

Knights Life


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Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Duncanville, Texas, USA

BREAKFAST With St. Nicholas

The small army of Council 8157 elves provided an encore performance in preparing scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon and hash browns for what was an estimated 300 guests during the annual Children's Faith Formation "Breakfast with St. Nicholas" for three hours on Sunday, Dec. 14. The KC brothers had finished fixing all of the eggs that had been bought well before the "big" crowd following the 9:30 Mass had arrived. So after the community center kitchen had been cleaned, back to work we went with the addition of egg substitute to make sure every guest was adequately served. Hats off to Andy Goza, Jim Stavinoha, Jeff Miller, Lou Lemons, Allen Reitmeier, Billy Callender, Jack Ramsden, Jim Russell, Ray Rivera, Jorge Ruiz, Nick Kleinhaus, Jim Ouimet, John Espree, Daniel Rosales, Larry Dumais, Larry Balagna, Gerald Jacob, Augustin Perez Jr., Al Alonzo, Abel Lugo, Jesse Radillo, La'Don Wright, Tom



Greco, Dan Murphy and Gilbert Zuniga Sr. Plus additional assistance from the Goza and Lugo families along with students from Duncanville High. Jim Russell's wife, Mary, again conducted the children's choir. And, of course, there was St. Nick himself. Leo Mattingly says he enjoyed it as much as ever. And how long has that been? Best that Leo can tell, he has been filling this role since before



Fr. Timothy Heines was our pastor. Leo also plays Santa Claus at Charlton Methodist, where he's a legendary volunteer all year long. Deborah Garrison, coordinator of the parish's Children's Faith Formation program, said donations amounted to about 300 toys and \$900. That would be close to double the number of toys collected last year. That surely made for many happy children at Christmas. And should have made every Knight happy, too. ♦

The 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 Council 8157, Knights of Columbus. 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 other parishioners need, they are there to help and provide guidance.

KNIGHTS LIFE NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is published quarterly at the end of the following months: March, June, September, December. The newsletter is delivered electronically to your email address and it is also posted on our website. If you would like to receive a paper copy, they will be available at the general meetings.

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

A full membership roster is made available in paper form by our Financial Secretary for all Knights in good standing at the general membership meetings.

COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

General Business: Every 1st Tuesday 7:30 PM

Officers & Directors: Every 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM

Degree Team: Every 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM

New Knights Orientation: Quarterly - Every 1st Tuesday 6:30 PM in January, April, July and October.

Postal Address & Meeting Location:

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KC District #86 – KC Assembly #2799

COUNCIL 8157 OFFICERS

The council officers listed below were officially installed for their second term in office on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Their term runs through June 2015.

Grand Knight: Nick Kleinhaus

Deputy Grand Knight: Jim Richardson

Chancellor: Tom Greco

Recording Secretary: Jeff Miller

Treasurer: Mike Fitzgerald

Warden: John Espree

Inside Guard: La'Don Wright

Outside Guard: Al Alonzo

Financial Secretary: Peter Perta

Advocate: Russell Gully

Lecturer: Jim Russell

District Deputy: Bill Dover, District #86

Chaplain: Fr. Joe Lee

Trustees: Frank Salazar, 3-Year

Andy Goza, 2-Year

Jack Ramsden, 1-Year

SERVICE PROGRAM/COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Awareness Committee: Jorge Ruiz

Baseball Concessions: Allen Reitmeier

Church Activities: Pat May

Community Activities: Daniel Murphy

Council Activities: Andy Goza

Family Activities: Jim Richardson

Health Activities: Pat Stepniewski

Knight Hands: Allen Reitmeier

Pro-Life Activities: Michael Moloughney

Retention Committee: Jim Russell

Youth Activities: Larry Dumais, Art Senato



St. Joseph's Residence Fall Cookout



On Saturday Oct 18 The Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council 8157 went to St. Joseph's Residence in Oak Cliff for our biannual cookout and prepared lunch for the residents, their families, clergy and staff. We served approximately 120 people. Led by Community

Activities Director Dan Murphy and wife Pat, the Knights in attendance were Dan and Pat Murphy, Jim Richardson, Tom Greco, Benny Sirkorski, Jim Ouimet, James Smith, Jim Stavinoha, Bob Motta, Tony Herrera, Jesse Radillo, Doug Karpan and Art Senato. ♦

UPCOMING EVENT

Lent Season FISH FRYS

The Duncanville Knights continue our annual Fish Frying tradition for the Holy Spirit community every Friday for 6 consecutive weeks starting on Friday February 20, through Friday, March 27, 2015. Plan on coming to help out, so **Mark Your Calendars!**





On Saturday Nov 8th our council, under the direction of Commander Dan Murphy, US Navy Ret., attended our bi-annual cookout at the VA Medical Center in Dallas. Dozens of resident veterans and members of the outpatient substance abuse programs of the VA Medical Center, came to dine on the burgers, hot dogs and baked beans provided by our council as a small token of our appreciation for their military service to our country. Among the Knights from Council 8157 were Community Director Dan Murphy, GK Nick Kleinhaus, past GK Frank Salazar, DD Bill Dover, Andy Goza and daughter Daniella, Abel Lugo and daughter Daniella, Mike Fitzgerald, Tom Greco, Jack Ramsden, Al Alonzo, Allen Alonzo,

Jim Richardson, Ray Rivera, Francisco Hernandez, Jim Stavinoha, Art Rodriguez, Cris Valdez, Gilbert Zuñiga Jr., Doug Karpan and Jorge Ruiz. ♦



UPCOMING EVENT SATURDAY, FEB 7, 2015

Major Degree CEREMONY

Attention all First Degree Knights

The Duncanville Knights of Council 8157 invite you to attend our Major Degree Ceremony for advancement to 2nd and 3rd Degrees on:



Saturday, February 7, 2015 8 AM–1:30 PM.

Morning refreshments & Lunch will be served.

See our website for more details.

HIKE FOR LIFE IN DUNCANVILLE

Our second annual Hike for Life in Duncanville took place on Saturday October 11, 2014 at Armstrong Park in Duncanville, Texas. Under the direction of our Pro Life Director, Michael Mouloughney, registration started promptly at 8 am and there were H4L T-shirts for everyone who raised \$20.00 or more. Fr. Tuan gave a blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with assistance of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps. There were Pro-Life speakers who talked about current Pro-Life events. Immediately after participants started their 5K walk or run. A 5k hike is equivalent to 3.1 miles which is a little less than four times around the park. After the 5K Hike all enjoyed hot dogs, drinks and snacks prepared by our own Knights of Columbus Council 8157. ♦

ROE MEMORIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

On Saturday January 17, 2015, Dallas will mark the 42nd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade decision of January 22, 1973, making abortion available on demand in America. Join Dallas Bishops Kevin J. Farrell and Michael Olson, diocesan clergy, and thousands of people of faith in prayerful remembrance and public witness.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30am-12pm Roe Memorial Rosaries outside the Planned Parenthood mega abortion center, 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas (off Wheatland Rd)
12:15pm Youth Concert at the Conven-



tion Center in Dallas, 650 S Griffin St.

1:00pm Roe Memorial Mass & Adoration: Bilingual Mass Dallas Convention center

3:00pm North Texas March for Life & Rally in memory of Roe v. Wade: Following Mass, march to the rally outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse.

12:00-4:30pm Ministry Fair at the Convention Center ♦

CONCESSION STANDS

SPRING BASEBALL ARRIVING

On March 16th of this year, the spring baseball season will begin at Valley Ridge. Yes, indeed, the first games of the Southwest Classic league will begin; with opening day ceremonies for Best Southwest Baseball and games starting on March 28th. Undoubtedly many of us are looking forward to this event and I can assure you the baseball committee will make every effort to make the baseball season successful and fun for everyone. Seventy-seven Knights worked at a concession stand during 2014 – some many, many times; others maybe only once. But everyone contributed the time they could to support the Knights of Columbus Council 8157. The seminarian we sponsor thanks you, the youngsters receiving scholarships thank you, the church ministries thank you, the state and national charities thank you, the residents of St. Joseph and the VA hospital thanks you, the many folks Knight Hands assisted thank you.

As you know, the baseball concession operation is currently handled by a committee of five Knights. The newest member of

the committee – **Jim Ouimet** – will be doing the scheduling of work this coming year. Please give Jim the same courtesy and respect you gave Allen Reitmeier over the past years.



HELP WANTED

We're looking for one Knight to become our **Maintenance Manager** – someone to handle any equipment and maintenance issues at the concession stands.

If interested call 214-850-3602 or email us at admin@kofc8157.org.

The baseball committee looks forward to seeing even more Knights helping out at the ballpark this season. ♦



BRENT FLYNN



A search for brotherhood greatly influenced Brent to recently give up his career in sporting goods sales to pursue a new calling in law enforcement. It's also what drove him to join our council in November – and attend the next general membership meeting only days later. Brent, wife Jodi and 6-year-old

Andrew live in Midlothian and joined Holy Spirit a few months ago. He graduated from Richland High and has also lived in Louisiana, Michigan and Georgia. She works in the import-export business. The Flynn's were "parish hunting" for a while and liked what they saw and felt from Holy Spirit.

JOSH GLEASON



Josh in November became the third member of his family to enter the order, following father Chris (2010) and older brother Nick (2013). Josh is a senior at Bishop Dunne, a member of the Bishop's Honor Roll and hopes to return to the baseball team as a catcher after injuring his throwing arm last

year. He has been active in Holy Spirit's youth ministry, participating in summer work camps in Tennessee and Alabama and also went on a diocesan mission trip to Central America. Josh enjoys the outdoors, dirt-bike riding, the mountains and country music. He plans to study construction science in college.

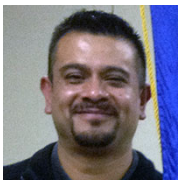
BOB MULLIGAN



Bob and wife Patricia live in Grand Prairie. He transferred from the council at St. Michael's parish there in December to begin his second stint in our council. His KC experience includes being Chancellor on a degree team. Bob is from New Orleans, went to college at Southeastern Louisiana in

nearby Hammond, spent two years in the U.S. Army and then embarked on a varied corporate career. He's semi-retired, working for Re/Max real estate. He's also lived in California, Kansas City and New Jersey. The Mulligans have been married 47 years, have two grown children who live in the area (son Kevin is a third-degree Knight) and four grandchildren.

ALBERTO TORREBLANCA



Alberto is a craftsman cabinet maker and supervisor for a custom cabinet manufacturer in Dallas. His wife of 17 years, Marlene, works for the City of Irving fire department. They live in Dallas and have been parishioners since 2011. Alberto and Marlene have three children - Lissette (16), Eric

(11) and Sofia (6) – who attend school in Duncanville. Lissette joined Holy Spirit's youth group a few years ago, and her siblings attend Faith Formation. Alberto grew up in Mexico City and came to Dallas in 1990. Back in Mexico, a number of his relatives are priests and nuns. He joined the council in November.

ROBERT TOVAR



Robert joined the council on the penultimate day of 2014 as another step in his personal campaign to come home to the Catholic Church. Robert grew up Catholic in Puebla, Mexico. By the time he'd come to Texas in 1997 and attended North Dallas High, he'd fallen away from the church. That

changed only a few years ago while living in Duncanville. As an instructor at a truck driving school in Fort Worth, Robert was challenged by one of his Catholic driving students to return to his faith roots, especially for their children. Which he and wife Vicki began doing with weekly attendance at Mass. Robert is a lector, a catechist for their 9-year-old daughter, Victoria – and now a Knight. The Tovar's also have a son, 12-year-old Robert, who is a Faith Formation teen aid.

CRIS VALDEZ



To say Cris followed the path less taken to Knighthood is an understatement. He was hospitalized at Charlton Methodist recently. Two members of our council were among the Holy Spirit parishioners who took daily Holy Communion to Cris and the other Catholic patients – Arthur Rodriguez and

Jeff Miller. Jeff's visit with him resulted in Cris unofficially helping the KC's at St. Elizabeth Catholic School's fall carnival, and Arthur asked him to join the council in September. "I'm looking for role models," Cris said. He lives in Dallas, attended Carter High, and operates his own business doing construction and repair work. Cris has two daughters and five grandchildren who live in Grand Prairie.

GILBERT ZUÑIGA, SR.



Gilbert and his son joined the council together in October, invited by John Espree. Gilbert was born in Kaufman but has lived in Dallas since 1946. He graduated from Crozier Tech and went into the trucking business. He retired in 2007 after more than 50 years and passed the business along to

"Junior." Gilbert and wife Zonia have been married for 43 years. They attend St. Mary of Carmel parish near Pinkston High in north Oak Cliff. Junior is one of six children.

GILBERT ZUÑIGA, JR.



"Junior" and his wife, Toni, have a young daughter, Gabryella, and are expecting their second child in February. He took over his father's trucking business when his father retired. Junior went to Adamson High and then attended a technical school in Houston before jumping into the family business. The

Zunigas live in Dallas and attend St. Monica parish just off Walnut Hill Lane. ♦

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

JACK RAMSDEN – OCTOBER 2014



"Keep on Truckin'" was the theme song for Jack Ramsden last autumn. He spent an estimated 200 hours helping to prepare for the Fall Festival, much of that hauling various items large and, well, larger to Holy Spirit. On one particular mission, he and his helpers spent four days going through a house, garage and

storage shed for a couple heading to a retirement home. That took 12 trips. Jack and wife Juanita, who logged 140 hours herself, called this the year of the major appliances – two chest freezers, two refrigerators, two gas dryers, one gas range, one electric range and a dishwasher. Jack joined the council in September 2012, took his major degree in May 2013, and is in his first year as a trustee. He quietly goes about his business, usually with a friendly "Good morning" no matter the time of day. Jack's commitment to the council is such that he's probably the most likely brother Knight who isn't a member of the degree team to attend a first-degree ceremony in order to extend a heart-felt welcome to the newest member(s).

LARRY BALAGNA – NOVEMBER 2014



David Dybala said every time he got ready to take care of something in his capacity as the logistics manager of Holy Spirit's Fall Festival in 2014, Larry Balagna had already done it. That was Larry's M.O. for so many years, mostly recently as Northwood University's event coordinator before retiring in October 2013.

He and wife Sheila completed the Hike for Life run in mid-October before it formally began; then, Larry helped out during the event and Sheila headed off to volunteer elsewhere that Saturday morning. Larry is also ready, willing and able to put his handy skills to good use to assist with any Knight Hands project. The Balagnas will celebrate their 42nd anniversary in late January. They came to our area in 1995 from Illinois. Two of their three sons were already KC members when Larry decided to take the plunge here in 1996, at the urging of Dick Bates and Sheila. "All I had to do was sign the Form 100," Larry said with a laugh. Sheila also retired in 2013, working most recently as credit manager for Gilbraltar Industries. They live in Duncanville and have six grandchildren.

CRIS VALDEZ – DECEMBER 2014



Cris Valdez was told he'd been named Knight of the Month for December, given he had been a "whirling dervish" during the preceding weeks, Cris laughed into the phone and said, "I don't know what that means!" To wit, Cris helped the council at St. Elizabeth's fall carnival in late October before even

joining the Knights a few days later. Shortly after his installation, he completed something of a November triathlon by

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

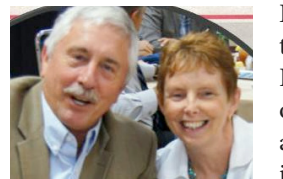
MIKE AND SUSAN FITZGERALD – OCTOBER 2014



Mike and Susan Fitzgerald made Holy Spirit's community center kitchen their kitchen during September's Fall Festival for the fourth consecutive year. They served about 175 guests at the annual Saturday night dinner. Mike prepared beer can turkey while

Susan fixed broccoli, mashed potatoes and desserts. She also made the table decorations and personally designed the dinner tickets. Sunday morning, they were back at it. Mike baked cookies from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. while Susan helped staff the bake-sale table in the community center lobby. Mike took his first and major degrees early in 1999, was our Knight of the Year in 2011 and has served as council treasurer since the previous century. He and Susan celebrated their 34th anniversary in November. Mike works for Allianz Insurance, and Susan serves as the librarian at DeSoto West Middle School. They have three grown children and nine grandchildren.

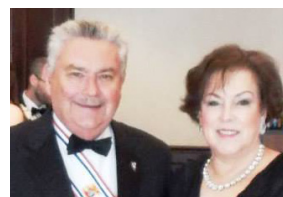
DAN AND PAT MURPHY – NOVEMBER 2014



Dan and Pat Murphy were here, there and everywhere during the Fall Festival. Dan was one of the Knights overseeing the grilling operation and also involved in the set-up and tearing down. Pat also pitched in on the disassembly along with working the

funnel-cake booth and the Saturday night dinner. In Dan's capacity as our director of community activities, he oversees the annual cookout at the V.A. hospital. Not coincidentally, he has organized the parish's annual Veterans Day dinner and program for seven years. Dan is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was active military 1975-95, so activities with and honoring veterans are special to him. After retiring from the Navy, he coordinated R.O.T.C. programs at area high schools through the 2012-13 school year. Dan and Pat are captains of Holy Spirit's Eucharistic Ministers for the 9:30 Mass. Pat is also a member of the parish's Zone Shepherds. Dan is originally from Irving and graduated from Jesuit High. He joined the Knights in 1998 and was our Grand Knight during the fraternal years of 2002-03 and 2003-04. The parish's Lenten 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. Pat is a hospice field nurse for Lion Hospice Care. The Murphys live in Dallas and have been married since 1975.

JIM AND DENISE RICHARDSON – DECEMBER 2014



Jim and Denise Richardson set a mean pace in their collective involvement at Holy Spirit and in the Catholic Church in general. Jim is in his first year as our council's Deputy Grand Knight and also as Faithful Navigator of

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CRIS VALDEZ – DECEMBER 2014

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helping at a pancake breakfast, the V.A. cookout and at the second annual clergy appreciation dinner. It didn't matter to Cris that the clergy dinner wasn't even hosted by 8157 but by our Fourth Degree Assembly 2799. "I like the kitchen," he confessed. He only started attending Holy Spirit last fall and said he wants to be "a soldier of God." Cris lives in Dallas, attended Carter High School and operates his own contracting and repair business. He has two daughters and five grandchildren who live in Grand Prairie. Cris decided to join the Knights while hospitalized at Charlton Methodist, hearing about the KC's from two council members – Arthur Rodriguez and Jeff Miller – who were among the Holy Spirit parishioners who regularly took Holy Communion to patients. "I really like this group," Cris said, "and I need to stay busy." Busy he has been. ♦

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Fourth Degree Assembly 2799. That means he should end two years overseeing the assembly when he takes over as 8157's Grand Knight. "I'm glad I'm retired," Jim said. Denise belongs to Holy Spirit's Legion of Mary and has been a member of the Carmelite Order for more than 25 years. They recently participated in activities such as the pro-life events in October. Jim belongs to both Holy Spirit's First Degree team and the diocese's Spanish-speaking Major Degree team, the latter being one of two in Texas. Jim became a Knight in the 1960s while living in Laredo, moved here in 1990 and joined the Fourth Degree in 2009 along with his son. The Richardsons have been married 51 years and have four children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. As Faithful Navigator, Jim was the primary organizer of the assembly's second annual clergy appreciation dinner held at Holy Spirit in November. He has a business degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio and was most recently director of employee relations for Verizon before retiring in 2008. ♦

2015 UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

17 – Roe Memorial Events
 Council Appreciation Dinner
20 – Officers & Directors Meeting
25 – Pancake Breakfast
27 – First Degree Ceremony
30 – Holy Spirit's Winter Welcome

FEBRUARY

03 – Council General Meeting
07 – Major Degree Ceremony
09 – Deadline for Texas Knight
17 – Officers & Directors Meeting
18 – Ash Wednesday
20 – Lenten Fish Fry #1
22 – Pancake Breakfast
24 – First Degree Ceremony
27 – Lenten Fish Fry #2

MARCH

03 – Council General Meeting
06 – Lenten Fish Fry #3
07 – 1st Qtr Corp. Communion Mass
08 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
13 – Lenten Fish Fry #4
16 – Spring Baseball Season Begins
17 – St Patrick's Day
 Officers & Directors Meeting
20 – Lenten Fish Fry #5
22 – Pancake Breakfast
24 – First Degree Ceremony
27 – Lenten Fish Fry #6
28 – Ballpark Concessions Start
29 – Palm Sunday



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