

# Knights Life

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Duncanville, Texas, USA



## Hike for Life in Duncanville

By: Michael Moloughney, Pro Life Activities Director

Fifty-four hikers and volunteers turned out for the first annual Hike for Life in Duncanville, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8157 and Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Saturday October 12 in Armstrong Park, Duncanville, TX. Registration started promptly at 8:00 am under the registration tents where the hikers signed in and turned in their sponsor donations, Hike for Life shirts were handed out to anyone who brought in \$25.00 or more. A big thank you goes out to our registration volunteer workers Peter Perta, Becky Tiambeng and Donna Greenlee.

At 8:30 am Fr. Joe Lee started us off by asking God's blessings upon us and on the Pro-Life cause. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance by the Knights of Columbus color guard, thank you Fr. Joe and color guard. Next our CPLC Pro-Life speaker Edith Ramos spoke to us about the encouraging things that are happening today on the Pro-Life side both locally and nationally. She thanked everyone who turned out on behalf of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee (CPLC) and reminded us that we still have a long way to go and to never cease praying.

The 5k hike started immediately after with nearly fifty of us mostly dressed in red with our new Hike for Life shirts walking the outside trail around

the park four times for a total of 3.5 miles. According to Google 5k = 3.1 miles which took less than one hour. The course of the hike was monitored by our course marshals Nicholas Kleinhaus, Mario Tiambeng and Ramon Rivera to ensure that everyone stayed on course and for safety reasons, great job guys.

Afterwards we consumed over 140 hotdogs, chips and refreshments thanks to David Dybala and Carlos Favela our chefs. I want to thank everyone who participated and all those who volunteered to help especially the great K of C council 8157 who responded to the call, like always. A special behind the scene thanks to Andy Goza and Bill Dover for helping me get it all set up. Everyone I spoke to said that they enjoyed the event and would be back again next year. Our Hike for Life raised over \$1,000.00 to help our area Crisis Pregnancy Centers.



## About Council 8157

Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council 8157 is a fraternal organization which assists in charitable outreach to meet the needs of the church universal and Holy Spirit Catholic Church in particular. In June 1982, a group of 41 men of Holy Spirit Catholic Church formed KC Council 8157. They had visions of forming an organization that would be vital to our parish. Since that time Council 8157 has been one of the cornerstones of the parish. The Council and its members are truly in the structure of all activities within the parish. From cooking, ushering, lecturing, maintenance, to what our priest and parishioners need, they are there to help and provide guidance.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**General Business:** Every 1st Tuesday 7:30 PM  
**Officers & Directors:** Every 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM

### Postal Address & Meeting Location:

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### OFFICERS

The council officers listed below were officially installed for their second term in office on Saturday, June 29, 2013. Their term runs through June 2014.

**Grand Knight:** Frank Salazar

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**Chancellor:** Jim Richardson

**Recording Secretary:** Jeff Miller

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**Inside Guard:** Bob Lamb

**Outside Guard:** Art Senato

**Financial Secretary:** Peter Perta

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**Lecturer:** Jim Russell

**District Deputy:** Bill Dover, District #86

**Chaplain:** Fr. Joe Lee

**Trustees:** Andy Goza, 3-Year;

Chris Edwards, 2-Year; Jack Ramsden, 1-Year

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**Awareness Committee:** Jorge Ruiz

**Baseball Concession:** Allen Reitmeier

**Church Activities:** Pat May

**Community Activities:** Daniel Murphy

**Council Activities:** Andy Goza, Chris Edwards

**Family Activities:** Jim Richardson

**Health Activities:** Pat Stepniewski

**Knight Hands:** Allen Reitmeier

**Pro-Life Activities:** Michael Moloughney

**Youth Activities:** Larry Dumais, Art Senato

### VOLUNTEER

We encourage all 1st Degree Knights to become active right away and participate in any number of community service events and council meetings. There are many opportunities available for you to help make a difference, please consider sharing your skills and talents with your community, let any of the service program directors know what you would like to do. Visit our website to find out more.

### KNIGHTS LIFE NEWSLETTER

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### MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

Rosters are available in paper form to all Knights in good standing at the council's general meetings.

## St. Joseph's BBQ

By: Dan Murphy, Community Activities Director



On Saturday October 19 fourteen Knights participated in our semi-annual BBQ luncheon at St Joseph's Nursing Home in Dallas. This was possibly the best luncheon we have hosted at St Joseph's as we served approximately 95 residences and their families. This included our own Knight Steve Zehnder and his extended family to include his brother in law's family and his daughter and son-in-law along with their 4 quads. The matriarch of his wife Denise's family is a resident at St Joseph and long time member of Holy Spirit Parish. Besides the Zehnder's there were many other families present who took advantage of the BBQ to spend valuable time with their relatives. As always the nuns were very grateful for our efforts.

Participating Knights included Frank Hernandez, Billy Calender, Jim Ouimett, Ray Rivera, Andy Goza, Ed Obrien, Benny Sikorski, Jim Richardson, Jack Ramsden, Art Senato, Dan Murphy, Tom Greco, Mike Fitzgerald, and Pat May.

## A Cookout to Honor Our Vets

By: Jorge Ruiz, Awareness Committee Director

As Americans we are extremely fortunate to be able to enjoy certain freedoms which many other people around the world even in this day and age, still do not. We all know the day in November in which we honor our nation's veterans, those brave

Americans who served in the armed forces risking life and limb to fight for our freedoms. Sadly for too many of them, returning safely home can mean the start of a new struggle; for our wounded warriors it may mean facing lengthy physical rehabilitation; while for others it may mean fighting for their sanity and even their lives as they struggle through mental health and substance abuse issues.

To honor these veterans in our community, the Knights of Columbus Council 8157 hosted a cook-out on the grounds of the Dallas VA Medical Center on Saturday, November 9, 2013. A record 22 Knights came out on this Saturday morning so we made quick work of gathering the food and cooking gear and our caravan soon headed out to the VA hospital.

Upon arrival we were greeted by hospital coordinator Ms. Donna Earnest, a Recreational Therapist by profession and a 19 year veteran of the VA Medical Center. Donna is charged with coordinating the day's events at the VA Community Center—Building 75. Her numerous responsibilities also include transporting groups of veterans to different locations around town to sporting events, etc., as part of an ongoing effort to help them assimilate back into their communities and society in general. Donna advised us to expect about 50 vets ranging in ages from 21-80 years old, some of them homeless, some of them in rehab for substance abuse issues, many in for mental health treatment.

After Frank Salazar, our Grand Knight, gave a short welcoming speech to the veterans, lunch was served.



# Knight of the Month

## October - David Dybala



Hands-on leadership was displayed admirably by David Dybala, our Knight of the Month for October, during the parish's Fall Festival. David served as the festival's operations chairman, coordinating the manpower needed to get most of the infrastructure up, running and then taken down at the conclusion of a busy weekend. David was front and center from the set up of the stage on Thursday afternoon to moving the heavy rummage furniture on Friday to making the quick dining room changeover on Saturday evening to the dismantling of the dozens of midway tents late Sunday. "So many Knights pitched in," David said. "They were the core of the [festival] volunteers. It was very gratifying." When not wielding a power drill/screwdriver, David is a member of the choir for the 9:30 Mass and of the council's Degree Team. He joined the Knights in 1980 when he and wife Clara were members of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Waco. David served as Grand Knight for its Council 1358 and was on its Degree Team. The Dybalas came to our area in 1985, when he

began 22 years working for the City of Dallas. They have two grown children and four grandchildren. A 1972 Texas A&M graduate, David is now mobility coordinator for A&M's Transportation Institute dealing with the restructuring of downtown traffic.

## November - Jim Ouimet



It can be somewhat challenging to identify a council activity that Jim Ouimet, the council's Knight of the Month for November, hasn't participated in since he joined the Knights back in May. From setting up the gym for the Fall Festival rummage sale back in July to cooking out at St. Joseph's to all four days of the Festival itself to the outing for cancer survivors to the Breakfast With St. Nicholas, Jim has put himself into play on multiple occasions. When he showed up at the November pancake breakfast a few minutes after serving had begun, he was practically apologetic. Jim and wife Lou live in Red Oak, where they've been for 10 years, and they've been members of Holy Spirit for about three years. Jim's father was in the Air Force, so he became used to changing addresses regularly, and he spent four

years in the Air Force himself. Jim is a graduate of West Texas A&M, located just outside Amarillo. He and Lou met while working in west Texas and have been married 21 years. He has a grown daughter (Denise Coker) and two granddaughters living in Amarillo plus a stepdaughter (Lisa McCormick) and a grandson living in the Denton County town of Highland Village.

## December - Ray Rivera



You couldn't have blamed Ray Rivera, Knight of the Month for December, if he snickered or at least breathed a sigh of relief during the icy spell here in north Texas in early December. Ray was a commercial, coast-to-coast truck driver for 36 years before retiring five years ago. To no one's surprise, he cited winter weather as one of the toughest aspects of the job. Ray is a Dallas native, graduated from Sunset High School and subsequently spent three and a half years in the U.S. Navy – including a year stationed in Vietnam in 1970-71. He has been a parishioner since 1985 and joined our council in October 2011. Ray has participated in multiple KC activities in recent months, including setting up the parish gym in July for the Fall Festival rummage sale to helping out at cookouts such as the ones at the St. Joseph's nursing home in October

and at the VA hospital in November. Ray is also among the regular workers who make our Cedar Hill baseball concession stand the tremendous success that it is. He lives in Duncanville and has a grown daughter (Jennifer Bonilla), a grown son (Frank) and four grandchildren. Soon after Ray went through his First Degree ceremony, he said his motivation was simply to help people. He certainly has done that.

## At the Ballpark

By: Allen Reitmeier, Baseball Concession Director



During these chilly December-February days, it's difficult to envision the sights and sounds of little league baseball. However, soon enough

Knights of this council will be engaged in cooking, serving and helping the players, coaches, umpires and fans at the concessions stands in Cedar Hill. We currently have an agreement with the Cedar Hill Baseball Association to provide concessions for all Cedar Hill locations through the year 2017. Since the spring of 2008, this council had relied on the funds generated from operating these concession stands to fund the various activities of the council. Without this income we would have to limit scholarships, seminarian sponsorship, church ministries contributions, Knight Hands projects, cook-outs – well you get the idea. And without the cooperative effort of the Knights of this council, we would be unable to fulfill our mission of providing quality concessions at a fair price. We anticipate the first games of the spring season 2014 will begin on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Southwest Classic tournament and opening day of the regular league season to be on March 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a bit of a different organization this year in the concession operation in that the jobs previously handled by Allen Reitmeier will now be split amongst a baseball committee consisting of 5 Knights. Currently Andy Goza has agreed to do the purchasing chores, Greg Warr has agreed to be the financial manager, James Smith has agreed to do the scheduling and Jim Myers will handle any facilities maintenance issues. Allen Reitmeier will still have overall responsibility of baseball operations.

As you are well aware we have added many Knights to the roles these past two years and the baseball committee is looking for these new Knights to be part of the work force at the ball parks. Do not be surprised to receive a call or an e-mail from the scheduling manager - James Smith – as he fills the various work slots for the regular season and especially during the annual little league World Series

which is scheduled for the last week in June. Typically during the regular season games are played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and every Saturday. Tournaments are always a Saturday and Sunday affair. We, the baseball committee, look forward to a successful baseball season with the help of this wonderful organization. Thanks to all for their work at the ballparks in past years and see you again in 2014.

## Breakfast with St. Nick

By: Jeff Miller, Awareness Committee



Another “season” of KC Sunday breakfasts came a successful close on Dec. 15 as more than a dozen brother Knights stepped forward and served

more than 350 guests in the annual “Breakfast With St. Nicholas” held in conjunction with the parish’s Deborah Garrison, Lisa Estrada and Devin Buschow. With parishioners asked to either bring one unwrapped new toy per guest or make a monetary donation, 176 toys were collected and about as many people were served via the monetary route. The highlight was our own Leo Mattingly returning to his popular role as St. Nick. Knights prepared and served a breakfast of scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon (Fr. Tuan surely loved that), French toast and Texas toast. Among the council members and their family members taking part were Jack Ramsden, Jim Ouimet, Larry Dumais, Jorge Ruiz, John Espree, Jesse Radillo, Jim Richardson, Bob Motta (only five days after joining the council!), Jeff Miller, Dan Murphy, La’Don Wright, Tim Hart, Greg Porter, Frank Salazar, Hector Lopez and a quorum of Gozas (Andy, Susan and Madison). The seating area appeared to be filled near capacity when the crowd after the 9:30 Mass joined those already seated, which is a compliment to Faith Formation’s set up and the KC’s tasty fare. It was another wonderful day at Holy Spirit, and you Knights can certainly be proud.

# Family of the Month

## October - Peter and Bimbo Perta



Peter Perta and wife Bimbo, our Family of the Month for October, met when he was a season-ticket holder at Syracuse University and she helped out in the school's concession stand. God works in mysterious ways; they now work together at the council's Cedar Hill baseball concession stand. Peter joined the Knights in June 2011 and took his Major Degree later that year. He and Bimbo have been married since 2010. Both grew up Catholic in upstate New York – he in Utica, she in Norwich – and Peter had an uncle who was a priest. Peter's career brought him to north Texas in 2008, and he works as a regional account manager for Nestle Health Care Nutrition. Peter deals with corporations and nursing home chains in 12 states. Bimbo followed him to Texas and works in the food nutrition department of Duncanville ISD. Her given name is Bernadine, and she has gone by Bimbo since she was 6 months old; she has a twin sister nicknamed Bambi. The Pertas usually attend the 5:30 Saturday Mass. Peter ushers, is a "charter" member of the council Degree Team that got started last year. He also became our Financial Secretary last April, following in the considerable footsteps of Ernie Coy.

## November - Mark and Cindy Meyer



Mark and Cindy Meyer, November Family of the Month, served in the formidable role of co-chairs of the parish's annual Fall Festival. Mark described the experience as "extremely scary at first but extremely rewarding at the end." A faith journey, indeed, that concluded with another tremendously successful event after months of planning by the Meyers and the dozens of parishioners who worked with them (including many other Knights). The Meyers live in Grand Prairie and have been parishioners since marrying 15 years ago. Cindy grew up in the parish, in Duncanville, while Mark is from Dallas. They met while attending Texas A&M. Mark works in landscape architecture, and Cindy operates a business called "Bite of Cake" that produces cake balls. They have one child, 10-year-old Leeza, adopted from Russia when she was 1. Mark joined the Knights about 10 years ago. Cindy is a reader during Mass, and Mark is a Eucharistic Minister. Together, they teach a second-grade Faith Formation class and also serve as a marriage sponsor couple. You'd think the Meyers' well-earned status as Festival co-chairs *emeritus* would allow them to figuratively put their feet up and enjoy next week's event with a more leisurely assignment. But Mark noted they're so excited that 2014 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish that they're likely to go at it at about the same pace.

## December - Juanita and Jack Ramsden



Juanita and Jack Ramsden, the council's December Family of the Month, closed out yet another busy year with the Knights and multiple Holy Spirit ministries. They helped at the Veterans Day dinner in November as part of their membership in the parish's Social Committee, through which they also serve on short notice for funeral luncheons. They attended the clergy appreciation dinner in November and participated in the Forty Days for Life event in October. Jack joined the Knights in 2012 and is one of the council's three trustees. He is a regular at KC breakfasts and cook-outs such as the ones at the VA hospital and the St. Joseph's nursing home. As Zone Shepherds, they planned and helped celebrate the Our Lady of Guadalupe dinner in mid-December. They co-chair the Adult and Family Ministry Commission and participate with the Outreach Ministry. Juanita and Jack have been married for 20 years and went through RCIA together in 2008-09. They have lived in Duncanville for seven years after residing in Cedar Hill before that. Jack retired in June 2012 after 24 years operating a machine shop in Dallas. Juanita retired about five years ago following 34 years with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). If you can slow them down, remind them how much they mean to Holy Spirit.

## Southwest Dallas County Clergy Appreciation Dinner

By: Jorge Ruiz, Awareness Committee Director

On Thursday evening November 7th, 2013, Assembly 2799 sponsored the **"Southwest Dallas County Clergy Appreciation Dinner"** of thanksgiving in conjunction with Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Among the guests of honor were the Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Dallas. Attending from Holy Spirit Catholic Church were our own Father Joe Lee, Deacon Al and Jackie Evans, Deacon Paul and Dianne Wood, Deacon Charlie and Norma Ruelas. Also present were Father Ben Molina, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, Father Tim Gollob from Holy Cross and Father Gale White who served as the first Chaplain for the Fourth Degree during its creation.

In total there were about 40 priests, deacons and wives from parishes that included St. Cecilia in Oak Cliff; St. Jude's Chapel in downtown Dallas to St. Francis of Assisi in Lancaster. The event was well attended by over 140 guests who dined on a traditional Thanksgiving dinner featuring deep fried turkey as the main course with all the trimmings.

The Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council 8157 and Andy Goza, Bill Dover and Chris Anyaibe in particular took charge of organizing this successful event.

## Knight Hands

By: Allen Reitmeier, Knight Hands Director

Since the last Newsletter, Knight Hands has completed three projects. On October 11, Ken Rarick, Ray Rivera and Allen Reitmier installed new floor tile in the kitchen, hall and utility room of Fritz Padgett's home in Duncanville. Chris Edwards was the sponsoring knight for this project. On November Allen Reitmeier built and delivered a "side altar table" to the church to be used for purification of vessels. This job was a request from Ann Picha. On November 2, 2013, Dan Murphy, Greg Warr, David Dybala, Rod Kinard and Allen Reitmeier move the

household goods of Shamarn Lumpkin from her apartment to a storage facility. This was a Gabriel mom project and the request for help came from Jessie Ann Nobles. We moved 8 pick-up loads of stuff and saved this young lady a boat load of money. Currently all Knight Hands are laid off due to lack of work. So if any Knight knows anyone who needs a helping hand, please contact Allen Reitmeier at 214-850-3602 or [alreitmeier@gmail.com](mailto:alreitmeier@gmail.com).

## 2014 Roe Memorial Mass

By: Michael Moloughney, Pro Life Activities Director



On January 18, 2014, Dallas will mark the 41st anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion in America and leading to the death of over 55 million unborn children. Join Bishop Kevin Farrell and thousands of people of faith to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion on our city and country, to witness publicly, and rally and march for a Culture of Life.

Due the ever-increasing size of this event, Bishop Farrell has moved the Roe Memorial Mass to the convention center in Dallas (seating 9,000!) beginning at 1:00 p.m. (note new time) with homilist Father Alfonse Nazzaro. And for the first time, a Youth Rally featuring World Youth Day Musician Steve Angrisano will precede the Mass (12:30 p.m., doors open at 11:30 a.m.).

- Holy Spirit will have a bus for these events.
- If you would like to ride the bus please call Donna at 972-298-497120 and leave your name and telephone number. You will receive a call confirming your reservation for the bus.
- The bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and should return by 5:00 p.m.

# Welcome New Knights!



SHAWN ADAMS lives in Waxahachie with his wife, Precious. Shawn is from Philadelphia and came to north Texas with his family in 1991. Originally Methodist, Shawn came through Holy Spirit's RCIA program soon after moving to Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from high school in the mid-1980s. Shawn was seriously injured while on maneuvers in Germany, is on disability but exhibits a faith that can't be restricted. He has a grown son, Jonathan (25), who lives in Kentucky.

CHRIS BENAVIDES joined the council in October alongside his father-in-law (Bart Sipriano) and brother-in-law (Matthew). Chris and wife Rebekah joined the parish this past year after being involved informally for years. Chris grew up in San Antonio, graduating from UT-San Antonio and is an investigator for child protective services. He and Rebekah have been married for three years and have two children – Sebastian, 3, and Anthony, closing in on two months. They have lived in Cedar Hill for three years.



RAUL DOMINGUEZ owns a degree in aerospace engineering, worked for NASA on the space station and hopes to develop a cost-efficient system of solar panels that could be used at Holy Spirit and other area churches. Raul grew up in Lovington, N.M., before graduating from Boston University. He and wife Patricia have been married for 13 years. They live in Grand Prairie and joined the parish about three years ago. Their two daughters – Marisa (11) and Gabriela (7) – attend schools in the Mansfield ISD.

BERNARD "BUDDY" JENKINS was born in New Jersey and came through Pennsylvania and Alabama before arriving in north Texas a few years ago. He lives in Cedar Hill and teaches physics at Hebron High School. Buddy earned a degree in chemistry from Birmingham-Southern College and added a master's in public and private management. He has three grown sons (Arthur, 31, Hunter, 28, and Alex, 25) plus one grandchild (Hunter's son, Nick).



JASON KYLE works for a human resource consulting firm and is a 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant in the Army reserves. He and wife Amy graduated from Skyline High in 1991. Jason then earned a business administration degree from the University of North Texas. Amy is a secretary at Duncanville High. Their four children – Jason Jr. (16), Julianna (14), Jenna (13) and Jayda (11) – are all enrolled in the Duncanville ISD. Jason went through the RCIA program at Holy Spirit about six years ago to join Amy in the faith.

BOB MOTTA and wife D'Lana have lived in DeSoto for 12 years. His father emigrated from Italy as a teenager. Bob grew up in Teaneck, N.J. and graduated from the University of Findlay in Ohio. His sales career currently has him working for The Hershey Company. He and D'Lana met while working at Abbott Laboratories. They've been married for 21 years and have a daughter, Katherine (33), who is expecting her first child.



DANIEL ROSALES has been a professional truck driver for 25 years, the past eight for Saia Motor Freight. No long-distance hauls, though – only local routes that don't require overnight stays. Home originally was Fort Worth, where Daniel graduated from Trimble Tech High. He and wife Norma have been married for 19 years and have lived in Dallas for 10. They have three sons – Michael, 23, Daniel II, 16, and Joseph, 14.



JESUS "JESSE" RADILLO works for Texas Trust Credit Union as a combination facilities coordinator and courier. He previously drove for UPS. Jesse was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and his family moved to El Paso when he was 2. He graduated from El Paso's Bel Air High, where he met his wife of 26 years, Teri. They have lived in Duncanville for 16 years and have one child, an adopted daughter named Mia, a senior at Duncanville High.



BART SIPRIANO followed graduation from Plano Senior High in 1974 with a four-year stint in the U.S. Army that included time as a paratrooper. (His knees still remind him about those three weeks.) He and wife Julie have been married for 34 years and have lived in Cedar Hill since 1985. They have a daughter, Rekebah, who has two sons (Sebastian and Anthony) and a son, Matthew, who joined the Knights during the same exemplification ceremony. Bart got a degree in applied science from Cedar Valley College and is a maintenance mechanic for the U.S. Postal Service, his employer for 28 years.

MATTHEW SIPRIANO joined the council alongside his father, Bart, and brother-in-law Chris Benavides. He lives in Cedar Hill and works as a supervisor for UPS. Matthew began his high school days at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen and graduated from Irving's Highlands School, where he played soccer and baseball. He then earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas, in sociology and criminal justice.



LA'DON WRIGHT has become quite active in Holy Spirit ministries since recently going through RCIA. He is a Zone Shepherd, a Eucharistic Minister and also an EM to patients at Charlton Methodist Hospital assisted by wife Ivonne. They're both graduates of Dallas' W.T. White High, and La'Don then joined the Navy. La'Don works at the DISD's Service Center 1. Ivonne works at Scottish Rite Hospital in medical records. They live in Dallas and have four children: Dominique (15), La'Don Jr. (11), Donovan (10) and Devyn (4).

## In Memoriam: Sally Alonzo

By: Jeff Miller, Awareness Committee



Sally Alonzo, wife of Brother Knight Al Alonzo, entered eternal life on Sunday, Dec. 29 after a brief illness while the Duncanville couple was attending a family reunion in California. She was 72 years old. The Alonzos were married for 49 years and have two grown sons. Vincent and his wife Carol live in the Collin County town of Allen and attend St. Jude Catholic Church; son Allen lives in Duncanville, is also a Holy Spirit parishioner and joined Council 8157 at the same time as his father in 2011. In their native

Philippines, Sally and Al's given names are Salvacion and Bayani. Sally attended Catholic schools and earned a degree in banking and finance from the University of Santo Tomas. She briefly worked for a bank back home before the family migrated to the United States in 1972 as Sally and Al began careers with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). During the first of their two stints in Duncanville, they were among the founding members of Holy Spirit parish in 1974. They retired from AAFES in 2004. Sally was very active in parish life, including serving alongside Al in Community Life's Zone Shepherds plus the Fil-Am Group that celebrates the Filipino heritage. Sally's funeral Mass was held at Holy Spirit on Jan. 9 followed by internment at Holy Redeemer Cemetery in DeSoto. The thoughts and prayers of all council members are with the Alonzo family

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

**18 Jan 10:30 AM**  
**Roe Memorial Mass**

**20 Jan 5:00 PM**  
**Catechists' Appreciation Dinner**

**21 Jan 7:30 PM**  
**Officers & Directors Meeting**

**28 Jan 7:00 PM**  
**First Degree Ceremony**

**31 Jan 6:30 PM**  
**Church Winter Welcome**

**04 Feb 7:30 PM**  
**Council General Meeting**

**06 Feb 7:30 PM**  
**Assembly 2799 Meeting**

**15 Feb 8:00 AM**  
**Duncanville Major Degree Ceremony**

**15 Feb 7:00 PM**  
**Annual Council Appreciation Dinner**

**16 Feb 8:00 AM**  
**Winter Blood Drive**

**18 Feb 7:30 PM**  
**Officers & Directors Meeting**

**25 Feb 7:00 PM**  
**First Degree Ceremony**

**04 Mar 7:30 PM**  
**Council General Meeting**

**05 Mar**  
**Ash Wednesday**

**07 Mar 3:30 PM**  
**Lenten Fish Fry #1**

**14 Mar 3:30 PM**  
**Lenten Fish Fry #2**

**18 Mar 7:30 PM**  
**Officers & Directors Meeting**

**21 Mar 3:30 PM**  
**Lenten Fish Fry #3**

**22 Mar 8:00 AM**  
**Spring Baseball Begins**

**25 Mar 7:00 PM**  
**First Degree Ceremony**

**28 Mar 3:30 PM**  
**Lenten Fish Fry #4**