirit faces for years – decades – who recently took the KC plunge. He and wife Theresa have been married for 32 years and parishioners for 31. Alex received a CPA degree from Ohio's Youngstown State (the Penguins) in 1978 and then a master's from UT-Arlington. He retired last year after most recently working for the U.S. Treasury. The Sabos live in Duncanville and have two grown children: son Brian (29) and daughter Emily (27). Alex has been a member of Holy Spirit's finance council for 15 years and has frequently helped at both the Pentecost picnic and the parish golf tournament. He said he joined because he "gets pleasure from helping others."



Play Ball!

By: Allen Reitmeier, Baseball Committee Director

For the first time in recent memory, the opening day ceremonies and opening day games were not rained out even though the weather was threatening. And so the season began this past Saturday March 22nd at Valley Ridge Park. Twenty five teams from Cedar Hill will be competing in age groups from 3 thru 14 in the Best Southwest Baseball and Southwest Classic leagues. We expect these two leagues will play approximately 150 games from March 22nd until May 16th. The games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings as well as Saturdays all day. Jim Richardson will head up the



Monday group which includes Ernie Coy, Carlos Favela, and John Balasa; Dan Murphy is the Captain on Tuesday and his guys are Ray Rivera and Larrie Dean; on Thursday evening Tony Houston is Captain and is assisted by Ken Struck, Jose Montoya and Tony

Almanza; and on Saturdays John Espree, Frank Hernandez, Bob Motta, and Jim Russell work the first shift; Steve Castillo, Russell Gully, and Greg Porter work the middle shift with Allen Reitmeier, Steve Zehnder, and Mike Rumsey working the closing shift.

There will be a minimum of three tournaments during the year – the end of the year league tournament on May 24th and 25th; the state tournament on May 30 and June 1st and, of course, the World Series which runs from June 25th thru June 29th. All the games prior to the World Series are sort of a warm up for this huge event during which we will need approximately 500 man/hours of labor from the Knights of this Council. If you have not yet worked at the concession stand and would like to do so, we

can always use extra Knights if for no other reason than for you to gain some experience prior to the World Series.

If you would like to volunteer for weekday games or Saturday games or Sunday tournament games contact James Smith at 214-240-8315 or Allen Reitmeier at 214-850-3602. As in past years we will be soliciting help for the approximately 105 work shifts of about 4.5 hours each to man the 4 concession stands during the World Series from the current roster of Knights. Please be generous with your time and respond as quickly as you can to our call for help.



Knight Hands Continues to Assist Those in Need

By: Allen Reitmeier, Awareness Committee

Since the last Newsletter, Knight Hands have completed 6 additional projects – projects number 78 thru 83. On Jan 14th Linda & Allen Reitmeier delivered a bed to a Gabriel Mom which had been donated by Donna Greenlee. On Jan. 29th Allen Reitmeier ferried Bishop Mark Seitz from the DFW airport to the Sheraton Hotel in Fort Worth. On March 3rd Ken Rarick and Allen Reitmeier repaired closet doors at Mrs. Molina's home as well as installing slip proof security at her rear door. On March 6th Ray Rivera and Allen Reitmeier lifted and loaded a super heavy sleeper bed for Sylvia Lyons. On March 14th Allen Reitmeier and Larry Balagna delivered a bed and sectional sofa from a contributor in Irving to a Gabriel Mom in Duncanville. And on March 15th Jorge Ruiz, Allen Reitmeier and Hector Lopez assisted in moving a young family from Duncanville to Arlington (see details and pictures of this project on the Knights

website – www.kofc8157.org). None of these projects cost any money – it was all labor from gallant Knights. The total amount of volunteer hours for these 6 projects was approximately 25 hours but certainly worth the effort as everyone was most grateful. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile community activity call Allen Reitmeier at 214-850-3602 or send an e-mail at alreitmeier@gmail.com.



Schedule of Upcoming Events

April

13th—Palm Sunday

15th—7:30 PM, Officers & Directors Meeting

20th—Easter Sunday

22nd—7:00 PM, First Degree Ceremony

27th—6:30 AM, Breakfast for Faith Formation

May

2nd – 4th - 2014 Texas State Convention-Dallas

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

6th—7:30 PM, Council General Meeting

11th— Mother's Day

20th—7:30 PM, Officers & Directors Meeting

26th— Memorial Day

27th— 7:00 PM, First Degree Ceremony

June

3rd—7:30 PM, Council General Meeting - Slate of New Officers

8th— Holy Spirit 40th Anniversary Celebration

14th— Flag Day

14th— 5:00 PM, Corporate Communion & Installation of Officers

15th— Father's Day

17th—7:30 PM, Officers & Directors Meeting

21st—Cedar Hill Baseball World Series Begins

24th—7:00 PM, First Degree Ceremony

29th— Cedar Hill Spring Baseball Season Ends