



Council 8157 Holy Spirit Duncanville Texas



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Tribute to Our Fallen Brothers



Devoted husband, father, Catholic and patriot, Council 8157 member Ralph Harkenrider passed away on Feb. 4 at the age of 88. He is survived by Maxine, his wife of more than 63 years (whom he met in the first grade), their six daughters (Joan Harkenrider of Irving, Monica Radoszewski of Dallas, Donna Bullis of Carlisle, Pa., Laure Jones of Wytheville, Va., Lisa Brochu of Barrington, Ill., and Amy Manning of Nokesville, Va.), 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Ralph was a Chicago native graduated from the Catholic all-boys Mt. Carmel High School and made sure that all of their daughters also received a Catholic education. He earned a law degree from DePaul University in Chicago. Ralph served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, in the Air Force during the Korean War and later in the Air Force Reserve. In combining his legal training and military experience, he became a JAG advocate. Ralph and Maxine were married in Chicago in January 1950, when he was in the service. He joined the Knights in January 1949, took his major degree in

May 1950 and entered the Fourth Degree in June 1951. Ralph served as a lawyer in Chicago before spending most of his career representing pilots' unions. He was a founding administrator of the Airline Pilots Association for American Airlines. The Harkenriders came to Texas from New York in 1970, when he was transferred here, and were among Holy Spirit's founding families in 1974. Maxine worked for International Harvester in Chicago. In Texas, she operated a hot dog-deli stand in downtown Fort Worth. The Harkenriders were beloved by many in the parish. Among those are our own Larry Balagna and his wife, Shiela, who likewise lived in Illinois. Soon after the Balagnas arrived and became parishioners in 1995, they and the Harkenriders had a standing date just about every Friday night. When the couples went out instead of dining in, the destination often was either Sam's Pizza and Pasta in Cedar Hill or Henk's Black Forest in Dallas. Though Ralph was slowed in recent years, he still attended KC meetings on occasion – and usually made his presence known. (No fence-straddler, Ralph.) He was a member of the American Legion and once led the local Memorial Day parade. He loved music, singing (a member of both the Holy Spirit choir and the Dallas Frohsinn Singing Society) and telling jokes. Little known fact: Ralph once owned a pecan farm in Texas. His other hobbies included polka, traveling, gardening, tinkering with cars, beer tasting and root-beer brewing. We're better Knights, parishioners and people for knowing Ralph Harkenrider.



Mary Kay Whitacre said "I am most proud of how Jack served his country, how together we always lived our wedding vows and proud of him for just being him". Those were mild words for a decorated war hero, a member of the Cherokee Nation and father of two children. Jack was born in Los Angeles California on September 18, 1948 and moved to Amarillo Texas when he was 3 months old. Jack enter the military service in 1966 and served three consecutive tours in Viet Nam during which time, as a Medic, he was credited and decorated for saving the life of General Westmoreland by carrying him out of a mine field after the Generals' helicopter was downed. Jack was also wounded during his tours. He remained in the National Guard when he was separated from active duty until 1983. While in Viet Nam he was engaged to May Kay, whom he married in 1969 and then

moved to Dallas. Jack, being an ever practical joker, used his military cigarette lighter as an engagement promise. Jack and May Kay worked and moved a number of times in the Dallas Metroplex including Duncanville, Little Elm, Grand Prairie, Garland, Mesquite, and Glen Heights. Daughter, Angel, was born in 1973 and son, Janoah, was born in 1977. Jack's expertise was computer technology which served the family well during his time at Reserve Life Insurance and as computer engineer at SMU and MCI World Com until he suffered a heart attack in 1999 and was unable to return to work. Jack was always a motorcycle rider and Mary Kay recalls the time he and his buddies rode to Oklahoma and Jack ran into a bull. No one was injured from that accident; but the aftermath of Jack's 2004 motorcycle accident landed him in a wheelchair. Jack Lester Whitacre "POPPY" passed away on Saturday, February 02, 2013 at the age of 64. He was a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and was named Eagle Eyes because of how well he watched over his children. He never faltered in his love and adoration for anyone he considered family which was everyone. He raised and guided many children during some of the worst times of their lives. Mary Kay recalled the time he came home to find the living filled with troubled kids and one of them was in his driveway parking spot. His outlook on life and ability to fight anything that life threw at him was remarkable and should be an inspiration to all of us. His strength will continue on through his grandchildren: Logan and Lorelai.

We Will Miss Them

In early February, the council (and the parish) bade farewell and good luck to Marce Tebbe as he and wife Brenda moved back to Illinois to tend to Marce's mother and Brenda's parents. Marce was a valued member of 8157 from the time that the Tebbes relocated to north Texas in 1998. He served as our Grand Knight for the 2001-02 fraternal year, his term cut short when the State Deputy asked him to assume the office of Diocesan Deputy. Various other titles since joining our council included State Charities Director, State Program Director, State Council Growth Director and State Liturgy Director. In recent years, one of his primary roles in the council was as director of Pro-Life activities. Each year, Brenda and Marce were involved in the events held in conjunction with the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision, the Hike for Life walks in the fall and the Bishop's Pro Life dinner. The Tebbes were involved in the parish's RCIA program, served as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and helped out at parish activities and functions almost too numerous to list. (OK, we'll list a few: Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival, the parish's mission trip to Honduras, setting up for Easter



Masses.) Brenda was among the founders of the parish's Catholic Daughters of the Americas court in 2000 and served as its regent. They have returned to Edwardsville, Ill., their previous parish (Our Lady Queen of Peace in nearby Bethalto) and Marce to KC Council 4688. When the Tebbes' deeds were cited in previous 8157 newsletters, here's what they had to say about their contributions to the parish. Marce: "I have a strong passion to serve others. I get direct and immediate personal satisfaction when I am able to help someone." Brenda: "My motto is, 'Find a need, and fill it!' I get so much more back than I give." We're so glad you folks did. Good luck, and God bless you.

Family of the Month

January — You might be excited to know Mike and Susan are already planning the big Saturday dinner to be served during the next Fall Festival. They'll be going with brisket and have already conducted a taste test of rubs, back in December. They've become the first family of Festival cooking, having previously provided chicken and then beer-can turkey (a Thanksgiving theme that including cornbread dressing, green beans and carrots). With Mike's affinity for grilling, Susan gave him a literal big surprise for his birthday in 2011 – and smoker and trailer measuring 14 feet. (They brought it to the last Festival.) Mike's strategy for preparing something like brisket is relatively simple: "Go slow." For the December tasting at their Ovilla home on a Saturday night, he began by marinating on Thursday, started up the smoker on Friday afternoon and was done about 24 hours later. And, yes, he checked the fire's progress every hour – even throughout the night. Mike joined the council in the late 1990's and was our Knight of the Year in 2011. He works for the Allianz insurance company, underwriting ocean cargo policies. Susan is the librarian at DeSoto West Middle School. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. The Fitzgeralds celebrated their 32nd anniversary in November. Mike didn't cook; they went out for dinner.



February—Dan and Pat are one of a handful of couples belonging to the Knights of Columbus council and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas court that are affiliated with Holy Spirit. Dan was the council's Grand Knight during the fraternal years of 2002-03 and 2003-04. Pat participates in the Tuesday night Bible study. She is also one of the parish's Zone Shepherds, whose annual duties include organizing the reception for our newest Catholics following the Easter Vigil Mass and the Pentecost Picnic (she particularly likes to help with the kids' games in the gym). They collectively are Eucharistic Minister captains. Dan will don his apron during Lent and oversee the KC



crew that cooks for the weekly fish fries. The parish fish fries started during Dan's term as Grand Knight when Father Tim Heines sought an alternative to the soup suppers that had been held. In recent months, Dan has served as chairman of the beer and wine distribution at the Winter Welcome, participated in the Veterans Day cookout at the V.A. hospital and again overseen the program for the parish's Veterans Day dinner. They both are regulars in operations of the Fall Festival. Dan, a retired Navy officer, is a Navy Junior R.O.T.C. Training Corps instructor at Red Oak High School. The Murphys live in Dallas have been married since 1975.

March—If you have enjoyed any of the freshly baked cookies available during the Lenten fish fry dinners, you can thank our Family of the Month for March – Andy, Susan and Madison Goza. That's just part their contribution to Knights activities recently. You might not notice that many of the light bulbs in the sanctuary are shining much brighter, but you can thank Andy; he was among the parish volunteers who recently helped change out many of the bulbs in advance of the Easter festivities. Andy's involvement in the fish dinners includes also helping to set up the tables and chairs in the gym. He was also active in the operations of the council's appreciation dinner, the KC blood drive the following morning and the parish's catechist dinner about 36 hours after that. At the 5:30 Mass on Saturdays, Andy ushers and Madison helps with the sacristy efforts. Madison attends St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School in Oak Cliff. Last November, Madison received a battlefield promotion – from the third grade to the fourth grade. "She obviously takes after her mother," Andy astutely observed. Andy is the most recent past Grand Knight, a council trustee, director of council activities and a tireless recruiter of new members. Susan is a flight attendant for American Airlines. Together, they are very involved in Madison's school and faith life.



Appreciation Galore

This past Saturday night, January 19, 2013, was a night to remember for



those Knights of Columbus and their guests in attendance at the 4th annual Appreciation Dinner and party held in the Community Center gymnasium. The celebration was initiated and continues each year to thanks all the Knights of the Council for their efforts in making this a better community. Whether you attend every function throughout the year, or you just pay your yearly dues, all Knights have contributed to the welfare of this community and the welfare of needy people all around the world. The party began around 6:30pm and after a brief cocktail hour, Father Joe Lee (the Council's Chaplain) lead everyone in a prayer of Thanksgiving. The delicious dinner (especially dessert huh?), the abundance of drinks, the DJ and his music, all contributed to an atmosphere of brotherly love and fun. Don Heitzman, Bob Lamb, Bob Foster and Ralph Harkenrider all received a lifetime achievement award presented by Frank Salazar for their work over the past many years. Lots of folks danced but none better than Jorge and Kathy Ruiz, David and Veronica Ybarra, and Ray Rivera who were all contest winners. Steve Reid, Dan Murphy, Ed O'Brien, Billy Callander, Art Senato, and Jack Ramsden were surprise gift winners. But everyone was a winner simply by being there and knowing that they are part of an organization that care for their own and those in need



Special Olympics

Brother Knights Juan Chapa, Lupe Hernandez, Gerald Jacob, Jim Kowalski and Jeff Miller volunteered their time and commitment to approximately 106 basketball teams made up of over 1,000 happy Special Olympians at Grand Prairie High School on February 23, 2013. The motto for the Special Olympic basketball tournament "All it takes is all you got" says all that needs to be said about Special Olympics athletes and volunteerism. DID YOU KNOW There are approximately 6,500 athletes and 900+ coaches not counting volunteers. The Special Olympians in our region



participate in Aquatics, Track and Field, Basketball, Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Equestrian, Figure Skating, Flag Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Kayaking, Power-lifting, Sailing, Softball, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball. There is still need for additional volunteers especially with Bowling and Track & Field. The rewards far exceed the time and effort expended. Your help is needed. Sign up for the next competition. You will be glad you did.

Knight of the Month



January—Marce Tebbe displayed a wide range of skills and interests during December and January alone. When the parish's annual Breakfast with St. Nick was in need of a new St. Nick (Leo Mattingly was recovering from eye surgery), and Marce answered the call. He and wife Brenda have helped with the decorations, set-up and operations of the breakfast for years, so it was simply a different role. "I love interacting with children and had a wonderful time talking to about 200 that morning," he said. (Hope he didn't promise anybody a Red Ryder rifle; you'll shoot your eye out, kid.) Marce has been the council's director for Pro-Life activities and was busy in mid-January as usual with the annual events held in downtown Dallas in connection with *Roe v. Wade*, this year being the 40th anniversary of the Dallas court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. He and Brenda participated in the memorial Mass, march and rally. The Tebbes became active in Dallas diocesan Pro-Life functions soon after moving to north Texas in 1998, and Marce became secretary of the Hike for Life board of directors 10 years ago. "Support of the unborn has always been a passion of mine that I hope will continue to grow in others that we have touched," he said.

February—Art is a New Yorker by birth and north Texan since the Air Force sent him to Carswell AFB in 1955. He is our co-director for youth activities, right-hand man to Larry Dumais. In January alone, Art was part of the KC contingent that ran the two free-throw contests and also helped at the catechist dinner and the winter blood drive. He was front and center for the spaghetti dinner on Feb. 23 that will help the youth fund their mission trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., next summer. He's also part of our degree team, serving as the Outside Guard. Art served in both the Air Force (1952-56) and the Army (1958-77) as a helicopter and airplane mechanic. His main stops abroad were Germany and North Africa. He retired as a sergeant E-7 and decided to continue to make his home in north Texas. He has lived in Arlington since 2001 and became a Holy Spirit parishioner (and member of our council) in 2005. Art is a big sports fan, particularly baseball. That's one of the many things that he and Maureen White (a New Jersey native herself) have in common. For those assuming a guy from The Bronx roots for the baseball team that wears pinstripes, Art points out his hardball allegiance has long with the Rangers. Hey, he has been here as long as they have.



March—Rey Estrellas, the council's Knight of the Month for March, spent about seven years as both father and mother to his four children in the Philippines in the process of having his family eventually follow wife Elsa here to north Texas, which finally happened in 2002. So the man knows his way around a kitchen. His prowess has been on display recently in KC-related activities such as the catechist appreciation dinner, the youth spaghetti fund-raiser and the Lenten fish fry dinners. He also helped out with the preparation of hot dogs for Children's Faith Formation's Souper Bowl Sunday activity back on, well, Super Bowl Sunday. When he can't arrive at the community center early enough to participate in meal fixing, he's more than ready to roll up his sleeves and occupy the kitchen during clean-up time. Rey became a Knight late in 2011. One of his children is son Joshua, who preceded Rey in Knighthood. Rey is a custodial supervisor for Duncanville ISD; while all the kids were enjoying spring break in mid-March, Rey was among those hard at work to make sure the facilities were in tip-top shape when the students returned. He serves as an usher on Sunday mornings. Rey said being a Knight allows him to "mingle" with a lot of different

people, so don't hesitate to mingle with him.

Helping Hand in the Community

In the past 30 days, Knight Hands have completed 6 projects in our parish community. While none of these projects were “earthshaking”; they were important to the people who received a helping hand. Allen Reitmeier, as Director of Knight Hands, was involved in all six projects and was assisted by Jessie Ann Nobles in picking-up and delivering furniture for a project Gabriel girl. Jorge Ruiz helped remove and re-install the rear storm door on Elaine Bishop’s home after a burglary. Ken Struck was the mainstay in repairing the



balcony on the home of Gabriele Hardin’s home – a job only an experienced and innovation home repair contractor could have accomplished. Ken Rarick assisted in repairing two window sills and installing a fan cover at the home of Jack and Teddie Anderson. Linda Reitmeier assisted with picking up and delivering a donated desk to the Hope Mansion and just today Wednesday February 20th, 2013, Ken Rarick, Ed O’Brien and Hector Lopez were part of the crew who picked up donated furniture from the home of Barbara Cadman and delivered it to a needy Project Gabriel girl – who had no furniture. These are the kinds of projects that Knight Hands handle on a routine basis. To date 49 community projects have been completed.

If you know someone who is in need of a helping hand contact Allen Reitmeier and he will handle the details. A hardy “thank you” to the Knight Hands who completed the 6 projects in the past 30 days.



Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner

Following the lead of Italian chef Art Senato, council members prepared and served a *bellissimo* spaghetti dinner to a gathering of 190 people on Saturday evening, Feb. 23 to help the parish’s youth ministry fund a mission trip to Tennessee next June. It was Art and his fellow co-director for council youth activities, Larry Dumais, who concocted the fund-raising idea months ago when the parish youth were originally looking ways to defray costs for a trip to Honduras. When federal policies made that trip impossible, the excursion was simply rerouted to Chattanooga’s “Alive in You” program and the meal went on as scheduled. Devyn Scheuch, Holy Spirit’s director of youth and young adult ministry, said the dinner raised more than \$2,000. “I’m so grateful for everything the Knights did for the event,” said Devyn, who especially thanked Larry, Art and Grand Knight Frank Salazar. Other Knights who participated included Andy Goza, Bob Lamb, Tom Greco, Juan Chapa, Ken Struck (and wife Diane), Jack Ramsden (and wife Juanita), Al Alonzo, John Espree, Ed O’Brien and Jorge Ruiz. A group of about 25 teen volunteers decorated the gym in “modern Macaroni Grill” motif, complete with crayons and white-paper table coverings. (While that was mostly for the amusement of kids, one table was adorned with “The Choir Ate Here.”) We’ll be thinking of our youth on their trip next summer.



Winter Blood Drive

Patrick Stepniewski has been coordinating blood drives at Holy Spirit since before there was a Knights of Columbus council. His well-oiled machine was on display Jan. 20, when he was unable to be on hand for our annual winter drive because he was under the weather. Andy Goza gladly pitched in, attending to many of Patrick’s main duties on the morning of the drive: being the official “host” to welcome the Carter BloodCare staff, picking up doughnuts and fruit for the donors and making sure the dining room was set up properly. Also helping to get things rolling was another Brother Knight, Doug Karpan, in his capacity as the parish’s Director of Community Life. There were 17 donors who took time out of their day and blood

out of their arms, which we can all be thankful for. As usual, a cadre of Knights assisted donors in signing in and making sure they were feeling OK before leaving the dining room. Hats off to Andy, Jorge Ruiz, Russell Gully, Art Senato, Doug Skierski, Al Alonzo, Jeff Miller, Ed O'Brien, Allen Reitmeier, Juan Chapa and Leo Mattingly. And, of course, to Patrick. Thanks, Pat, for being the council's primary contact on these for so many years. This year's summer drive, the Bea Bates Memorial Blood Drive, is scheduled for Sunday morning, Aug. 18. Get your veins ready.



March for Life in Dallas

The theme of this year's events was "**Exodus 20:13 Thou Shalt Not Kill.**" As Bishop Farrell explained, it "is a fitting reminder from Almighty God in the year 2013, the 40th year of the legalized killing of the unborn, that life is sacred and must be protected and that the killing must end." The morning of January 19th 2013, began with a Jericho walk around Routh Street abortion center, with **Bishop Mark Seitz, Vicar of Clergy Father Greg Kelly, and Fr. Kyle Walterscheid** of University of North Texas joining in prayer. Following the rosary, the Roe Memorial Mass, attended by over 3,000 (overflowing into the Grand Salon and the Cathedral Plaza), was co-

celebrated by **Bishops Kevin Farrell, Doug Deshotel and Mark Seitz**, and diocesan clergy. **Fr. Zach Webb** delivered the homily, reminding us that changing the law is not enough; we must devote ourselves to converting hearts through God's love to embrace life. And at the close of Mass, and a parallel worship service at First Baptist, over 10,000 people took to the streets to March for Life to the rally outside the Earle Cabell federal court house where *Roe* was first filed in 1970. During the Rally, **Bishop Farrell** challenged attendees to be activists for Life not just on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, but throughout the year. Bishop Farrell's call to action was followed by the inspirational presentations of **Richard Ellis**, radio host and pastor of Reunion Church; New Wave Feminists founder **Destiny Herndon-De La Rosa**; **Chris Wheel** of the Fatherhood Ministry at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship; and **Reverend James Flynn** of the Fort Worth Diocese, plus the powerful testimony of abortion survivor **Angela Martinez Balderaz**.

Many Hands Make Light Work

That was certainly the theme for the 2013 Lenten fish fries held from February 15th thru March 22nd – a total of 6 events. During that time 48 Knights contributed their time and effort in making these events successful. They were: Al Alonzo, Celestino Rios, Ken Rarick, Dom Mascardo, Frank Hernandez, Les Migala, Juna Chapa, Benny Sikorski, Andy Goza, Frank Salazar, Mike Higgins, Jorge Ruiz, David Ybarra, Dan Murphy, Steve Zehnder, David Dybala, Brad Lamb, Greg Warr, Noe Saenz, Larry Balagna, Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Dover, John Espree, Billy Callender, Jack Ramsden, Gene Jones, Peter Perta, Mike Rumsey, Rolondo Sobalvarro, Chris Edwards, Nick Kleinhaus, Jeff Miller, Rod Kinard, Bill Neilon, Jim Richardson, Ray Estrallas, Ray Rivera, Tom Greco, Tim Hart, Eric Conner, Arturo Bernal, Lupe Hernandez, Jim Russell, Doug Skierski, Michael, Jarecke, Hector Lopez, Pat Stepniewski, and Allen Reitmeier. Together the Knights served approximately 840 guests with ease with only compliments from the guests. Some Knights arrived early to set up the tables in the gym; other arrived around 3:30pm to get the fish fryers ready to go and begin frying catfish. Still others arrived to make the salad, cook the French fries and beans and make the tea and lemonade. Later, still, Knights arrived to serve the guests. Andy Goza and his family made cookies while all this was going on. There was plenty time for conversation and good natured socializing in addition to serving the parish community. While some Knights worked all the fish fries, others worked the times they had available; hence the saying "many hands make light work". Thanks to all who gave of their time and effort to make the Lenten fish fries a memorable occasion.

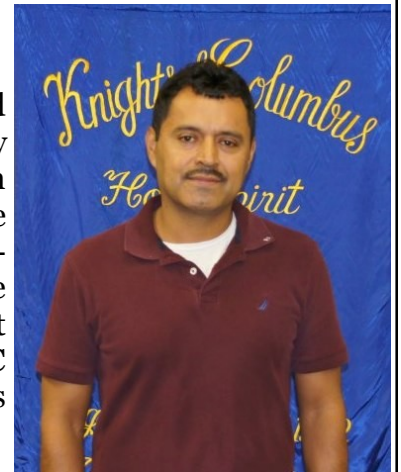


New Members to the Council



JOHN BALASA is a rare Chicagoan who lived on the North Side yet calls the White Sox his baseball team. John spent 22 years in the Army and retired in 1992 as a sergeant first class, saw action in Vietnam in the early 1970s and is a recipient of the Army Meritorious Service Medal. He worked at Fort Knox, Ky., after leaving the service, then came to north Texas in 2006 to work for Dallas County as a building mechanic. Margie, his wife of 35 years, works for AAFES. They became Holy Spirit parishioners in 2008 and have two grown children; Michelle (35) lives in Chicago, and John Jr. (28) lives in Kentucky.

ARTURO BERNAL joined the Army in 1990 for Desert Storm ... and was sent to Korea for 14 months to patrol the DMZ with the 2nd Infantry Division. He grew up in Dallas and attended Woodrow Wilson High School and Eastfield Community College. He and wife Lorena were married in 1985, and they have four children. Javier is working, Michelle is a junior at UT-D, Bryan is a sophomore at the School of Science and Engineering Magnet at Townview and Gabriela is a sixth grader at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. Arturo has an HVAC degree and works as a maintenance manager. The Bernals live in Dallas and became parishioners last September.



BEN and TIM BURNS join our growing list of father-son members and attended the same First Degree exemplification ceremony in late March. Ben is a software engineer, married 21 years to Marilyn. After graduating from Lewisville High, he spent a year at North Texas, six years in the Navy and then finished his schooling at UTA. Tim, 20, attends the Notre Dame School in Dallas for special-needs students. Ben converted to Catholicism four years ago as a result of attending Tim's religious education classes. Ben is the scoutmaster of a special-needs troop, and Tim is a First Class Scout nearing Star Scout status.

ROBERT JOHNSTON is a relatively new Catholic, having come through Holy Spirit's RCIA class in 2011 (with Brother Knight Jack Ramsden as his sponsor). Robert came through Duncanville High School and Mountain View College. He is a long-time employee of Oak Cliff's Oak Farms Dairy, where he is a production supervisor. Robert and wife Maria got married in Mexico. She is a bi-lingual schoolteacher. The Johnstons live in Duncanville and will celebrate their 12th anniversary in June.



TRAVIS KINARD noticed that most of the “muscle” behind what goes on at Holy Spirit is provided by the Knights. That observation, and Travis’ desire to contribute to the parish community, led him to become a member. Travis graduated in 1998 from Duncanville High, where he lettered in soccer. He graduated from the University of Houston *magna cum laude* in business operations management in 2003. UH is where he met wife Theresa, whom he married in July 2005. Theresa graduated from medical school in San Antonio and is a pathologist. Travis is currently a stay-at-home dad, his hands full with Lincoln (5), Quinten (3) and Elle Leigh (1½). Travis’ father, Rod, joined the council in 2010.



BRAD LAMB is a native Texan. But being born into a military family at Fort Hood was the start of worldwide travels that have seen him live in 14 places. He and wife Holly settled in north Texas and became Holy Spirit parishioners soon after he earned his graduate degree in justice, law and society from American University in Washington D.C. in 2008. Brad works for Texas Instruments as a security coordinator at the company’s worldwide headquarters. They have three children: Derek (15), Abby (8) and Fenton (1). He enjoys hiking, camping, off-road biking and reading books on true-life adventure. “I look forward to being a Knight and helping our church and in our community,” he said.

JUAN PEREZ adds being a Knight to the list of his activities at Holy Spirit. He has been a fourth-grade catechist for four years (along with fellow council member John Monsalve) and also helps Children’s Faith Formation with traffic help on both Sunday mornings and evenings. Juan and wife Gloria have been married since 1990, when they joined Holy Spirit. Their daughters – Danielle (16) and Gabrielle (14) – are members of the parish’s youth group and also help on Sunday mornings as teen aides. Juan is a graduate of Sunset High, lives in Duncanville, and has worked 30 years for Oncor (and its many predecessors).



CELESTINO RIOS lives in Duncanville with his wife, Eufemia or “Femia.” Natives of The Philippines, they have been married for 45 years. He’s retired following a career in production work for Foamlite. Femia, also retired, was a nurse at Methodist Central. They have four children (Roderick, Mey, Cerrie and Maria) and two grandchildren. They have been parishioners since 1988. It was shortly before then that Celestino’s sister, Auria Convento (a founding member of the parish), petitioned for the Rios family to come to the United States and settle here.



NOE SAENZ has something in common with Fr. Joe; they both attended Wayne State in Detroit. Noe was born and raised in Detroit, where he met wife Blanca in high school. They have three children. Noe is a material business analyst for Lear Corporation in Arlington. They became parishioners last September were among the newcomer families recognized at the Winter Welcome in late January. They became members of Holy Spirit last September, Noe said, to expand their faith and journey with God as well as to help instill Christian beliefs and values to their children.

JAMES SMITH joined the Knight of Columbus on Feb. 26 at the urging of Andy Goza and said he "wants to help the community." Well, there will be plenty for him to do. Already, he ministers to the sick by visiting Charlton Methodist Hospital patients and bringing them Communion. James hails from Wichita Falls but graduated from Slidell High, near Decatur. This year, the graduating class at Slidell is 24 students; when James graduated, there were five total students. James is retired now but was a phlebotomist while employed. He and his wife, Judy, live in Duncanville, have been members of Holy Spirit for 31 years and enjoy their five children and 13 grandkids. The Knights of Columbus welcomes James into the brotherhood.



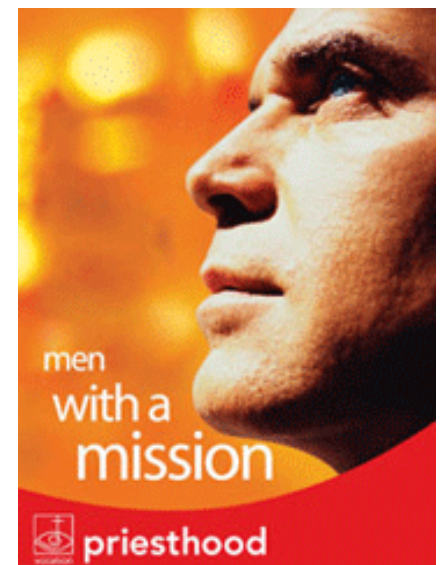
GREG WARR and wife Debbie live in Duncanville, have been parishioners since 1998 and are a sponsor couple for Holy Spirit marriage preparation. Greg grew up in Hot Springs, Ark., graduated from Arkansas State with a degree in communications/business in 1981 and soon after came to north Texas to follow his father in the telecommunications business. Greg is an area manager for an AT&T maintenance center in Fort Worth. Debbie, who graduated from W.T. White High School in Dallas, works for Transamerica in Las Colinas. They have two grown sons – Chad in Mansfield, Ryan in Duncanville – and three grandchildren. (One of the grandkids, Gage, often plays guitar at Holy Spirit's youth Mass.)

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and a healthy
future.



Upcoming Events

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| April 16 | Officers and Directors Meeting. Come see what happens at these meetings. |
| April 23 | 1 st Degree ceremony performed by this Councils' team. Come and support your team.
The ceremony starts punctually at 7:30pm. |
| April 26 | State convention begins. Log onto our website (www.kofc8157.org) for more details |
| May 7 | Regular business meeting. All are welcome. This is a special meeting in that nominations for the Knight of the year are brought forth during this meeting. Every Knight in attendance may nominate three Knights for that honor – don't miss that opportunity. For rules in regard to Knight of the Year see www.kofc8157.org and click on "service programs" and then "Family Activities" and then "Knight of the Year". |
| May 11 | Cook out at the St Joseph's assisted living home in Oak Cliff. Meet at the Community Center at 9:30am if you are going to help at this semi-annual event. For direction visit www.kofc8157.org |
| May 18/19 | Southwest Classic baseball tournament – keep these date open if you can. |
| May 18 | Major degree at the Community Center. All Knights who earned the honors of the 1 st degree are encouraged to advance to the 2 nd and 3 rd degree at this ceremony. For more details as they happen visit the Council website |
| May 19 | Parish picnic. A usual Knight will do the cooking beginning at 9:00am |
| May 21 | Officer and Director meeting in Room 221 at the Community Center |
| May 25/26 | Continuation of the Southwest Classic baseball tournament. Again we will need many Knights to support this effort. |
| June 4 | General business meeting in room 221 in the Community Center beginning at 7:30pm. At this meeting you will be asked to vote for the top three vote getter in the nomination process for the Knight of the year. Don't miss this one. |
| June 6 | Youth of the parish participate in "Alive" in Chattanooga Tennessee. |
| June 18 | Officers and Directors meeting |
| June 26-30 | Little league World Series held at 4 locations in Cedar Hill. This is the big one. |
| June 28 | Vacation Bible School cookout in the gymnasium |
| June 29 | Corporate Communion. More details as they arrive on the Councils' website |
| July 2 | General business meeting. |



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