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Remembering A Brother, A Husband, A Dad, A Grandpa

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Loyd William McCaskill, known to most as “Bill”, went to be with the Lord on April 3, 2013. Bill is the father of Denise Zehnder and father in law of Steve Zehnder. He was married to Eleanor for 64 years. Words most often used to describe him are jolly, gentle, honest, tough and a practical joker. He ALWAYS smiled and NEVER complained even in the most challenging of times. Bill is most often thought of as a lover of nature. He was most comfortable sitting on his back porch with binoculars perched on his eyes to look at songbirds or hummingbirds making their home. During the warm summer nights, Bill would point his telescope towards the most brilliant of stars so that his children and grandchildren would see the wonder of the night’s sky. Every kid in the family has some memory of lying in the grass or on a hammock with him, watching a meteor shower. At 3:30 a.m. one cold winter morning Bill wrapped all of his kids in blankets and took them outside to see a meteor shower they would never forget. Annually, Bill and his family went on vacation to his favorite place – the Gulf Coast. If asked, Bill would most certainly tell you there is no better place on earth than the beach. Fishing, sand crab hunting and swimming to the sandbars were among some of his favorite activities. Long after retirement, Bill continued to swim in the warm waves of the Gulf searching for sand dollars. All of his children and grandchildren, and now great grandchildren, see the ocean through his eyes and know it is a special place. Bill was a skilled dry cleaner. He along with his brother, Milton owned and operated Alamo Laundry and Dry Cleaners on the corner of Jefferson and Bishop....the area where Bishop Arts District is today.





He could fix anything and if it was broken he fixed it. As a dry cleaner, Bill used naphtha to clean many things. It could be used to clean certain paints and markers out of clothes. And.... if you used a little too much to start a fire in the fireplace it would melt the decorations right off the mantle – just ask Eleanor. Speaking of the fireplace, the children of Bill remember many a morning their dad would have a crackling fire in the fireplace when they woke to ready themselves for school. And he never forgot to kiss each one goodbye, as he knew these were special times. Bill was our rock, our hero, our comforter and best friend. We are better people for having know him and will never forget him. More than anything, he was a Godly man, grounded in his faith and dedicated to his family, friends and wife of 64 years. We thank him for being such a wonderful example to us all. We love you Bill, dad and grandpa.

St. Joseph's Spring 2013 Cookout

As we gathered this Saturday morning at Holy Spirit Catholic Church to collect our cooking equipment and food supplies, we realized we couldn't have picked a better spring day for grilling out in the company of some very fine men and women. Once loaded, our caravan of several vehicles carrying 14 Knights and 3 women volunteers headed out for the bi-annual cook out at St. Joseph's Assisted Living Residence in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.



Spearheaded by Dan Murphy, this community activity is a charitable project for our council that takes place in May and October every year. St Joseph's Residence, is a not-for-profit, self-supporting facility operating within the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Texas since 1955. Its mission is to "provide care to the elderly who can no longer live alone and to help those in the final stage of their lives draw closer to God". Their focus is on "wellness, dignity, and independence of residents in a caring, Catholic community." St Joseph's is run by the Bethlehemite Sisters. The Bethlehemite Sisters is "The Institute of the Bethlehemite Sisters, Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, arose from the Bethlehemite Order, begun in



Guatemala in 1658 by Saint Brother Pedro de San José Betancur, a native of the Canary Islands. Pedro gave his life to the service of God working with the poor, whom he sought out and aided with great love and charitable care. His house was everyone's house; those seeking spiritual and material help including shelter, found it there." "The Mother House of the Bethlehemite Sisters is located in Bogotá, Colombia. The Congregation is divided into five provinces: 1. **The Sacred Heart of Jesus Province** encompasses the countries of Colombia, Spain, Panama, the United States of America, and Venezuela. 2. **Saint Michael the Archangel Province** is comprised of the countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Nicaragua. 3. **Our Lady of Bethlehem Province** covers Chile and Ecuador. 4. **Immaculate Province** is in Italy. 5. **Saint Brother Pedro Province** is in India. The Sisters teach; perform parish and social work; work with the aged, the deaf and mute, disabled

children, and children of patients with Hansen's disease; and serve in mission territories." Our council provided beef hot dogs and 85% lean beef burgers with all the fixings complemented by Mike Fitzgerald's delicious baked beans adorned with bacon strips, yummy! It is estimated that our Knights served approximately 150+ people, including residents and their family members visiting that day, as well as the staff of St. Joseph's. I could have done a lot of other things this Saturday morning, but none would have been as fulfilling as giving a little bit of my time back to some pretty amazing members of our community. I thank God for the selfless women who make up the order of the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Annual Church Picnic



The Knights of Council 8157 helped set up tents and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the Holy Spirit Catholic Church annual picnic on Sunday, May 19, 2013. The well attended picnic provided something for everyone, from DJ music in the dining hall to the bingo games and children's games in the gymnasium.



Methodist Dallas Medical Center



Council 8157 Cookout – June 9, 2013



Cancer Survivors Day Cookout Methodist Dallas

On June 9, 2013, ten Knights from Council 8157 and three of their spouses generously donated their time to help the cancer survivors of Methodist Dallas Medical Center celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day. The Knights went to work immediately after 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday morning and spent the better part of the day cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the survivors and their families. **Among those present were:** Dan & Pat Murphy, Francisco Hernandez, Ramon Rivera, Juan Chapa, Reynaldo & Elsa Estrellas, Nicholas Kleinhaus, Frank & Lourdes Salazar, James Ouimet, Jack Ramsden, Al Alonzo (photographer). Our hats off to these Knights and their spouses who represented our council so well and for such a meaningful cause.

Family of the Month

April

—Married 30 years, the Callenders met as Dallas teens at Don Carter's All-Star Lanes on Walnut Hill. (Billy, as you might imagine, was hitting the pins so hard that they sailed in all directions.) They have shared their experiences as the hosts of the parish's Marriage Enrichment program on the last Saturday night of each month during the Faith Formation year. It's a role that they were asked to do a few years back by the late Anne Keough. Billy is a sales rep for Frito Lay. Friday is the one work day when he has afternoons off. He used that off time during Lent to set up our gym for the fish fry dinners so he could participate in the Stations of the Cross. Davida is an administrator in the prosthetic-orthotic program at UT Southwestern, where she has worked since 2002. Davida is a cradle Catholic while Billy was reared in a Southern Baptist household and came through Holy Spirit's RCIA program 10 years ago. They have a married daughter, Libby (with two children of her own). Their other daughter, Elizabeth, passed away in July 2011 and also came through Holy Spirit RCIA. Billy donated a kidney to Elizabeth that lasted 16 years. He joined the council last year and now brings that same spirit of selfless giving to the Knights.



May—"Spirituality brought us together," Tom Greco said of he and wife Helen Beggane, who recently celebrated their 38th anniversary with a quiet dinner and remembrances of how much they love each other. God apparently had a plan for Tom and Helen. They each started out in Baltimore but didn't know each other. Each moved to Philadelphia but didn't meet. Each wound up in

Omaha, where they finally met and were married on April 19, 1975. They've been parishioners since July 1982. Tom joined the Knights in November 2007 ("November 13th," he quickly added off the top of his head) at the suggestion of Bill Dover, then the council's membership director. Small world: Tom is now

8157's membership director, and Helen works for Bill, overseeing the good doctor's insurance matters. Tom has spearheaded the council's new Degree Team, which has brought 26 members into our council and 59 total into the Knights since last August. Tom and Helen have long been active in the choir that performs at 5:30 Mass, and he's also a lector. Tom works for the City of Duncanville as a senior code enforcement officer. He's serving his first year as the council warden and recently was one of our delegates to the state convention in Corpus Christi. Good at memorizing his part for the Degree Team, Tom recently joined Duncanville's community theater along with Helen. Bravo.

June

—Deacon Charlie was ordained in February and soon discovered that even six years of comprehensive training still left some aspects of his responsibilities to be learned on the job. "It wasn't until after I was ordained that I sat down and thought about the responsibility that I have, not just leading the community but being there for their spiritual needs," he said. "I've had several instances where parishioners have come to me for that spiritual assistance. That's one thing that you can't really prepare for until you actually experience that on a one-to-one basis." While trained to perform baptisms, he faced the challenging assignment of an emergency baptism for a 6-month-old in ICU. "It was very intense and gratifying to be able to do that," Charlie said. "The child did end up recovering and go home." The diaconate training emphasizes the commitment is made by both the individual and his family. Katherine works as a teacher's aide at St. Rita parish school in north Dallas. They live in Cedar Hill, have three children in their 20s and three grandchildren. "They taught us to keep a balance," said Charlie, who works for AT&T in Fort Worth. "Know when to say no is a good way to put it."



A Grand Slam Home Run

As in past year, the highlight of the little league spring baseball season was the annual World Series. The concession business was brisk, to say the least, throughout the 5 day event from June 26th through June 30th, 2013. And as in past years, many Knights contributed hours and hours of labor to fulfill our mission of providing quality food and icy cold drinks and snacks to the players, coaches, fans, umpires and Cedar Hill Baseball Association workers with a smile. For sure there were extraordinary contributions by some Knights; but in this writer's estimation everyone did as much as they could to help the Council. That being said, I wish to recognize all who worked, with side notes for those who went "above and beyond".



Ken **Rarick** – helped stock (twice), worked on his birthday and worked three shifts and just showed up and helped on another shift and helped clean up on Tuesday. **Jim Kowalski** - worked two shifts and convinced his wife **Lillian** to help at one shift as well. **Bill Chalko** – worked one shift. **Frank Salazar** – worked three shifts and opened Dot Thomas two mornings. **Eric Conner** – worked two shifts. **Ray Rivera** – helped prepare brisket and worked four shifts – one shift at the Community Center with 8 hours notice. **Lou Lemons** – worked two shifts. **Nick Gleason** – worked two shifts. **Ed O'Brien** – helped stock and opened Valley Ridge two mornings. **Frank Hernandez** – worked two shifts. **Jan Araki** – worked two shifts. **Andy Goza** – worked two shifts. **Leo Mattingly** – worked one shift. **Steve Castillo** – worked three shifts – he cooked at each one of them. **Carlos Favela** - worked one shift and just showed up at two other shifts because he thought we might need help – and boy did we ever and helped stock. **Bob Lamb** – worked one shift and helped stock. **Ernie Coy** – worked one shift. **Tony Houston** – worked two shifts and at the last

minute volunteered for a third shift – along with his wife **Veronica** –at the Community Center location and helped stock. **David Dybala** – worked two shifts – one alone at Parkerville. **Billy Callender** – worked one shift. **Brad Lamb** – worked one shift. **Rod Kinard** – helped prepare brisket and worked two shifts and stuck with me until the very end on Sunday night. **Larry Dumais** – worked one shift. **Russell Gully** – worked one shift. **Barry Barksdale** – worked one shift. **Jorge Ruiz** – worked one shift and helped stock. **Steve Zehnder** – worked one shift; but a very late one on Saturday night. **Bill Dover and wife Cindy** – worked one shift. **Travis Kinard** – worked one shift. **Jeff Miller** – worked one shift. **Jim Russell** – worked two shifts. **Mike Higgins** – helped stock and worked two shifts. **Jack Ramsden** – worked one shift and helped stock. **Nick Kleinhaus** – worked one shift. **Mike Moloughney** – worked one shift and switched shifts with Tom Greco at the very last minute. **Greg Warr** – worked two shifts (took a day off work to do so) plus just showed up on Sunday because he thought we might need extra help and we certainly did.



Tom Greco – worked one shift. **Steve Richardson** – worked one shift. **Chris and Trevor Edwards** – worked two shifts. **Jim Richardson** – helped stock and opened Parkerville two mornings. **David Ybarra** – worked one shift. **Arturo Bernal** – worked one shift. **Peter Perta** – worked two shifts. **Efrain Ochoa** – worked one shift. **Larry Balagna** – worked one shift and a very long one it was. **Ben Burns** – worked one shift. **John Espree** – worked one shift. **James Smith** – worked one shift – his first one. **Jay Trapp** worked his first shift. **Alexander Peralta** worked one shift. **Jerry Jacob and wife “Tony”** worked one shift even though he is still “hurting”. **Pat Stepniewski** worked one shift. **Hendrick Maison** worked one shift. **Mike Rumsey** worked two shifts – one until nearly 11:00pm on Saturday night. **Chris Kubin** – worked one shift that lasted 10 hours. **Linda Reitmeier** – worked one shift and made the pickle pops and freezer pops. **Pete Trevino** – worked at least two shifts worth cooking brisket. Seventy four teams played in this year’s World Series from ages 6 thru 14 with a total of 182 games played at the concession stands we control. In total there were 95 shifts worked at an approximate time of 4.5 hours each for a total of about 430 hours. Counting my hours and total preparation time and clean up time, I estimate the total volunteer hours to be in the neighborhood of 550 hours. For these hours, the Knight served food and drinks and snacks at 4 locations and generated sales of \$21,767. Knights served 3,240 bottles of water, over 2,100 bottles of Gatorade, 2,000+ pickle pop and freezer pops, gobs and gobs of French Fries, around 564 Nachos (47 gallons of cheese) about 200 BBQ sandwiches, and many, many candy bars, bags of chips sunflower seed etc. You can see why everyone was busy. For those who could not work at the concession you missed an opportunity to bond with your fellow brother Knights doing hard work for a great cause. I am proud to have served with all who worked at this year’s World Series. In the coming months there will be a group formed amongst the Knights that will oversee/operate the baseball operation in the coming years. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact me at alreitmeier@gmail.com.



Knight Hands Update

During the fraternal just completed on June 30, 2013, Knight Hands completed 29 projects in the community helping take away a little of the stress from those being served. All of the projects had a sponsoring Knights and while none of the projects were “major” or expensive, all those who were served expressed their appreciation and their surprise that someone would help them without any consideration of payment. A few who received assistance donated money to the Knights of Columbus – much to my dismay. Some example of the most recent projects are: Ken Rarick and I mowed and trimmed the lawn for an elderly widow in



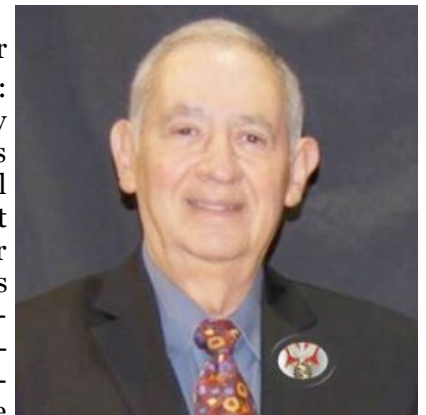
Duncanville who had no one else to do the job; John Espree and myself installed a headboard on Jack Anderson’s bed so he could pull himself into a sitting position and also get out of bed; Ken Rarick and I trimmed trees along the electric wires and cleaned the gutter on a shed for a long time parishioner; Jim Russell drove an elderly person to and from the doctor and bank. If you see someone who need some assistance just let me know at 214-850-3602 or alreitmeier@gmail.com and I’ll take it from there. We are blessed to have the mental and physical ability to help others and we should. On a side note, we now have a powered wheel chair available to loan to anyone who any Knight recommends.

Knight of the Month



April—Brad jumped right in as a new Knight during the Lenten fish fry dinners both as a fish runner and even as a fill-in fry guy. Next was his first taste of counter service at the baseball concession stand out at Valley Ridge, where he's prepared to help on the occasional Sunday when tournament play comes around. Brad is kind of the reciprocal to that phrase about not being born in Texas but getting here as fast as you can. He was born in Texas but was whisked off to other locales early and often as part of a military family (born at Fort Hood). Brad has a graduate degree in justice, law and society from American University in Washington D.C. and works for Texas Instruments as a security coordinator. He and wife Holly have been parishioners for about five years. They have three children: Derek (15), Abby (8) and Fenton (1). The Lambs doesn't typically attend the Saturday evening Mass, but he made it a point to do so earlier this year to experience his first quarterly Corporate Communion. Brad enjoys lots of outdoor activities like hiking, camping and off-road biking. Brad is planning to attend his Major Degree ceremony in May. 'I'm really honored to be Knight of the Month,' he said.

May—Ernie Coy had just handed over the reigns as Grand Knight of our council in the summer of 1993. (Some mileposts to help you remember then: Nolan Ryan was putting knots on the head of Robin Ventura, and Jimmy Johnson's Cowboys were trying to repeat as Super Bowl champs.) Ernie was thinking, "Now I can relax." But Russell Gully asked him to fill in as Financial Secretary until a replacement for the outgoing officer could be identified. That fill-in status lasted, oh, 20 years. Ernie faithfully served in that capacity for two decades until officially being succeeded in mid-April by Peter Perta. "It's really like having a second little job," Ernie said. Most Knights might be familiar with a handful of that office's duties – collecting annual dues and subsequently distributing membership cards. But the Financial Secretary also oversees all records of the individual members as Knights and works with the Treasurer on every check written by the council. Ernie joined 8157 in November 1988 at the invitation of a co-worker at AAFES, Richard Doucette (who served as Grand Knight 1989-92). He soon worked his way through the ranks as Inside Guard, Recording Secretary and Deputy Grand Knight. Ernie is a San Antonio native who came to north Texas in 1963. He and wife Claudia joined the parish in 1979.



June—Grand Knight Frank Salazar tends front and center helping to make the first major-degree ceremony hosted by our new degree team a success in May. That was one reason why he was tabbed as the council's Knight of the Month for June. "It was fantastic," Frank said. "It was a terrific opportunity to bring in a lot of people [to the major degrees]." Tom Greco, director of the degree team, said Frank has provided the group with "excellent leadership, offering correction and guidance when necessary and standing up for his council members when necessary. He's an all-around 'good boss,' " June marked the midpoint of Frank's two-year term as our Grand Knight. Asked to reflect on his time occupying the position, he said he simply is extremely proud of everyone in the council. "I really brag about it when I go help out at some of these other councils," he said. Frank is present at just about every council activity that he

can get to and, during the spring and summer, captains the Valley Ridge concession stand crew on Thursday nights helped by Bill Chalko, Ken Struck and Ken's wife, Diane. Frank and wife Lourdes are both from Cuba but met in Dallas in 1971. They moved to our area in 1975, and Frank joined the council in 2008 at the invitation of Jim Kowalski. Frank retired in 2003 after owning an auto parts business for 20 years. The Salazars live in Grand Prairie, have two grown children and five grandchildren.

1st Degree Team Gets High Marks

It doesn't take very long when talking to Tom Greco about the 1st Degree Team to realize how dedicated and committed he is to its success. He described his experience when he was inducted into the Knights of Columbus on November 13, 2007 at Council 799 in Dallas as "the most intensely inspirational experience I've ever had – the robes, the darkened room the old-time language....". As Tom grew in familiarity with the doings of the Council, he accepted the role of Director of Membership and in January, 2012, at the urging of Andy Goza (then Grand Knight), announced his intention of forming a 1st degree team. This undertaking had been attempted twice before in the 30 year history of the Council, so Tom had lots of obstacles to overcome. Undaunted, Tom drove on and held the first degree team meeting on March 22, 2012. At



this meeting Tom described the vision and the path for the degree team. The vision was "to provide incoming members of the Knights of Columbus with a warm, inspiring and memorable welcome to our Order, and a heartfelt invitation to join us in the good works of the Brotherhood". The path toward this vision was "a close-knit brotherly attitude of support for one another in this sometimes difficult work" and he insisted that our ceremonies must be "Prayerful.....Inspirational...Well-crafted... and Joyful". From there, practices started (three times a month), so everyone had the opportunity to rehearse their lines. Tom, and the team, agreed that all language involved with the 1st degree ceremony would be memorized – not read. Bill Dover, District 86 Deputy, certified the team on August 2nd 2012 and the first candidate (Edward Kelty from Council 12484) was inducted by the team on August 8, 2012. And the rest, as they say, is history; because Tom never let the Team stray from his vision. The original team consisted of: Tom Greco, David Dybala, Jim Richardson, Marce Tebbe, Peter Perta, Andy Goza, Al Alonzo, Allen Alonzo, Bill Dover and Allen Reitmeier. Since then, Marce Tebbe and Allen Alonzo have left and Jim Russell, Ramon Presas, Art Senato and Chris Alveraz have been added – there are currently 12 members on the team. Each team member has learned one or more parts of the ceremony – Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Financial Secretary, Inside Guards, Soundman and aides. Since the first ceremony – August 8, 2012, seventy-one new Knights have been inducted via the 1st degree team of Council 8157. Just a fantastic accomplishment in less than one year. While very successful there were difficulties along the way. For sure, memorizing all the lines of the ceremony was a challenge. Tom recalled practicing by "saying my lines to my cats – Sand Patch and Garrett; and still today they meow when I miss a line" Procuring the robes was a big job. Tom says, "I was worried they wouldn't fit anyone". Ordering supplies for degree kits, preparing certificates, getting packets for new Knights, preparing agendas, coordinating with other Councils and communicating with all team members all made Tom's job taxing. But Tom noted that it was all worth the effort when "I watch the candidates light up and nod in acknowledgment of what was said".... during a 1st degree ceremony. While Tom is quick to say the success of the 1st degree team is a tribute to all the members and to an extent that it correct; but every train needs a driver and every effort needs a leader with vision and Tom was that visionary and that leader. He drove the train to victory.

Special Olympics Update

Response from first time Special Olympics volunteer James Smith was that he loved it, it was a tremendous experience and that he will always remember it. He enjoyed working with other brother Knight volunteers and interacting with the athletes. He stated it was impossible to explain or put into words the satisfaction he received from being involved with the athletes. James commented that the athletes were very appreciative and you could tell it by their expressions of joy. There is no way to describe the looks on their faces but the most memorable experience was placing the medals or ribbons around their necks. He plans on volunteering in the future.



Knights of Columbus State Convention



Representing council #8157 at the State Convention in Corpus Christi on April 26/27/28 were Bill Chalko, Bill Dover, Tom Greco and Jim Kowalski. The business portion of the convention presents and discusses the upcoming fraternal year, elects new officers, votes on any changes, passes on resolutions and sums up the current fraternal year. However, it is not all meetings. There is a significant amount of fraternizing and hospitality. The ability to visit with members from all over the state, compare notes and find out what types of programs are working in their area is invaluable. The most inspiring part of any Knights convention is the Memorial

Mass con-celebrated by more clergy, Cardinal, Bishops, Priests and Deacons than most of us will ever see on an altar during Mass. The congregation at Mass generally exceeds 2,500 Knights and their families. All the convention activities and programs are open to all 3rd degree members with a current traveling card and are free.

A Call to Conscience

The rights of health care workers, individuals, and businesses are at stake as ObamaCare moves closer to full implementation. On August 1st, just weeks from today, religious and nonprofit groups will be the next targets for compliance under the President's birth control-abortion pill insurance mandate. Unless organizations like faith-based hospitals, charities, and schools agree to cover these drugs, the government will start fining them — hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars a day. On June 13th, a group of 11 bipartisan congressmen — including Reps. Jeff Fortenberry, Joe Pitts (R-Pa.), John Fleming (R-La.), Chris Smith (R-N.J.), Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.), Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), Tim Huelskamp (R-Kans.), Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), and Diane Black (R-Tenn.) — took to the House floor to protest the approaching storm for charitable organizations. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, who organized the special order, talked about the new culture of religious oppression in America — and the importance of passing **Rep. Black's Health Care Conscience Rights Act**:

"We have lost our collective sense of respect for divergent views. We have lost our sense that the government must protect that sacred right of conscience and not coerce her citizens into doing something that they fundamentally believe is unjust or wrong. [Like the IRS targeting,] the HHS mandate is also a form of discrimination. It primarily targets people in faith communities, the very people who have been the backstop of compassionate care for the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our society today... Mr. Speaker, no American should be forced to choose between their conscience and their livelihood. No American should be forced to choose between their faith and their job. No American should be forced to choose between their deeply held, reasoned beliefs and the law. That's a false choice. It's un-American, and it's wrong."

Help give babies
a healthy start —
and a healthy
future.



New Members to the Council



Ivan Alonso became the 38th new Knights of Council 8157 member for the fraternal year that ended June 30. He was born in Mexico, finished his schooling in Dallas and is pursuing a career as a diesel mechanic. Ivan's pastime is playing sports. He learned about the Knights of Columbus through a friend and, when asked how he plans to help the Knights, said, "On everything I can." Way to go Ivan, and welcome to the brotherhood of the Knights.

Nick Gleason is one of the growing number of young Knights following in their fathers' footsteps. He also soon will be attending dad Chris' alma mater, Texas A&M, with plans to also become a veterinarian. Nick was born in Duncanville and just graduated from Bishop Dunne. He has helped at Holy Spirit parish in Faith Formation for the past five years and was a member of Youth Ministry's Team Spirit while in high school. Just the kind of young man the Council needs to grow even stronger.



John and Jo Anne Hammonds have been parishioners since November 1991, shortly after they moved from Arlington to Cedar Hill with no children. The Hammonds home has filled up since then and, in turn, started to empty: two (Sarah, 21, and Ryan, 18) left for college, leaving Rachel, 14, and Joey, 8, at home. John is a graduate of Texas Tech and is a district sales manager for American Fidelity, his employer since 1997. Jo Anne works part-time at the early childhood center at Bishop Dunne.

Ryan Hammond joined the council alongside his father in May. He recently graduated from Bishop Dunne and this fall will attend the University of Dallas over in Irving, pitch for the baseball team and pursue a degree in business finance with the goal of becoming a stock broker. He became a Knight almost as soon as he turned 18. Ryan was very active in Holy Spirit youth while in high school. Most KC's already recognize Ryan since he regularly served as the community center night monitor on meeting nights.



Craig Reves and wife Katherine met during their LSU days in the early 1970s and will be married 39 years in August. He converted from Episcopalian to Catholicism when they wed. Craig said he joined the Knights to regain a sense of civic and community service similar to what he enjoyed as president of the Kiwanis Club back in Baton Rouge, La. Craig, a project manager for a communications company, is the chairman of the parish's Sacred Arts Committee and is a lector. Katherine teaches at Canterbury Episcopal in DeSoto. They have four grown children: John, 37, Anna, 35, Nicholas, 28, and Phil, 26.

Victor Lopez is familiar with non-profit organizations as he and three other Bishop Dunne students formed a non-profit called "The Happiness Group," recently profiled in *The Texas Catholic*. He just graduated and will attend Texas Tech this fall to study energy commerce. Victor enjoys baseball, fishing, charity work and spending time on the lake. He is a native Texan and the nephew of 8157 member John Espree, who encouraged Victor to join. "I love charity work and thought that this [joining the Knights] would be perfect for me," Victor said. Agreed.



Warning: you might wake up **Elidio Marcelino** if you call him around noon since he works 9 p.m.-6:30 a.m. at the U.S. Postal Service's facility in Coppell. He's from the Philippines, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, and came to the United States in 1993. He and wife Marivic have been married 13 years and have been Holy Spirit parishioners for four years living in DeSoto. Elidio initially joined the Knights in the Philippines in 1988 and reactivated his membership at the suggestion of Rey Estrellas. Marivic is a nurse at Methodist Charlton. He has two grown children, Ella and Elvin, who work in health care. Their daughter, Mari, isn't employed; she's 11 and attends a charter school in Lancaster.

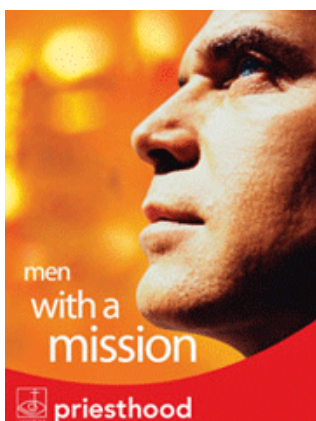
Hendrick Maison came to the United States on April 13, 1998. Before that, he was a cradle Catholic from Ghana. He will, for sure, lower the average age of the council members. Hendrick teaches math at DeSoto High School. He received his higher education (a degree in electrical engineering) at Prairie View A&M near Houston. Hendrick's favorite pastime is golf – at least he says he *enjoys* golf. He joined the Knights because he was "impressed with the passion and presentation about the Knights and what they do." Hendrick said, "I am proud to be a Knight." The rest of us are proud that he is aboard.



Jim Ouimet is a reservoir engineering analyst in the strategic planning group of Encana Oil and Gas. He and wife Lou met when they both worked for Santa Fe Energy in west Texas and have been married for 21 years. Jim has a grown daughter (Denise Coker) and two granddaughters living in Amarillo plus a stepdaughter (Lisa McCormick) and a grandson living in Highland Village in Denton County. Jim grew up in an Air Force family, spent four years in that branch of the service himself and is a graduate of West Texas A&M. The Ouimets have lived in Red Oak for 10 years and joined Holy Spirit three years ago.

****Upcoming Events****

- July 16 Officers and Directors Meeting. Come see what happens at these meetings.
- July 19 Cedar Hill Fire Department Cook-Out—Leaving Church at 9:30 am. Serving Time from 11:30am to 1:30pm
- July 23 First Degree Ceremony - 7:00pm
- July 31 Knight Ranger Game Call Pat Stepnewski for tickets
- Aug 6 General business meeting in room 221 in the Community Center beginning at 7:30pm.
- Aug 17 Third Quarter Corporate Communion and Awards presentation
- Aug 18 Meet at the church narthex at 5 PM, mass starts at 5:30 PM
- Aug 18 Summer Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 18 in the HSCC Community Center. Starts at 8:00 am.
- Aug 20 Officers and Directors Meeting. RM 221 7:30pm
- Aug 23 Seminarian cookout tentatively scheduled Friday, Aug. 23 Meet at Church 3:30pm
- Aug 27 First Degree Exemplification Ceremony. Starts at 7:00pm
- Sept 3 General business meeting in room 221 in the Community Center beginning at 7:30pm
- Sept 17 Officers and Directors Meeting. RM 221 7:30pm
- Sept 24 First Degree Exemplification Ceremony. Starts at 7:00pm
- Sept 28-29 The Fall Festival is the annual fund raising event of the year for Holy Spirit Catholic Church



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