

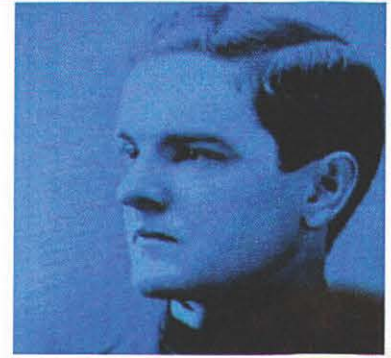


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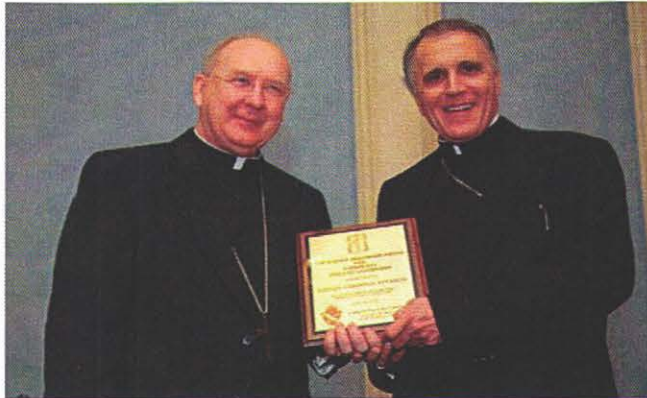
Editors Comments

We all signed up as Knights of Columbus to serve others; either through charitable works or charitable contributions to a larger cause; or supporting unity in the church by showing a united front in support of our priests, deacons sisters seminarians, and lay ministers. We agreed to do all this with a spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood – to have a good time doing what is right and charitable and good. And we said we would show our love of country by honoring veterans, respecting the symbols that represent this country, and always speak out when democracy and the American way of life is questioned or endangered. The summation of the principles of the Knights of Columbus is that we serve others. And in the spirit of serving others, particularly those in need of extra help, the Knights of this Council have formed a group called Knight Hands, whose mission is to help the elderly, the disabled and the poor in the Holy Spirit community live a more stress free life by providing minor house repairs, transportation services for shopping and medical reasons, and some lawn care and yard maintenance. The Knight Hands will be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of four Knights. This editor views this group as an opportunity for the Knights of this Council to make a real difference in the lives of the people in our community. Only a Knight can sponsor a client in need of services provided by Knight Hands. Two things have to happen to get this thing going. First of all we need volunteers who can provide the service described above – minor home repairs, transportation services, and yard maintenance. And secondly, all the Knights of this Council need to be on the lookout for folks in need of our assistance. This is not a new idea and has been tried many times in many areas before; some with limited success and others with failure. If we are going to help those in need in our community we have to step up and find people to help. The #1 reason for failure with a program of this nature is lack of clients to serve. I know there are people in the Holy Spirit community (Catholic or otherwise) who would love to have a few things fixed or repaired in their homes or apartments. Here's what I'm asking. If you can help as a volunteer to serve as a Knight Hand (the people who do the work) call Allen Reitmeier at 214-850-3602 or e-mail him at reitmeier@charter.net. We'll get you signed up as a volunteer. And if you feel you cannot give the time to volunteer to fix or repair or do lawn maintenance or offer transportation services, I know you can find people who need those services in your neighborhood. When you have identified that person, call Allen Reitmeier or e-mail him and we'll get the ball rolling on getting their needs met. Only a Knight can bring a client to the attention of the Knight Hands. So it's up to you whether we get this thing going or not. Won't you serve others?

Bishops Pro-Life Dinner

The Bishop's 17th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner was held at the Hilton Anatole's Trinity Ballroom on April 10, 2010. It was a rousing success, with a record attendance of over 2,350 guests. The theme "The Splendor of the Gospel of Life" filled air that evening!

The Pro-Life Dinner Host was Bishop Kevin J. Farrell; the Honorary Chairs were Patti and John Cody; the Keynote Speaker was Daniel Cardinal DiNardo of Galveston/Houston Archdiocese; and the Special Guest Speaker was Abby Johnson, former Director- Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic.



Bishop Kevin Farrell began by recognizing the two new Auxiliary Bishops-elect Father J. Douglas Deshotel and Msgr. Mark J. Seitz, and special guest Bishop Jack Iker, Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. He then followed with the introduction of the keynote speaker, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, whom he announced had been Coadjutor Bishop several times before becoming a Cardinal. The first comments from the Cardinal was to ask Bishop Farrell how he managed to get two Auxiliary Bishops assigned to him in Dallas when he as a Cardinal did not even have one. The Cardinal went on to ask Bishop Farrell if he knew the difference between an Auxiliary Bishop and a Coadjutor Bishop. He said the difference is when an Auxiliary Bishop comes in the morning, he greets the Bishop and says "what can I do for you today, Bishop", whereas a Coadjutor Bishop comes in and says "how are you feeling today, Bishop". The Cardinal went on to give a rousing talk about how we must not bow down to governments trying to force laws and rules on us that are evil and harm anyone, no matter how small. He concluded with we will continue to be visible, we will NOT keep quiet, we will NOT be forced out of main street; we are in this for the long term – whatever it takes.

Abby Johnson provided an equally rousing and interesting talk, sharing some of her horrifying experiences while being a Director of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in College Station. She was converted when she saw on an ultrasound machine the horrific dismemberment of a fetus during an abortion. She is now a strong Pro-Life supporter speaking out against abortion.

The National Director for the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, Karen Garnett presented several awards and recognized the many committees that it took to put on a fund-raising dinner and auction like this. Over 40 committees were organized to handle the various functions and activities. One of the largest committees recognized was the Silent Auction Committee who gathered and created over 400 silent auction items ranging from gift baskets to religious articles to painting, etc. There was something for everyone.

There were also over 20 booths/tables where various organizations provided material and literature. Brenda and I personally assisted in distributing information for the Dallas Diocese Hike For Life which is a fund-raiser to help the Dallas Diocese Crisis Pregnancy Centers. The Hike For Life will be conducted September 25 and October 2, 2010 in eight locations throughout the Diocese.

It was truly a heart-warming evening.

Contributed by Marce Tebbe, Council Pro-Life Director.



Family of the Month

April—Andy and Cathy Hitz were selected as Family of the Month for April 2010. Both Andy and Cathy are as active in the parish community as they can be considering their career specialties. Andy is a Senior Field Technician Supervisor with Southwest Airlines; which means he looks for chronic problems with airplanes that might affect passenger satisfaction and then gathers the resources



(manpower, parts and facilities) to get the plane back in the air. Cathy is an Industrial Engineer at General Motors in Arlington where she conducts production time studies. Still they spend lots of time with daughter Julia including early morning (5:00am) skating lessons, cheerleading practices at Trinity Christian and gun safety training (she is determined to go dove hunting with dad this year). Andy helps at fish fries, pancake breakfasts, and baseball. Cathy is the Regent for the Catholic Daughters. Andy joined the Knights in 1997 and Cathy joined the Catholic Daughters in 2003. All three spend time together camping out and in their boat. It doesn't take very long talking to Andy or Cathy to know that their priority is their family and how they can help out in the community. The Knights of Columbus salute the three of you and recognize your commitment to each other by naming you Family of the Month. Congratulations!

May— Nick and Katie Kleinhaus were selected as the Family of the Month for May, 2010. Nick and Katie were married 8 plus years ago and have enjoyed doing things together; particularly Air Hog games in Grand Prairie.



Those together activities have changed drastically since the arrival of their son – Will. Now the things they do together revolve around this young chap – like changing and cleaning diapers. (Now that's a bonding experience huh?) Will is now 6 months old and the adoption will be finalized on July 14 of this year. During all the trials and tribulations

of adopting a youngster, Nick never neglected his responsibilities or duties as Deputy Grand Knight; nor did he ever absence himself from the various functions performed by the Knights. He even made time to become a Fourth Degree Knight. Of course, you know who had the extra burden of caring and watching young Will – yes, Katie. Nick told me that he is “looking forward to the time when Will can ride in the back seat” as Nick rides him bicycle – his favorite hobby. Nick and Katie, we salute you and wish you the very best with your young family. Congratulations on being selected Family of the Month.

June—Chris and Cecelia Edwards were selected as the Family of the Month for June 2010. Of course, it's not just Chris and Cecelia but also Trevor and Sophie. To listen to Chris you'd think he was the only person that ever had children –he's so proud of those youngsters. He doesn't miss many of their special events either; whether it's a band recital for Trevor or a choir performance for Sophie; Cecelia and Chris are there. Chris and Cecelia see each other every day at work because they own and operate their own sign company – Beacon Signs. As most of you reading this know, Chris was the Grand Knight for the past two years and has recently accepted a position as a District Deputy for the newly formed District 86, which includes our council. As the Grand Knight, Chris was instrumental in increasing the participation and interaction of the Knights of this Council because of his strong leadership. During his tenure as Deputy Grand Knight (2 years) and Grand Knight (2 years) his family has seen less of him than they would have liked; but they have supported his decision to be even more involved in Knight activities as a District Deputy. Recently Chris, Cecelia, Trevor and Sophie participated in a 5K run to see first-hand how the run is organized with the thought that he (Chris) would organize such an event for our Council. Chris and Cecelia always seem to be finding ways to make this a better community by helping others. Congratulations to the Edwards family on being selected Family of the Month.



Project Helping Hands in Motion

Recently Knight Hands completed their first project at the home of James and Judy Smith of Duncanville. James recently underwent hip replacement surgery and is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery soon. Knight Hand stepped in and finished painting the walls and ceilings in three rooms as well as installing wallpaper in the kitchen. In addition, trim in the three rooms was repaired/replaced as needed. Grab bars were installed in the bathroom so that James could negotiate the shower facility as he recuperates. In all Knight Hands worked approximately 33 man/hours split between David Briggs, Dick Bates, Ed O'Brien, Betty O'Brien and Allen Reitmeier. James and Judy were very generous with breakfast and lunch treats and many, many thanks.



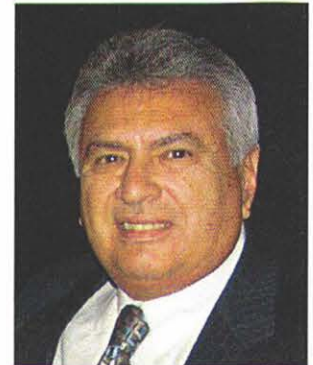
New Officers for Fraternal Year 2011

At the council meeting on June 1, 2010 the following Officers were elected for fraternal year 2011 which runs from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2011.

Grand Knight	Andy Goza
Deputy Grand Knight	Frank Salazar
Chancellor	David Ybarra
Treasurer	Mike Fitzgerald
Advocate	Russell Gully
Warden	Art Senato
Inside Guard	Tom Greco
Outside Guard	Bob Lamb
Recorder	Jeff Miller
Trustees	Barry Barksdale
	Ed O'Brien
	Chris Kubin



Pictured: Andy Goza, left and Frank Salazar, below.



Congratulation to all and may the year bring success to each officer. The installation of officers will take place on August 7, 2010.

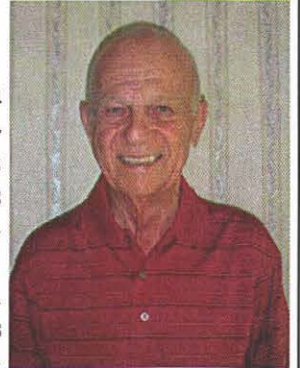
Happy Mother's Day Lunch at St. Joseph's Nursing Home

It was a breezy sunny Saturday afternoon when several knights and friends served hamburgers and hotdogs with all the sides. Several residents family members attended the luncheon assisting their loved ones and others preparing plates of food and settling down to a great lunch. Chris Edwards distributed cookies to all who attended at the same time Marce and Brenda Tebbe handed out roses to all of the mothers in attendance. Smiles were everywhere. We served approximately 120 people. A big "THANKS" goes out to all who participated; David Briggs, Pat May, Marce Tebbe, Brenda Tebbe, Juan Chapa, Chris Kubin, Tim Weinrich, David Ybarra, Allen Reitmeier.



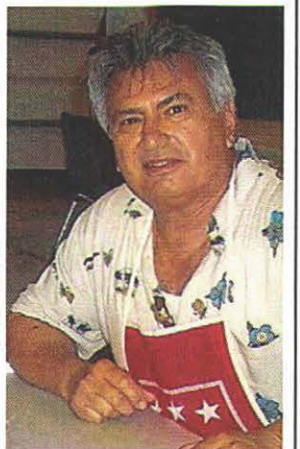
Knight of the Month

April—Congratulations to Benny Sikorski on being elected Knight of the Month for April 2010. We all see Benny active at the fish fries. He's always, and I mean always, there early getting the catfish ready to fry. He quietly goes about the business of preparing the fish without fanfare. So we all witness that, but what we don't see is all the good he does in his neighborhood helping those in need by doing home repairs and home maintenance particularly for widows who have no one else to turn to. He related a story to this writer about repairing a window that had been broken by a tossed brick soon after he moved into the neighborhood during a rain storm – that's the kind of behind the scenes work he does. Benny was a 23 year career Army officer rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; with tours in Korea and Viet Nam. His next 25 years he spent with General Dynamics and Computer Science as a Data Systems Manager. He was married to Virginia for nearly 50 years before she passed away 2 years ago. His daughter is a DOD teacher in Ranstein Germany and his son owns his own business in Irving. Benny is an outdoors guys – he hates rainy days. He wants to stay busy helping other and he attributes this commitment to helping others to a “good old fashioned upbringing” from his folks in Houston. Thanks, Benny for all you do and the example you set.



May—The council voted Pat May the Knight of the Month for May 2010 in particular for his extraordinary work during the past Easter celebration. There were services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and of course Easter Sunday, all of which required ushers to handle the seating, the protection of children, collections and orderly procession for adoration and communion. Pat not only knows what needs to be done, but has the organizational skill to get Knights involved to get the job done. Pat has been the head usher for a long time and always seems to be able to conjure up enough people to serve as ushers. Pat is instrumental in getting ushers scheduled for safety training as well as hands on training on how to usher. Pat is involved in many other ways with the Knights; most notably as the Director of Church activities, where he is profiled in another section of this publication. Pat and his wife Betty have been a member of this parish since 1997 and are respected and loved by all. We appreciate all you do for the Knights and congratulate you on your selection as Knight of the Month. Way to go, Pat.

June—Frank Salazar was selected the Knight of the Month for June of 2010 because he has become super active in this Council. Frank can be found at almost every Knight function – he can't seem to get enough of helping the Council and others. Frank is a Captain of the Thursday night work crew at Valley Ridge ballpark. Frank is an outside Guard and attends every Knight meeting and he was recently elected Deputy Grand Knight with all the duties and responsibilities that go along with that title. Wherever and whenever there is work to be done you will find Frank Salazar. He never hangs back or waits for someone else to do the job; he never talks about what he's going to do or what he has done. He just quietly gets the job done. He exemplifies the role of a Knight and how they affect others in the faith community. Frank and his wife Lourdes live in Grand Prairie. Frank is retired and as this is being written is winging his way to his home country – Cuba – for a reunion with his extended family. Frank, we wish you God's sped and a safe return and congratulation from all the Knights who unanimously selected you Knight of the Month.



Police and Firemen Cook Out

In the heat of battle who better to count on than the police and fire brigade of the local cities. In June the council served over 60 local police and firemen for the Cities of Desoto and Duncanville. Members of the council which include



David Briggs, Allen Reitmeier, Bill Dover, Pat May, Andy Goza, Pat Stepnewski and several others all cooked and served these civil servants. Others who joined us include the Mayor of Desoto and the Animal Control Officers for the local cities. An interesting fact learned concerns the local police and animal control officers. These members serve not only the city they work for but during evenings and other set hours they are on call to either support or serve the other two cities when necessary.



A Knight in a Day

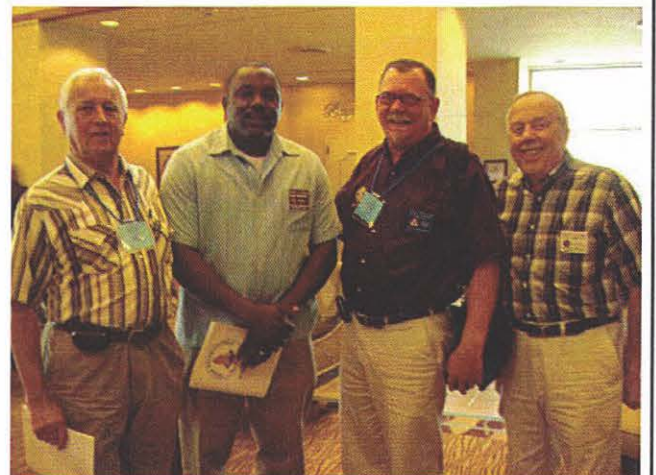
A special day for 23 men took place on June 5th. These men took their first, second, and third degree at Holy Spirit. This was the first degree ceremony held at Holy Spirit in many years and in fact the first time all three degrees happened on the same day. Coordinated by the councils Grand Knight, Chris Edwards and District Deputy, Phil Apgar, a successful day began and concluded with valuable new members being added

to our order. The council had a great turn out of support from the chapter. Some members of our council were able to participate as part of the degree team, many thanks to Barry Barksdale and Tom Greco. Chris Edwards was very pleased with the event and the number of members coming out to help. After the ceremony Chris Kubin and Marce Tebbe had lunch prepared for everyone serving approximately 65 people. Thank you Phil for your encouragement and dedication to our council and the order.

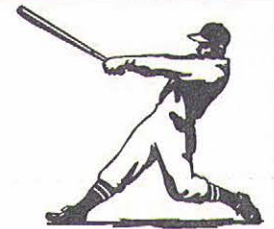


The 106th Texas State Convention

The 106th Texas State convention was held in Corpus Christi, Texas on April 30th thru May 2nd, 2010. Along with new friendships made and existing friendships renewed, the convention was a great success. There were always more activities going on than could be participated in; ie, meetings, visits, booths, Memorial Mass, banquets and hospitality rooms. Council 8157 was well represented by Marce Tebbe, Chris Edwards, Jim Kowalski, Ed O'Brien and Barry Barksdale. 2010 was an election year for the state council. Our new elected State Deputy is Tony Herreth and our own Bishop of Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell was appointed as State Chaplin. Two of the resolutions passed this year were #11 concerning immigration issues and #12 amending State Council's current by-laws.

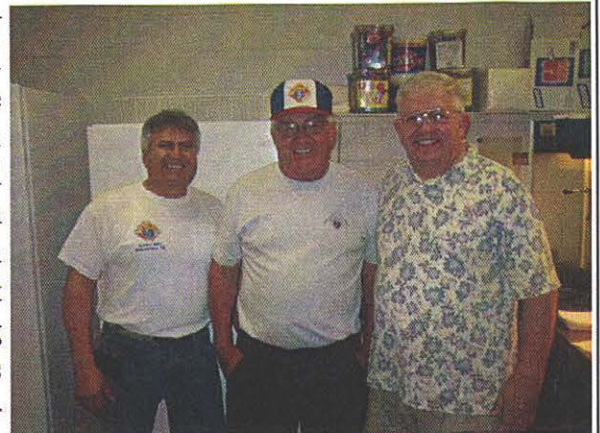


Baseball Season Concludes with World Series



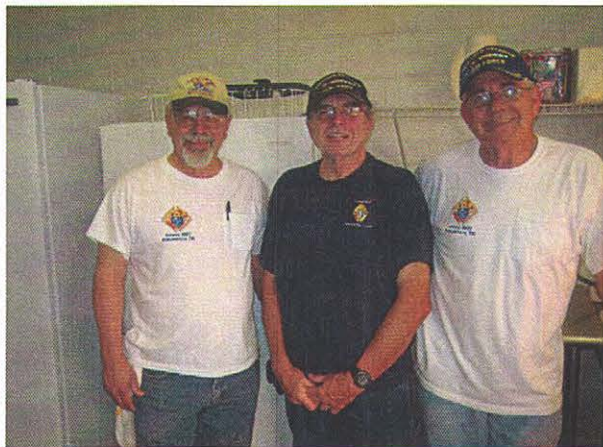
The roar was long and loud as the Twins beat the Reds with a furious rally in the last inning in the final World Series games at Valley Ridge Park on Sunday June 27, 2010, and that concluded the Spring Baseball season for the Cedar Hill Baseball Association. That game ended the season which saw 473 games played in which the Knights of Columbus of Council 8157 served food and beverages to the player, coaches, umpires and fans of the greatest sports game – baseball. During the course of the season which began on March 27th, there were many, many Knights who gave their time to generate money

so that we can help others in need. The games were played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights and the tournaments (5 of them) and regular season games were on Saturdays and Sundays. Each week day games were guided by a Captain – David Ybarra on Mondays, David Briggs on Tuesdays, Frank Salazar on Thursdays, Allen Reitmeier on Fridays, and Ed O'Brien on Saturdays. These are the first Knights that need to be recognized for their work in making this year a success. In addition there were 41 other Knights that worked at one point or another during the Spring baseball season and they are :



Gonzalo Aillon, Robert Althaus, Larry Balagna, Barry Barksdale, Richard Bates, Michael Bender Juzi, George Biegler, Bill Chalko, Juan Chaps, Rod Constant, Joe Cuellar, Wayne Dempsey, Bill Dover, Larry Dumais, David Dybala Sr., Chris Edwards, Carlos Favela, Mike Fitzgerald, Bob Foster, Andy Goza, Russell Gully, Frank Hernandez, Mike

Higgins, Nick Klienhaus Jim Kowalski, Chris Kubin, Bob Lamb, Hector Lopez, Mike Luna, Leo Mattingly, Pat May, Jeff Miller, Dan Murphy, Ray Presas, Ken Rarick, James Richardson, Mike Rumsey, Pat Stepniewski, Martin Svatek, Tim Weinrich, Steve Zehnder. In addition we received assistance from the following: Cindy Dover, Susan Goza, Sheila Balagna, Joyce Higgins, Mary Weinrich, Zack, Veronica and "Sam" Presas. Another special "Thanks" to David Briggs, Ed O'Brien, Frank Salazar, Ken Rarick, and Frank Hernandez for assistance in shopping for goods at Sam's. Mike Fitzgerald will determine the final accounting, but preliminarily, we bought approximately \$13,000 in goods for the season and deposited approximately



\$38,130. After all deductions for board member purchases and for the cost of keys, we will bank approximately \$20,300. For general information we sold approximately 2,720 hot dogs, 3,342 bottles of water, 4,320 gatorades, 1,465 bottles of Dr. Pepper, 4,560 pieces of bubble gum, made 1,326 Nachos, used 78 gallons of cheese, and popped about 200 lb. of kernel corn. While these numbers are nice, the important thing is these Knights gave of themselves to better our community. Not everyone is willing to give of their free time to help others; but this group of Knights surely did and all the Knights in this Council should thank this group and say "job well done". That is what we all want to hear at the end, is it not?

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: Rod Kinard

DID YOU KNOW?

The Knights of Columbus was the leading proponent of the 1954 addition of the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

El Paso, Texas is closer to Needles, California (516 miles) than it is to Dallas, Texas (571 miles).

The population of Texas is 24 million, not including the 16 million cattle.

The Gulf States relief efforts led the Knights to a record year of charitable giving, with more than 68 million hours and \$151 million dollars donated overall.

From January 22, 1973 thru June 7, 2010 there have been over 50, 900, 438 abortions.

A ducks quack does not echo and no one knows why.

Upcoming Events

July 20	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
Aug 3	7:30pm General Meeting Room 221
Aug 7	5:30pm Awards Banquet—Following Mass
Aug 17	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
Aug 22	Bea Bates Memorial Blood Drive
Sept 7	7:30pm General Meeting Room 221
Sept 11	Corporate Communion
Sept 11	Fall Baseball Season Begins
Sept 12	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 21	7:30pm Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221

Are you ready
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