



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



Knights Life

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Editors Comments

KNIGHTS LIFE would like to remember a fallen fellow Knight – Martin T “Marty” Butler Sr. who passed away December 18, 2009, after a long illness. Marty was born on November 13th, 1936 in Archibald, Pennsylvania, and married Mary in St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Archibald on June 27, 1964. Marty worked for AAFES in New York, the Philippines, Virginia, New Jersey, Washington state and Munich. They settled here in Desoto in 1985. Marty and Mary have two sons, Chris in Ft. Worth and Margin in California. They were also blessed with 5 grandchildren. Marty was a member of this council since 2000. Marty will be remembered as a giving person with lots of volunteer hours here at Holy Spirit church. His family will tell you that he was a wonderful story teller with a great sense of humor. Our sympathy goes out to Mary and the entire family of Marty Butler. May his memory live on and may the prayers of the Knights of Columbus and all the faithful bring his soul to eternal life. Marty, we miss you.



The Awareness Committee made up of Allen Reitmeier, Chris Kubin and Jim Kowalski is most appreciative of the positive response we received regarding Issue 1 of *KNIGHTS LIFE*. We look forward to hearing from any Knight who has a story about any happenings in our council. We are also not adverse to criticism; so if you would like to see something added or something changed, let us know. We are still looking for a fourth member to help in getting out the newsletter. Help us if you can.

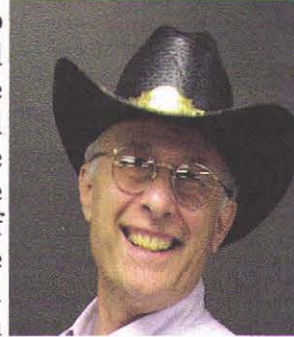


ADVOCATE – Russell Gully is the current Advocate. The Advocate is the attorney for the council. The advocate will be the counsel in case of trial and investigation of any matter whatsoever pertaining to this council. Russell is a past Grand Knight and has been a member of this council for 23 years. Russell and his wife, Patricia, live in Desoto. Russell is probably the biggest Texas Longhorn fan in the council. Russell is a partner in the law firm of Thompson and Knight and has been with the firm for 25 years.

WARDEN – Barry Barksdale is the current Warden and his duties include being present at all meetings. He shall be in charge of all council property, except moneys and account and record books, and keep same in proper condition for the meeting of his council. He shall instruct his guards in their duties. Barry has been a member of council 8157 for over 4 years. Barry and his wife, Lilibeth, and their two children, Nadia and Mariah, live in Cedar Hill. Barry works at Verizon and has for the past 11 years.



GUARDS –INSIDE & OUTSIDE – There are two guards for council 8157 – an inside guard and an outside whose primary duties are to attend the entrance doors to the council chamber during meetings. They may be called upon to maintain order in the council chamber if Grand Knight. Currently Tom Greco is the Inside Guard and Frank Salazar is the Outside Guard. Tom live in Duncanville where Tom works as an officer and Frank and his wife, Lourdes, live in Grand Prairie. Frank is retired. Tom joined the Knights in 2007 and Frank joined in 2008.



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CHAPLAIN – Father Joe Lee is the council’s Chaplain whose duties are to conduct all religious exercises for the council – that being opening and closing prayers at meetings. The council looks to the Chaplain for spiritual example and guidance. Father Joe most recently served as Parochial Vicar of St Francis of Assisi Parish in Frisco. Father Joe was previously Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit Parish so we are doubly blessed to share in another experience of Jesus the Good Shepherd in Father Joe Lee. Father Joe joined us as Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish on July 29, 2009 and accepted the duties of Chaplain shortly after. We look forward to many years of reverent and prayerful cooperation between Father Joe and the Knights of Columbus.



Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees consists of the Grand Knight and three members elected by the council. The Trustees shall have supervision of all the financial business of the council. They shall audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer at least every six months upon blanks approved by the Board of Directors. They shall see that the Financial Secretary and Treasurer give proper bonds running to the Knights of Columbus in trust for their particular council. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall hold office for three years with an election of one new trustee every year. Currently Ed O'Brien, Jim Kowalski and Chris Kubin are members of the Board of Trustees. Ed is a long time member of the Knights and a past Grand Knight. Ed and his wife, Betty, live in Duncanville. Ed is retired. Jim is also a longtime member of the Knights and also a past Grand Knight who, along with his wife, Lillian, live in Duncanville. Jim is also retired. Chris has been a member of the Knight for 11 years and a past grand Knight, who along with his wife, Laura and daughter Jagger, live in Desoto. Chris works at Baylor Health Care Systems.

Family of the Month

January—Marce and Brenda Tebbe were the unanimous choice for Family of the Month for January 2009 because of their commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of people in the Holy Spirit parish community. They never stop giving of their time to influence youth of the parish by teaching faith formation classes. They are both Eucharist Ministers and Lecturers. Marce has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1980 and is currently Director of Pro-Life for this council and is the State Director of Council Growth. Brenda is a member of the Catholic Daughters.

Their most focused area of influence, though, is their fight for the "Culture of Life". Whenever or wherever there is an event to stop abortion in this area (and sometimes outside the area) you'll find Marce and Brenda. Whether it be a parish Rosary, a "40 Days of Life" prayer watch, a "Baby Bank" fund raiser, a March for Pro-Life, a Hike-for-Life, you'll find Marce and Brenda. They are passionate about changing people's hearts so that the "Culture of Life" will pervade our society. How they have time to visit their 4 children and 4 grandchildren (who are in 4 different states) is a mystery. Brenda says "yah, we're always busy"; but not too busy for their jobs - Brenda at American Airlines for 12 years and Marce at AT&T for 31 years. In spite of their hectic schedules they always have time for a smile and a kind word for whom-ever they meet. Congratulations Marce and Brenda and please continue your important work.



February— Mike and Susan Fitzgerald stepped into the



spotlight and were voted Family of the Month for February 2010 because of their extraordinary effort during the Appreciation Dinner. Although Mike was unable to

attend because of a prior commitment, Susan handled the financial details for the dinner. But long before this one incident, there have been many examples by Mike and Susan of what a catholic family should be like. Mike and Susan are always together at Mass on Sunday and serve as Eucharist Ministers; they have also taught 3rd grade CCD classes. Mike and Susan will be married 30 years later this year and have 3 beautiful children - Rita, Thomas, and Becky. They have also been blessed with 6 (soon to be 7) grandchildren. Susan was a stay-at-home mom for 16 years, but is currently the Librarian at West Middle School in DeSoto. Mike is an underwriter for Allianz Insurance Company working in downtown Dallas. They take advantage of the fact that all their children and grandchildren live in the Metroplex by getting together for "Family Night" on Thursdays. Much can be learned from the example Mike and Susan have given us in the 30 years they have been in this parish. The Knights are proud of you and your family. Congratulations Mike and Susan.

March—BJ and Amy Tucker were voted as Council's 8157 Family of the Month for March. BJ has been a member of the Knights for 10 years. He and Amy have been members of Holy Spirit for 20 years. BJ and Amy are proud parents of 5 kids: Chris (19), Amber (15), Brandon (14), Alyssa (11), and Kyle (8). Family values are important to BJ and Amy; and quite often actions speak louder than words. BJ is a very active individual, not only does he have a full time job but he also enjoys getting involved with his kids. His involvement encompasses being the Treasurer of the Cedar Hill Baseball Association since 2000, serving for 6 years as the Vice President of the Cedar Hill Basketball Association, and coaching baseball, basketball, and soccer for many years. Amy has served as the team mom for all of the different sports BJ has coached; she volunteers as a school room mom, and is very active on the Red Oak sports board. Both BJ and Amy have served on the PTA board holding several different offices over the past 18 years. And as if that were not enough, their kids have participated in the Faith Formation at Holy Spirit, participated in the summer Vacation Bible School program, and have served as youth aids for the Faith Formation for several years. One final note to mention, BJ was one of the members who worked the Duncanville Concession Stand for the council fundraising in the inaugural years. To continue his dedication to the council, when the council lost its agreement with Duncanville to some city changes, BJ, who has been part of the Cedar Hill Baseball Association, asked if Council 8157 would want the job of working the concession stand. I think you know the rest of this story, but what a match made in heaven. Thank you and Congratulations BJ, Amy, and family!



New Deacon in Town!

A beautiful event took place at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on March 13, 2010. It was the ordination of Brother Knight Arthur Unachukwu. Deacon Arthur was initiated into Holy Spirit Council 8157 on January 21, 2005. The program began with a procession of Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Seminarians, more than could be counted. The procession was followed by a church service including a beautiful mass, interspersed with the presentation of the candidates and their families, the election by the Bishops and consent of the people, the promise of obedience, the Litany of Supplication, the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination. The event was attended by a very large number of Knights and a large contingent of Holy Spirit parishioners. It was inspiring to see the response by the Holy Spirit religious, many of our previous pastors, along with Father Joe Lee, Deacons All Evans and Paul Wood. The event concluded with a reception at the Cathedral. If you missed the opportunity, you will have a second chance in 2011 to attend Deacon Arthur's ordination to the Priesthood.

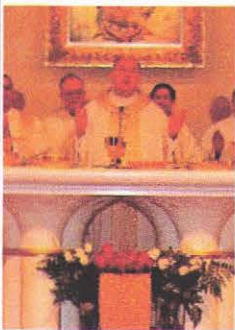


TOO LATE FOR 50,000,000 CHILDREN

On January 16th of this year, Most Reverend Kevin J Farrell, Bishop of Dallas, celebrated a Memorial Mass for victims of abortion at the Cathedral Shire of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas. He was assisted by Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Fort Worth. It was a special occasion because it was the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision overturning a Texas interpretation of abortion law and making abortion legal in the United States. Since that date approximately 50 million babies have been victims of abortion. The alias "Jane Roe" was used for Norma McCorvey, on whose behalf the suit was originally filed and the defendant was the district attorney of Dallas County, Texas, Henry B. Wade. The decision was a controversial one and remains so today. During Bishop Farrell's homily he stressed that we

must not give up the fight to reverse Roe v. Wade. He explained that defending life was natural – it is part of our human nature. He made comparison to the gigantic relief effort to save lives in Haiti. He flat our said abortion is evil. He also remained optimistic because of what he termed the "vibrancy of youth".

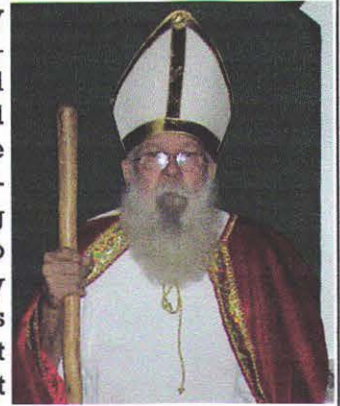
His appeal was to all so that the hearts of those performing abortion and those receiving abortions and those in political power would be changed. He said we would do it because we have Jesus in our hearts. After Mass there was a march (about a mile) from the cathedral to the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse where Rose v. Wade was first filed. A number of speakers encouraged the crowd of approximately 8,000 people to stay the course and continue to fight for those who have no voice at all. Many parishioners of Holy Spirit were in attendance and many Knights from council 8157. Of this reporters many surprises during this event was the average age of those attending Mass and the march afterward. It was a youthful crowd and bodes well for the future of the pro-life movement.



Photos in this article from Catholic Pro-life Committee Website.

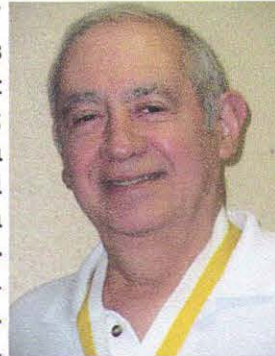
Knights of the Month

January—Leo Mattingly has received numerous awards for his community service over the years and his generosity is known throughout the parish community. He has been a volunteer fixture at Charlton Methodist for over 17 years and his reputation as Santa Claus is recognized throughout the Duncanville/Cedar Hill area. He recently entertained kids at the “Breakfast with St Nick” event held at the Holy Spirit community center, and because of that was again thrust into the limelight and was voted the Knight of the Month for January 2009. But the overwhelming sentiment about Leo is his unrelenting commitment to help others. And make no mistake Leo can and does help many people both physically and spiritually. Many of us see the positive things he does to help people physically; but this writer thinks he makes an even bigger impact on the spiritual life of those he comes in contact with. Leo believes in the power of his faith and the power of prayer and what a gift he has in being able to pass that on to others. Leo has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for so many years he doesn't even know how long; but for sure we are proud to be associated with someone who walks and talks the faith.



Thanks Leo

February—Ernie Coy was selected by the council as February 2010 because of his behind the scenes work that nized. It's amazing how much Ernie does without fanfare; mation about new members; like making any changes in and the like for all members; like maintaining a roster of all the paperwork for all transfers; like communicating with trative details (he's our only contact with New Haven in efrants to the Treasurer so that bills can be paid; like re- dues including sending statements; like issuing member- at ever meeting about the status of membership; like sub- that council officers can attend State Conventions; like ordering all supplies for the council. Ernie can do all these without a hitch because he's done them so long and so often that it's second nature to him. We just want to take a moment to thank you for your hard work in keeping the council organized and on track admin- istratively by recognizing you as Knight of the Month. Thanks Ernie.



Knight of the Month for hardly ever gets recog- like recording all infor- address, phone number members; like handling New Haven on adminis- t) ; like issuing all war- cording and collecting ship cards; like reporting mitting all paperwork so

March—Father Joe Lee was voted Knight of the Month for March 2010 because of his commitment to and support of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus are here to serve and defend the priests and the Catholic Church. We could not fulfill our mission without the support of our parish priest and this support is particularly forthcoming from Father Joe Lee. He has been nothing but appreciative of the work of the Knights and for that we thank him. He is our inspirational leader. Father Joe was born in Seoul, Korea and 33 years later on the 25th of May 1991, he was ordained a priest. He has served as Parochial Vicar of St Patrick Parish in Dallas from 1991 – 1993 and Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit from 1993 – 1996. He studied at Sognag and Yonsei Universities in Seoul, Korea from 1996 -1997 and served as Pastor of St Andrew Kim parish in Dallas from 1997 -2007. We are glad he is here now. Father loves tennis (his knees don't anymore) and golf and gardening. We hope you have time in your busy ministry to enjoy your hobbies. When this reporter asked Father Joe the event or accomplishment he was most proud of in his life thus far he said without hesitation “being Baptized into our Lord Jesus Christ”. Do you see now why he was voted the Knight of the Month? Con- gratulations, Father.



2nd Annual Appreciation Dinner

Appreciation dinner is probably not the right word for the affair attended by approximately 45 Knights and their partners on Saturday night the 16th of January this year. While we did enjoy a delicious catered dinner and enjoyed beverages of our choice, there was no keynote speaker recognizing anyone in particular. It was just an old fashioned party for the Knights and their partners. It was a time to break together and visit and enjoy the music ing. Chris Edwards was the host ranged 4 dance contests – the Stroll. It was amazing to witness the competing for the prize of best got tired just watching. Chris also number of gift certificates donated – midnight affair. The event was nasium in the community center. The only thing missing in this affair was the people who decided not attend. There was room for more; so maybe next year we can fill the place with more happy Knights and their partners.



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Hokey Pokey, the Twist, YMCA, and the skill, dexterity, and energy of those dancer in each category. This reporter awarded a number of cash prizes and a by areas restaurants throughout the 6:30 held in the beautifully decorated gym-

COUNCIL 8157 SHOWS ITS' SUPPORT FOR FORMER PASTOR



Pictured here is former Holy Spirit pastor, Reverend Augusthy Thekemailadyil with many of the children that he now nurtures, cares for, teaches and loves in Sindhudurg, India. The school, called jEEVDAN, where this picture was taken, is a state approved school (allowed by the state); but no funds are given by the state. Father Augie is the Director and has been at the school about 5 months now and thus far he has provided most of the funds for the teachers, caretaker, food and electricity. These children are unique in that they all are mentally challenged. The school teaches these

children basic skills: how to throw a ball, set a puzzle, play games, how to eat and so on. The school has been in existence for 7 years and Father's immediate goal is to get the school re-certified. Presently 40 children live at the school and 20 arrive daily from the surrounding area (actually the school picks them up). There are 6 teachers at the school – they are paid about \$60 per month. The above information was gathered by Gabriele Hardin during her recent visit with Father Augie in India.

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She wrote in her summary e-mail of the trip that “we are very much in his thoughts and in his heart” She continued to write that he says Mass every morning and is thankful to the Knights of Columbus when he raises the beautiful chalice donated by this council. In Gabriele’s e-mail you can sense that Father Augie is an inspiration to the children at JEEVDAN just as he was an inspiration to all of us at Holy Spirit during his time here. He is now described by his superior as a “gentle soul” and everything in his life is now about “my children”. Quite a change from the outgoing gregarious personality we experienced when he was at Holy Spirit. While Father Augie has been a positive force at JVEEDAN, at some point his money will be gone. While we all support him through prayer and good wishes, this council has made a \$1,000 donation directly to Father Augie so that he can continue his mission. In addition one member of the council (who wishes to remain anonymous) donated an additional \$500. Father Augie has been flooded with e-mails at myladil@yahoo.co.in, but feel free to contact him if the spirit moves you. We miss him and wish him the best always.



"Souper Bowl" Game Day



Whether you picked the Saints or Colts to win the Super Bowl, the real winner was the Holy Spirit Outreach Panty. On February 7 the council assisted Deborah Garrison and the Youth group with collecting food for the outreach food pantry by cooking hotdogs for donations. Over the past two years the “Souper Bowl” program has continued to grow. This year the council cooked 500 hotdogs and served chips and drinks for a donation. We collected over \$350.00 while the food collection tallied over 400 can goods. It was another successful drive for the outreach program put on by the youth.

Lenten Fish Fry's



hands who do fries, to the (particularly proud. It's the beans, slaw, tartar sauce, cocktail sauce, tea, lemonade and French cookie makers, to the servers, to the set-up people and to the cleanup crew the dish washer). We did ourselves really cool when so many people participate and then we have more time to visit as well. We served an average of 179 folks over the first four fish fry's and all the proceeds go to the Haiti Relief Fund. In fact the proceeds from all the Friday night fish fries during this Lenten season will go to the Haiti Relief Fund. We were very pleased with the turnout even though there were no special talks after Friday night Stations of the Cross. Thanks to everyone who ate dinner and all those who served. Someone in Haiti will love us for the effort.

The first fish fry of this Lenten season (Friday February 18th) came off with hardly a hitch – so what if the cole-slaw was a bit unique huh? It went so well because we had plenty of help. From the guys who did the shopping, to the regulars who cook the yummy catfish, to the guys collecting money at the door, to the kitchen



WELCOME -new members

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The longest tenured Knight in this council is Ross Musso. His membership number is 0267758.

As of Feb 25th the Knight of Columbus worldwide has contributed in excess of \$500,000 to Haiti earthquake victims.

In the last decade the Knights of Columbus worldwide has provided nearly 626 million hours of volunteer service

The average span of a major league baseball is 7 pitches.

Upcoming Events

April 10	5:00pm	The Bishop's 17th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner
April 11	8:00am	Pancake Breakfast Gym
April 20	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
May 4	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
May 4	7:30pm	Nominations for Officers
May 8	11:00am	St. Joseph Nursing Home Cook Out
May 9th		Happy Mother's Day
May 11	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
May 28th-30th		Special Olympics
May 31		Memorial Day
June 1	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
June 5	9:30am	A Knight in a Day—1,2,& 3 Degrees Ceremonies Holy Spirit—Church and Community Center
June 18	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
June 26	5:30pm	Installation of Officers— Starting with Mass followed in the Community Center
July 6	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
July 20	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
Aug 7	5:30pm	Awards Banquet—Following Mass

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