



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



Knights Life

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Message from the Grand Knight

Greeting Brother Knights: Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and fun New Years. It was another great quarter for our council. From serving our church to serving our community these past months our council stepped up to the plate. We are planning another great quarter of activities and I want to encourage everyone to be on the look out for up coming events and get involved. I continue to wish that we continue this great effort along with all our efforts to make our council, our parish, and our community the best anywhere. May God bless Council 8157 always. Andy Goza – Grand Knight

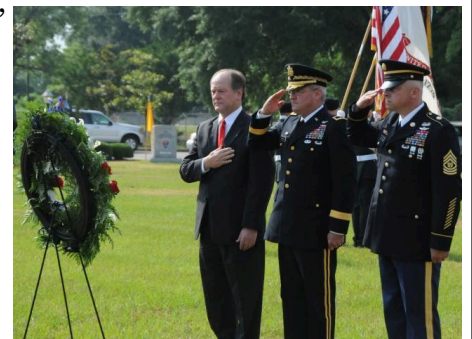


Publisher Comments: Happy New Year! What can be said but what a busy quarter! This last quarter the council celebrated our Memorial mass in November and each year we take this time to remember our fallen members. As you read this newsletter you will note that the council took on a new activity for our veterans at our local VA Hospital. Knowing that several of our members are veterans of our military I have decided that I would add some photos of remembrance. As always it was a very successful last 3 months. Our council never slows down just pauses enough for a quick breath of fresh air. Our board of directors are already planning for the coming months and I would not have it any other way except BUSY! We have had

some great opportunities for everyone to get involved. I can only repeat what our Worthy Grand Knight says, Just doing your part makes it that much easier!

We are still looking for more people to join the newsletter crew. If you can help write articles or photography come join us. Together we can make this great!

Peace,
Chris Kubin



The Chalko Story



Bill Chalko was gladly following in his father's footsteps when he eagerly joined the Knights of Columbus as a teenager in Corpus Christi in autumn 1964. This fall, his contributions to the Knights in general and to our council in particular were recognized when Bill was awarded an honorary lifetime membership by Supreme. "I thought it was a thrill to be joining an organization that was father was in," Bill said. "My father was a police officer, so he didn't have much time to participate in council activities. But he was very unselfish with his time for the Knights, and my mother supported him 100 percent." (His other, he learned after her passing, was a charter member of the local Catholic Daughters. As was Bill's wife, Sandy, here at Holy Spirit.) Bill is a past Council 8157 Grand Knight (the 1997-98 and '98-99 fraternal years), his term including the purchase of the original barbeque trailer. He previously served as Dick Bates' Deputy Grand Knight and was Chancellor before that. A year after being Grand Knight, Bill became a district deputy, supervised the establishment of a council in Ferris, and saw his territory awarded Star District. "It was all their work," he said. "I didn't do a thing." Like his father, Bill has risen to fourth degree. Bill initially attended a local junior college after graduating from Ray High School but soon joined the Marines, in December 1966. He spent 22½ years in service to his country and did two tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in October 1967 during an attack in which three of his fellow Marines were killed, including a corporal who was deployed with him. It was during Bill's time in the Marines that he met Sandy, one day before he was scheduled to end a stay in South Korea in autumn 1976. "The day we left, I got her address," he said. In April 1977, he returned and asked her father for her hand in marriage. Bill was based at NAS Grand Prairie when he left the Marines, found a job at Solar Turbines in DeSoto and moved his young family into town. Today, William, Donald and Paula are all grown up; William and Donald have continued the family tradition of joining the Knights. Bill is scheduled to retire from his position at Solar Turbines as a material planner analyst in July and turn more attention to projects around the house. In his introductory address as Grand Knight in the July-September 1997 newsletter, Bill stated his desire that our council be "the best council in Texas and across the nation." When he handed the reins over to Ron Soriano in July 1999, he assured the council was headed to greater heights. Bill's biggest enjoyment throughout his years of service to the Knights? "The people," he said. "The desire to help people."

Knights Grill On the Move

On a sunny fall day this 15th day of October, the Knights of this Council were honored to be able to cook for the firefighters and police officers of Cedar Hill. This took place at the fire station on Belt Line Road in Cedar Hill. In attendance was David Briggs (the organizer of the event), Jeff Miller, Andy Goza (along with wife Susan and daughter Madison), Frank Salazar, Mike Rumsey, Jim Kowalski, and Allen Reitmeier. Brisket was the main menu item along with sausage, bean, potato salad, lemonade, and cookies. The firefighters were most appreciative; demonstrated by their round of applause, and hand-shakes and comments. A good time was had by all as the Knights thanked these protectors for their bravery, dedication, hard work and example to the community they serve. These men and women scoff at danger and treat a crisis with a calm demeanor. It has become a regular event for this Council to show our communities appreciation to these brave men and women; so watch your calendar for upcoming events and join your fellow brother Knights at the next cook-out. See you then!



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Family of the Month

October—Our Grand Knight and his wife were recognized as the council's Family of the Month for October. But the family's contributions to parish life don't stop with Andy Goza and his wife Susan. Their daughter, 6½-year-old Madison, is well recognized around Holy Spirit, especially to those who attend the Saturday evening Mass at which Andy ushers. Madison has become an unofficial sacristan, often helping the Eucharistic Ministers prepare the sanctuary for the celebration. Faith is a family activity for the Gozas, and it takes some planning given Andy and Susan's work schedules. He is a manufacturer's sales representative and is often on the road. She's a flight attendant for American Airlines. But with Susan planning her schedule a month in advance, they succeed in making sure one parent is home. Andy's grandfather was a Grand Knight in Sherman. A Duncanville High grad and Cedar Hill resident, he became an officer here shortly after joining the council. "It's very humbling to have your fellow Knights ask you to be in this position," Andy said. One of his goals is inclusive involvement, in that all members will feel comfortable to serve 8157 in all ways. "I don't ask anybody to do anything that I wouldn't do," he said. And he's already looking forward to even better days after his term with Deputy Grand Knight Frank Salazar and Chancellor David Ybarra on deck.



December—Veteran Holy Spirit parishioners will recognize Ken and Patty Rarick, the council's Family of the Month for December, as members since the mid-1970s. Not so obvious is that Ken's work in the manufactured housing business was often based out of town, even out of state, through the years. He commuted to places like Austin and Arizona during the week but was back ushering at 9:30 Mass on Sunday. Ken and Patty, who met at Kent State University in Ohio during the mid-1960s, are retired. Three of their four children live in the area: Bob and Jeff in Flower Mound and Kathy in the Houston suburb of Katy. Their youngest, Brian, lives in Las Cruces, N.M. (Coincidentally, Ken has discovered Las Cruces is a great place to golf!) And the Raricks have four grandchildren: Taylor (16), Bailey (12), Megan (9) and Jack (6). Ken joined the Knights two years ago at the invitation of Allen Reitmeier, and he wasted little time getting involved in council activities. He likes to work the baseball concession stand and recently pitched in with Allen on some Knight Hands projects. Ken is also on the Holy Spirit finance committee and active in Ovilla, where the Raricks have lived for 11 years. He's a member of the town's planning and zoning committee and the volunteer fireman committee.

November— Bob Lamb was almost reluctant to



appease a co-worker some years back and call upon a woman named Jimmie Daugherty for a date. He arrived at her apartment door and, as Bob recalls years later, more an immediate impression. "She said, 'I never saw such a bright smile as when you saw me,'"

Bob said. Three children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren later, the Lambs celebrated their 50th anniversary in December. They were selected as the council's Family of the Month for November. Bob, who moved from Florida to north Texas in 1950 and joined the Knights in Arlington. He's our council's outside guard and can be found at multiple council functions aside from now checking everyone's membership cards at the monthly meetings. Bob recently joined with Allen Reitmeier and Frank Salazar to team up on a Knight Hands project to do cabinet work for Father Joe. Bob is amused that his children often mention that they've never seen their parents "fuss." "We discuss things when you aren't around," he told them. "When I'm not happy about something, we decide what we need to do." Bob is certainly a "doer," even in retirement. "I want to give some of the things back that have been given to me," he said, "because the Good Lord's been good to me."



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On a rainy Saturday this past October 23rd, the Knights made their way to St. Joseph Assistance Living Home in Dallas to offer a dinner of hamburgers, hot-dogs with the fixin's to the approximately 45 residents and their families. It's a time for those families to get together and enjoy the hospitality of the Knights of Columbus. Here is what Sister Adelaide Bocanagra, director of the home for the past 50 years had to say about the event; "On behalf of the residents and all the staff and guest who enjoyed the wonderful feast, thank you so very much for the delicious food you and your terrific organization prepared for and generosity. Every-enthusiasm..... Thanks your families and all out goes to David Briggs, Chris Edwards, Dam Murphy, Bennie Sikorski, Fitzgerald, Frank Salazar, Lourdes Salazar and David Ybarra for making this event so memorable to the residents.



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Knight of the Month

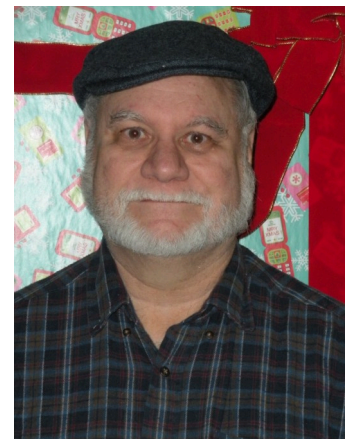
October—So, Deacon Al, how was “work” the other day? “I baptized a dozen children. That’s pretty spectacular,” Al Evans, our Knight of the Month for October, said recently. “And to have your back to a congregation with a couple that’s standing in front of the altar. To step aside and introduce them as Mr. and Mrs. and then inform the groom he can kiss the bride, that’s a pretty neat trick, too. It’s also a powerful, powerful moment to hold a communion cup, the priest’s chalice, high at Mass.” Al, a Grand Prairie resident, has been a Holy Spirit parishioner (with wife Jackie) since the early 1990s, a deacon since June 2002 and a Knight since March 2003. Growing up near Chicago, his father and an uncle were fourth-degree members. Al’s “day job” seems to fit the man whom parishioners have come to know since he became a lector in his early days at Holy Spirit. He works for the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Cemetery Administration. Al deals with families that come for burials and takes care of administrative details. “Ensure everything is done with dignity and respect,” he said. The deaconate program took 5½ rigorous years, about half of his class reaching ordination. “I’m not worthy of this by any means,” Al said. “But, Lord, thank for your privileging me with it.



November—It’s an optical illusion that a spatula is attached to David Briggs’ right hand. If there’s cooking to be done as a council activity, there’s a good chance the long-time Cedar Hill resident is involved. Our community affairs director was honored as Knight of the Month for November. “The thing I’ve enjoyed most about being a Knight is the associations,” David said. “Not just the members themselves but also getting to know their wives and families.” David has gotten to know many. He’s a fixture at the Knights’ baseball concession stand in Cedar Hill and is the unofficial landlord of the council’s portable grill. He regularly volunteers for cookouts, such as the one at St. Joseph’s home in Oak Cliff, for police and fire fighters in our immediate area and for the seminarians. A Cedar Hill High grad, David became a Holy Spirit parishioner in 1986. He joined our council shortly after helping at a Fall Festival, invited by Mike Rumsey. David is an Air Force veteran, serving from 1966 through ’70. That included deployment to Vietnam at Ubon Air Field. He recently took early retirement after serving as a mechanical inspector for Union Pacific Railroad. That has translated into more time to devote to Knights functions. “It’s a lot of good people doing a lot of good things,” he said.



December—The memory of growing up poor in San Antonio has remained strong to Bill Dover through the years. He remembers the Knights of Columbus council that his father belonged to and the local military community always provided help. That’s one reason why he organized the November council cookout at the Dallas veterans’ administration hospital. And that’s one reason why he was selected 8157’s Knight of the Month for December. “Let’s not let those men and women think we’ve forgotten them,” Bill said. Under his direction, more than a dozen council members and some of their wives not only helped serve a lunch to the veterans in residence but also provided companionship that was particularly appreciated. The cookout was a joint effort with the Fourth Degree Assembly 2799, in which Bill holds the office of Faithful Navigator and has been a member of since 2004. The funny thing is Bill joined the Knights 40 years earlier. “Don’t be as slow as me,” he advises others considering the move up from Third Degree. Bill graduated from the University of Houston College of Optometry and spent time in the army, where he met wife Cindy at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. She works in his office (Duncanville Eye Associates) as does daughter Katy (married to our own Nick Kleinhaus). And there’s little grandson Will.



Knight Hands in Action

Knight Hands is a new concept to this Council and it is slow getting off on the ground. As you well know, Knight Hands mission is to *assist those in the Holy Spirit parish area live a more peaceful and stress free life by providing minor home repairs, household chores and transportation services to those who qualify.* With funding approved at the July council meeting, Knight Hands kicked into action this past quarter with a completed project at the Holy Trinity Seminary which consisted of repairing and repainting a bathroom. This project was completed on September 10th by Ken Rarick and Allen Reitmeier at a very modest cost to the Knight's. On September 14th, with expert help from Chris Edwards, Knight Hands was able to complete a potentially dangerous electrical project at the home of one of our parish members. Again, this project cost almost nothing (thanks to the generosity of Chris Edwards) and was a great relief to the client. Chris Edwards was the sponsoring Knight for the Seminary project, while Marce Tebbe was the sponsoring Knight for the electrical project. On Sept. 23rd, Allen and Ken Rarick mowed and trimmed the yard of a wheelchair bound, home bound Meals on Wheels client in Cedar Hill. On Nov. 19th of this year Frank Salazar, Allen Reitmeier and Ken Rarick assisted in moving Earl Peacock to his new digs in Duncanville. Those three guys did the heavy lifting and transporting of furniture as well as assisting with boxes. On Dec. 7th, Allen Reitmeier and Dick Bates installed a new dishwasher for a member of Holy Spirit parish. Any Knight can be a sponsor for a project for someone in need. Extend a helping hand to someone you know who is in need of assistance by sponsoring a project – won't you? Contact Allen Reitmeier at 214-850-3602 or e-mail at alreitmeier@gmail.com for an application or more information.



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Pro-Life Events

January 22, 2011 is the 38th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's **Roe v. Wade** decision legalizing abortion in America and leading to the death of over 50 million unborn children. On Saturday, January 22nd, we will commemorate this tragic moment in U.S. history and pray for an end to the killing at the **Roe Memorial Rosary, Mass, Dallas March for Life & Rally.**

7:45-8:45 a.m. Roe Memorial Rosary at the Routh Street abortion center, 4321 N. Central Expy, Dallas

10:00 a.m. Bilingual Roe Memorial Mass, Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, concelebrated by Bishops Farrell & Vann with diocesan clergy

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Dallas March for Life from the Cathedral Plaza to the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse where Roe v. Wade was first filed in 1970

Last year, nearly 7,000 Marched for Life. Bishop Farrell has challenged us to reach 10,000! **Please clear your calendar to join Bishops Farrel, Vann, Seitz and Deshotel in this amazing event on Saturday, January 22.** For more information go to www.prolifedallas.org.

We have arranged for a 36 seat bus from Bishop Dunne to leave from Holy Spirit Church at about 8:45 AM and return about 2:00 PM. Sign up on a first come – first served basis will be announced through the Church bulletin.



St. Nick Stops By for a Visit

This years Saint Nicks breakfast when over with a cheer and a smile. The KC crew served over 425 kids and adults. Even St Nick nibbled. Family coming to eat donated toys and money for local charity and had the opportunity to each scrambled eggs, French toast, hash browns, and bacon followed by building and decorating a gingerbread house using graham crackers and taking pictures with St. Nick.



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Dick Bates, David Briggs, Bill Dover, Jim Kowalski, Frank Hernandez, Mike Rumsey, Frank Salazar, Art Senato, Jeff Miller, David Dybala and many other. It was another success and we look forward to every ones participation next year.

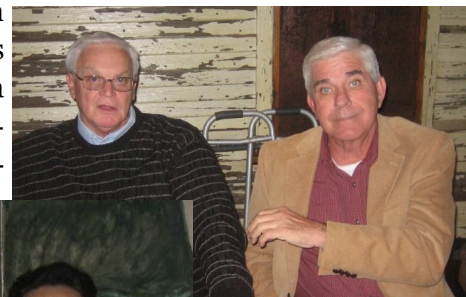


Remembering our Fallen Knights

The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America processed into church at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday evening the 13th of November led by the Color Corp (6 Sir Knights dressed in full regalia) to celebrate a Memorial Mass for all the Knights who died this past fraternal year and share the Blessed Eucharist. The Mass was especially for our own fallen – Marty Butler and Thomas Rourke.



The corporate Communion is a quarterly event; but this one was special because it also included the Memorial for those who have gone to Jesus face to face. As you would expect it was a solemn affair with everyone dressed for the occasion. Father Joe presided and recognized the Knights and Daughters for their contribution to the parish community. After Mass nearly everyone proceeded to the dining room for a dinner and an evening of fellowship and fun.



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WELCOME - New Member

Welcome to the newest member of council 8157. We thank you for your commitment to serve your community and your church through the Knights of Columbus. We encourage you to attend the monthly general meeting held the first Tuesday of each month. Become an active member and for sure you will receive more than you give. That's the beauty of giving. Giving is serving others and that is Christ like. The newest member of the council are: Dr. Chris Gleason

Do you Remember?

1995: The council, under Grand Knight Russell Gully, set up a paper recycling program as a fund-raiser. ... Wayne Nacey participated in the Pro Life Hike for Life ... The monthly meeting in December attracted 33 members, noted as record attendance ... New members included Steve Zehnder.

1996: In response to a parish-wide emergency request from Father Mike Barone, the council pledge \$1,000 to Holy Spirit for resurfacing of the roofs on the sanctuary and community center.

1998: Brothers B.J. Tucker, Kent Walsh and newcomer Marce Tebbe built 10 prayer tables for the parish's Faith Formation classes. The council contributed nearly \$470 for the materials in addition to the labor as well as \$200 for Bibles for the classes.

1999: Bill Dover won a Super Bowl MVP football helmet raffle, sponsored by the Texas State Council. The helmet was signed by 23 of the most valuable players in Super Bowl games and was one of 21 awarded across the state.

2000: Under the organization of Ed Vasquez and his wife, Sharon, council members enjoyed a Christmas party at Milano's restaurant in DeSoto. In attendance were about 80 brothers and family members - and Santa Claus.

2003: David Briggs went through his major degree ceremony at Council 799 in Dallas. Mike Rumsey did his at Council 1353 in Ennis.

2006: Council members that included Larry Dumais, Leo Mattingly and Grand Knight Chris Kubin served breakfast to the local Filipino-American community.

Upcoming Events

Jan 15	Council Appreciation Dinner/Dance
Jan 17	Catechist Dinner
Jan 18	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting in Room 221
Jan 28	Winter Welcome Dinner
Jan 30	Free Throw Contest 1pm in the Gym
Feb 1	7:30pm General Meeting in Room 221
Feb 12	Fun Run at Kiest Park
Feb 13	Breakfast 8am- 11am
Feb 15	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting in Room 221
Feb 19	Corporate Communion -Mass at the 5:30pm
Mar 1	7:30pm General Meeting in Room 221
Mar 11	Fish Fry Begins
Mar 18, 25	Fish Fry
Mar 15	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting in Room 221
Mar 20	Bea Bates Memorial Blood Drive

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