



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



# Knights Life

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Brother Knights, We are all glad to have survived this record breaking summer. I am very happy to know that thanks to many of our Knights that the Fall Festival was another great success. I would also like to acknowledge all of our new Knights that stepped up and helped out. Our council is doing very well and it is because of YOU. You are what makes our council the very best. One other note to pass along is that we will be having our very own Deacon Al Evans speaking to us about the DFW National Cemetery and what all it has to offer for our Brother Knights who served our country. Deacon Al will be speaking at our next business meeting in November. There will be a question and answer period at the end of his brief presentation. I hope that we show support on attending our next meeting. May God bless our council and our families, Andy Goza GK 8157

## A New Priest, An Old Friend

Fr. Arthur Unachukwu, a few months on the job as parochial vicar at St. Michael the Archangel in McKinney, sounded a lot like any new employee. "It's a lot busier than I imagined," he said. But, hey, that's what Bishop Farrell warned that hot Saturday in mid-July when our own Arthur was ordained along with two other priests into the diocese at the Cathedral in downtown Dallas. "There will be not a moment of peace in your lives, I guarantee you," the Bishop said during the ceremony. His advice to the newly ordained trio: "Prayer, more prayer and more prayer." The crowd included a number of parishioners from Holy Spirit, members of Arthur's family from Nigeria (including parents Sir Emmanuel and Lady Rose) and members of the Nigerian community across the United States. He said while the weekend's schedule was hectic, he was able to enjoy the ceremony and everything that went with it. "By the time it comes, you're ready. It's about time," he said. "People from different parishes came in there [on ordination day] to pray for us. It really causes you to say, 'Wow. If all these people are here for us, that's makes me all the more ready to give my life for each and every one of them. To give all the energy I have to be the best priest that I can be.' People have given so much. Love calls for love. Their love for me only makes me want to give more." Fr. Arthur said he first pondered a career in the priesthood as a boy of 10 or 11 in his native Nigeria. The third of seven children, he saw the impact the pastor had in his own Catholic parish. Fr. Arthur was an altar server then and aspired to be "one of the big guys." His father served in the Nigerian version of the Knights of Columbus and was also active in the parish council.



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Fr. Arthur said his parents encouraged him to pursue the priesthood when he expressed that interest early on. That interest didn't waver through the almost two decades before he was ordained. "Any priest will tell you the reason they want to be a priest is because they have been called by God," he said. "Personally, I love people. And people have given me so much in life, I want to give back." Fr. Arthur attended a secular college in Nigeria for a year before being able to enter Franciscan University in Ohio. From there, he came to north Texas to begin seminary life at Holy Trinity and moved in with relatives in Cedar Hill. Since Fr. Arthur wasn't yet 21, his uncle served as official guardian as he began attending Holy Spirit. (Read more about his relationship with Council 8157 on the page honoring the Knights of the Month.) Lots of aunts and uncles from his mother's side of the family were able to attend the ordination along with a few distant relatives from his father's side. They enjoyed a traditional Nigerian dinner the night of the ordination and a reception at Holy Spirit the following day, after Fr. Arthur celebrated Mass for the first time as a priest. He turned 30 on Sept. 16, which happens to be Mexican Independence Day. The staff at St. Michael includes many Hispanics, he said, who prepared a special meal at the parish. "Ladies were baking all over the place," he said. "It was a Mexican independence party, but they said it was for me." Viva, Arthur? "It makes for a happy day at the office," he said.



## 25<sup>th</sup> Awards Banquet

After the Saturday evening 5:30pm Mass this past August 20<sup>th</sup>, Knights gathered in the dining room for an evening of dinner, awards, socializing, and games. The evening started with a collage of pictures of Knights in action during the last fraternal year prepared by Chris Kubin. After a short time of socializing, Father Tuan led us in prayer before the Knights and their guests were served a beef and chicken dinner with the fixin's



along with an assortment of desserts to die for. Chris Kubin, the moderator for the evening then turned the program over to the Grand Knight, Andy Goza, who introduced new members, special guests, and Knight of the Month for August (Joshua Estrallas) and Family of the Month for August (Mike and Susan Fitzgerald). He also presented scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to Tom Greco, Jim Kowalski (grandson), Bob Foster (grandson), and Ed O'Brien (granddaughter). The Grand

Knight then presented awards to those who served as Officers and Directors this past fraternal year including: Deputy Grand Knight – Frank Salazar, Chancellor – David Ybarra, Treasurer – Mike Fitzgerald, Chaplin – Fr. Joe, Warden – Art Senato, Outside Guard – Bob Lamb, Inside Guard and Membership Director – Tom Greco, Trustees – Ed O'Brien, Chris Kubin and Barry Barksdale, Retention Director – Dick Bates, Church Activities Director – Pat May, Community Director – David Briggs, Health Services – Pat Stepniewski, Youth Director – Larry Dumais, Financial Secretary – Ernie Coy, Director of Baseball – Allen Reitmeier, Director of Pro-Life – Marce Tebbe. In addition an impromptu award went to Ralph Harkenrider for longevity – 49 years. Jim Kowalski presided over the Knight of the Year presentation which at its conclusion, was awarded to Mike Fitzgerald. Mike has been a stellar performer this past fraternal year, not only in his position as Treasurer, but in many other activities throughout the year including: helping at every breakfast, helping at every fish fry, working at the ballpark when called upon, helping during all phases of the Fall Festival, helping with the Seminarian cook-out, and helping Knight Hands. In addition Mike is a regular usher and, along with his wife Susan, a regular Eucharist Minister. Mike is dependable, courteous, respectful of others' feelings and completely and utterly honest. With all the work he has done the past year and his superior marks for character, it was an easy selection for the honor of KNIGHT OF THE YEAR. Congratulations Mike. After all the ceremonies the group played Bingo and then everyone helped re-arrange the table and chairs for the next mornings' blood drive.



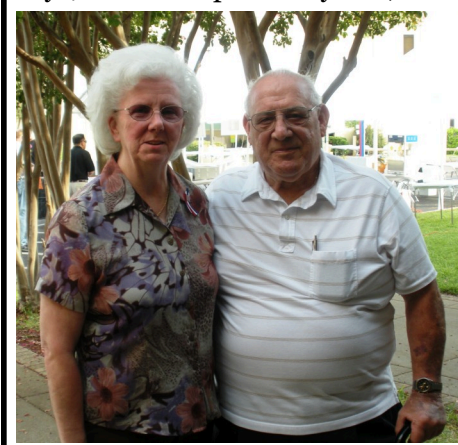
# Family of the Month

**July**—The summer schedule for David and Veronica

Ybarra, 8157's Family of the Month for July, featured a trip throughout the Southwest. That included stopping in to see family and old friends in El Paso. David graduated from Riverside High School, and Veronica went to Jefferson. They met as teenagers when David attended a party being thrown by Veronica's older sister, who lived behind the Ybarras. They had been dating for a couple years when David decided he needed to make it clear how he felt. Actually, Uncle Sam influenced the timing of that decision. David had enlisted in the Army after high school, was stationed at nearby Fort Bliss and was about to be transferred. Time was of the essence. While at a drive-in movie, he asked Veronica to marry him. Then came the *hard* part – asking her father for permission. "That was pretty nerve wracking," he recalled, "but I did it." We've seen David hard at work for the Knights and know he's one determined guy. He and Veronica are regulars contributing to parish life (such as cooking at various council functions) and helping throughout the community (their regular trips to area nursing homes). They live in Waxahachie and have literally gone out of their way to attend Holy Spirit for the past nine years. We're glad they do.



**August**—Art Senato and Maureen White, the council's Family of the Month for August, share a fondness for baseball in general and the Texas Rangers in particular. That's something of a hardball culture shock for a guy from New York and a woman from New Jersey. And they see the Rangers from different perspectives – literally. Art is a hardcore fan and wouldn't miss our council's regular outings to Rangers Ballpark. Maureen attends most home games; she *works* them (except on Mondays and Thursdays). For the past 10 years, she has been a ticket



taker at the Home Plate Gate. That afforded Maureen the opportunity to see the World Series last year. Sort of. Working a gate means a limited opportunity to actually *see* play. Because she works a day job as a secretary in a nearby law office, she doesn't often go out into the stands during her break time. "I normally go to the break room and eat," she says. "I need my time to have dinner. If you want to go watch the game, they just have one requirement, that you change your shirt. And no drinking." Maureen and Art recently donated four Rangers tickets to the seminarians at Holy Trinity in Irving. A winning call, we'd say.

**September**—To learn why Mike and Susan Fitzgerald were chosen as the council's Family of the Month for September, look elsewhere in this publication and read how they were major contributors to the Knights' efforts for the Fall Festival. Here, you'll learn how Susan and Mike came to Holy Spirit. Mike moved to Dallas from his native Minnesota and was living on Northwest Highway in 1980 and attending St. Thomas Aquinas. He was invited that February by a co-worker on a "double" blind date that included Susan and one of her former classmates from Mesquite High School. Mike recalls the evening wasn't particularly memorable, primarily because the two ladies spent much of the time catching up. Mike was urged by his co-worker to call Susan back, did so, and their courtship soon took off. They were engaged that May and married in November. They'd decided to move to southwest Dallas County, bought a house in DeSoto while engaged and started attending Holy Spirit. Mike became a Knight in 1999 thanks to an invitation from then-Grand Knight Bill Chalko. He soon became the council's treasurer and has held the position since. Susan became one of the founding members of Holy Spirit's Catholic Daughters court in 2000. The Fitzgeralds moved out to Ovilla in 1986, have three married children (Rita, Thomas and Becky) and five grandchildren.



# Knight Hands

This past quarter, Knight Hands completed 4 projects including repairing and adjusting a double-door front entry door, building 3 dolly carts so that drums could be moved from the choir area to the ushers room easily (that keeps the drums out of the sacristy), building 12 special clothes hangers to accommodate Father Joe's and the Deacons' vestments, and lastly David Dybala (the engineering and designer), David



Briggs, Ed O'Brien, Ken Rarick, Bob Lamb and Allen Reitmeier built and installed a handicap ramp for a home-bound, wheelchair bound lady in Dallas. This project took approximately 60 man/hours to complete but was well worth the effort.

There's a saying that goes like this: Bread cast upon the water comes back to you. The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place – and, after all, isn't that what life is all about? If any Knight sees someone in need, contact Allen Reitmeier.



## First Breakfast this Fall

Wow!! There were a lot of Knights working at the first pancake breakfast this past September 11. It was also the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attack on the twin towers in New York, so it was decided that the breakfast would be free to all comers. All went well and everyone had a good time serving and being served. Many new faces were in attendance, which is a terrific sign for the Council – it means the load has lightened on some of the long time regulars. Thanks so much for all who stopped by to help. Many kudos to Chris Kubin who organized the whole affair and did a lot of the cooking, thanks



to Ed O'Brien for gathering all the raw materials, and thanks to all who helped wherever they could. To quote Ed O'Brien "many hands make light work", and he is so correct. Anyone can help at the breakfast – just show up anytime between 6:30am and 8:00am and there will be work for you whether it is setting up the table and chairs or cooking or serving or cleaning up afterward; after all "many hands make light work".

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



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

There are several major events during October, "Respect Life Month". The **National Life Chain** was conducted across the United State on Sunday, October 2nd. It is an annual peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life Christian Americans standing together across the nation for 90 minutes praying to end abortion. We had 11 parishioners from Holy Spirit participated. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, many

youth and a few adults participated in the **Hike for Life** at Kiest Park. The proceeds from the Hike for Life support Texas area Crisis Pregnancy Centers like the White Rose and Birth Choice in Dallas, as well as help fund training for Sidewalk Counselors who pray in front of the abortion centers. On Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for 24 hours, Holy Spirit parishioners will be praying in front of the Southwestern late-term abortion center at 8616 Greenville Ave. in Dallas as part of the **40 Days for Life** campaign being conducted from September 28<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>. We need all parishioners to sign up and pray for one or more hours. For more information, please contact Marce Tebbe at 972-742-5886 or email [mtebbe6020@att.net](mailto:mtebbe6020@att.net).

# ***Knight of the Month***

**July**—“A lot of people gripe about thankless jobs,” says Juan Chapa, Knight of the Month for July. “When you’re in the Knights, you can work your butt off but you don’t feel thankless.” Juan has been a council member since the mid-1990s, about 10 years after moving his family to Duncanville. He ushered with Alfonso Hernaiz and accepted Alfonso’s invitation to join 8157. His favorite council activity is working the Cedar Hill baseball concession stand because he likes to interact with children. Juan provides them with more than correct change and pickle pops: “I like to share experiences with them,” he says. Juan was born in Laredo, Texas and grew up in Chicago. He met his wife of 39 years, Lupita, on a blind date. He served seven years in the Army, honorably discharged in March 1979 as a Staff Sergeant (with two Commendation Medals) to spend more time with the couple’s two children (Sergio and Rachel) soon after they started school. Juan earned an accounting degree from Laredo State in 1983 and was hired by the U.S. Treasury to work in Dallas in 1985. A former Inside Guard and Outside Guard, Juan sees council activities as a chance to give back to his parish. “I have a lot of good friends,” he says, “but with the Knights it’s special. It’s a little bit more personal.”



**August**—Three years at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. Five years at St. Mary in Houston. Fr. Arthur Unachukwu didn’t need to do the math: “That’s a long time,” he said with a sigh. And 8157’s Knight of the Month for August says he’ll forever be grateful for the support that he received on a regular basis from our council. (Read about his journey to priesthood elsewhere in the newsletter.) “I came here as a teenager, and they were very supportive,” he said. The financial support often seemed to come at just the right time, making it easier to pay his cell phone bill or keep up car maintenance. “A pair of socks. Shoes,” he recalled. “It wasn’t like I really needed it. But when you *do* have it, it relieves a lot of stress.” And, of course, support from the KCs meant more than improving his financial situation. “They were role models for service to the church,” he said. “I’ve come to know many of them personally.” He’s grateful for all of the Holy Spirit pastors whose paths he crossed. Fr. Tim was here when he arrived. “He welcomed me into the parish before I entered the seminary,” he said. “He gave me a space to call a home. He also allowed me to serve on the altar when I entered the seminary. He told me he wanted me to be comfortable around it.”



**September**—Father-son combinations in a council are hardly a rarity in the Knights of Columbus. But in the case of Josh Estrellas, 8157’s Knight of the Month for September, the sequence of their memberships is kind of like swimming upstream. Josh, a 20-year-old student at El Centro, took his first degree in June. And now his father, Reynoldo, is planning to follow in his son’s footsteps in October. (Josh admits to putting something of a hard sell on dear ol’ Dad.) Josh is a 2010 graduate of Duncanville High School and attends El Centro College, focusing on medical courses. In that case, he’s kind of following in the footsteps of his mother, Elsa, who is a nurse at Charlton. What will happen after El Centro? Well, he’s not quite sure. Josh’s is the second-oldest of four children. There’s older brother Patrick and, after Josh, Kevin and Rose. Josh got a quick indoctrination to the KC work ethic when handed a mop during the huge reception that was held for Fr. Arthur in mid-July to celebrate his ordination. He soon followed that up helping on the cooking crew for the finish of Vacation Bible School. And during the Fall Festival, Josh helped out in the food booth that provided egg rolls. He’s off to an excellent start.



## Baseball in the Fall?



Yup! The youngsters are at it again for the fall season. The fall season is very short (only 6 weeks long) with almost all the games played on Saturday. With such a large group of volunteers, we have plenty personnel to man the concession stand at Valley Ridge. But a special thanks goes out to Ed O'Brien and Bob Foster – if you want to get a hold of Ed or Bob on any given Saturday morning, you'll find them at the ball park. Thanks, too, to those who worked the summer tournament when it was so hot, which included

Frank Salazar, Bob Foster, David Ybarra, Eric Conner, Juan Chapa, Mike Rumsey, Bob Lamb, Russell Gully, Dick Bates, Tim Weinrich, Mary Weinrich, and Chris Kubin. While it was around 105 degree not a complaint was heard from any of the Knights – what a group!!! Thanks to the efforts of this group we took in over \$1700 – much thanks to all. While we currently have many volunteers it won't be long before the next season begins and we'll need more and new faces to man the concession stand/stands. Don't be bashful about contacting Allen Reitmeier (214-850-3602 or [alreitmeier@gmail.com](mailto:alreitmeier@gmail.com)) at home or at church to offer your time to help raise money for the Knights.

## High Praise for these Young Men

To a man, all the Knights in attendance at the recent cook-out for the Seminarians at the University of Dallas in Irving were impressed with the dignity and decorum displayed by these young men. They were polite and respectful of each other and us “old guys” who were there to cook for them. They thanked us at every turn, but really it is the Knights who should be thanking those young men for the way they handled themselves. They are the future



of the Catholic Church and they were most impressive. Although it was 106 degrees no one complained; in fact everyone complimented the Knights on the hamburgers, hot dogs, beans (provided by Mike Fitzgerald), chips, and lemonade and, of course the cookies (also provided by Mike Fitzgerald). The Knights (15 strong including: Art Senato, Bob Lamb, Allen Reitmeier, Pat May, Ken Rarick, Bennie Sikorski, David Ybarra, Al Evans, Mike Rumsey, Andy Goza, David Briggs, Carlos Favela, Jeff Miller, Mike Fitzgerald, Dan Murphy) gathered at the church at 3:15pm and started serving at 5:30pm. Just a few years ago there were only 20 seminarians to cook for; this year there were 67 young men who we sincerely hope and pray will all become priests one day. There were, in fact, 19 new seminarians from the Dallas diocese alone. The Knights cook for the Seminarians each year; so if you would like to be uplifted by the spirit of these young men, come along next year.

## Bea Bates Memorial Blood Drive

The latest Bea Bates Memorial Blood Drive, held in August in the dining room of the community center, resulted in the collection of 50 total units. That came from 32 donations of “whole blood” and nine other people who were able to give “double red” donations, which count for two units each. Pat Stepniewski, who has spearheaded the council's blood drives for years, said the total was a good figure considering the possibility that people could have been less enthused about donating because of the stifling heat that engulfed the area most of the summer. From what Pat was told by the folks from Carter Blood Care, there were no cases of potential donors being turned away because their iron counts were improper or any problems related to hydration or caffeine. The drive came right on the heels of the council's annual Appreciation Dinner the night before, which necessitated a quick turnaround in the dining room. Pat gave thanks to all brother Knights who volunteered to help during the drive. That included Chris Kubin, Bill Chalko, Jim Kowalski, Andy Goza and special salutes to Bob Foster and Dick Bates. Bob and Dick have been constant figures helping at the last five or six drives, Pat said. The winner of the council's first blood drive raffle was Jack Ramsden. He won a \$50 gift certificate to David's restaurant in Cedar Hill. The next drive will probably be in March or April.



# 2011 Fall Festival Another Success with the Help of the Knights



Tanya Hill was still wearing her tiara, still carrying her “scepter,” a few hours after Holy Spirit’s 2011 Fall Festival had come to a close. The Festival chairperson gladly addressed the role that Council 8157 played in the preparation and operation of the undertaking. “I can’t put a number on it,” she said, weary but pleased at the weekend’s events. “They were invaluable. We couldn’t have done it without the Knights.” The KC’s are proud of their contributions to the parish’s only major fund-raiser. Some Knights are individually part of the festival committee that begins to put together its plans early in the year. And the council members collectively commit to

multiple aspects of Festival operations. One such event takes place months before the weekend, when the community center gym is outfitted to handle the mountains of donations for the rummage sale. Many of the volunteers that weekend in late July were Knights; they not were instrumental in constructing the display platforms but also were greatly responsible for bringing the numerous items down from the second-floor walkway. The Festival weekend for the KC’s really got going on Thursday, when nearly two dozen Knights put together the stage under the direction of veteran “lead engineer” Martin Svatek. Then it was

time to build the many booths on the midway that house children’s games and food stands. On the Festival’s opening Saturday, a team of KC’s reported early that morning to get the grill and smoker going to prepare hamburgers, sausage and turkey legs. Other Knights not only put up (with his ever-present tribute to his favorite performed with the individually filling roles two days. Marce Tebbe



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multiple game booths. Chris Kubin was wearing his familiar apron in the kitchen. Speaking of the kitchen, Mike Fitzgerald and wife Susan were coming down the homestretch of their personal contribution to the Festival: cooking for the auction dinner on Saturday night. That effort began back on Labor Day weekend, when they started cooking dozens of chickens. Cooking for a party of, oh, 175 or so is nothing new for the Fitzgeralds. When older daughter Rita got married, Susan basically catered the wedding and cooked brisket. When they burned the mortgage note on their Ovilla “farm house” a few years ago, they hosted a crowd of about 100 (including many Knights) in the backyard. When younger daughter Becky got married, Mike prepared beer can turkey. And, Knights were of course a precision unit when it came time to break down all of the festival materials and store them for another year. This Festival continued the process of Martin eventually handing over his duties to Jorge Barragan. It’s quite a responsibility for Jorge, who became a Knight only last year but began helping the KC’s at the Festival a few years ago. Following the lead of KCs like Martin, David



Briggs and Dan Murphy, Jorge noted, “They’ve been real supportive. It’s a good thing Martin was still here.” So afterward, Jorge was able to put his feet up and relax, right? With three young children at home (daughters 6 and 4 plus a 2-month-old son) and just having moved into a new house a few months ago, that’s easier said than done. “My wife had a long list for me,” he said. “You’ve got to make time for all that.”



# Welcome New Members!



PETER PERTA is a relatively new parishioner, having moved to our area from upstate New York in the summer of 2008 when he was transferred by Nestle Health Care Nutrition. He began ushering at the 5:30 Mass. That, of course, was all the opportunity that Grand Knight Andy Goza needed to extol the virtues of Council 8157. Peter said Andy talked to him about it for about nine months, but the time wasn't right until this past summer. He and wife Bernadine – whom he said has been known by the nickname "Bimbo" by most people since she was 6 months old – live in Dallas. She works for Duncanville ISD. Peter began helping out at Holy Spirit before becoming a Knight and then pitched in with brothers during the Fall Festival – helping with the stage set-up and then operating one of the children's games.

JACK WHITACRE and wife Kay have attended Holy Spirit frequently since the first days of the parish in the early 1970s. Jack attended his first degree ceremony in Waxahachie, accompanied by Andy, on the Friday night before the Fall Festival. Jack said he decided to join the council in part because his father-in-law in Amarillo was a Knight. Jack spent three years in the Army, serving as an airborne medic 1966-69. Two of those years, he was in Vietnam. The Whitacres have two children – son Joe lives in DeSoto, daughter Angel lives in Frisco – and a granddaughter and grandson.



AL ALONZO is one of the Holy Spirit "originals." He and wife Sally, who married in 1965, are Eucharistic Ministers and also are Zone Shepherds in the Community Life ministry. He's retired from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. They have two sons. Vincent is married and lives in Allen.

ALLEN ALONZO is single, lives in Duncanville, followed his father into service with the AAFES and became a Knight at the same time. Allen is a graduate of the Art Institute of Dallas with a degree in interior design.



GREG CAMARILLO is another new member who has long been active around the parish. The 1982 DeSoto High graduate was involved in Children's Faith Formation. His wife, Sonia, is a catechist. The two oldest of their four children – 14-year-old Lauren and 12-year-old Michael – are classroom aides. Greg is the oldest of six, the two youngest being twin brothers Daniel and David. Greg said he was surprised to learn David was already a member of 8157. Greg works for IBM in Dallas in a technical sales. Sonia has homeschooled all of their children through the fourth grade, now instructing 9-year-old Christine and 7-year-old Alyssa.

Excuse RANDY REETZ if you don't see him around much for a bit. His work with Siemens has taken him to Pontiac, Mich., for much of the rest of the year. With a degree in electrical theory, he's part of the team that's installing new mail sorting equipment. Randy and wife Rachel Cromwell-Reetz live in Grand Prairie and have been parishioners since 1994. Rachel works part-time at Holy Spirit, assisting Nicole Ferko with Youth Ministry. They have three grown daughters: Stephanie, Tiffany and Rebecca. "I've wanted to join the Knights for a long time," Randy says, "but my work schedule has kept me from being involved." We know you're with us in spirit, sir. He should be home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, so be sure to say hello to him.



## Important and Required Notice

During the October regular business meeting of the Council, a member proposed a change in the by-laws. The member presented his proposed change to the Council in writing as required. And in accordance with the by-laws, notice is hereby given to all member that at the next regular meeting of the Council (November 15<sup>th</sup>) a vote will be taken on this proposed change to the bylaws. The proposed change is that the following sentence be eliminated from the Article IV, Section 4 of the bylaws - "all meetings shall commence at 7:30PM". If you are inclined to have an opinion on this matter, please come to the next meeting and cast your vote accordingly.

## \*\*Upcoming Events\*\*

- Oct. 15 St. Joseph cook-out. This is a bi-annual affair for the resident and families at the assisted living facility in Oak Cliff. To participate be at the Community Center at 9:30am
- Oct. 15-16 Regular Fall League baseball tournament at Valley Ridge and Community Center. Be ready for a call
- Oct. 25 Regular meeting of the Officers and Directors of Council 8157 in Room 221 in the Community Center beginning at 7:30am.
- Oct. 22 Cook-out for the residents at Desoto Nursing Home. We will need 10-12 knights to help cook and server for over 100 residents and staff. We will leave the church grounds at 9am. Come join us.
- Nov. 5 Corporate Communion. All Knights are invited to attend Mass and receive the blessed sacrament at the 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass to honor all fallen Knights.
- Nov. 5-6 Final Baseball tournament of the year at Valley Ridge
- Nov 12 Cook-out for Veterans at the VA hospital in Lancaster. Meet at the church at 8:15am. This cook-out is for Veterans currently confined to the hospital.
- Nov 13 Pancake Breakfast. We never have too many people for this event. Just show up at the kitchen from 6:30am – 8:00am to help set-up, cook, serve, or clean up.
- Nov 15 Regular meeting of the Council in room 221 in the Community Center. IF you want to know what the Knights are planning and help in the decision making, come to this meeting.
- Nov 29 Officers and Directors meeting in room 221 in the Community Center. Any member of the Council can attend; but only Officers and Directors can vote on any proposals
- Dec 6 Regular meeting of the Council in room 221 in the Community Center starting at 7:30am. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, come on in. Everyone is invited and welcome
- Dec 11 Breakfast with St Nick. This is a free breakfast with a guest appearance by St. Nick (our own Leo Mattingly – that always a "hoot"). We'll need lot of help for this one. Be in the kitchen at 6:30am or as soon as you can get there.
- Dec 20 Regular meeting of the Officers and Directors in the Community Center room 221 at 7:30pm.
- Jan 3 Regular meeting of the Council for all current members in the Community Center beginning at 7:30am. Bring along your current membership card.
- Jan 14 The annual appreciation dinner and party. All will receive an invitation. This will include beverages, a catered dinner, numerous prizes, lot of fun and probably a dance contest "to boot". It will be in the gymnasium in the Community Center so there will be room for all. No charge

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