



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



Knights Life

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Grand Knights Comments: I hope this summer finds you all very well. Since it is another hot summer, it means that another fraternal year has passed. I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and effort that was put in this past year. My hat goes off to all our brothers that made baseball concessions as good as it has ever been. The many hours that were put in behind the scenes as well as, the long hours in the booth. I thank you all. We have accomplished many things this year. Our Knight Hands program has helped many people this past year. The building cabinets for the church, and cooking for many people are just a few things we do. The sponsorship of many seminarians have be very rewarding for us all. In conclusion, I and we should be proud of all our efforts this past year and I look forward to another great year.

May God bless our families and our church community always,

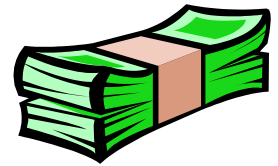
Andy Goza

State Convention –Another Great Year

It never fails, the timing of the State Convention seems to always put a little spunk in your step. This year was no different. The Friday night event started off with a home town concert , country dancing and a bar-b-que dinner with all the fixin's . There were several Hospitality Rooms hosted by various Dioceses and Councils, to welcome everyone to the Convention. Several of our members were able to visit with and meet Knights from all over the state. Many thanks to all of the members who attended or participated in the convention. Saturday morning the convention opened at 8:00am by State Deputy Tony Herreth and State Officers. Saturday continued on with general business and concluded on Sunday. There were several resolutions passed by the members of the Convention. As always there were several members of the clergy who were present at different times during the convention. One stand out was Cardinal DiNardo, the first cardinal archbishop from a diocese in the Southern United States. Council 8157 once again had a large participation in the "behind the scenes" workings of the convention. It is this dedication and hard work which makes the Dallas Convention the best in Texas. For anyone who has never been to a state convention, try it; it will strike determination, excitement, and a dream of new ideas in mind, heart and soul. Each year the state convention is held in different cities of Texas. Next year's conference will be in Corpus Christi.



Knights Give Every Year



Knights aren't in it for the money. Even what we collectively earn as a council. Council 8157 generates thousands of dollars of revenue each fraternal year, the vast majority coming from working the concessions stands for the Cedar Hill Baseball Association. And each year, the council strives to finish the year with as little money as possible by contributing to worthy entities within our parish and other closely related causes.



"Our goal is not to make money," said Chris Kubin, one of the council's trustees and a member of the budget committee. "If we have *this* much money, we should be giving *this* much money out." That isn't always as easy as it might seem. But sound budgeting, put in place during Marce Tebbe's term as Grand Knight in 2001-02, has made the process much smoother.

The council has long donated thousands of dollars annually to earmarked areas of Holy Spirit's parish operations – RCIA, Faith Formation, Community Life, Outreach, Youth Ministries, Adult and Family Ministries. It has given money to Pro Life initiatives in the diocese such as the Hike For Life and the Bishop's Pro Life Dinner. The council usually sponsors

two seminarians at \$500 each (three in 2010) and also gives to the seminary itself. We recently combined with the parish to buy a chasuble for Deacon Arthur Unachukwu, a member of our council, in advance of his Ordination on July 16. Scholarships are funded. There's also the money provided for KC State Charities. Over the past four years, the council has made available \$6,840. In the last fraternal year alone, 8157 budgeted about \$19,000 to be donated to outside organizations and to date has distributed about \$16,000. There are no directives from either the state level or Supreme Council on how a council should spend its revenue. There *are* suggested areas. And one of the responsibilities of a District Deputy is to provide "coaching," as Marce put it, for each of his councils depending on the amount of their income. "Charitable contributions are pretty typical of each council," Marce said. Chris Kubin, our Grand Knight in 2006-2008, has been keenly interested in our financial status. That fits in with his day job; he's a financial analyst at Baylor Medical Center following years as a senior accounting manager in the Baylor system overseeing a handful of hospitals.



The council's three trustees for the 2011-12 fraternal year are Chris, Ed O'Brien and Chris Edwards. "The trustees' first obligation is to council finances," Chris Kubin said. "Historically, trustees have always been past Grand Knights or someone in the council for many years."

The income from Cedar Hill baseball concessions in recent years, an arrangement made possible in great measure through the efforts of B.J. Tucker, has allowed the council to restore some donations and contributions that had been cut back in the years after a similar working relationship with Harrington Park in Duncanville ended. The annual USSSA Class "A" World Series that is anchored at the main complex, Valley Ridge, is a boon to the council's revenue. Allen Reitmeier, who has organized 8157's concessions operations and staffing in recent years, said that one weekend accounted for about 43 percent of the gross concessions revenue for 2010-11. That's up from about 34 percent from the 2010 tournament and about 22 percent from the '09 tourney.



The council also derives income from annual dues, the pancake breakfasts, the Lenten fish fries plus interest on the bank accounts.



Any council member is free to propose a charitable contribution during one of the general membership meetings, sometimes first unofficially brought to the officers and directors at one of their meetings. A number of such proposals have passed in recent years. A council bylaw requires that any expenditure of \$500 or more be voted on twice by the full membership, simply to assure that all aspects of a commitment of such magnitude have been adequately reviewed.

Family of the Month

April—The council's Family of the Month for April, Rod and Lynn Kinard, have been pretty noticeable around Holy Spirit since they moved to our area from South Carolina in 1986. They've been involved in various aspects of parish ministry, including faith formation classes, zoning, Summer Celebration and lending a hand at functions like the recent Confirmation reception and the Lenten fish fries. Rod joined Council 8157 a little more than a year ago at the invitation of Grand Knight Andy Goza, going through the Knight in a Day activities held right here at Holy Spirit. Rod and Lynn met while attending Oklahoma State University, Rod coming from Abilene and Lynn originally from South Dakota – her family relocated to Oklahoma when she was in high school. Graduating and getting married in 1978, they moved to South Carolina when Rod took his degree in radiation physics and started work in the nuclear industry. Lynn is a cradle Catholic, and Rod joined her in the faith when he went through RCIA a year after they moved to Duncanville. The couple has five children – Travis (31), Katy (28), Clint (25), Hannah (21) and Amie (11) – and two grandchildren. The attraction to the Knights? "How strong a brotherhood it is," Rod said. "Doing good things for the church. How hard the guys all work together." And Rod is now among those hard workers.



May— When Paul Wood explored becoming a Deacon about 10 years ago, he and his fellow candidates were informed the commitment they were hoping to make would also greatly involve family members. "They said, 'Your time will not be your own,'" he recalled. "That's why wives go through at least the first two years, so they fully understand." Deacon Paul and Diane Wood were chosen as Council 8157's Family of the Month for May in recognition of their shared commitment and devotion to our parish. Paul not only serves at Holy Spirit Masses but also visits the sick and works closely with kids and families. So the parish felt the void recently when he was



hospitalized with an atrial flutter. Paul received a pacemaker and defibrillator. ("Feeling fine, just not losing weight fast enough for the doctors," he said.) Paul grew

up in the Pleasant Grove section of Dallas and graduated from Bishop Dunne High School in 1972. He then graduated from the University of Dallas, where he played baseball and studied psychology. He has been Dunne's director of technology for 16 years and is in its Alumni Hall of Fame.

He joined the Knights in 1994; his father was a Grand Knight in Dallas. The Woods became parishioners in 1980. Diane, who teaches in Mansfield ISD, has also been very involved in parish life for years.

June—One of the joys of Knight life is witnessing the involvement that a member's family often commits to council and parish activities. Among the couples who best exemplify that trait are Allen and Linda Reitmeier, 8157's Family of the Month for June. Allen's service to the council is well known - taking over responsibility of the Valley Ridge concession stand, initiating the Knight Hands service program - resulting in him being selected the council's Knight of the Year for 2009-10, only a few years after he joined 8157. "He never does anything 50 percent," Linda says. She sums up his work ethic thusly: "Get out of his way."



Linda likewise maintains a frenetic pace around the parish. She often helps at various receptions, luncheons and dinners and helps parish staffers, sometimes even filling in at the front desk. To which she says, "They're doing me a service. We get back much more than we give. We're really lucky." Linda and Allen grew up in little towns in central Minnesota that fed into Albany High School. (Allen won three Central Gopher Conference wrestling championships.) Married in 1969, they first came to north Texas in 1983. Five years later, they headed off to Ohio and then Alabama before returning here in 1993. They have four children who live in Alabama, Nashville, Baltimore and Lubbock.

Knight Hands



The biggest fear when we instituted Knight Hands was that we would not be able to find people in need of help. That is exactly what has happened. Since the last Newsletter, we have done only three jobs. On May 9th, Dick Bates, Ken Rarrick and Bob Lamb installed a remote controlled ceiling fan at the apartment of Earl Peacock. On May 11th, a bunch of Knight, including Allen Reitmeier, Ken Rarrick and Bob Lamb built and installed additional cabinetry in the sacristy for Deacon's vestments. And on May 18th, Allen and Linda Reitmeier repaired the exterior light for Virginia Jenkins. We could have done a lot more if Knights would identify those who need help. Keep on the look-out for folks in need – we want to help.



Help give babies
a healthy start –
and a healthy
future.



De-funding Planned Parenthood Abortions – Over Turning the Federal Government

The Texas state Senate, over the weekend of 5/30/2011, moved the state one step closer to de-funding the Planned Parenthood abortion business and now the attention of pro-life advocates is on the state House. The Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 23 on Sunday evening, 5/30/2011, but the state House adjourned before passing the bill, ac-

According to Texas Alliance for Life executive director Joe Pojman.

Currently Federal tax dollars provide for \$62 million in grants through the Medicaid Women's Health Program (WHP) for Family Planning, of which Planned Parenthood, one of the largest abortion providers, receives 25% or about \$16 million. Many states like Texas are trying to de-fund Planned Parenthood by shifting the family planning grants to comprehensive primary care providers who are not abortion providers and make Planned Parenthood ineligible for Medicaid WHP.

Very recently, Attorney General Greg Abbott released opinions ruling that our state's Health and Human Services Commission could adopt rules for this program, and more importantly, that adopting rules does not conflict with federal Medicaid rules. Thus, legislators interested in renewing the WHP have incorporated stricter requirements for participation in the WHP, excluding abortion providers from the program while being mindful not to step outside federal Medicaid rules.

Other states like Indiana recently signed a law barring any entity that performs abortions, including Planned Parenthood, from contracting with Medicaid to provide health and preventive care. The American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood sued the State of Indiana; a court hearing is set for June 6, 2011. Other states like Tennessee, Kansas and North Carolina are also trying to pass budgets and laws preventing any abortion provider from receiving funding through the Medicaid Women's Health Program. The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services agency is reviewing Indiana's law and other state proposals to withhold funds from abortion providers. Federal law, the agency said in a statement, does not allow states to prevent beneficiaries from getting other care from providers that offer abortions. We need to continue to pray that there is a conversion of hearts of our government officials to stop funding abortions and ultimately make it illegal to conduct abortion.

Knight of the Month

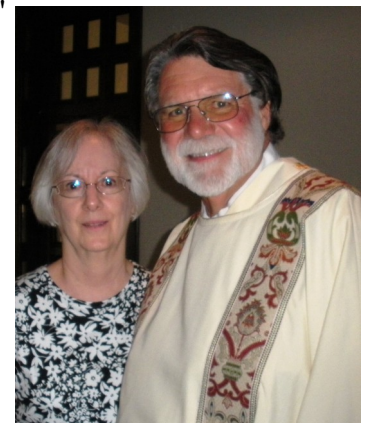
April—Jeff Miller, Knight of the Month for April, recently answered the call to vocations in a sense. He agreed to become the parish's new director of community life following the retirement of Holy Spirit "icon" Joan Allen. For Miller, it's something like being a Knight on a full-time basis: facilitating many of the parish's social functions such as the Pentecost Picnic, the golf tournament awards banquet and many other events. Community life is also the home for the parish's zoning structure, which is the personal liaison between the church office and the parishoners themselves. Miller and his wife, Frances, joined Holy Spirit soon after moving to DeSoto in 1987 when he started working at The Dallas Morning News. He joined the Knights in 1997 at the invitation of then-Grand Knight Bill Chalko. They'd met when both had children in the DeSoto High School marching band. Miller is in his second stint as the council's recorder. He and Frances met while attending Auburn University in the mid-1970s. She graduated with a nursing degree from Alabama-Birmingham and is now the administrator of an outpatient surgery center in North Dallas. The Millers have four grown children: daughter Kim and sons Jason, Kevin and Joseph.



May—Grand Knight Andy Goza, the council's Knight of the Month for May, enters the second year of his two-year term. "The buck stops with me," he said, "but it's not a one- or two- or three-man operation. It takes everyone to make the council work. That's what I've seen." And that fits with one of the themes of his time as the Grand Knight, to get more Knights involved with the contributions of the council to parish life. "I want more people involved, less stress on key people," Andy said. "If you work one shift at the ballpark, that's appreciated." That ties into another of Andy's areas of emphasis, recruitment. "Here we have maybe 2,700 families in this parish, and we have 162 Knights." Andy became an officer in 8157 shortly after joining the council. He served as Chancellor in 2009-10 when Chris Edwards finished out his term as Grand Knight. "I tried to jump in with both feet," he said. "I learned a lot from my time as the Chancellor. And we continue to grow and get better. With [Deputy Grand Knight] Frank Salazar and [Chancellor] David Ybarra, I know the next Grand Knights will be much better than me. And I learned from [previous Grand Knights] like Chris Kubin, Ed O'Brien and Marce Tebbe. I've been overwhelmed by the response this past year. We have good people in place." He's just looking for some more of them.



June—One of the special episodes in the life of Deacon Al Evans, our Knight of the Month for June, took place on the first Sunday of June. He had the privilege of baptizing three little girls born to Patrick and Holly Reid, whom Deacon Al had the honor to help marry almost five years ago. "It's one of the really neat things," he said. "Not the first time. But a lot of times, we have young people in our parish get married and then move off to North Dallas or Collin County. They both teach in Waxahachie. It has been fun to get to see them from time to time over the last five years. The young couple had Deacon Al officiate in their inter-faith wedding in August 2006 and then specifically asked him to baptize 2-year-old Georgia and her 9-month-old twin sisters, Mary and Olivia on June 5. Al became a deacon in 2002 and a member of the Knights in 2003. He works for the Department of Veterans Affairs in the National Cemetery Administration. He and wife Jackie have been members of Holy Spirit since moving to this area in the early 1990s. He's originally from Chicago, where his father and an uncle were fourth-degree Knights. Al became a familiar face at Holy Spirit long before he became a deacon; we got to know that distinctive voice when he served as a lector.



Baseball Season Concludes

Culminating with the 3rd annual USSSA Class “A” World Series, the little league baseball season for Spring 2011 is over. While the regular baseball season, which ran from March 26th thru June 5th, was taxing, the World Series which ran consecutive days from June 22nd thru June 26th was downright hectic. Although the World Series event had only 71 teams instead of the 100+ teams that were projected, there was ample opportunity for Knights to shine. In total for the World Series, Knights served food and drink at 156 games – 111 at Valley Ridge, 32 at Dot Thomas and 13 at the Community Center. For the 5 days Knights worked a total of approximately 393 man/hours. Our total intake was in the neighborhood of \$18,000.00. First, our thanks go out to the Cedar Hill Baseball Association for allowing us to be their vendor in operating the concession stands. There were many heroes during this event and I would like to recognize a few of those. Kudos to the following: To David Briggs, who opened the Valley Ridge location multiple days and pinch hit at Dot Thomas and helped with stocking. To Larry Balagna, who worked three straight days at Dot Thomas. To Juan Chapa, who worked multiple shifts and helped with stocking. To Mike Fitzgerald, who worked ending shifts on Saturday and



Sunday and loaned the Knights two coolers and two crock pots. To Robert Lamb, who worked many shifts and helped with stocking and clean up. To Dick Bates, who pinch hit three times and helped with stocking and clean up. To Ken Rarick, who worked multiple shifts. To Martin Svatek, who worked multiple shifts and prepared and delivered brisket. To Tim Weinrich, who worked multiple shifts, helped with stocking and made the sauce for the BBQ sandwiches. To David Ybarra, who worked three closing shifts. To Chris Edwards, who donated new menu boards which “spruced up” the place and helped speed up the ordering process. To Steve Zehnder, who worked multiple shifts on very short notice and loaned the Knights a condiment table which lessened congestion at the serving counter. To Bob Foster, who worked two shifts and helped with stocking. To Frank Salazar, who worked multiple shifts, helped with stocking and loaned the Knights a microwave. To Carlos Favela, who worked multiple shifts at different locations. To Linda Reitmeier, who counted and deposited the money each evening and day (and tolerated Allen). While the contributions of the above Knights were critical, that in no way lessens the importance of the volunteer work done by the following Knights.

To the following goes the thanks from the rest of the Knights of Columbus of Council #8157: Jan Araki, Barry Barksdale, Jorge Barragan, Michael Bender Jutzi, Bill Chalko, Michael Clark, Rod Constant, Eric Conner, Joe Cuellar, Bill Dover, Larry Dumais, David Dybala Jr. Russell Falgren, Paul Falgren, Bob Foster, David Camarillo, Andy Goza, Tom Greco, Russell Gully, Tony Houston, Rod Kinard, Jim Kowalski, Chris Kubin, Leo Mattingly, Jeff Miller, Mike Moloughney, Dan Murphy, Ed O’Brien, Jim Richardson, and Marce Tebbe, My apology to anyone I may have overlooked.



To all who worked in whatever capacity, the Knights of Columbus of this Council are proud of you and thank you for your commitment to this Council and to the good works this Council performs in the community, the state, the country and the world. To those who could not find the time to participate, you missed a chance to be a part of something important and special, and very rewarding – maybe next year you too will find it in your heart to participate in this fund raising event. Job well done!!!

Rejoice, His Calling Important to All



On the first day of May 1991, Texas Rangers icon Nolan Ryan beat the odds yet again by firing his seventh no-hitter at age 44. Before the month was out, the popular TV series "Dallas" appeared for the 356th and final time, Queen Elizabeth of England became the first monarch to speak before the U.S. Congress and some creative Californians put their minds and hands together to build the world's largest burrito (1,126 pounds). On May 25, 1991, our own Father Joe Lee was ordained. On May 21 this year, following the Saturday 5:30 Mass, that milestone was recognized with a reception in the dining room of Holy Spirit's community center. Soon after Father Joe arrived to a round



of energetic applause, Nel Mancineto - a longtime cantor at Holy Spirit - had the attendees joining in a chorus of "Happy Anniversary." Father Joe became a Knight in January 2009, six months before he began his second stint at Holy Spirit - this time as the pastor. He was born in South Korea in 1958, moved to the United States in 1970 and graduated from college in Michigan before turning to the priesthood. Congrats, Father Joe, on your first 20 years of ministry.



Special Olympics, Special Times



The Knights have been long time supporters of Special Olympics starting the first day in 1968. If you were not among brother knights David Briggs, Bob Foster, Francisco Hernandez, Jim Kowalski, Jeff Miller, Ed and Betty O'Brien, Allen Reitmier, Frank Salazar, Marce and Brenda Tebbe and David Ybarra, at Cedar Hill High School and/or UTA, you missed out on all the hugs, smiles, appreciation and gratitude from some tremendous athletes. You also missed out on the camaraderie of brother

knights. It is impossible to explain the emotions and fulfillment you experience from the attitudes and excitement of the athletes, their coaches, family and friends, ask anyone who has been there. If you ever have a chance do not miss this experience the next time the opportunity arises because you will always remember it.



Busy, Busy Little Bees

It's never a dull moment for the council. Whether you recently joined the council or have been a long time member, you know that Council 8157 is very active. In June we cooked for the Vacation Bible School send off, in May we cooked for the Parish Picnic, Graduation Dinner and the St. Joseph Nursing Home. These activities are just as important as other mentioned in previous articles. So when you see something that piques your interest ask the Grand Knight, an officer or director of the council how to get involved. We always need help.



Welcome A New Member !

Another KC legacy recently joined our council: Russell Paul Fahlgren Jr., who goes by Paul. His father has been a member of Council 8157. His older brother, John, who lives in Plano, is also a Knight. Paul, who lives in Dallas, will turn 20 years old on July 22. He's currently in the middle of his sophomore year at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Paul has a double major of criminal justice ("I'm very observant, so I thought I'd be a good detective.") and communications ("I found a goof-off class was doing stuff on the radio. They said, 'You're joining the communications program because you have too good a voice to waste.'") Paul headed to Tarleton after earning his high school degree via online courses. And he said he picked Tarleton because it's the rival school to his brother's school, Midwestern State in Wichita Falls. Paul took his First Degree at St. Ann in Coppell late this spring and followed a week later with his Major Degrees at St. Francis of Assisi in Frisco. The last weekend of June, he and his father chipped in at the Valley Ridge baseball concession stand, with World Series customers lined up 20 deep between games. "I felt dumb because the heat zapped my money counting ability," he admitted. "Paul, it happens to all of us."



Did You Know!

There are 27 books in the New Testament
One out of every 20 people have an extra rib
A chicken with red earlobes will produce brown eggs
The King ranch is bigger than Rhode Island
Chaddo Lake is the only natural lake in Texas

Upcoming Events

July 19	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting
Aug 2	7:30 pm General Meeting
Aug 16	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting in Room 221
Aug 20	Awards Banquet to be held in the Community Center
Aug	Seminarian Cook-out TBA
Sept 6	7:30 pm General Meeting
Sept 10	Corporate Communion
Sept 11	Parish Breakfast
Sept 20	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting
Sept 22-25	Parish Festival—KC cooking at the Grill Sign up with David Briggs to help out.
Oct 4	7:30 pm General Meeting

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