



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



Knights Life

Edition 11 June 2012



Message from the Grand Knight



To all my fellow friends and fellow Knights: First of all, I would like to thank all of you for the honor you bestowed upon by allowing me to be your Grand Knight. I look forward to continue working together with all of you in serving our church and our community. Please come to our regular monthly meetings; the first Tuesday of every month and bring your ideas and suggestion on how we can improve. Ask also your friends and family members if they would like to join us in being part of this great organization. We are always in need of more helping hands. God bless all of you from your Grand Knight – Frank Salazar

30th Anniversary Dinner



Council 8157's inaugural Grand Knight, Joe Delatte, said he enjoyed the 30th anniversary dinner on June 30 so much ... "If I get invited next year, I'll come!" ... If? Joe has come back every year! Joe, Ron Pinkston and Rick Doucette were the three former Grand Knights who temporarily left their current parishes to return for the celebration, which attracted about 100 Knights and their guests to the community center dining room. "It was one of the best anniversary dinners I've ever been to," said Ron, the 1993-94 Grand Knight who has lived in Greenville, Texas since 1997. The evening's activities began with a blessing from Fr. Joe and opening remarks from outgoing Grand Knight Andy Goza. Bill Dover, council member and District Deputy, congratulated 8157 on another banner year and said the council is among the best in the state. The winner of the council's 23rd annual Knight of the Year honor was revealed – incoming Grand



FRANK SALAZAR

Knight Frank Salazar, who was in Miami visiting multiple generations of relatives on a trip planned months in advance. Bill got Frank on the phone; the grateful winner said he had been thinking about the council all day and was emotional over the recognition. Frank formally accepted the winner's bowl from 2010-11 Knight of the Year Mike Fitzgerald at the council's next general membership meeting three nights later. The dinner was ably catered by Sodexo, and the festivities concluded with an 8157 staple – Jim Kowalski presiding over a spirited game of Bingo. Rick Doucette, Grand Knight 1989-90 through '91-92, traveled the longest distance – from San Antonio. "It's great that people cared what we did all those years ago," he said. Joe Delatte lives in the small town of Talty, near Terrell. "This council will always be in my heart," Joe said. "I made a lot of friends here." Thanks, Joe. And we'll see you next year.



Awareness Committee:

Editor- Allen Reitmier **Publisher**—Chris Kubin **Photographer**—Jim Kowalski and Bayani Alonzo **Writers**—Jeff Miller

Knights Help at Texas Special Olympics Summer Games

The Texas Special Olympics held their Summer Games at University of Texas at Arlington for May 25 – 27, 2012. There were over 3,500 Special Olympic athletes attending from all areas of Texas participating in 15 different athletic events, such as track, basketball, softball throw, soccer and so on. For this many special athletes competing in this many events, it takes a lot of volunteers – over 1,200 volunteers. This year, as in the past 12 years, Marce Tebbe had been asked to coordinate organizing and leading a group of Knights from the Dallas – Fort Worth area to prepare and serve food for these 1,200 volunteers. The Duncanville Council, as well as several other area councils, brought their large grills and smokers to handle this enormous task. There were eight councils from Arlington, Dallas, Duncanville, and Mansfield who came together to work side-by-side to handle this noteworthy request. During this weekend, there were 37 Knights and family members who contributed over 320 man-hours to prepare and serve over 1,200 other volunteers performing various other tasks to help these special athletes feel welcome, appreciated and safe. In addition to preparing and serving food, the Knights also manned one of the Awards stands; helping the athletes on and off the award platforms, giving hugs and making each athlete feel like a winner. It was estimated there were about 15 Knights



that contributed about 180 man-hours helping with the awards.

There is no more rewarding or heart-warming feeling than to reach out to help or give a hug to one of these special athletes. "No one ever stood so tall as when they stooped to help someone in need."



Family of the Month

April—Juan and Lupita Chapa, Family of the Month for April, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in March with a trip to Las Vegas. While Lupita enjoyed the slot machines, their itinerary did take



them outdoors. Way outdoors: the Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon. The Chapas met 42 years ago when Juan, who'd moved from Laredo to Chicago as a youngster, was back in Laredo visiting relatives. A cousin invited him out on a double date at a nightclub across the border in Nuevo Laredo. But the chemistry was formed between Juan and his cousin's date. He told that woman, Lupita, he had "a feeling" he'd be returning soon. His family moved back to South Texas soon, which simplified the courtship. Juan spent seven years in the Army and was honorably discharged in March 1979 as a staff sergeant. He earned an accounting degree from Laredo State in 1983 and moved his young family to Duncanville in 1985, becoming a Knight about 10 years later. Juan is one of the council's three trustees for the 2012-13 fraternal year. He has worked a regular shift at the Cedar Hill baseball concession stand the past three years and will help Allen Reitmeier schedule staffing at the stand this fall. The Chapas have two grown children, both single. Sergio works for Sam's Distribution. Rachel works for Duncanville ISD.

May—Hector Lopez and wife Letty, the Family of the Month for May, are proud graduates of Falfurrias High School in the small town of the same name located about 80 miles north of McAllen on U.S. Highway 281. They've been married for 36 years. "And we dated seven years," Hector added, "so we've been together ... forever." Hector graduated at age 16 because he was "smarty pants in



Catholic school, and the nuns skipped me a grade." He graduated from Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville), and Letty graduated from Southwest Texas State

(now Texas State-San Marcos). Hector sought work in the Dallas area following graduation at the urging of his older sister who lived in Fort Worth. He worked 32 years in the county auditor's office and retired last year. He ushers at Rangers home games and, yes, he was scared by that thunder-lightning episode in early July: "I thought a bomb had gone off." Letty retired this summer from AIG. They have two children. Marisa Archuleta lives in Fort Worth with husband Joe and daughter Elise. David is a paramedic for the City of Dallas. Hector joined the Knights in 2003, about a year after fellow 9:30 Mass ushers Dick Bates, Bob Foster and Jim Kowalski first presented him with a Form 100. "When I finally turned it in," he said, "they were shocked."

June—Our June Family of the Month, Russell and Tricia Gully, met in Austin. Tricia was working in Austin and attended a monthly meeting of her parish's young adults organization. That happened to take place in Russell's apartment. (The ministry chaplain later concelebrated their wedding Mass.) The Gullys have been parishioners since 1986, when they moved to DeSoto, and Russell joined the Knights in March 1987. He served as Grand Knight during the fraternal years of 1994-95 and '95-96, the first years that 8157 earned Star Council. Russell grew about 10 miles outside of San Angelo in the unincorporated community of Wall (population est. 200). After high school, he attended nearby Angelo State for a year and then transferred to the University of Texas. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and later added a law degree. Russell joined the Dallas law firm of Thompson & Knight LLP and has been there ever since, now specializing in employee benefits. Tricia frequently attends daily Mass. The Gullys have three daughters. Monica graduated from UT last year, works in the school's liberal arts department and is engaged to be married next year. Teresa is also at UT, studying nutrition (and currently living with Monica). Rachel is headed into the eighth grade at Bishop Dunne and this summer has volunteered weekly at the Dallas Zoo.



Knight Hands



Alton Forbis, a 96 year old Cedar Hill resident, was all smiles when he began to motor his powered wheel chair up and down the newly constructed ramp from his kitchen to his bedroom. "Man this is great" he said. This project was completed on June 28th when the final touches on the ramp were finished. Bob Lamb and Allen Reitmeier were the Knights responsible and received their thanks from the smile on Alton's face. All this at a cost of \$33.33

Marce Tebbe headed up the project to install a sprinkler system in Fr. Joe's back yard. Assisted by Brenda Tebbe, Jeff Miller and Allen Reitmeier, this project was completed in about three days from June 6-9 at a cost of approximately \$490.00. Marce has since rolled and landscaped the back yard as well.



A new game for the kids at the Fall Festival has been built and ready to go. This was requested by the games director, Mike Moloughney. It's a "fish bowl" games and hopefully will be popular at the Fall Festival. This was built in the garage of Allen Reitmeier at a cost of \$75.54



2012-2013 Officer Elections

 FRANK SALAZAR GRAND KNIGHT	 NICK KLEINHAUS DEP. GRANDKNIGHT	 JIM RICHARDSON CHANCELLOR	 RUSSELL GULLY ADVOCATE	
 MIKE FITZERALD TREASURER	 JEFF MILLER RECORDER	 TOM GRECO WARDEN	 BOB LAMB INSIDE GUARD	 PETER PETRA OUTSIDE GUARD
 JUAN CHAPA TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	 CHRIS EDWARDS TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	 ANDY GOZA TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	 ERNIE COY FINANCIAL SECRETARY	

Knight of the Month

April—Rod Kinard is the Knight of the Month for April. Rod is a native of Abilene, Texas but was off to Lubbock only months after his birth; his father graduated from Hardin Simmons University and got his first teaching/coaching job there. The family's next stops were in Oklahoma, first to Moore (just south of Oklahoma City) and then Carnegie (near Lawton), where Rod graduated from high school. He was a country boy and excelled in math. That combination led to him to attend Oklahoma State with a small scholarship to pursue radiation physics; his degree is in radiation and nuclear technology. He worked in South Carolina for a few years before he and wife Lynn (whom he met at OSU and married in 1978) relocated to Duncanville. Rod soon joined the Catholic Church through RCIA and became a member of our council in 2010, going through the Knight in a Day program held at Holy Spirit. He was a familiar face during the fish fry Fridays and was one of many Knights who pitched in at the concession stands during the youth baseball World Series in Cedar Hill in June. Lynn is also active in multiple Holy Spirit ministries including youth Faith Formation and Vacation Bible School. The couple has five children – Travis (32), Katy (29), Clint (26), Hannah (22) and Amie (12) – and five grandchildren.



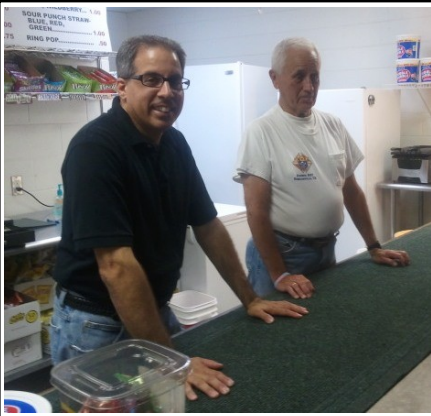
May—The camaraderie that Bennie Sikorski, Knight of the Month for May, experiences volunteering for the council reminds him of the bonds that he shared through 23 years of Army life. “You’re quite close to your fellow military,” he noted. His KC activities include a weekly “shift” with the frying unit during fish fry Fridays. Bennie is from Houston, graduating from St. Thomas High School. He earned an economics degree from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, an MBA in management and data systems from the University of Dallas and also attended the military Command and General Staff College in Kansas. During Bennie’s Army career, he spent three years in France, one in Korea and two in Vietnam. In France, he was part of the unit that delivered the first T2 tanker to provide petroleum in Germany. Bennie joined the Knights about 25 years ago, when stationed in Hampton, Va. He settled here when his last Army assignment was in the area and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He became a parishioner in 1998. Bennie later worked in data systems support for General Dynamics. His wife of 55 years, Virginia, passed away in 2007. Daughter Belinda has been stationed in Germany for 28 years and is a teacher for the Department of Defense at Ramstein Air Force Base. Son Michael is married to Mikki, and they have a son, Sean. Michael runs a business in Irving called Cyberlink.

became a parishioner in 1998. Bennie later worked in data systems support for General Dynamics. His wife of 55 years, Virginia, passed away in 2007. Daughter Belinda has been stationed in Germany for 28 years and is a teacher for the Department of Defense at Ramstein Air Force Base. Son Michael is married to Mikki, and they have a son, Sean. Michael runs a business in Irving called Cyberlink.

June—John Espree, June’s Knight of the Month, grew up in central Louisiana’s Evangeline Parish and moved to Texas at the age of 18. That’s why his e-mail address includes “cajun56texan75.” John and wife Bonnie started attending Holy Spirit in the early 2000s. John’s hometown is Mamou, hailed as the “Cajun Music Capital of the World.” It is home to Fred’s Lounge, which is only open Saturdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and provides live music 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. John works for Kenworth Trucking on Irving Boulevard and has been with the company for 24 years. He says it’s the kind of job that doesn’t have set hours. “The phone can keep ringing until you leave and keeps ringing on your way home and after you get home,” he said. Bonnie is the office manager at Governmental Relation Specialists in Waxahachie. She grew up in El Paso and graduated from high school in Austin. John joined the council over the winter and jumped right in. He has helped at fish fry Fridays, cookouts and the baseball concession stand. The Esprees have three grown children (Daniel 31, Johnny 29 and Jenny 28) and one grandchild (Jenny’s Jeremiah). When asked the obvious question for someone who has loyalties in both northern Texas and southern Louisiana – Cowboys or Saints? – John leaned toward the Saints based on recent history.



Spring Baseball Season Ends



What a year for little league spring baseball and the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the generosity of the Cedar Hill Baseball Association, our Knights were privileged to work concession stands from March 24th through June 24th – a three month period where we attended approximately 608 games culminating with a 165 game World Series. There were many heroes during this 3 month period; none more than the regular season Captains who handled opening and closing the concession stands on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays. And those Captains were: Jim Richardson – Mondays; Dick Bates/Jim Kowalski – Tuesdays; Frank Salazar – Thursdays; and Ed O'Brien – Saturdays. Equally important were the guys you worked the 12 week regular season games on those nights; Mondays – Ernie Coy & Dan Murphy; Tuesdays – Ray Rivera & Carlos Favela; Thursdays – Bill Chalko & Mike Rumsey; Saturdays – Frank Hernandez, Jan Araki, David Dybala, Eric Conner, Russell Gully, Juan Chapa, Barry Barksdale, Bob Lamb, Steve Zehnder. Many other Knights contributed as well during the four tournaments but nowhere more than the final tournament – the World Series. Frank Salazar, Jim Kowalski, Dick Bates, Ken Rarick, David Dybala, Juan Chapa, Eric Conner, Lou Lemons, Ed O'Brien, Jan Araki, Steve Zehnder, Leo Mattingly, Rod Constant, Hector Lopez, Bob Lamb, Andy Goza, Ray Presas, Tony Houston, Reynaldo Estrellas, James, Aaron & Katie Picha, Richard Jones, Barry Barksdale, Joe Cuellar, Rod Kinard, Steve Castillo, Bill Dover, Mike Moloughney, Peter Perta, Jeff Miller, Jim Russell, Dan Murphy, Mike Fitzgerald, Nick Klienhaus, David Camarillo, Tom Greco, Marce & Brenda Tebbe, Pat Stepniewski, David Ybarra, Jim Richardson, Chris &



Trevor Edwards, Carlos Favela, Larry & Sheila Balagna worked a cumulative total of approximately 381 man hours during the 5 day World Series. A special “thanks” to Linda Reitmeier for all the “behind the scenes work”. There were a total of 87 work shifts of at least 4.5 hours each during the World Series. Some Knights worked one shift, others two and still others worked three shifts; but to all a big “thank you” for a job well done. In total for the World Series the Knights grossed in excess of \$19,000; so for every hour worked each Knight grossed about \$50. Nice work!! To put the magnitude of this event in perspective know that we sold (all these are approximates): 1310 hot dogs, 3,528 bottles of water 3,096 bottles of Gatorade, 400 bags of sunflower seeds, 624 nachos, 4,560 pieces of gum, and 740 pickle pops. In total for the

entire spring baseball season the Knight grossed about \$50,000; a percentage of which we will be able to keep for the Knights bank account. It was hot, it was hectic, it was tiring; but through it all the Knights of this council “stood tall” to generate the funds we need to do the good works in our parish and our community. My apologies to anyone I may have failed to recognize. It was an honor to be part of this giant effort. Fall baseball starts the first Saturday after Labor Day and this fall Juan Chapa will take a stab at doing the scheduling.



A Mother's Day Gift

What has become a tradition of long standing continued this Mother's Day during the Knights cook-out at the St Joseph's assisted living home in Oak Cliff. Chris Edwards headed the effort and the Knights loaded out for the affair around 10:30am at the Church and prepared hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings for the residents, staff, and members of the families of the residents. Said one family member "it's great to come and visit without having to cook while we are here. We can just visit". It was a very festive affair with a local band of young musicians entertaining the crowd. But the hit was the food and the fact that someone took the time and cared enough about these residents to give up some of their time to make this a special Mother's Day. The long time



residents were pleased to see us again and the new residents were in awe that someone would do this for them; but all were grateful and expressed that to all the Knights they came across. Ed and Betty O'Brien, Al and Allen Alonzo, Andy Goza, John Espree, Chris Edwards, Allen Reitmeier, Juan Chapa, Jim Richardson, Mike Fitzgerald, Frank Salazar, and Bob Lamb were rewarded for their efforts with the happy smiles from the residents and family members. That's what the Knights had set out to do – make this a Special Mother's Day. The Knights cook at this assisted living home twice a year and if you want to feel loved and appreciated, come join the cook-out this fall or next spring. Check your newsletter (Knights Life) and Facebook for the upcoming dates.

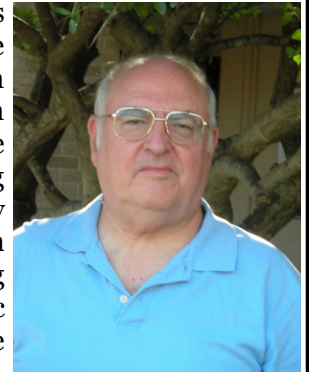


The pictures tell the story of the Knights of Columbus 2012 State convention in Houston. The Memorial Mass was celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and numerous bishops for all the deceased members including Ross Musso and J. W. Chadwick. There were approximately 1,500 in attendance at the mass. I was able to attend the clergy lunch with Fr. Tuan Le. It was a first for both of us. We had the opportunity to share a meal and enjoyed each others company and the company of retired Bishop John W Yanta of Amarillo. There was also time to visit and socialize with brother knights in our council and from around the State. The overall theme of the convention was the protection of our religious freedoms and liberties by voting in November. Remember to vote your religious beliefs. VOTE CATHOLIC was urged by Supreme and the State of Texas officers.



New Members to the Council

Jim Russell -The first weekend that Jim and Mary Russell lived in Cedar Hill was Labor Day weekend 1972. They attended Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary and were told a new mission church was starting just that weekend in Duncanville. They began attending there the following week, at Reed Junior High, and therefore missed out on being one of the “original” Holy Spirit attendees by one week. The Russells met in the early 1960s at Oklahoma State. Jim, from Rochester, N.Y., was pursuing a marketing degree. Mary, a hometown Stillwater girl, was working in the registrar’s office. They were married in 1966. Jim spent four years in the Army, and the couple came to North Texas after a few years in Austin. Jim retired last July, his most recent employer being Raytheon, south of Love Field. Mary is a part-time music teacher at St. Joseph Catholic School in Waxahachie. They’re long-time choir members here at Holy Spirit. They have five children (Jeannine, Mark, Matthew, Christine and Tiffany) and 13 grandchildren. Nine of the grandkids are boys. “Got my own baseball team,” Jim said.



Tim Hart -Tim is a second-generation member of Council 8157. His father, Robert Forrest Hart, was a member after becoming a Knight at Council 3593 in Oak Cliff. Tim is a respiratory therapist at the VA hospital. “I’ve always been involved in the corporal works of mercy,” he said. “I actually get paid for that.” He got into that line of work after earning a biology degree in 1972 from East Texas State (now Texas A&M-Commerce) and spending a year as a teacher in Dallas. He graduated from Duncanville High School, received his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. Elizabeth of Hungary and was baptized at St. Cecilia. “Without me moving, I’ve been a part of all these different churches,” he said. He met wife Vangie while working at a cancer hospital, and they were married in 1979. They have two children. Son Curtis lives in Arlington with his wife Karen and their sons Robert Aidan, John and Jaya. Daughter Angelique lives in Dallas.

Tim is something of a Catholicism historian. He and Vangie recently traveled to Portugal to visit Fatima, known for the Marian apparitions in 1917.

Upcoming Events

- July 21 Diocesan organizational meeting. Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are expected to attend; but all current members are welcome. Contact Bill Dover for time and location.
- July 27-31 Pro-Life boot camp for youth. Contact Marce Tebbe for details
- July 31 1st degree team certification. Tome Greco will give us the specific time and place where this will take place so we can attend
- August 7 Regular business of the Council in room 221
- August 18 Corporate Communion after the 5:30pm Mass. Come one come all to this unifying affair.
- August 19 Bea Bates Memorial blood drive. Give blood or your time to help keep the event organized. Contact Pat Stepniewski if you can help
- August 21 Meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Council
- Sept. 4 General meeting of the Council in room 221. All are encouraged to attend. Get involved in your Council
- Sept. 8 Fall baseball begins. Juan Chapa will be calling for volunteers to work the 6 Saturdays of the season.
- Sept. 9 The first pancake breakfast of the season. Come early (6:30am)if you want to help cook and/or set-up tables and chairs; come at 8:00am if you want to help serve; and come at 10:00am if you want to help clean up and put things away. There will never be too many helping.
- Sept.22, Hike for Life. Support this pro-Life event by hiking or giving money to those that are hiking. For details contact Marce Tebbe
- Sept. 29 Hike for Life
- Oct. 2 Regular business meeting of the Council in room 221 in the Community Center
- Oct. 6 Hike for Life