

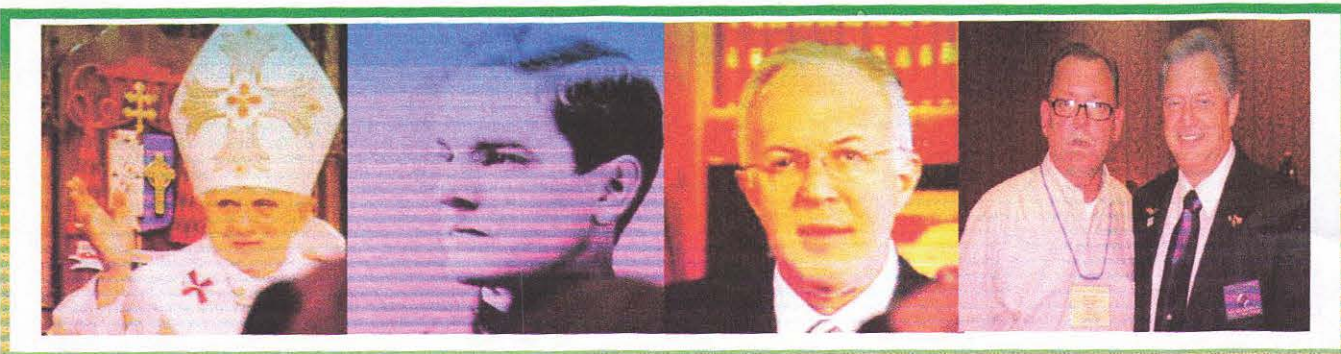


Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



Knights Life

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Editors Comments

Welcome, everyone, to the first edition of KNIGHTS LIFE. KNIGHTS LIFE is a quarterly publication written and produced by the Awareness Committee of the Knights of Columbus Council #8157 of Duncanville. The Awareness committee's avowed mission 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"*. The committee will always be looking for stories about happenings involving the Knights of this Council. Anyone can contribute their story by contacting any member of the Awareness committee – Allen Reitmeier, Jim Kowalski, or Chris Kubin. We are currently looking for a fourth person to serve on this committee whose primary job will be writing articles – are you that person? Let us know. In this first edition we would like to introduce some of the officers of this council – the second edition will feature the remaining officers.

GRAND KNIGHT – Chris Edwards is our current Grand Knight and presides over all Knights' meetings. He is tasked with enforcing the rules and regulations of the council and the laws of the order, and is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He appoints all directors and committee members. Chris acts as Chaplain in the absence of the regular Chaplain. He countersigns orders drawn and signed by the financial secretary. He is responsible for the overall success of this council's activities. Chris, along with his wife Cecelia and their children, Trevor and Sophie, live in Duncanville. Chris has been a member of council #8157 for 6 years. Chris and Cecelia own and operate the Beacon Sign company.





DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – Nick Kleinhaus currently holds this office. The Deputy Grand Knight presides in the absence or inability of the Grand Knight and executes all the duties of the said Grand Knight. He shall perform such other duties as the Order may impose. Nick handles all the service director reports at the monthly meetings. He calls upon each director in turn and listens to their report and offers suggestions and comment. Nick and his wife, Kathryn, live in Duncanville. Nick has been a member of this council since the spring of 2002. Nick has worked for the Internal Revenue Service for the past 3 years.

CHANCELLOR – Andy Goza is our current Chancellor and assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight in the performance of their duties and will take charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both. He is charged with the total participation of the membership in the activities of the council. With the approval of the Grand Knight, he shall institute a program to develop the availability and interest of the members in the specific activities of the council. He shall exercise a special interest in new members and those members who are sick or in distress. He is also in charge of member retention. Andy and his wife, Susan, and daughter Madison live in Cedar Hill.

Andy has been a member of this council since April 2008.

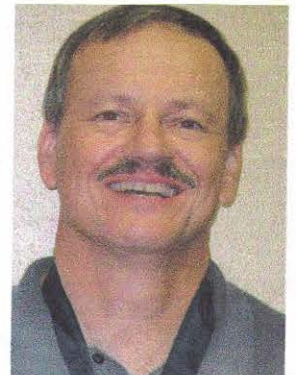


RECORDER – Bill Dover is our current Recorder and is assigned the task of keeping a true record of the doings of this council upon books approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Secretary. He will also conduct all correspondence of the council and perform such duties as the council may direct. Bill has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since 1962. Bill is currently the Faithful Navigator of the 4th degree assembly #2799. Bill has been instrumental in recruiting many of the current members of this council. Bill and his wife, Cindy, live in Duncanville and own and operate Duncanville Eye Associates.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Ernie Coy holds this office and is responsible to collect and receive all moneys due the council, and all funds received from any source. He keeps an account of the indebtedness of each member and each certificate holder and the amount received from each. He keeps a roll of the members and certificate holders, their ages, residences and occupations, with the dates of initiation. He notifies the Supreme Secretary of the names and addresses of all council officers. He keeps the seal of the council and affixes the same to all proper papers. Ernie and his wife, Claudia, live in Duncanville. Ernie is a past Grand Knight and has been a member of this council since 1986. Ernie works for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.



TREASURER – Mike Fitzgerald is our current Treasurer whose job responsibilities include being the custodian of all funds of the council. He shall pay to the Supreme Council all moneys assessed by it or by the Board of Directors. He shall pay all orders drawn on him which are signed by the Financial Secretary and countersigned by the Grand Knight. He shall keep separate accounts for all moneys placed in his hand by his council or the officers thereof and shall plainly show at all times the amount of moneys in the general expense fund of the council and the amount of moneys in each and every special fund. Mike and his wife, Susan, live in Ovilla. Mike has been a member for 9 years and works at Allianz Insurance Company in downtown Dallas.



Family of the Month

October

We will not forget Bea Bates but Dick, her husband, did not forget those who helped during his wife's illness either. While she was ill many people donated blood to assist in treatment of her disease. Now it was Dick's turn to repay that kindness by not only contributing blood himself during the recent blood drive, but also by gathering his family around him and encouraging them to contribute as well. Twenty-three pints of blood were attributed to Dick Bates efforts. He was also instrumental in promoting the Bea Bates Memorial blood drive in the first place. Dick is active in other Knights activities as well. You can often find Dick at the baseball concession stand, at a pancake breakfast, or fish fry or helping at the fall festival. Dick has a very giving heart. Is it any wonder he was voted the Family of the Month for September? Everyone in the Knights of Columbus council 8157 says thank you and congratulations. Job well done.



November— David and Veronica Ybarra moved into the parish 8 years ago and live in Waxahachie. David joined the Knights in March of 2008 and jumped in and helped at almost all Knights activities; working the concessions stand, helping at the fall festival, helping at pancake breakfast, helping at cook-outs for the seminarians, for St Joseph's Home



— well you get the picture. He's everywhere where there is work to be done for the community. David is a guy that doesn't hang back. He's always at the front leading the charge. Veronica is involved as well in community life. Just recently she spent hours preparing for

the annual Knights picnic which was held at David and Veronica's beautiful home. What most people do not know, though, is that David and Veronica visit the area nursing homes every Sunday to inspire and cheer those who need uplifting. This couple has made numerous friends at the nursing homes and are a tribute to their community for giving of their Sunday mornings and afternoons to help others enjoy a better life. We all thank you both and salute you as Family of the Month.

December—Larry and Cathleen Dumais were selected Family of the Month for December 2009. Larry has been a member of 8157 for 4 years and serves as director of youth activities for the Knights — in that capacity he reports all the activities of the youth in the parish. Larry volunteers as a chaperon for many of the youth activities; like "sleep-out for the homeless", march against abortion, the free-throw contest at any particular time. He is also a member of the 11 am Sunday morning Mass. Both Larry and Cathleen teach faith formation class on Wednesday nights. Daughter Jaclyn is a senior at Texas A & M. Larry and Cathleen live in Midlothian where Larry is self-employed in the home construction business. We in the council are proud of both of you for your commitment to the youth of the community. Thank you.



Barry Barksdale was our designated walker in the Hike-for-Life which is designed to raise money to support the Crisis Pregnancy centers in Dallas. This year Barry raised nearly \$300 to rid the world of the scourge of

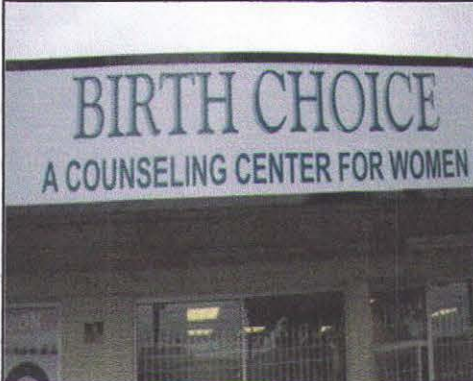
Hike for Life

in Irving this year. The theme for this year's Hike-for-Life was "Every step a Prayer". Barry, you are doing the work of angels and we all thank you and encourage you to continue the Hike-for-Life.

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Lenten Fish Fry's

As you probably know, the Knights of Columbus cook and serve a fish dinner every Friday evening from 5:30pm until 7:00pm during the Lenten season beginning the Friday after Ash Wednesday (Watch the bulletin). Have you ever wondered how this thing works or what you can do to help? Well here goes. Just show up at the community center kitchen at 4:30pm on the day of the fish fry. You won't get an invitation – just come. We start by setting up the gymnasium or dining room and then commence to cook fish, beans, coleslaw, French fries, tartar sauce, and tea. We then set up the serving line and serve approximately 150 people each Friday night. If you want to become involved with a great bunch of guys, come on Friday night. Don't worry about having to stand around with nothing to do; there's plenty of work to go around. We never have too many people. The first fish fry of 2010 is Friday February 19th. This is your only invitation. See you all there.



Crisis Center Dedicated Grand Knight Donates Sign

The pictures in this article were taken on October 11, 2009 during the dedication ceremony at the newest Support Crisis Pregnancy Center in Dallas located at 1902 Record Crossing. This newest Support Crisis Pregnancy Center is located directly across the street from the Robinson abortion clinic. During this reporter's conversation with Estelle Bouley—client services director—there is no doubt about the conviction and dedication of her and her staff to help young women about to have an abortion find alternatives to killing their unborn child. The

philosophy of "the baby is not the problem" held by the Center is the crux of what these counselors do for those who seek help. The counselors seek to solve the young women's most pressing problems so that the child might live. These counselors have access to resources to help these young pregnant women with parenting assistance, adoption information, and help with medical care, food, clothing for the baby or whatever the most pressing problem the woman may have. The Support Crisis Pregnancy Center has been open since September 17th and has already recorded 7 "saves". Typically the Center has a person on hand during the hours the abortion clinic operates in addition to a sidewalk counselor whose job it is to persuade the young women about to enter the abortion clinic to speak with a counselor at the Crisis Center to explore options to abortion.

Pictured below is Monsignor Mark Seitz from St. Rita's parish in Dallas as he dedicates the Crisis Center with scripture readings and prayers. Monsignor Seitz is a strong advocate of "Right to Life" and can be seen fighting for the "Culture of Life" throughout the diocese of Dallas. Holding the prayer book is Fred Fink, executive director, who was responsible for the creation of the Crisis Center from start to finish.

Pictured right are Marce Tebbe and Roger Scott as they pose at the front door of the Crisis Center. Marce is the Director of Pro-life for the Knights of Columbus Council 8157, and works tirelessly, alongside his wife Brenda, to fight against those who are trying to create a "Culture of Death" in this country. Roger Scott is the Diocesan Deputy and his presence speaks of the importance of winning the fight against abortion by all Knights of Columbus throughout the Diocese of Dallas. The sign "Birth Choice" was donated by the Knights of Columbus Council 8157. In reality the sign was constructed by Beacon Signs which is owned by Chris Edwards. This sign is approximately 3' X 32' and if sold commercially would be well in excess of \$4,000.00. So while our council was lauded for its generosity at the dedication, Chris deserves kudos for his commitment to Pro-Life and Council 8157—thanks



Knight of the Month

October—Pat Stepniewski was voted upon by Month for September 2009. Everyone recalled the and arranging the 1st annual Bea Bates Memorial The true spirit of Knighthood could be found vertise the event, coordinate with Carter Blood the donors, and supervise all the action on the day the event was such a success. Seventy pints of uted to those in need during the blood drive. Pat ity of the people of Holy Spirit parish. As you would rather than accept recognition for a job well done. recognize him as we did by naming him Knight of the Month for September 2009. Congratulations Pat!



the council as the Knight for the long hours Pat put in organizing blood drive on August 17th, 2009. around Pat as he scrambled to ad-Care for personnel, schedule all of the blood drive. Little wonder blood were collected and distrib- was overwhelmed at the generos- expect, he gave credit to others When you see Pat, thank him and

November—The October Knight of the Month was Mike Rumsey. Mike has quietly worked behind the scenes this past year. Mike never seeks attention or recognition but is always there to support the Knight of Columbus projects. You can find Mike most every Saturday at the Valley Ridge baseball complex working in the concession stand; and Tuesdays and some Sundays as well. Mike helped setup the gymnasium for the fall festival rummage sale. He was also there for set-up and tear-down of the fall festival stands and stage. Mike delivers Meals-on-Wheels on Thursdays. Mike helps at all the Knight fish fries and pancake breakfasts. When we trimmed the hedge for a Meals-on-Wheels client, Mike was the first to sign up. Equally important as his work project efforts is his attitude. Mike wants to help others. Mike amazes those around him with his passion for those who need help. He's always the first one to step forward. Mike, the council thanks you and recognizes you for your work and your spirit. Thanks.



December -Bill Dover was honored in December as Knight of the Month. Bill has always been active in many Knight activities; but was particularly active in convincing current 3rd degree members of our council of the merits of the becoming 4th degree members. Because of his efforts 6 new members of our council were inducted into the 4th degree assembly 2799 on October 25th of this year. Bill is also Faithful Navigator of this assembly. Bill is the recorder for the council. Bill ushers at the 5:30 pm Saturday night Mass. Bill works at all the pancake breakfasts and fish fries as the collector of funds. Bill is also active in other community groups - Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. Where does Bill find time for all these activities and still manage his own business? We don't know; we're just glad he does and that's why he was voted Knight of the Month. Good work Bill!



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Those words could be heard every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening and every Saturday morning at the Valley Ridge baseball complex located at 2850 Park Ridge Drive in Cedar Hill. What fun it was to be there to serve food and drinks to all the aspiring young ball players and their families and friends. They probably didn't know how much work went into operating the concession stand, but they didn't hear a word of complaint from the Knights who worked the events. The spring season started on the 28th of February (a really cold day) and concluded on the 5th of July (a very hot day). In between we attended approximately 615 games and expended approximately 1640 man-hours to accomplish the mission. The fall season began on the 12th of September (rained out) and concluded on the 31th of October (a beautiful day). The Cedar Hill Baseball Association has agreed to sub-contract the Knights of Columbus council 8157 to be their concessionaire. We have had that privilege for the past two years and during that time there have been no incidents that reflect negatively on this council. No wonder operating the concession is by far the number one fund raising event the Knights participate in during the year. Without the concession money we would not be able to support the charities we support or purchase items the church wants and needs.

My name is am the Director of tion with the Cedar tion I am looking for- cessful year in 2010 54 different people sion stands. We drinks at 4 separate Ridge Park, Parker- mas Park and the Cedar Hill. The work hot dogs (on a roller fries (deep fryer), pop- customers soft drinks, and so on, and clean- the day. Anyone can that because I am

Knights to participate in helping raise money in 2010. It's easy work and the shift are usually 4 hours in duration. The week day shifts are from approximately 5:30pm until 9:30pm and the Saturday games usually have three shifts starting at 7:30am. I am particularly looking for folks to help on the 2nd and third shifts on Saturdays. Those times are from 11:30am until 3:30pm or from 3:30pm until 7:30pm. There were eight tournaments last year that included games on Saturday and Sunday - I look for the same this coming year. I am looking for volunteers now. Won't you call me at 214-850-3602 or e-mail me at reitmeier@charter.net and volunteer your time to help. You'll be making a significant contribution to the financial success of this council and you'll have a good time as well. This council has the best people anywhere; so join the fun and help the council at the same time, won't you? It's lots of fun. I look forward to hearing from

Allen Reitmeier and I Baseball. In conjunc- Hill Baseball Associa- ward to another suc- and beyond. Last year worked at the conces- served food and locations - Valley ville Park, Dot Tho- Community Center in consists of cooking grill) making French ping pop corn, serving candy, chips, pickles ing up at the end of do the work. I say looking for more



you.

SPREADING JOY

"When families of a resident aren't there, any kindness shown by us just lights them up - to know someone cares about them" says Chris Edwards, Grand Knight of our council and a member of the cookout crew who served approximately 120 people at the St Joseph's Residence on West Pembroke Avenue in Oak Cliff on October 17th of this



year. This cookout for the 45 residents and their families happens twice a year and usually requires the volunteer work of 6 - 10 Knights. This year the knights served hamburgers & hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, lemonade and cookies for dessert. Sister Adeline Bocanegra, who has been helping the elderly at St Joseph's for 50 years, is most appreciative of the support of the Knights. The Knights undertook this event to give families the setting and a good reason to visit with the residents at this assisted living home. The most rewarding features of this event for the Knights are: providing the opportunity for quality family time, and seeing the happy faces on the residents and visiting family members.

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. You will receive untold rewards for giving of your time and talents. 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: Robert Luna, Steve Luna, Wally Carion, Toney Houston and Herman Cortez.

Council Picnic

Fraternity on Display

One of the Fr Michael McGivneys' principles when he founded the Knights of Columbus was fraternity. A



delicious meal of brisket, hamburgers and hot else in attendance brought a side dish and were yummy – including the fried cabbage. Bob Fosfield how to throw horseshoes and everyone enjoyed win. The most important part of the event was the socialization. Each time we get together like this we learn about each other and become more deeply involved in each others' lives. You know that's probably a true definition of fraternity – don't you think? This picnic was for the Knights and their families and is an annual event we look forward to seeing even more people at next year's. Watch this Newsletter for details of next year's picnic.

widely held definition of fraternity is "a group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose, interest or pleasure". On Sunday October 25th, fraternity was on display in its' full glory at the home of David and Veronica in Waxahachie. There, on a beautiful fall afternoon, members of council 8157 and their families gathered for an old fashioned get-together with the sole purpose of having a good time. This annual Knights picnic was a perfect place to converse with and break bread with those we have come to know over the years. Chris Edwards brought the grill and cooked a



dogs. Everyone who attended showed the joy of the Cow – was the conversation – learn more about the better definition is open to all events – we look forward to next year's picnic.

Fourth Degree Rocks

On October 25th of this year at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Irving, a Fourth Degree exemplification (induction ceremony) was conducted. The exemplification lasted the entire day with the actual ceremony taking about 3 hours. The affair included a Mass and dinner after. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order whose primary purpose is "to foster the spirit active catholic citizenship". Six third were taken into assembly 2799. – Frank haus, Tom Greco, Andy Goza, and encompasses 9 local churches and 5 There are approximately 105 member Faithful Navigator – Bill Dover. While councils (they have their own monthly allels the work of the councils. They are tional color corp. which features colorful regalia. They are called upon by the councils or churches or the Bishop to conduct colorful ceremonial reminders of the presence of the Knights and the virtues of Knighthood. Among the many activities of the Fourth Degree are: Appreciation of clergy night, Flag retirement ceremony, Toys for Tots, and welcome and send off of deploy troops at DFW, to name a few. We congratulate all the new Fourth degree Knights and their Faithful Navigator. They are to be address as "Sir Knights".



Upcoming Events

January 5	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
January 10	6:30am	Breakfast
January 16	5:30pm	"A Knight Among Knights" Appreciation Dinner
January 19	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
February 2	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
February 16	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
February 19	5:30pm	Fish Fry
February 26	5:30pm	Fish Fry
February 27- 28		Baseball Tournament
February 28	8:00am	Blood Drive
March 2	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
March 5	5:30pm	Fish Fry
March 12	5:30pm	Fish Fry
March 16	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221
March 19	5:30pm	Fish Fry
March 26	5:30pm	Fish Fry
April 6	7:30pm	General Meeting Room 221
April 20	7:30pm	Officers & Directors Meeting Room 221

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