



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



Knights Life

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Editors Comments It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that the Awareness Committee announces the completion of this Council's web-site. If you are looking for any information about the Knights of Columbus in general or this Council in particular, simply log onto www.kofc8157.org for all the information. What to know the history of the Knights of Columbus? Log unto www.kofc8157.org and click on "about us" and then click "history of the Knights of Columbus". Want to know the Officers of this Council? The information is there. Want to read about present and past Knights of the Month? The information is there. Want to read about the latest news? Click on "News and announcements" and it's right there. Want to know what events are upcoming and where and when? Click on "events" and peruse the calendar and the list of events. This website is chocked full of information about the Knights of Columbus and is available to you at the touch of your fingers. While all the members of the Awareness Committee (Chris Kubin, Jim

Kowalski, Al Alonzo, Jeff Miller, Jorge Ruiz and myself) worked on creating this communication tool, Jorge did the "heavy lifting" in regards to designing format and lay-out. We hope you will take advantage of this communication tools to keep yourself abreast of the happenings of this Council.

Council Receives Prestigious Awards

Bill Dover, District Deputy of District #86, presented our Grand Knight, Frank Salazar, two very prestigious awards this past December 4, 2012 as the regular general business meeting. The ceremony was brief and without a lot of fanfare; yet the magnitude of the accomplishments of this Council were validated by these awards. First up was the Star Council Award which is the top international award given to local councils by the Supreme Council. To qualify the local council must have earned the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founder Award all in the same Fraternal year. The Columbian Award is given to those Councils that annually conduct at least four (4) major involvement programs in each of the following sections of the service programs: Church activities, Community activities, Council activities, and Youth activities. To earn the Father McGivney Award, the council must increase membership by at least 7% during the fraternal year. And to be awarded the Founders Award the council must have a 2.5% increase in insurance additions. In addition the Service Program Personnel Report form (#365) must be completed and returned to the Supreme Council by August 1st following the end of the fraternal year. This council under the leadership of Andy Goza and his Officers and Directors accomplished these requirement with flying colors. Next came the Lone Star





Award for Excellence with Distinction. This is the top state award and the qualifications start with meeting the requirements for Star Council. In addition to Star Council, the local council must submit form 185 (Officers elected) on a timely basis, the council must pay the state Per Capita assessment by December 31st, meet the State Council Charity goal by December 31st, seat at least two delegates at the state convention and sponsor an active degree team and conduct at least two degrees during the fraternal year. Again no problem for this council thanks to everyone's dedication and Christian attitude. Kudos to everyone and congratulation to the leadership that brought

home these awards. Awards are not why we do what we do; but to be recognized by leadership at the state and national level is pretty special. Be proud of being part of the Knights of Columbus Council #8157.



St. Nick in the House

On December 9, 2012, St Nick (played by Marce Tebbe) made his appearance in the gymnasium at the Community Center at Holy Spirit Church for the annual "breakfast with St Nick" celebration. Deborah Garrison, in collaboration with Chris Edwards, spearheaded the affair with the Knights of Columbus doing their part as "chief cook and bottle washer". The cooks arrived at the kitchen before 6:00am and began preparing breakfast for approximately 400 expected guests. The final count of guests was approximately 380. The fare included scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, French toast, sausage, coffee and juice. There was craft activities, face painting, singing by the church youth group and, of course, St. Nick, entertaining the young of heart by accepting their gift requests for Santa Claus. Twenty-one Knights helped out to make the affair a success and assured that no was over worked during the celebration. Thanks to Andy Goza, Allen Reitmeier, Bill Dover, Frank Henandez, John Espree, Jim Russell, Chris Edwards, Mike Rumsey, Pat Stepniewski, Frank Salazar, Jack Ramsden, Dan Murphy, Jim Richardson, Juan Chapa, Jorge Ruiz, Tom Greco, Art Senato,

Chris Kubin, Larry Dumais, Larry Balagna, and Hector Lopez who all contributed to make this a success. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated in a Christmas motif by Deborah. Guests began arriving at 8:30am and continued until approximately 11:15am. The entry fee was a toy or a donation of their choice. All the while the sounds of Christmas music could be heard throughout the gymnasium. All in all a great introduction to the Christmas season when we celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

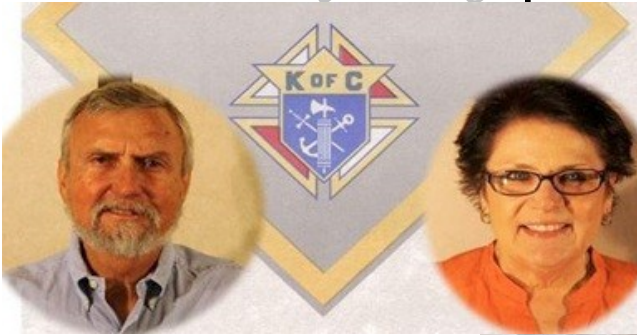


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Family of the Month

October—

If there was a Holy Spirit decathlon, our Family of the Month for October – Jack and Juanita Ramsden – would at least be among those worthy of earning a gold medal. It's almost difficult to get a grasp on the number of ministries and parish activities that they take part in regularly. There's Community Life's Zone Shepherds, Social Committee and coffee-doughnuts volunteers; Adult & Family Ministry's commission board and special dinner preparations; Fall Festival rummage helpers from the time the tables are first set up to the Sunday evening takedown afterward; women's and men's spirituality classes; Little Rock scripture study; Marriage Enrichment sessions; helping with decorations for the Easter celebrations. And they "break away" once a month to help with Meals on Wheels. They're interested in just about anything that can improve their knowledge of Catholicism and increase their faith. Jack, who joined the Knights a few months ago, was busy at pancake breakfasts last fall and the St. Nick breakfast. He officially retired last June after 24 years operating a machine shop in Dallas. Juanita retired about four years ago following 34 years with the Army-Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). In her capacity as a merchandise manager, she was assigned to Baghdad for six months during 2003-04. The Ramsdens, who live in Duncanville, went through RCIA together in 2009 (and have helped out there, too).



November—Jorge Ruiz discovered his appetite for art and creativity at a young age, soon after emigrating from Ecuador to New York City and reuniting with his parents and six siblings. His wife, Kathie, knew by the time that she reached her junior year of high school that she wanted to build a career in a field that involved helping people. That explains a lot about the council's Family of the Month for November. Jorge has owned his own graphic design business since 1990, his clientele including high-profile national political campaigns for 16 years. After producing the attractive bulletin inserts last summer for the parish's Fall Festival, he joined the council's awareness committee soon after joining the Knights and turned his attention to creating

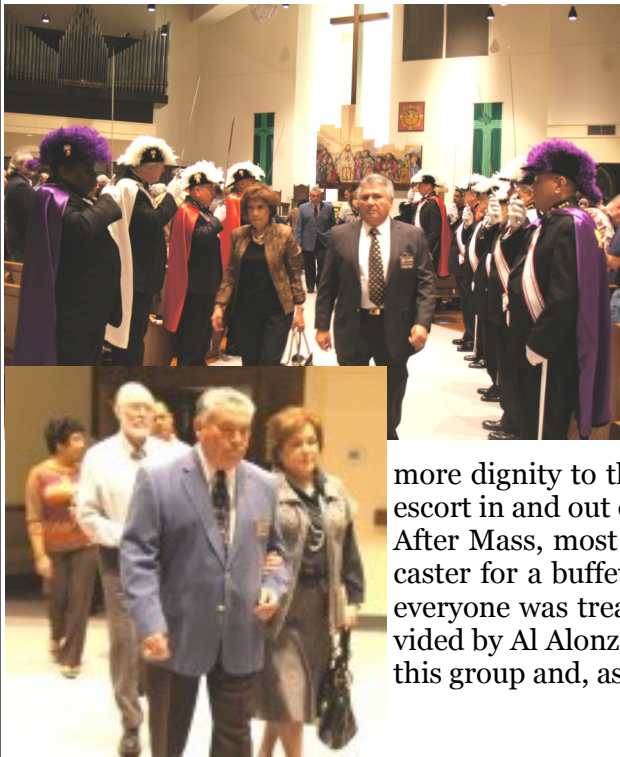


our council's new website (kofc8157.org). Inspired by the fact that his father was a natural illustrator, Jorge attended the New York School of Printing in Manhattan and specialized in the study of graphic design. Kathie, his wife of 34 years, is a psychotherapist in private practice. "Encouraged by my life-long Catholic education and my philosophy teacher in college, I set out to make a difference," she said. They moved from New York to Texas in 1981 and began attending Holy Spirit a few years ago. They have three grown children, and Jorge's favorite mode of transportation appears to be his bike.

December—Al and Sally Alonzo are the council's Family of the Month for December. At least those are the names that we have come to know them by. They were born as Bayani and Salvacion in their native Philippines, which is almost 1,000 miles east of Vietnam. They were married in 1965 and came to the United States four years later. The first of their two stints as residents of Duncanville started in 1973 and allowed them to be among our parish's founding families a year later. Al and Sally retired in 2004 following long careers with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. AAFES relocated them to Europe from the late 1970s until 1991, when they returned to Duncanville. They attend daily Mass, serve as Eucharistic Minister captains for the 5:30 Mass, have been Zone Shepherds since that portion of Community Life was started and are active in the Fil-Am Group (which hosted the parish's annual Simbang Gabi celebration in late December). Al is also a Hospitality Minister and, soon after becoming a Knight in 2011, offered his considerable talents as a photographer and Facebook devotee as part of the council's Awareness Committee. The Alonzos have two grown children, both sons. Vincent lives in Allen while Allen – who joined the council when Al did – also lives in Duncanville.



Corporate Communion-Memorial Mass



Some one once asked, "Who are the Knights"? This past Saturday evening, Nov. 17, 2012 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, you could see who the Knights are. There was a priest, a deacon, an alter server, a musician, members of the choir, ushers, Eucharist ministers, members of the 4th Degree Honor Guard and an assembly of Knights praying and singing together in thanksgiving to God for all the gifts that He has bestowed upon us at this annual Corporate Communion. Nearly 40 Knights plus their partners attended this Mass to commemorate the fallen Knights not just from this Council, but Knights everywhere. The voices of the Knights in the center section of the church singing with passion and saying aloud the Mass prayers was inspiring and tingling. The 4th degree Honor Guard, dressed in full regalia, provided even more dignity to the ceremony by providing the Knights and their partners an escort in and out of church with swords at attention.

After Mass, most everyone made their way to Bienvenidos restaurant in Lancaster for a buffet dinner of Mexican food and an American cake. There, too, everyone was treated to a video display of Knight activities the past year provided by Al Alonzo. Fellowship, conversation, laughter and love was all around this group and, as this writer saw it, well deserved.

A Community that RESCUES

On Thursday evening, Nov. 1, 2012, someone or a group of someone's saw fit to steal the Knights' grill from church property. Fr. Joe Lee actually saw the grill leaving and thought to himself, "The Knights must be doing something really early tomorrow morning." By that

Sunday afternoon, it was confirmed that the grill was indeed stolen and our Grand Knight, Frank Salazar, took action. He reported the grill as being stolen to the Duncanville police department and then, through contacts and efforts of his wife, Lourdes, notified the local television media. Soon, the Knights and their plight of losing their grill was broadcast on the evening news on three news channels. Frank and the Holy Spirit business manager, Ann Picha, gave a number of interviews. While this exposure on television did not prompt the thieves to return the grill, it did open the hearts of the community to our plight and prompted two persons in particular to respond in a very positive manner. On Monday, Nov. 5, Adam T. Ruef, the Director of Operations of Christ Church on Legacy Drive in Plano, called and gifted their unused grill to the Knights. We accepted his generous offer and picked up the grill with gracious "thanks." On Wednesday,



Nov. 7, Scott and LeeAnna Brooks, owners of Mid-Cities Erectors in Ft. Worth, gifted a grill they had, as well. They were kind enough to actually deliver the smoker grill to the church, where again the television cameras were rolling. So, while we will miss our customized grill made by our very own Knights, we are now in possession of two grills and have already used one during the Veterans Hospital cookout in mid-November. Both will for sure be used during the annual Fall Festival. The Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways. Our sincere thanks to Tom Ruef and Scott and LeeAnna Brooks for their generosity during our time of need.



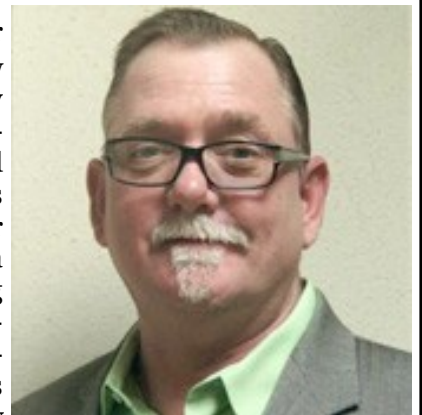
Knight of the Month



October—Doug Skierski, the council's Knight of the Month for October, is engaged to George Steinbrenner's daughter from New York. *No, not that Steinbrenner.* But Terri Steinbrenner's father is named George. And she has recently shifted her base of operations as an executive director in charge of bankruptcy deposit investment services for JPMorgan Chase from Manhattan to Cedar Hill. Doug is a founding partner of the Dallas law firm of Franklin Skierski Hayward LLP and now is able to conduct much of his business online from his home in Cedar Hill. Doug joined the council only a few months ago and jumped right in by helping at a couple of pancake breakfasts. Then he was sidelined by an eye problem that required surgery. "Hopefully, I'll be able to see right out of my right eye again," he said. Doug came to the Dallas area when he was 10 years old, moving from Illinois. He graduated from high school in Carrollton, and then continued his education in Austin. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and returned to the area to get his law degree from SMU's Dedman School of Law. He specializes in commercial bankruptcy and litigation. Doug joined the Knights following a personal history of being involved in other community service groups.

He has two sons – James and Casey.

November—For Chris Edwards, the council's Knight of the Month for November, membership as a rank-and-file Knight these days is a relatively new experience. He joined the council soon after going through RCIA classes at Holy Spirit in 2004 and was a member of 8157 for only a little more than a year before serving as Deputy Grand Knight in 2006-07 and 2007-08 and Grand Knight in 2008-09 and 2009-10. He followed that with about a year's service as the District Deputy. Chris notes that his two children were "little bitty kids" for much of that time; now that Trevor is a junior at Duncanville High and Sophie a seventh-grader at Byrd, his schedule away from work (owning and operating Beacon Signs in Duncanville) and the Knights is often dictated by their activities. "Charity begins at home," he noted. "I'm not just a Knight; I'm an Edwards." Council meetings, for instance, are tough for him to attend. As far as council activities, he tries to participate in those that he enjoys the most – many of them activities that were started when he was Grand Knight – like Breakfast with St. Nick, the appreciation dinner and the cookout at St. Joseph's senior residence home in Oak Cliff. "It's still about helping people," Chris said. "That's why I joined."



December—Jim was one of the thousands of people who came to our area in 1990 when the Super-Collider project was getting started in Waxahachie. For Jim and wife Denise, it was something of a homecoming for two South Texas natives. And when the project was scrubbed a few years later, those Texas roots kept the Richardsons here when so many employees left the state. The Richardsons have four children and one grandchild. Denise Martin lives in Round Rock. Judith Richardson-Fisher lives in Georgetown. Lisa Richardson-Henderson lives in Coppell. "Young" Jim lives in Corinth near Denton. Jim graduated from St. Augustine High in Laredo and from St. Mary's University in San Antonio with a business degree. He reactivated his Knights membership four years ago at the urging of Jim Kowalski, then he and his son became Fourth Degree Knights at the same exemplification ceremony in 2009. Jim is serving our council in his first year as Chancellor and was Faithful Scribe for Assembly 2799. He retired in 2008, his last position in the business world being director

of employee relations for Verizon. Jim and Denise will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 2013. Denise is also active at Holy Spirit and has been a member of the Carmelite Order for 25 years.



Special Olympics Bowling

Many volunteers joined together from October 30th to November 9th at the USA Bowling alley in north Dallas near Walnut Hill Lane to help over 1,100 Special Olympic athletes from all over north Texas compete in bowling. The Knights were there in force to help direct the athletes from their lanes to the award stations, line them up, present awards and most importantly, cheer for them as they were awarded. There were about 12 – 15

Knights present per day from various councils. Marce & Brenda Tebbe and Jim & Lillian Kowalski helped almost every day. Everyone should try helping at a Special Olympics event, because “there is no prouder person than one who stoops down to help the less fortunate”.

Hospitalized Veterans Honored



What a show of strength by the Knights of Council 8157 as they honored the men and women who served their country and are now paying the price. This past Saturday, November 10th, 16 Knights (and 4 significant others) cooked and served those veterans currently hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital in Lancaster. Art Senato & Maureen, David Ybarra & Veronica, Jim Richardson, Frank Salazar & Lourdes, Marce Tebbe & Brenda, Frank Hernandez, John Rizo Jr., Allen Reitmeier, Ed O'Brien, Tom Greco, Al

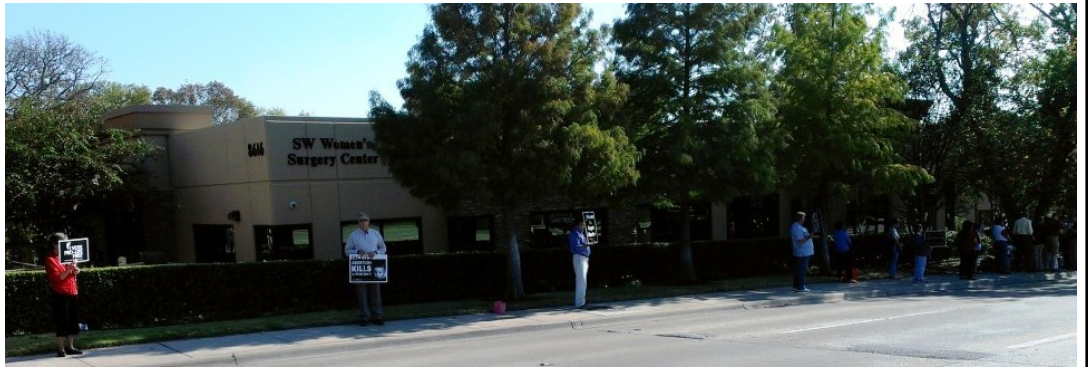
Alonzo, Dan Murphy, Tony Houston, Bill Dover, Nick Klienhaus, and Bob Lamb all contributed about 4 hours of their day to say “thank you” to those who served their country by cooking a hamburger/hot dog meal with



all the fixin's. As in the past years, Bill Dover and the Veterans Hospital coordinator Donna Earnest made all the arrangement and Dan Murphy organized and coordinated the Knights activities. While the veterans enjoyed a grilled meal, they also felt special and wanted for the time the Knights were there. The Knight too felt special knowing they had served the larger community and these veterans in particular. Charity takes many forms not the least of which is helping to heal the hearts of the weary. To all those in attendance at this event, know that you have made the lives of approximately 50 injured and recovering veterans better by your act of kindness.

40 Days For Life Wrap Up

The “40 Days For Life” campaign was held from September 26th – November 4th with 24 hours a day prayer vigils in front of the Southwestern Late Term Abortion Center at 8616 Greenville Ave in north Dallas. There were over 4,000 participants from many North Texas churches and organizations, like the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, joined together in silent prayer to stop the killing of unborn babies and turn the pregnant women away from having the abortion and seek caring help. Marce and Brenda Tebbe attended the wrap up on Sunday, November 11th where it was reported there were 36 babies saved at the Southwestern Abortion Center alone during these 40 days, including two sets of twins. As Lauren Muzyka, National 40 Days for Life Director of Campaign Strategies, reported at the wrap up and at the Grand Knights dinner held on October 26, 2012, Dallas has the largest campaign (over 4,000 participants) in over 481 cities, 50 states, and 14 countries. The 40 Days For Life campaign began in 2003 in College Station by a group of young adults and college students, led by David B. Wright (now a national campaign director) who banded together to stop the opening of an abortion center near Texas A & M campus. In 2004, Dallas formed a campaign to stop the opening of the Aarons Late Term Abortion Center, which was shut down and bulldozed down in 2005. Since then the Dallas participation has continued to grow and the locations for the 40 day vigils have moved to various abortion centers, with our recent focus on the Southwestern Late Term Abortion Center on Greenville Ave. We must all band together if we are to change our current “Culture of Death” to a “Culture of Life”. One step to creating a “Culture of Life” is to be unafraid to share our views with our family and friends on what is right and what is wrong.



Knights Cook for St. Joseph Residents

Eleven Knights from this Council spent the Saturday morning of October 13th, 2012 cooking and entertaining the residents of St. Joseph's assisted living residence located on West Prembroke Avenue in Oak Cliff. Chris and Trevor Edwards, Dan Murphy, Frank Salazar, Andy Goza, Pat May, Art Senato, Marce and Brenda Tebbe, Mike Fitzgerald, Tim Hart and Al Alonzo did the work and all agreed that they received more than they gave. This group served approximately 42 residents along with staff and family members of the residents for a total in excess of 80 people. It was the usual fare of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings; but a special treat this time with “extra special” beans cooked by Mike Fitzgerald and a special cookie des-



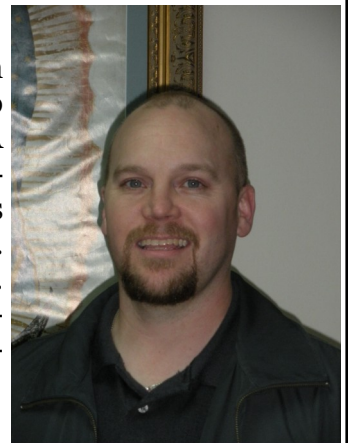
sert brought along by Mike Fitzgerald as well. It was also the occasion to “test drive” the newly renovated grill. Thanks to the efforts and generous contribution of time and materials by Chris Edwards, the Knights showed off a “jazzed” up grill for the first time. Come join the Knights at the next cook out at the St. Josephs' residence around Mother's day 2013. Watch here for the announced date and time.

New Members to the Council



BILLY CALLENDER said he joined the Knights for a simple reason: to help people. He displayed that desire selflessly years ago when 4-year-old daughter Elizabeth needed a kidney; Billy donated one of his. “You just do it,” he said matter-of-factly. The kidney lasted 16 years, and Beth lived another six years after that, passing away in July 2011. Billy and wife Davida will celebrate their 30th anniversary in February. They have another daughter, Libby, who is married to Chris Cyrek and has two children – Robert (12) and Liliana (almost 3). Billy grew up in Oak Cliff, has been a sales rep for Frito Lay for 17 years and went through RCIA almost 10 years ago. Among the Callenders’ many parish activities is overseeing the monthly Marriage Enrichment get-togethers.

CHRIS EASDON experienced many different denominations of worship when growing up in Cedar Hill. As a young man living north of Dallas, he prayed to meet someone who might lead him to a church that he could call home. A week later, a co-worker at Oncor invited him to drop by St. Gabriel the Archangel in McKinney. That co-worker is now his wife, Lisa. At St. Gabriel, Chris met former Holy Spirit pastor Don Zeiler and another priest named Fr. Tuan. Chris eventually went to St. Jude’s in Allen for RCIA and again ran into Fr. Tuan. Chris and Lisa moved to Waxahachie, becoming Holy Spirit parishioners. “I was wondering if Fr. Tuan was after me,” Chris said. He has a stepdaughter, 14-year-old Claire, and a son, 3-year-old Caillen.

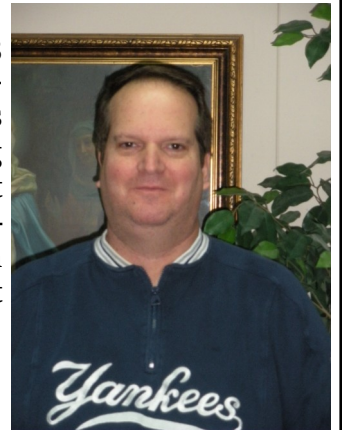


RUSSELL JONES transferred his KC membership last year from St. Joseph in Waxahachie. He and his wife, Marybeth, live in Oak Cliff with their two children. Gabrielle is a sophomore in the law magnet program at the Dallas school district’s Townview High School. Benjamin is a seventh grader at St. Elizabeth of Hungary School, participating in cross-country, basketball and baseball. Russell describes himself as “an AAFES brat” who was born in Hawaii, lived many years in California (graduating from UCLA) and came through Duncanville on more than one occasion growing up. “In the 1970s, I remember having a picnic on the property where Holy Spirit is, and they were saying, ‘This is where we’re building the church.’”

JUAN ACUNA is a 2003 Duncanville High graduate who joined the Knights while studying at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., and attending the nearby Jesuit parish, Sr. Francis Xavier. It struck Juan back then that most of the KC’s whom he knew were relatively older guys (at least to Juan). He wanted to get involved in his faith community and decided that joining the Knights would be a great way to do that. He graduated from Rockhurst in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and is working at Methodist Charlton Medical Center. Juan is single and apparently knows to fend for himself; he’s the youngest of eight siblings.



MICHAEL JARECKE transferred his membership last year from Council 9563 in Lincoln, Neb. Michael and his wife, Ana, are Nebraska natives. He graduated from the University of Nebraska but notes that, as an Irish Catholic, he's a proud fan of Notre Dame. He's not sad the Cornhuskers recently left the Big 12 and no longer make annual football trips to Texas. "In the Big 12, they'd get crushed," he said. Michael is self-employed, and Ana is a pediatric nurse practitioner. They moved to Texas early this year and jumped right in on parish activities. They and their children (Charles, 14, and Isabella, 10) all helped at the Pentecost Picnic.



LUPE HERNANDEZ mentioned "unity" and "brotherhood" as his primary motivations for becoming a Knight. He and wife Meyela became parishioners shortly after moving from Oak Cliff in the spring of 2010. Lupe grew up there and graduated from Sunset High School in 1994. He then spent four years in the Army before going into various lines of work that included running his own business for a time. He's now a benefit consultant for a Medicare advantage company based in Dallas. Meyela is from Monterrey, Mexico. They were married in 2004. Lupe has two children, Emily (12) and Jay (7).

CHARLIE RUELAS will be ordained as a Deacon in February and has been assigned to Holy Spirit, a pleasant surprise given the presence of Deacons Al Evans and Paul Wood (also Knights). He and wife Katherine both graduated from Dallas' Sunset High but four years apart. Charlie then attended DeVry and works for AT&T as a network tech based in Fort Worth. He has one stepson, Matthew, 27, and two daughters: Erin, 23, (with a daughter of her own) and Gabrielle, 21. Charlie became intrigued by the Deaconate while attending Santa Clara in Oak Cliff, and his initial application in the mid-1990s – when the children were in school – was denied. Charlie said he prayed about it and, six years ago, was accepted on his second attempt. "God works in mysterious ways," he said. The Ruelas family lives in Cedar Hill, and they've been Holy Spirit parishioners since 2006.



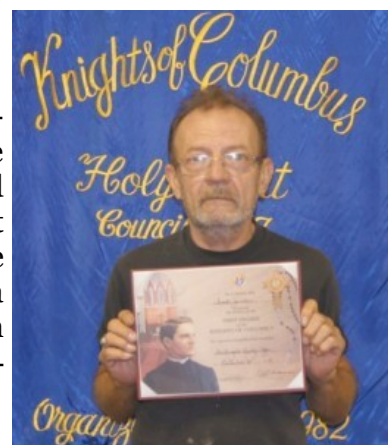
ERIC PINOLA concluded that every time he saw a guy at Holy Spirit getting something done, it was a Knight. "I could see the lives they touched," he said. And Eric wanted to be part of that, not an easy task while running a business (Champion Energy brass fitting in DeSoto) and being the father of five. But he knows something about dealing with challenges. Family circumstances led him to drop out of school in the 10th grade (later earning his GED) and be on his own at age 15. He and wife Rebecca eloped and later had their marriage convalidated at Holy Spirit. Eric is a lector, and he and Rebecca are active in pro-life efforts. Their children are Malia (10), Felicity (7), Phoebe (4), Eric

Jr. (2) and Joy (5 months).



JOHN RIZO JR. is another "legacy" Brother Knight, his father having signed on in the late 1980s. John Jr. is an apprentice with an electrical union. He's a 2006 graduate of Duncanville High, where he was on the tennis team and played alto sax in the band. John Jr. was also active in the Boy Scouts growing up. He joined at a relatively late age and then took an incredibly fast track in attaining Eagle Scout status. He and wife Nicole live in Oak Cliff, near St. Elizabeth, and will celebrate their fifth anniversary in February. They have a 4-year-old son, John Michael.

SANDE ZANDER is the head usher at the Sunday evening Mass. "The token adult" as he puts it, for the weekly youth Mass. He was born in The Bronx, N.Y., graduated from high school in nearby Park Ridge, N.J., and graduated from the University of New Haven in Connecticut. He spent time in both the Marine Corps and the Army. He and wife Loreen came south in 1988 to help her with her arthritis. Loreen was a nurse and a catechist at Holy Spirit; she passed away in 2005. Sande has 10 children (seven of them living), 26 grandchildren (25 living) and two great-grandchildren. He runs a company in Plano called LMJ Environmental.



BILL NEILON and wife Toni are among the founding families of the parish. He was the first head of the parish council and led the choir at Masses at Reed Junior High. Bill is a lawyer and a judge, serving as the presiding municipal court judge in Duncanville for 30 years. He grew up in Dallas – his parents were among the founders of St. Thomas Aquinas – and graduated from Jesuit. From there, he got his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and his law degree from SMU. The Neilons live in Cedar Hill, celebrated their 40th anniversary last summer and have two children. Daughter Michelle McFarlin, 36, has two children. Son Marty, 30, just got married last summer. Bill is also active in the Duncanville Lions Club and will become its president in July.



Upcoming Events

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| Jan 17 | Regional Free Throw contest held right here in the Community Center Gymnasium |
| Jan 19 | Appreciation Dinner for all Knights and their significant others - free dinner, refreshments, entertainment and prizes. Must be a current member. |
| Jan 19 | Memorial Mass and March to the courthouse to commemorate the <i>Roe vs Wade</i> decision. Bus service is available from Holy Spirit |
| Jan 20 | Bea Bates Memorial Blood Drive in the dining room |
| Jan 21 | Catechists Appreciation Dinner. Knights will cook |
| Jan 22 | Officers and Directors Meeting |
| Jan 25 | Winter Welcome Dinner – see website for more details |
| Jan 29 | 1 st Degree Team practice in room 221 at 7:00pm |
| Feb 2 | Charlie Ruelas ordination |
| Feb 3 | Super Bowl Tailgate party |
| Feb 4 thru Feb 7 | National Catholic Bioethics Center workshop in downtown Dallas. Knight drivers needed to pick up from and return guests to the airport. |
| Feb 5 | Regular Business Meeting in room 221 at 7:30pm |
| Feb 15 | 1 st fish fry of the season. Fish fryers should arrive by 4:00pm; kitchen cooks by 4:30pm; servers by 5:00pm and clean-up Knights anytime. The more Knights the better |
| Feb 19 | Officers and Directors Meeting |
| Feb 22 | 2 nd fish fry. Come help if you can |
| Feb 23 | Spaghetti dinner benefiting parish youth cooked by Art Senato – he needs additional help starting at 5:00pm |
| Mar 1 | 3 rd fish fry |
| Mar 5 | Regular Business Meeting |
| Mar 8 | 4 th fish fry |
| Mar 9 | Corporate Communion |
| Mar 15 | Last fish fry before Easter |
| Mar 23 | Little League Baseball season begins |

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