

Knights Life



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Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Duncanville, Texas, USA

Editor's Note

Because of recent time constraints, the Awareness committee regrets our failure to meet our publication deadlines. We have recommitted to publishing *KNIGHTS LIFE* quarterly with publication on the 15th of January, April, July and October each year. This edition of *KNIGHTS LIFE* will therefore encompass the time period from January 2015 through September 2015. A reminder that the mission of the Awareness committee is to “*communicate past activities and upcoming events to our brother Knights and to the parish community to increase awareness of the principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.*”

We Remember

Robert Edward (Bob) Lamb was born August 4, 1927 in Sarasota Florida to his parents, Elizabeth Ann and Rembert Madison Lamb. Bob passed away on March 12th, 2015 with his family at his side. He is survived by his wife Jimmy D. Lamb, sons Robert N. Lamb and Michael Lamb and daughter Bobbie Haseley.



Bob served in the Navy in the Pacific theater from 1944 until 1946 and began his career in the mobile A/C

industry in 1959 as an A/C service and installation technician for FrigiKing. Among his many accomplishments, Bob is remembered by his contemporaries as being on the front line of the industry's transition from R-12 to R-134a back in the early 1990's. He and his company, Triple L Industries (Bob, Robert and Michael Lamb) worked with MACS (Mobile Air Conditioning Society) to collect R-12 from 200 vehicles in Texas in order to determine the viability of refrigerant recycling, and he worked on the design and production of the first generation refrigerant recovery and recycling machines. Later Bob worked as an instructor for Continental Oil Co.; developed training manuals for Jet Air; and was national sales manager for Draf Tool Co.

While his career accomplishments are long and documented, the Knights of Columbus remember a different Bob. Bob was a visible and happy participant in many (in fact most) of the activities of the Knights for the past 8 years. You could find Bob at the concession stand every Saturday afternoon making French Fries and popcorn and spinning tales of years gone by. Never a dull moment with Bob around. If you missed him there you could always locate him Sunday morning at the 9:30am Mass where, as an usher, he greeted hundreds of people over the years. He was fond of saying that many who came to Mass were just children when he first met them. You pick an event and Bob was there helping wherever he could. And how can we ever forget that laugh – his face just lite up when he laughed and he laughed a lot. He inspired other Knights with his effervescence and his down home way of passing on his joy of life to those around him.

Bob's work accomplishments are well documented, but he hardly ever talked about those; he was more interested in the here and now and how he could help others. Bob had his priorities correct: his Creator, his family, his fellow man. We will continue to miss him and his joy of living for many years.

ABOUT OUR COUNCIL 8157

The Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council #8157 is a fraternal organization which assists in charitable outreach to meet the needs of the church universal and Holy Spirit Church in particular. In June 1972, a group of 41 men of Holy Spirit formed Council #8157, Knights of Columbus. They had visions of forming an organization that would be vital to our parish. Since that time Council 8157 has been one of the cornerstones of the parish. The council and its members are truly in the structure of all activities within the parish; from cooking, ushering, lecturing, maintenance, to what our priest and other parishioners need – they are there to help and provide guidance.

Council Monthly Meetings

General Business Every 1st Tuesday 7:30pm
Officer's & Directors Every 3rd Tuesday 7:30pm

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The Council officer's listed below were officially installed for their second term in office on Saturday June 14, 2015. Their term runs through June 2016.

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Knights Life Newsletter

Our Newsletter is published quarterly at the end of the following months: March, June, September, and December. The Newsletter is delivered electronically to your email address and it is posted on our website. If you would like to receive a paper copy, they will be available at the general meeting.

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Membership Rosters

A full membership roster is available in paper form to all Knights in good standing at the general business meetings

Family of the Month January 2015



Al and Allen Alonzo

Father and son joined our council in June 2011 and then also took their major degrees together again four months later. They quietly integrated

themselves into council life at frequent events and activities. Al is among 8157's go-to guys for photographic images, constructing attractive posters that have helped promote KC events as part of our Awareness Committee. Al and his late wife, Sally, were among Holy Spirit's founding families in 1974, a year after beginning the first of two stints living in Duncanville while working for the Army & Air Force Exchange Service. Al was on the parish's first building committee under Fr. Bob Sykora. He's in his first year as our Outside Guard. Allen is the younger of two sons; Vincent is married and lives in Plano. Al and Allen have long been involved in Holy Spirit's Zone Shepherds organization and Eucharistic Ministry.

Family of the Month March 2015



Rod and Lynn Kinard

Rod and Lynn Kinard became Holy Spirit parishioners almost before they unpacked after moving to our area

from South Carolina in 1986. They met while attending Oklahoma State. Rod went up from Abilene; Lynn had recently moved to Oklahoma from South Dakota. Lynn is a cradle Catholic, and Rod went through Holy Spirit's RCIA a year after they moved to Duncanville. They're active in multiple parish ministries. They have five children – Travis (34), Katy (32), Clint (29), Hannah (25) and Amie (15) – and seven grandchildren. Travis joined his father as a council member in March 2013.

Family of the Month February 2015



Tom Greco and Helen Beggane

Tom and Helen, who will celebrate their 40th anniversary in April, have been Holy Spirit

parishioners since July 1982. They are familiar faces in the choir at 5:30 Mass on Saturdays, and Tom also serves as a lector. Tom and Helen each started out in Baltimore but didn't know each other there. Each moved to Philadelphia but didn't meet there. Each wound up in Omaha, Neb., where they finally met and were married. Tom joined the Knights in November 2007 and took his major degree two months later. He's in his first year as the council's Chancellor, serves as the membership director and has headed up 8157's first-degree team since its inception in August 2012. He was honored as the council's Knight of the Year in July 2014 and wanted to hand the celebratory bowl around the banquet room to share with each Brother Knight present. Tom works for the City of Duncanville as a senior code enforcement officer.

Family of the Month April 2015



Carlos and Melisa Limones

The seven-member Limones family were veritable season-ticket holders for the parish's fish-fry dinners during

Lent. "And the kids don't even like fish," Carlos noted. Plus, he chipped in as part of the council's dinner work force, too. Carlos joined the council in June 2014. He's a graduate of Duncanville High and is now a deputy sheriff for Dallas County, his employer for the past 18 years. Melisa works in network sales at NBC Universal Telemundo in Fort Worth. They will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary in July. The five Limones children are Bibi (16 as of April 28), Andres (13), Laila (12), Elise (9) and Porfi (8). The Limones live in Cedar Hill

Family of the Month May 2015



Jim and Sharon Stavinocha

The following was literally Jim Stavinocha's "pick-up line" as he pulled up to a street corner to meet Sharon for a blind date arranged by one of his fraternity brothers at St. Mary's University in San Antonio: "Hi! I'm Jim!" Two years later following his graduation, they were husband and wife and have been so for 46 years. Jim originally joined the KC's in 1968 but dropped out when family and career left him little time for other pursuits. He reactivated recently following his most recent of four retirements after 20 years in the U.S. Army and a successful business career. His council doings include helping at virtually every 8157 activity that involves food preparation – and then some. Jim also jumps in with Knight Hands. "I just try to do what I can," he said. Sharon works as a nurse and office manager for a neurological practice in Mansfield. Together, they care for Sharon's 90-year-old mother, a terrific example of the KC principle of charity – which starts at home.

Family of the Month June 2015



Jim and Mary Russell

Here are two examples of council dedication connected with a horrific event that involved our Family of the Month for June, Jim and Mary Russell. When the Russells' Cedar Hill home of almost 40 years caught fire in mid-May, Jim got a call just 45 minutes after the fire department arrived that Monday afternoon. "It was Allen Reitmeier," Jim, "He said, 'What can I do?'" And the day after the fire displaced Jim, Mary and Jim's mother, he nonetheless dutifully attended the monthly officers and directors meeting –

and listed positives that came out of the blaze. "I don't have to look at that popcorn ceiling anymore," he said. "And Mary was wanting to get rid of that linoleum." A candle was identified as the cause. Mary was at a doctor's appointment. Jim was elsewhere on the property. His mother was inside but was unharmed. Jim joined 8157 in 2012 and serves as the lecturer at the monthly general membership meetings. The Russells' stayed with neighbors for a few days and have since settled in at a nearby Holiday Inn Express. But the parish's new music minister, Felipe Ramirez, recently offered the use of his rental home in Duncanville. Jim says they've been told they will "eventually" be able to move back in, the timetable being "four months to a year." We'll all look forward to that.

Family of the Month July 2015



James and Judy Smith

During the youth baseball World Series in Cedar Hill in late June, James was one of the members of the baseball operations committee who dealt with the seemingly incessant need to stock the concession stands. He performed admirably, especially for someone still trying to work the kinks out of a second knee-replacement surgery last year. James joined the council in February 2013, took his major degrees here at Holy Spirit a year later and joined the fourth degree in September 2014. He and Judy live in Duncanville and have been parishioners since 2003. They were married in 1981. She has three boys from a previous marriage, and they have two daughters, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Smiths help with parish funeral luncheons as part of the Community Life ministry and, during the Faith Formation year, attend an adult cluster on Sundays and a Little Rock scripture study class on Mondays. Judy serves as a companion for the Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound; they were both ministers before James curtailed his schedule some.

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Family of the Month August 2015



**John
and
Bonnie
Espree**

The Esprees are active in multiple aspects of KC efforts and parish life in general. John is the council's warden, is a captain at the baseball concession stand, participates in various cooking events (breakfasts, fish fries, cookouts) and helps out with Knight Hands. He also volunteers with faith formation traffic control and is a hospitality minister at Mass. Bonnie's activities include the Catholic Daughters, the women's ACTS group, the fall festival organizing committee, Vacation Bible School, RCIA, being a Eucharistic Minister and lector at Mass plus helping with Bible study. They've been parishioners since 2000, and John joined the council in March 2012.

Family of the Month Sep. 2015



**Peter
and
Bimbo
Perta**

Peter joined our council in June 2011 and took his major degree later that year. He and Bimbo (pronounced BEEM-bo) have been married since 2010. Both of them grew up Catholic in upstate New York and met on the campus of Syracuse University. She was helping at a basketball concession stand, and he was there as a loyal season-ticket holder of the then-Orangemen. Peter's career brought him to north Texas in 2008. He works as a regional account manager for Nestle Health Care Nutrition and travels frequently. Bimbo works in the food nutrition department of Duncanville ISD. Peter is a hospitality minister at the 5:30 Saturday Mass, has served as our financial secretary since April 2013 and doubles in that capacity on our degree team. The Pertas live in Cedar Hill.

A "Special" time with "Special" people



This is why we "DO WHAT WE DO". Charity, the 1st. principle of our order is not of alms giving alone. It is the giving of time, effort and commitment along with care for the less fortunate. Where better can this be done, than

as a Special Olympics volunteer. Pictured is an excited David Arriga, son of Grand Knight Dario Arriga of Ferris Council #12964 and a friend of Jim Kowalski.



Volunteering at a Special Olympics event is not just work, but the interaction with other brother knights, special athletes, devoted teachers, parents and other volunteers. Some events such as bowling, track and field and team basketball require more volunteers than others such as swimming and individual skills basketball. Let the public know who the Knights are and what we do. "VOLUNTEER".

Upcoming Events

For all upcoming events, log onto www.kofc8157.org and click on the "events" icon for all the details

The Ever Present Knights

The “Strong Right Arm of the Church” again had its considerable hand prints all over this year’s Holy Spirit fall festival, which took place during its traditional final weekend of September. There was plenty of fun, fellowship and food, with more than \$65,000 raised for the parish. That revenue is planned to go toward purchase of new digital equipment and computer programs to be used by Faith Formation classes involving both youth and adults.

Council members Andy Goza and Jeff Miller served as co-chairmen of this year’s festival organization committee. Other brother Knights who served on the committee were Chris Kubin and Dan Murphy (food), Mike Moloughney (kids’ games), Jorge Ruiz (publicity), Rod Kinard (operations), Mark Meyer (t-shirts and operations help) and La’Don Wright (beer garden).

The beer garden was one of the new aspects of this year’s festival, the brainchild of Brother Goza. It was held on Saturday evening during that day’s newly-expanded hours. It appeared to be a hit with dozens of fairgoers. Fr. Joe was very pleased to see so many parishioners relaxing and visiting under the lights and indicated he’d like to see the beer garden expanded in some fashion next year. As usual, council members handled the cooking of burgers, hot dogs, turkey legs and sausage on a stick. Hats off to Jim Stavinoha who oversaw that. Rod’s group of council helpers handled the bulk of the festival set-up on Thursday and Friday and the disassembly on Sunday evening and again the following weekend to take down the infrastructure of the rummage sale in the gym that was put up in July. Additional congratulations to Mark for winning the second annual festival 5K run early that Saturday morning.

Less obvious was the work put in by Jack Ramsden and Billy Callender in arranging and picking up large rummage donations for months before the festival was held, with the assistance of Jack’s wife, Juanita. Jim Russell was part of the small army that figuratively chipped away day after day during the summer to keep the rummage inventory properly organized. Mario Tiambeng led the parish’s Filipino-American group in the preparation of more than 6,600 egg rolls.

And the festival wouldn’t have been a success without patrons, of which many other Knights were involved. See you on the midway again next year.



Knight of the Month January 2015



Gilbert Zuñiga, Sr.

Gilbert's adult life has been dominated by trucks – first driving, then owning. But on the morning of Holy Spirit's

annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas in mid-December, we learned the man can wield a mean spatula and prepare French toast at a rapid pace. Gilbert and son Gilbert, Jr. joined the council together last October. He was born in Kaufman and has lived in Dallas since 1946. Gilbert graduated from Crozier Tech and soon after went into the business of big rigs. He retired in 2007 after more than 50 years and passed the business along to "Junior." Gilbert and wife Zonia have been married for 43 years. They attend St. Mary of Carmel parish near Pinkston High in north Oak Cliff. "Junior" is one of six children.

Knight of the Month March 2015



Peter Perta

Peter began serving as our Financial Secretary in April 2013, taking on the considerable task of following Ernie Coy. He's a charter member of Tom

Greco's degree team, also serving as financial secretary in that capacity – but wearing a robe. Peter joined our council in June 2011 and took his major degrees six months later. Peter's work brought him from upstate New York to north Texas in 2008. He's a regional account manager for Nestle Health Care Nutrition covering an area of 14 states, so we suspected he was good with numbers and decimal points. Bimbo works for the food nutrition department of Duncanville ISD. Her daughter is expecting her third child. The Pertas are regulars at the Saturday 5:30 Mass, during which Peter serves as a hospitality minister.

Knight of the Month February 2015



Ben Luna

Ben earned national attention and local recognition for his actions as a Duncanville police officer on the first Saturday in January.

Ben could have sparked an incident reminiscent of what happened last year in Ferguson, Mo., but didn't shoot when confronted with what appeared to be a young man with a pistol. The young man was carrying a BB gun that looked remarkably like a real gun. "I could have used deadly force, all within policy," Ben said. "I'm glad I didn't have to." He joined our council early last year, soon after he and wife Renee went through Holy Spirit's RCIA program. They've been married for 20 years, meeting at Mesquite High during Ben's senior year. They have one child, 19-year-old Sayla, who graduated from Red Oak High in 2014 and now attends Palm Beach State College in Florida. He has been with the Duncanville Police Department for 16 years. Renee is a nurse and is studying to become a nurse practitioner.

Knight of the Month April 2015



La'Don Wright

La'Don completed a quick journey through the order's degrees, from his First Degree ceremony in November 2013 to Major Degrees in February 2014 to entry into the Fourth

Degree last December. During his first year in the order, he earned the coveted Shining Armor Award. That's earned by "rookie" members who accomplish five missions: 1.) Be involved in three service programs; 2.) Attend at least three general business meetings; 3.) Receive their Major Degrees; 4.) Meet with the council's insurance agent; 5.) Recruit at least one new member. La'Don and wife Ivonne are Holy Spirit Zone Shepherds and are also involved in the Eucharistic Minister program, including providing Holy Communion to patients at Charlton Methodist Hospital. He works at the DISD Service Center. They have four children: Dominique (17), La'Don, Jr. (12), Donovan (11) and Devyn (5).

Knight of the Month May 2015



Mike Luna

Six years after joining the order, Mike Luna ascended to the Fourth Degree last fall. He refers to it as “a sense of accomplishment.” He considers

himself a particularly patriotic person and was particularly pleased to reach that goal. Even if it meant wearing a tux. Mike and his father, Roberto, became First Degrees in November 2009. Mike said he’d thought about joining for some time but finally jumped in soon after his father was approached by Tom Greco. Mike took his Major Degrees in February 2014 at Holy Spirit and grew up in the parish. He and wife Trendi live in Duncanville with their 13-year-old daughter, Sophia, who’s finishing up at Mount St. Michael’s School in Oak Cliff and headed to high school. And the Lunas are expecting their second child in September. Mike has worked for eight years at Antech Diagnostics, where he’s a supervisor involved in blood analysis for veterinarians – usually working from midnight to 8 or 9 in the morning. (Remember that before you phone him.) Trendi is an occupational therapy assistant in the home health industry. Many of us also know Mike is an avid motorcycle rider and involved in the order’s “Knights on Bikes” group. He notes it’s a group with no formal entry; just ride up and get involved if you’d like.

Knight of the Month June 2015



Ray Rivera

It was appropriate that Ray Rivera wasn’t able to accept his certificate for Knight of the Month at the June monthly membership meeting because he was busy doing

KC business – working at the Valley Ridge baseball concession stand. Ray is a frequent contributor to both the regular rotation of brothers who work the baseball games in Cedar Hill and pitch in with Knight Hands. Ray, a parishioner since 1985, joined 8157 in October 2011, took his major degrees in February 2014 and joined the Fourth Degree last fall. Allen Reitmeier, founder and major domo of Knight Hands, salutes Ray as a terrific combination of not only being handy but being a self-starter. “He can do just about anything,” Allen says, “and he doesn’t wait for you to tell him what to do.” Ray has worked almost two dozen Knight Hand projects in just the last couple of years. He also holds a spot on the Tuesday night concession team. Ray lives in Duncanville, has a grown daughter (Jennifer Bonilla) and grown son (Frank), four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Knight of the Month July 2015



Mike Rumsey

Mike was one of the many heroes of the council’s efforts during the youth baseball World Series staged at multiple venues across Cedar Hill in late June. As part of the council’s baseball concessions operations committee, he assisted Allen Reitmeier in staffing, stocking, whatever needed to be done. And when wasps proved to be a problem at the Dot Thomas stand, Mike learned via the internet that erecting a dummy nest would convince the wasps to seek another home. Mike is from the small Illinois town of Mendota. He and wife Pam have been married “going on 42 years” he said and live in Cedar Hill. They have a grown son and daughter and six grandchildren. Mike worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections and then, after coming to Texas, for 10 years at a halfway house in Hutchens. Even in retirement, he volunteers about 25 hours a week at the V.A. hospital. Mike became a Knight in July 2003 – Efrain Ochoa insisted that he come to a meeting, he said – and took his major degree a few months later. In addition to baseball concession duties, Mike is active in the Knight Hands program and the Lenten fish fries.

Knights of the Month August 2014



Jeff Miller

Jeff joined the Knights in 1998 at the invitation of the council's Grand Knight then, Bill Chalko. In 1987, he and wife Frances moved to the Dallas area and chose to live in DeSoto in great measure after attending Holy Spirit. Jeff is the council's recorder. The two of them taught faith formation classes for their four children through much of the 1990s. Frances, who operates an outpatient surgery center, has served as a core member of the women's ACTS group. They're in the rotation of Eucharistic Ministers at the 11:30 Mass, and Jeff also serves as a lector and occasionally fills in taking Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

Knights of the Month Sept. 2015



Bill Dover

Bill is now in his 52nd year as a Knight. We'll do the math for you – he joined in June 1964 in the south Texas town of Edinburg once he met the age requirement. He previously belonged to the lead-in Columbian

Squires group. Bill serves as our district deputy, in his final year in that capacity, and this fraternal year is vice-president of the Dallas Diocesan Chapter. He has been a fourth-degree Knight since 2004 and is a former Faithful Navigator (the equivalent of Grand Knight) of our local assembly, No. 2799. Bill and wife Cindy met in August 1971 while stationed together at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and live in Duncanville. He has operated Duncanville Eye Associates since 1973. The Dovers' daughter, Katie, is married to our own Grand Knight, Nick Kleinhaus, and they have one son (Will).

Fish Fries Begin

On the first fish fry of the 2015 Lenten Season, which took place on Friday Feb 20, we served 175 regular dinners and 17 children dinners. Our menu this year featured good old American farm-grown catfish fillets breaded with our special seasoning mix and deep fried to perfection in vegetable oil. Although our original seasoning recipe has a slight built-in kick to it, we always have some special customers who request their meals extra spicy, and we are more than happy to oblige. The hush puppies we re-introduced this year into our menu were a delight, and we just hope our source can be consistent in providing them through the end of Lent. For \$7.50 per plate you get 2 large fillets, hush puppies, french fries, baked beans, a garden salad and a drink. A real bargain at that price. The new children's menu this year included fish sticks with macaroni and cheese.



Let's not forget to mention the chocolate chip home-made cookies that Andy Goza and family tirelessly but lovingly bake for all of us. Frank Salazar came out to prepare his signature cocktail sauce with that distinctive horseradish kick. And much to everyone's delight, Mike Fitzgerald prepared his delicious baked beans once again, a great accompaniment to the spicy catfish.

The Knights who participated in this event found a relaxed backyard cookout atmosphere and great camaraderie in the company of men who do what they do in service to their community.



Bishop Kevin Farrell honors recipients of 2015 Bishop's Award for Service to the Church



At a Mass and ceremony at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on February 7th, Bishop Kevin J. Farrell bestowed the **Bishop's Award for Service to the Church** to Michael Moloughney and

Barbara Ann Maddy of Holy Spirit and other honorees for their outstanding service to the church. Our congratulations to our brother Michael Moloughney as we know he is more than worthy of this recognition and award.

Knight Hands Anniversary

As we approach the 5th year anniversary of the beginning of Knight Hands, I would like to summarize what has transpired these past five years. First of all, I would like to thank those who participated in the various projects over the years. Since our first project, which we completed for James and Judy Smith on May 25th of 2010, we have gone on to complete 124 projects ranging from 1 man/hour of work to 280 man/hours. In total, Knights have contributed approximately 1,804 volunteer hours to complete these projects. While many Knights gave of their time to complete these projects, there were "heavy lifters" who deserve special recognition for their commitment to help others – not by words but by actions.: Ken Rarick, Ray Rivera, David Dybala, Dan Murphy, Jim Russell, Bob Lamb, and Dick Bates, Many other Knights worked multiple projects and some only once; but thanks again to everyone who helped.



Rumsey repairing bay window at Chalko's



Ray Rivera installing mini-blinds at Chalko's

The mission of Knight Hands 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". Only projects that are referred by a Knight are considered. It is such a wonderful feeling knowing that the work Knight Hands perform is helping someone in need. You can look the person in the eye at the completion of the project and see the gratefulness and relief. While many of the projects may seem minor to us, they are crucial and critical to those requesting assistance. I feel proud to have been able to work with all Knight Hands and my hope is that we can continue to serve those in need as time goes on



Al Evans, Dan Murphy and Frank Salazar at the courtyard tree trimming job



Ray Rivera, Dan Murphy, Ken Rarick and Pat Murphy taking a well deserved rest at Chalko's

Little League Baseball Season Ends on a High Note

While there were many rained-out games during the regular little league baseball season, there was no shortage of games played during the just completed Class A World Series. The city of Cedar Hill went “all out” in preparing the park and the baseball fields for the players and coaches and even the rain on Friday did not stop the games on Saturday. The Cedar Hill Baseball Association, too, did a bang up job in organizing the event and maintaining an orderly schedule in spite of the lightning delay of games on Friday evening.

And that bring us to the tremendous job your Council’s Knights did during the 5 days (June 25th- 28th 2015) of the tournament. There were games played at Dot Thomas Park (32), Community Center Park (9) and Valley Ridge Park (133) and all offered concessions provided by your Knights of Columbus. As always these were hectic times with lots and lots of customers needing service – particularly at Valley Ridge. But as always the Knights of this Council came through with flying colors. The service and the food was so good that we had our largest gross sales ever at a World Series.

There were many, many heros during this years’ World Series; not the least of which was the baseball committee. We scheduled 112 work shifts of about 4.5 hours each to man the concession stands during this event. Fifty four (54) Knights volunteered along with four (4) wives (Linda Reitmeier, Bimbo Peta, Shiela Balagna, and Toni Jacob) and two off-springs (Nicholas Ochoa and Joanna Perez); so obviously many Knights had to work multiple shifts.

Each of you who worked during the World Series should have received a personal “thank you” from the baseball committee. If we have overlooked anyone it was accidental – not intentional. For sure it was a team effort that produced the results we were looking for and everyone from the baseball committee says: “job well done, congratulations and Thank You”.



Steve Zehnder and Steve Castillo going full tilt



Efrain Ochoa and Nicholas enjoying one of the few breaks



Joseph Santo and Allen Reitmeier just enjoying themselves

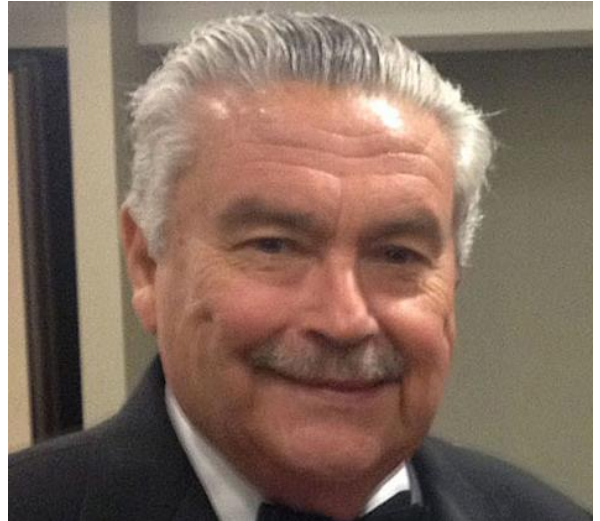
Rocking Seminararians

This past Friday September 4th 2015 the Duncanville Knights headed out to [Holy Trinity Seminary of Dallas](#) once again to show our appreciation for the young men who are making the lifetime commitment to the catholic vocations. Traditionally we provide their Friday evening meals twice per year, in the spring and fall and we've been serving them near the pool area on the back side of the building. This time however, the location was changed to the front yard area due to construction, and there were plenty of picnic tables, a nice large lawn area set up with games like bean bag toss and ring toss, frisbee throwing and much to our delight, the spirit of happiness was completed by the addition of classic rock music playing loudly enough to be heard around the whole campus. Yes, the music of Journey, Stix, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Eagles as well as other great classic rock bands really created a party atmosphere and added to the overall feeling of a well deserved celebration for these outstanding young men in training to be the spiritual leaders of future generations. In case you didn't know our council also sponsors four of these young men with annual scholarships.

There were plenty of burgers and hot dogs consumed by more than 80 people including faculty and office staff of [Holy Trinity Seminary of Dallas](#). Present along with the 74 seminarian students were some of the seminary leadership among them the Very Rev. James Swift, Rector; Rev. Keith Koehl, Vice Rector; Rev. John F. Clark, Spiritual Director, and Rev. Ronald Ramson, Spiritual Director; Mrs. Nancy Asmus, Director of Advancement and Mrs. Therese Frank, Director of Pastoral Formation. In 1965 Bishop Thomas K. Gorman established Holy Trinity Seminary in association with the University of Dallas in order that seminarians might receive human formation and a sound education within the Catholic intellectual tradition provided by the curriculum and student life of the University.



Knight of the Year 2015



Selection as Council 8157's Knight of the Year is typically the result of outstanding commitment and service. Jim Richardson, our 29th annual honoree this past summer, sees it from the opposite perspective. Jim said receiving what he considered an unexpected honor presents a challenge to continue to live out the order's four core values. His selection this summer couldn't have been unexpected by many. Jim is in his second fraternal year serving as 8157's Deputy Grand Knight and doubles as the director of family activities. He also belongs to Assembly 2799 of the Fourth Degree and is its Faithful Navigator, that degree's equivalent of the Grand Knight. Jim participates in the majority of council activities and is a terrific ambassador. He's a member of both our council's degree team and the diocese's Spanish-speaking major degree team. Jim is from the Texas border town of Laredo, became a Knight in 1962 and added the Fourth Degree here at Holy Spirit in 2009. He and wife Denise live in DeSoto and celebrated their 52nd anniversary on Oct. 12. They have four children (all living in Texas), 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; son Jim became a Fourth Degree at the same exemplification ceremony.

He earned a business degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Jim's varied career included government service on both the state and national levels. He spent two years as the director of Gov. Bill Clements' office of regional development in the early 1980s and five years in the late '80s as the national director of minority business development, appointed by President Ronald Reagan. The Richardsons returned to Texas after that before Jim retired in 2008. Denise is a member of the Carmelite Order and is active with Holy Spirit's Legion of Mary. Congratulations to Jim Richardson, 8157's Knight of the Year for 2015.

New Knights

Leslie Beene January 2015

Leslie's entry into our council comes only a few years after he went through Holy Spirit's RCIA program and was confirmed in October 2012. He grew up in the Episcopal faith, found its leanings in recent



years too liberal for him, and found a new spiritual home in the Catholic Church. Leslie is originally from Dallas but graduated from Kemp High School in Kaufman County after moving there when he was in the ninth grade. He then headed straight into the

working world, beginning at Southwestern Bell. Leslie spent six years in the U.S. Air Force based out of Colorado, with one year's duty in Italy – where he twice found himself in the presence of Pope John Paul II. Leslie is now a grant writer. He has two grown daughters. Elizabeth lives in Grand Prairie. Rachel is an actress, currently touring the South with an off-Broadway company. Leslie is involved in the Holy Spirit craft group headed by Mary Butler (widow of former council member Marty Butler) that supplies blankets to patients at the V.A. hospital.

Daniel Rosales II January 2015



Sorry that we can't avoid future confusion here; Daniel says both he and his father, who joined the KC's in October 2013, simply go by the name of "Daniel." Young Daniel came aboard only weeks after satisfying the minimum age requirement of being 18 years old. He is a senior at Trini Garza

Early College High School that is a part of Mountain View College in the Dallas County community college system. When he graduates this spring, he will have an associate's degree in addition to his high school diploma. Daniel hopes to study mechanical engineering in college. He is the student council vice-president of the senior class, the parliamentarian of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society and is active in the biology and robotics clubs. His high school doesn't offer varsity athletics, but its students can participate at nearby Molina High; Daniel ran cross country for two years. While he certainly followed his father's lead in joining the council, Daniel said he's also eager to contribute to 8157's charitable works.

Albert Granado March 2015

Let's hope Albert files his federal income tax return well in advance and can enjoy April 15 since that's his birthday. He's self-employed in a variety of fields – laying tile, woodworking and as a beer vendor. Albert graduated from Paschal High in Fort Worth. He and wife Regina have been married for seven years. He has a stepdaughter, Anthony de los Reyes (15), and they have two daughters – Alexis (5) and Elizabeth (4). The Granados live in Arlington and have been attending Holy Spirit for about five years. Albert was invited to join the council by Frank Salazar and said he's looking forward to serving the parish community.

Louis Juarez March 2015

Louis was invited to join our council by Arthur Rodriguez; the two of them have been involved in Catholic evangelization for decades. Louis is enjoying retirement after most recently working as a lab technician at the Dallas County Institute for Forensic Science. He graduated from North Dallas High and then got a degree in biochemistry from Texas A&M. He and wife Margarita have been married for 39 years. They live in Arlington, not far from AT&T Stadium, and are parishioners at Most Blessed Sacrament near Lamar High. Their four grown children – Christina, Lillian, Michael and Rita – all live in the area along with three grandchildren.

Richard Juarez March 2015



Richard grew up in Dallas, moved to DeSoto in November 2013 and is looking forward to becoming more involved as a Holy Spirit parishioner – including with the Knights. He graduated from Kimball High and headed straight to the working world. Richard has been employed by the City of Dallas for more

than 20 years and currently serves as a technician at a water treatment plant at Bachman Lake. He has been a member of the Navy Seabees for 17 years – "And I've never been on a ship," he said. Richard's military duty took him to Afghanistan for seven months in connection with a Marine unit. Richard's children are Monica (27, living in Las Colinas) and Richard Jr. (22, living in Grand Prairie). He'd especially like to put his mechanical skills to good use and also mentioned an affinity for cooking.

Clint Kinard March 2015

The council's Kinard contingent continues to grow. Clint's father, Rod, joined 8157 in 2010. Older brother Travis became a member two years ago. Clint lives in Duncanville just a few doors down from his parents. He's married to Katie, and they have three daughters – Nevaeh (4), Lyla (3) and Trystan (who just turned 2). Clint graduated from Duncanville High, followed his parents to Oklahoma State and now stays home as the primary caregiver for the girls. He joined the Knights to become more involved in the Catholic Church.

Heleodoro Gonzalez May 2015



The concession stands in Cedar Hill has been the council's primary source of revenue for years and also directly contributed to 8157's membership rolls recently. Heleodoro – or “Elio” – was watching one of his sons play at the Valley Ridge complex when he struck up a conversation at the concession

stand with Allen Reitmeier. Elio's curiosity about the order led to him joining the council at the degree team's monthly ceremony in May. Elio is a graduate of Kimball High in Dallas and moved immediately after graduation into the family business – Gonzalez Food Products – that his father founded in 1986 ... and he now runs. He and wife Susanne have been married 23 years and live in Dallas. “About two minutes from Duncanville. About two minutes from Grand Prairie,” he noted. They have four sons – Elio Jr. (23), Oscar (18), Isaac (15) and Luis (12). “Junior” is in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea. The Gonzalez family has been attending Holy Spirit for nine years, and Elio said he really started to get more involved with his faith five years ago and Elio said he really started to get more involved with his faith five years ago.

Jeff Wallace August 2015



Jeff comes to our council only months after completing Holy Spirit's RCIA program. He's originally from Louisiana, where his grandparents being Catholic was a significant influence on him. Jeff lives in Duncanville, moving to this area from

Virginia Beach, and attended UT-Arlington. He works in real

estate and also does consulting for a physicians' staffing group. Jeff has a daughter named Chloe who just turned 7 about 10 days after he entered the order. He was invited to join the council by La'Don Wright.

Charles Turner August 2015

Music has long been at the core of Charles Turner's life. He studied music in college and was a band director and/or music teacher for 36 years before retiring in 2009. He has been a member of Holy Spirit's choir at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass for the past three years. Charles joined our council only a short time after being confirmed as a Catholic. He was born in Wheeler, Texas and then attended high school and college in the state to our north, including time at the University of Oklahoma, and owns a master's degree in education administration.



Charles lives in DeSoto with wife Marina, who has three daughters from a previous marriage. He notes that he has long been “involved” with the Knights – playing in a slow-pitch softball league in Dallas with members of various councils. It's good to have him on our team now.

Freddy Vasquez August 2015



Freddy Vasquez recently began the second year of his new adventure – teaching at Mark Twain Elementary School in the Dallas ISD following 34 years in the U.S. Army. He was living in Puerto Rico a year ago and responded to DISD's recruiting of bi-lingual teachers. Freddy grew up in

New York before moving to Puerto Rico after he graduated from high school. His time in the military took him to Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas, and he was deployed to Iraq 2004-05. He retired as a lieutenant colonel. Milagros, his wife of 41 years (it'll be 42 at the end of August) is here with him in Duncanville, but their two grown children stayed in Puerto Rico. Freddy said he was long curious about the KC's before deciding to take the plunge – and take advantage of the rare Saturday installation ceremony. Freddy, be careful with those fifth graders.

St. Joseph's cookout – May 2015

Knight's service to the Catholic community comes without any expectation of congratulations. We've come to expect an appreciative group at the St. Joseph's Residence Home in Oak Cliff, and the reaction to our regular spring cookout on Saturday, May 9 was no different. But there was an aspect of the thanks this time that was particularly gratifying.

We heard from a son of one of the residents, a gentleman who is a Knight in Council 10245 at St. Ann's parish up in Coppell. He told us that his mother has been a resident at St. Joseph's for about a year and a half. He raved about our cookouts as if had learned of the KC commitment to service. He expressed what we've often heard from residents, their families and guests, how much they look forward to our visits. "God bless you for doing this," he said.

We likely served more than 100 people thanks to the direction of community activities director Dan Murphy. The residents, families and guests enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, Fitzgerald-recipe baked beans, Fitzgerald-baked cookies (there's a pattern here), chips and plenty of cold drinks. Joining Dan were Al Alonzo, Allen Alonzo, Billy Callender, **David Dybala, Rey Estrellas, Mike Fitzgerald, Andy Goza, Tim Hart, Jeff Miller, Mario Ramos, Jack Ramsden, Jim Richardson, Daniel Rosales, "Junior" Rosales, Frank Salazar, Art Senato, Bennie Sikorski, James Smith, Rolando Sobalvarro and Patrick Stepniewski.** And special thanks to Paul Fehmel from the diocesan KC office for pitching in, too.

The weather was threatening, but there was nothing but blue skies emanating from 330 West Pembroke Avenue.



Accomplishments of the Duncanville Knights in 2014

At the Appreciation Dinner of Jan 2015, our Grand Knight Nick Kleinhaus spoke eloquently about the accomplishments of our council over the past year. The list is long and impressive, this is what the Duncanville Knights are all about.



- Free Throw Contest
- Catechists Appreciation Dinner
- Blood Drive
- Six Lenten Fish Fry Fridays
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Donated money to Bishop's Pro Life Dinner
- Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
- Donate money to State Charities
- St. Joseph Residence Cookout
- Emergency Medical Technician Appreciation Lunch
- Set up and cooked for the 40th Anniversary Picnic
- Vacation Bible School Dinner
- Operate the Concession Stands for Cedar Hill Little League Baseball in the Spring and Fall seasons
- 40 Days for Life
- Fall Festival, construction, cooking and tear down
- Hike for Life Cookout
- Veterans Cookout at VA Medical Center Dallas
- Knight Hands completed over 100 projects
- Seminarian Cookout
- Seminarian Sponsorship
- Donated money to Parish Ministries
- Set up and tear down chairs for Easter
- St Elizabeth of Hungary School Carnival
- Donated money to Rosaries for Angola

