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PUBLISHER'S COMMENTS



As our year comes to an end there are many important activities that everyone has participated in. It is because of everyone's involvement which makes our council so successful. Thank you! But it is not over. Over the next few months our council still has several activities planned and some important decisions to vote on. The elections of officers is around the corner and we need everyone's participation. Get involved and



make sure your vote counts. I look forward to your involvement. God Bless!

Bishop's Award for Service



This winter, council member Mario Tiambeng was one of 133 Catholics across the Diocese of Dallas honored with the first Bishop's Award for Service to the Church. They were presented with certificates and medals in mid-February in a ceremony at the cathedral followed by a reception. No more than two individuals were honored from any parish; Mario and Jim Finger were the two recognized from Holy Spirit. When later asked about the award, the first thing that Mario was to tick off names of others at the parish who are more deserving. That said, he's very proud and very happy to have contributed to Holy Spirit life in so many different ways since he moved here from Chicago with wife Becky and their three children in 1978 in search of warmer weather (the man likes to

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play tennis). Mario didn't even know the parish had passed along his name for the award. Becky did but kept the secret; he learned of the honor only when he received the letter from the bishop's office one day in late January. Mario has been involved in multiple areas of Holy Spirit life over the years. "I do it because I like to do it," he said. "I've been fortunate to work with some really good people." He's currently a Faith Formation catechist for two classes, oversees the Eucharist Ministers for the Liturgy Commission and has been a Zone Shepherd since that body was started. He co-chaired the Fall Festival once (Becky insisted that be a one-time experience) and was on Holy Spirit's old Parish Council. He recently returned to the KCs. He was one of 8157's founders 30 years ago but left the council, saying he was dividing his church time in too many directions and didn't feel he was making enough of a contribution to the Knights. Mario grew up on a poultry farm in the Philippines, not far from Manila. He graduated from college there with a major in English. With jobs hard to come by back then in his homeland, he came to the United States and became a teacher in Chicago. That's where he met Becky, and they married soon after. Now in his 32nd year as a Faith Formation catechist at Holy Spirit, he smiles broadly when noting he has been invited to participate in the weddings of 37 of his former religious education students.



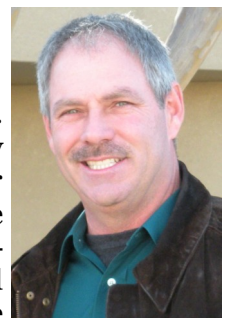
Knights Unite for Lenten Dinners



Wow!! What a turnout of Knights for this year's fish fries during Lent. And we needed everyone because we served approximately 940 guests at the five dinners. At the first fish fry there were 31 Knights in attendance and while the numbers were smaller for the remainder of the dinners there were always enough Knights to get the job done. Many Knights were there for every single dinner. These are the Knights who helped at one or all of the dinners in no particular order: Al Alonzo, Bill Dover, Andy Goza, Jeff Miller, Art Senato, Hector Lopez, Les Migala, Marce Tebbe, Paul Fahlgren, Chris Edwards, Russell Fahlgren, Ken Rarick, Peter Perta, Frank Salazar, Barry Barksdale, Ed O'Brien, Benny Sikorski, Juan Chapa, Frank Hernandez, Eric Conner, Tim Weinrich, Steve Zehnder, David Dybala, Rod Kinard, Dan Murphy, Ralph Sobalvarro, Larry Dumais, Ralph Harkenrider, Alex Peralta, Mike Fitzgerald, Chris Kubin, Barry Clauss, Andy Hitz and Allen Reitmeier. This writer apologizes to anyone I may have omitted. It's this kind of effort and cooperation that make the Knights of Columbus meaningful and rewarding. We are here to serve others – not just food but by our actions we tell the community that we live up to our commitment to serve those in need. Jesus would approve of what we do. Be proud to be a part of the Knight of Columbus.

Faith in Action

Nothing like a bus trip from Duncanville to Washington D.C. with a horde of teenagers. Our Larry Dumais not only doesn't mind, he looks forward to such ventures. That's only one reason why he has been such a great fit as the council's director of youth activities for five years. "I think I get more out of the trips than the kids do," he said. Larry and wife Cathleen are youth catechists. Larry is a regular at the mid-week gatherings of Youth Director Nicole Ferko's Team Spirit group during Holy Spirit's Faith Formation year and seems to be on every out-of-town excursion. "He's such a blessing to our youth," Nicole said. "Here at Holy Spirit, we have youth that come from a variety of households. Some with dads, and some without. Larry has filled in that void and become a father to many in our parish. He's great in teaching situations where he can share his knowledge and lead youth closer to God. He loves to tease the youth, to be funny and joke with them. Holy Spirit is truly blessed to have such a dedicated adult male role model. Youth Ministry at Holy Spirit wouldn't be the same without him." Larry's most harrowing experience with parish youth? Probably the canoe trip with Fr. Don. Lost two canoes but came back with all the kids.



Family of the Month

January—Frances and Jeff Miller are the council's Family of the Month for January. Simply put, Frances is the reason that Jeff is a Catholic. She grew up in Jacksonville, Fla., in an active Catholic home, one of seven siblings. Jeff grew up in a family with little religious emphasis. When they met at Auburn University in Alabama in the mid-1970s and decided to marry, Jeff was happy to convert since that was important to Frances and her family. He didn't have much involvement in the early religious life of their growing family (Kimberly, Jason, Kevin and Joseph were born from 1979 through '85) when they lived in Alabama and Florida since, as a sportswriter, he was often traveling on weekends. But when they arrived in Dallas County in 1987, they were both able to become involved at Holy Spirit - mostly teaching religious education in their children's classes. Jeff joined the Knights in the late 1990s at the invitation of then-Grand Knight Bill Chalko, whom he met as DeSoto High School band parents. Jeff became Holy Spirit's director of community life in May of last year and still does some sportswriting when time permits - he's currently working on a book about legendary golfers Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson that's scheduled to be published next fall. Frances is the administrator of an outpatient surgery center in north Dallas.



February—This is sort of a “two Catholics walked into a bar” story that will explain how Brenda and Marce Tebbe, our Family of the Month for February, met in the winter of 1998. Brenda was living in northern Illinois but staying at her mother's home in southern Illinois while recuperating from surgery. Brenda's brother, Barry, wanted her to meet his friend Marce. Barry initially invited Brenda to come along to his regular poker night, which she determined she wasn't physically up to. Barry then convinced Marce to stop in at a local pub called “The



“Elevator,” allegedly to practice for an upcoming competition in a pool league. Brenda agreed to go along with Barry and his wife and,

when she first saw the smiling Marce, thought, “This might not be such a bad idea.” (It helped that he was sitting on a stool next to the heat register, and she was freezing.) They kept in touch after she returned home, and the rest is history. Since coming to Dallas in the late 1990s, they have been actively involved in parish life. They are involved in RCIA, regularly help with Faith Formation and Community Life needs, are front and center in Pro Life activities and were part of the parish contingent that went to Honduras in March. Their recent retirements have only increased their commitment to Holy Spirit.

March—Ed and Betty O'Brien are the council's Family of the Month for March, and March is indeed a busy time for our past Grand Knight from the fraternal years of 2004-05 and '05-06. Ed does the purchasing for the weekly Lenten fish fry dinners. It can be a tricky exercise to make sure there's enough for each of the six dinners but not *too* much left at the finish. He started helping Ross Musso in that role and took over following Ross' passing. “I kind of slid into it,” Ed said. “I still don't know how.” Ed's culinary contributions to 8157 can also be found during the fall pancake breakfasts and running the early morning crew in the Valley Ridge baseball concession stand beginning in late March. The team of Ed, Frank Hernandez and Bob Foster arrive by 8 a.m. in order to be up and running at 9. “We know what we're going to do, so Allen doesn't worry about us,” he said. Parents and children are somehow ready to wolf down hot dogs and barbeque sandwiches at that hour. “They come up and say, ‘We haven't had any breakfast,’” Ed said. Betty often pitches in at KC functions such as kitchen help during the Winter Welcome. Their other volunteer



together including ushering at the AT&T Performing Arts Center in Dallas and doing Meals on Wheels.

Annual Appreciation Dinner

A gathering of about 115 Knights and their guests attended the council's annual appreciation dinner on a Saturday night in mid-January, the largest attendance since the event was inaugurated two years earlier. Each table featured a centerpiece honoring the late Ross Musso, whose suggestion to have a dinner saluting Knights who worked long hours at the baseball concession stand led to the staging of the first 8157 appreciation dinner. Our meal was ably catered by Sodexo, the operation that caters the meal program at Dallas Baptist University. (Council 8157 is the only outside group that Sodexo provides meals for.) A number of door prizes were handed,



many of them to relative newcomers to the council like Peter Petra and Josh Estrellas. The dance competition later in the evening was again highly entertaining, with the assistance of disk jockey Diamond Jack. Among the fleet-footed victors were Marce Tebbe (the YMCA winner; Brenda was happy to share the bottle of Sutter Zinfandel), Marybeth Jones (wife of new council member Russell Jones) and the couple of Chris and Cecelia Edwards (capturing the most romantic couple's dance. Chris deftly credited the triumph to his spouse and to Diamond Jack, saying "It's easy to win such a title when you're dancing with the one you love to great music.") Thanks to all who attended and made for an enjoyable experience.

A Call for Help

Our brother Knight, Dr. Alexander Peralta, has asked for help from this Council to assist the Missionaries of Charity. The Missionaries of Charity Sisters are from the order of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and their shelter and convent is located at 2727 Harlandale Street in Dallas, 75216. The shelter houses pregnant women who usually have nowhere else to go – there are usually 4-8 women at the shelter. People from the surrounding neighborhood use the chapel located in the shelter to pray daily. The Sisters distribute food to approximately 150-200 needy people on the first 4 Wednesday's of each month at the shelter. Sister Celian is in charge of food distribution. Homes visits are made at the beginning of the year (usually in January) to those seeking food to determine a need. Volunteers for the food distribution gather at 3pm at the shelter to prepare the food for distribution. The food handed out free is rice, beans, potatoes, bread and meat plus whatever else has been donated by major groceries such as Tom Thumb, Kroger, Central Market, etc. The food distribution lasts about 2 hours. If you are willing to assist the Missionaries of Charity distribute food, please contact Sister Celian to get permission and identify what group you represent by calling her between 8am-9am and in the evening between 7pm-8:30pm during the week at 214-374-3351. Dr. Peralta says "it would be a blessing if our Knights of Holy Spirit made a monetary donation to Sister Celian and her nuns. They are always in need of funds or food. They are a simple, humble but intelligent group totally devoted to God's work. They visit the poor, sick, and dying throughout Dallas".

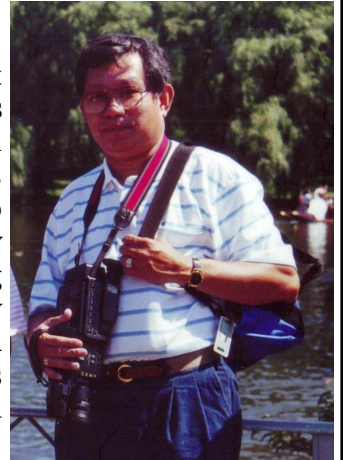


Hot Dogs, Canned Food!!!!

The annual Souper Bowl party was held with great success this year. Once again we served 300 hot dogs to the parishioners as a thank you for their contributions of food or money. The annual drive has been held for the past several years and is always a great success. Thank you to Chris Edwards, Andy Goza, Barry Barksdale, Marce and Brenda Tebbe, and several others who came out for the true win!

Knight of the Month

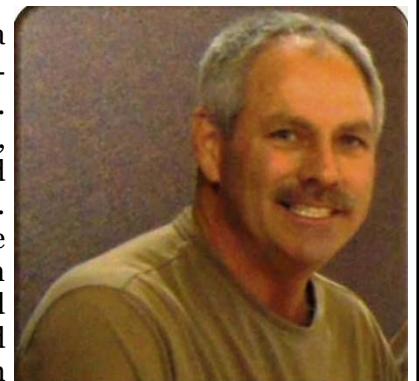
January—Al Alonzo has been a member of our council for less than a year. But anyone who has participated in only a handful of 8157 activities since last summer knows he's willing and able to pitch in just about any time – and he's probably going to bring along his trusty camera. His interest in photography began back when he attended high school in his hometown in the Philippines, Malolos City. Photography equipment was more expensive then, and a local photo studio was willing to loan him a still camera and a movie cameras. He and wife Sally moved to the United States in 1969 and had a layover in Tokyo making the long trip. While there, Al bought his first Ricoh 110 film camera. When his family moved to Duncanville four years later, he added new Kodak equipment: a 35mm camera and a panoramic camera. He was ready for the video revolution a few years later and has continued to add to his array through the years. He has produced slide shows for various Holy Spirit ministries and, soon after becoming a Knight, joined the council's Awareness Committee and began establishing 8157's own Facebook page. Al still has his older cameras and plans to donate them to a museum in the Philippines that displays vintage photo equipment.



February—Work ethic has never been an issue with Frank Salazar, our Deputy Grand Knight and the council's Knight of the Month for February. Frank owned an auto parts export company in Waxahachie for almost 20 years. The business drastically changed following 9/11, and the political climate in one country that was one of his major customers (Venezuela, under Hugo Chavez) didn't help things, either. So Frank sold the business in 2003 and retired. As many council members could tell you, he has hardly been a man of leisure since. Frank and wife Lourdes moved from Dallas to DeSoto in 1975, and Frank's first activity at Holy Spirit was cooking a traditional Cuban dinner in the little kitchen adjacent to the narthex. Frank is a proud granddaddy these days. Daughter Barbara, and her husband Brian Hill, live in Arlington with children Audrey, Olivia, Evelyn and Asa. His son, Frank J. Salazar, and wife Susan have a daughter, Alexis. They live in south Florida, which is where Frank entered the United States from Cuba as a young teen in 1962 as part of the Operation Peter Pan program organized by Miami's Msgr. Bryan

Walsh. Lourdes is also from Cuba, but they met in Dallas in 1971. They were married at St. Cecilia in north Oak Cliff before heading to DeSoto. The Salazars now live in Grand Prairie.

March—Our Knight of the Month for March is Larry Dumais. He's a handy guy – runs multiple businesses related to construction and home repairs. But recently he has also become much more handy in the kitchen. Wife Cathleen went back to school on top of her job in the Cedar Hill ISD, where she works in testing, assessments and technology. So Larry's had to fend for himself at dinnertime on occasion at their home in Midlothian. Larry became a member of our council about six years ago and soon became the director for youth activities. (You can read more about that elsewhere in this newsletter.) Larry graduated from Sam Houston High in Arlington and attended North Lake College in Irving. He and Cathleen, a graduate of Grand Prairie High, have one grown daughter. Jackie married Matthew Svatek (son of 8157 alum Martin Svatek) after their years at Texas A&M. The kids have been living in Wyoming since getting married here at Holy Spirit but are on their way back to the more reasonable Texas climate soon.



Blood Drive Saves Lives

It's time for the council's semi-annual shout-out to Patrick Stepniewski for organizing yet another blood drive. The most recent drive was held in the community center dining room on Sunday, March 18. That was the Sunday at the tail end of spring break. We still received almost 30 donations, including some parishioners who wanted to donate but were prohibited for health reasons. Patrick arranged for the Carter Blood Care contingent from Eules to come in for the drive. Patrick's commitment in this area predates the existence of our council. In 1982, when Patrick was a member of Holy Spirit's men's club, he suggested a parish blood drive as a service project. Holy Spirit didn't even have a community center then, and the drive was held in the narthex on a Saturday. His interest in blood donation dates back to his freshman year at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin, a few miles north of Green Bay. Since coming to Holy Spirit, Patrick has organized the drives by communicating with Carter Blood Care and its predecessor, Wadley. As a member of Wadley's donor council, he helped end the donor age limit that was 65. The summer Holy Spirit drive is scheduled for Aug. 19. And we're already working at scheduling next spring's drive in mid-February. Thanks again to Patrick for his dedication to this area of Knights activity.



You Can Make It, Free Throw Challenge

Gabrielle Jones was almost literally along just for the ride. She accompanied her younger brother, Benjamin, to the district free throw shooting contest held in early January at Holy Spirit's gym, where he was scheduled to compete. But she was encouraged to give it a shot, though she wasn't really dressed for the occasion. Well, she not only advanced to the diocesan competition in February, she finished third in the girls' 14-year-old division. Gabrielle is the daughter of Russell Jones, who recently transferred to our council. (You can read about Russell and other newcomers to the 8157 ranks elsewhere in this newsletter.) Gabrielle was one of two Holy Spirit representatives to place at the diocesan contest, held at Bishop Dunne Catholic School. Katie Marquez finished second in the girls' 12-year-old division. Thanks to the KC contingent that included Bill Dover, Art Senato and Larry Dumais for coordinating the free throw competition held the Holy Spirit.



Forming a 1st Degree Team

Council 8157 has begun the process of forming a First Degree Team. That would allow this Council to offer prospective candidates for Knighthood from Holy Spirit the opportunity to join the Knight of Columbus as soon as possible and at their own parish. There is only one other degree team in our part of the Dallas Diocese, which often means our candidates must wait until a ceremony is available, and then drive a considerable distance to attend a ceremony in unfamiliar surroundings. At the very least, a 1st Degree Team needs 7 members to function smoothly, and could use up to 12 members to induct a large number of men into the Order. We must also consider the need for members to be cross-trained in the various parts, and to be available to cover for another in the event that members are unavailable to attend a ceremony. Thus, we need 12-14 men who are well trained and ready to present a 1st degree on fairly short notice. At present we have 8 members who have volunteered to be part of the team; so there is still room -and a need- for nearly twice that number if we are to field an effective team. Memorization of parts often deters potential members from stepping forward, and indeed, some parts in the 1st Degree ceremony are quite involved. However, others have rather few lines to memorize; and some have none at all. Recent instructions from the Supreme Council

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relieve new degree teams of the responsibility for complete memorization of lengthy parts. While we must have one member with each part completely memorized, “back-up” team members may now read parts. Our goal is be ready to present degrees by the Fall of this year. Can you picture yourself presenting a 1st Degree ceremony to new Knights? Would you consider joining the now forming 1st Degree Team? If so, please contact Tom Greco at your earliest opportunity at 972-298-6168 or cmry@sdcglobal.net.

Deacons Congressional Meeting



This year our Brother Knights and Deacons Paul Wood and Al Evans were asked to hold the annual Deacons Meeting at Holy Spirit. This event rotates annual between several locations within the DFW area. In the planning stages of this event Deacon Al and Paul thought of the Knights as the best group to help out, and as always the council was up for the task. To assist the council prepared a light breakfast which included fruit and makings for breakfast burritos. It was a huge success serving over 250 people. The dinning room was filled to the rim with deacons and their wives. Thank you to Deacon Al and Paul for your dedication to our Church and all that you do for your ministry.

Another Season Kicks Off

Unbeknownst to many Knights, the Spring baseball season has begun at Valley Ridge in Cedar Hill. The Knights of Columbus of this Council are the official concessionaire for the Cedar Hill Baseball Association. As of this writing 44 games have already been played. This year the regular season— both Best Southwest Baseball and Southwest Classic – will total 176 games. There will also be a minimum of five tournaments including two World Series events. It should be an exciting year with at least as many games as last Spring – 485. To serve our clients many Knights contribute their time on a regular basis including: Ed O’Brien,



David Dybala, Frank Hernandez, Jim Richardson, Ernie Coy, Dan Murphy, Jim Kowalski, Carlos Favela, Ray Rivera, Frank Salazar, Bill Chalko, Mike Rumsey, Russell Gully, Eric Conner, Juan Chapa, Bob Lamb and Steve Zehnder. In addition Hector Lopez, Barry Barksdale and Greg Hensrud have filled in one a one-time basis. Soon many of will have the opportunity to participate as the first tournament of the year gets under way on April 14-15th. Pete Trevino- a new Knight – has volunteered to cook brisket



for this season – yum, yum. As you know operating the concession stand is our number one method to raise money for the Knights. The Southwest Classic Metroplex World Series is scheduled for June 9-12th and the Best Southwest Baseball World Series will be held from June 20-24th. We will need every able bodied man to handle those two tournaments. Hopefully you will all be able to respond positively when contacted to work at these various tournaments – you always have in the past. To pick your favorite time to work at these tournaments contact Allen Reitmeier at 214-850-3602 or alreitmeier@gmail.com.



Welcome New Members!



Dom Mascardo

Dom and his wife Clarita moved to our area in 1990 and joined our council last year at the urging of Al Alonzo. He came to the United States from the Philippines in December 1979, initially settling in Cleveland. He soon found work as a technical director for a paper mill owned by Packaging Corporation of America in Tama, Iowa and joined the KC's in the nearby town of Toledo. He moved to Dallas in 1990 to work at another paper mill, owned by Rock-Tenn. Dom and Clarita were married in 1965. They have five children, all married, and eight grandchildren. Two of their children live in Texas (Belen in Plano, Mark in Denton), two (Dom Jr. and Dennis) live in Iowa and one (Rick) lives in Virginia. He served as financial secretary as a Knight in Iowa and had been awarded a lifetime membership for his contributions through the years.

Pete Trevino

Pete is a champion griller and has the trophies to prove it. The Cedar Hill resident enters five or six barbeque competitions per year and has brought home first-place honors for both his brisket and ribs. He said this activity began as a hobby some years ago and has grown into his passion. "I used to enter 12 to 15 contests a year," said Pete, who is a crane operator. "But that got to be too much of a strain." He estimated he has put about \$16,000 into his smoker griller. Pete is the middle child of seven, with five sisters and one brother. He and wife Pat moved to our area from McAllen in the late 1980s, first settling in Duncanville. They have two children. Pete Jr. lives in McKinney, daughter Jennifer lives in Hawaii (where her husband is stationed).



Richard Jones

Don't challenge Richard to name all the counties in his home state. It'll only take him a second: "New Castle, Kent and Sussex." (Delaware's three are the fewest in the country; Texas' 254 are the most.) Richard grew up near Delaware's largest city, Wilmington. He transferred his membership to 8157 late last year, shortly after he and his wife, Kathy, moved to DeSoto from Grapevine. He's the director of marketing for DFW Adventure Park, which involves a lot of local travel. Richard headed south from Delaware after high school and got a business degree from Florida State in 1981. He grew up in a strong Catholic family and played baseball for a KC team. Kathy is the community relations manager for the City of DeSoto. They have two daughters, Brittany and Taylor.

****Upcoming Events****

- April 14-15 First Baseball tournament of the season
- April 16 Second meeting of the 1st degree team. Please think about joining this team. For information about the meeting site and times, contact Tom Greco at 972-298-6168
- April 17 Officer and Directors meeting in the Community Center room 221. Everyone is invited
- April 27-29 Knights of Columbus annual convention. This year it is being held in Houston with Tom Greco, Jim Kowalski, Marce Tebbe and Ed O'Brien representing this Council
- May 1 Regular business meeting of the Council at the Community Center Room 221.
- May 12 Cook out at the St Joseph's Nursing home in Desoto. More details later
- May 18-19 The Southwest Classic post-season Baseball tournament this week-end. Many will be called and needed. Help out if you can
- May 15 Officers and Directors meeting
- May 27 Parish Picnic which includes cooking by the Knights. Volunteer if you can.
- June 2-3 Baseball tournament
- June 5 Regular business meeting of the Council. Same time (7:30pm), same place (Community Center room 221)
- June 9-12 Southwest Classic Metroplex World Series. Need everyone's help. Please help when Allen calls
- June 19 Officers and Directors meeting
- June 20-24 This will be five intense days of baseball at four locations (Valley Ridge, the Community Center in Cedar Hill, Dot Thomas, and Parkerville). Same request as previous tournament
- June 30 This is a special night with Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Awards ceremony, and installation of Officers for the next two fraternal years as well as a special tribute for the 30th anniversary of this Council.

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