

# Knights Life

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## Bob Mulligan



Robert P. “Bob” Mulligan Jr. 69, passed away peacefully in the arms of his devoted wife in his home on April 12, 2016 in Grand Prairie. Bob was born in New Orleans, La. on June 8, 1946 to Robert P. Mulligan Sr. and Nellie Livermore Mulligan. He attended Holy Cross School and graduated from Southeastern Louisiana College with a bachelor’s degree in

marketing in 1968. Bob served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. His passion was sales; whether it be with Carnation, Revlon, Becton Dickinson, Century 21 or most recently Re/Max-Pinnacle Group Realtors.

Bob transferred into council 8157 in December 2014; so we have known him only a little while. This was, however, his second stint as a member of this Council. His experience in the Knights includes being Chancellor on a degree team. Bob became active as soon as he transferred to this Council and soon became a member of the Awareness Committee, bringing with him new ideas on how to improve communication within the Council. He attended Council meetings regularly and was a bright and energetic new addition to this Council. One of his first initiative was to provide members of the Council with business cards.

The suddenness of his death reminds us all how precious life is and to live each moment to the utmost. While his contributions to the community and the Council were cut short by a higher power, we shall fondly remember his handsome and ever smiling face.

## ABOUT OUR COUNCIL 8157

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 Church in particular. In June 1972, a group of 41 men of Holy Spirit 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 priests and other parishioners need – they are there to help and provide guidance.

### Council Monthly Meetings

<b>General Meeting</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm
<b>Officer's &amp; Directors</b>	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm

#### Postal address and meeting location

Knights of Columbus  
1111 W. Danieldale Rd Room #221  
Duncanville, Tx. 75137 USA  
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**KC District 86 – Assembly 2799**

### Council 8157 Officers

The Council Officer's listed below were officially installed for their first term in office on July 14, 2016. Their term runs through June 2017.

<b>Grand Knight</b>	Jim Richardson
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Tom Greco
<b>Chancellor</b>	Jeff Miller
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Jim Stavinoha
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Fitzgerald
<b>Warden</b>	La'Don Wright
<b>Inside Guard</b>	James Smith
<b>Outside Guard</b>	Tony Gonzalez
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Peter Perta
<b>Advocate</b>	Russell Gully
<b>Lecturer</b>	Jim Russell
<b>District Deputy</b>	Andy Goza
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fr. Joe Lee
<b>Trustees</b>	Nick Kleinhaus, 3-year Frank Salazar, 2-year Bill Dover, 1-year

### Service Program Directors

Awareness Committee	Jorge Ruiz
Baseball Committee	Allen Reitmeier
Church Activities	Jim Stavinoha
Community Activities	Dan Murphy
Council Activities	Andy Goza
Family Activities	Jeff Miller
Health Activities	Pat Stepniewski
Knight Hands	Allen Reitmeier
Pro-Like Activities	Mike Moloughney
Youth Activities	Larry Dumais
	Art Senato

### Knights Life Newsletter

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

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Tony Gonzalez, Allen Reitmeier, Jorge Ruiz, Andy Goza

### Council Website

<b>Website address</b>	kofc8157.org
<b>Website Editor</b>	Jorge Ruiz
<b>Website Admins</b>	Jorge Ruiz

### Email Communications

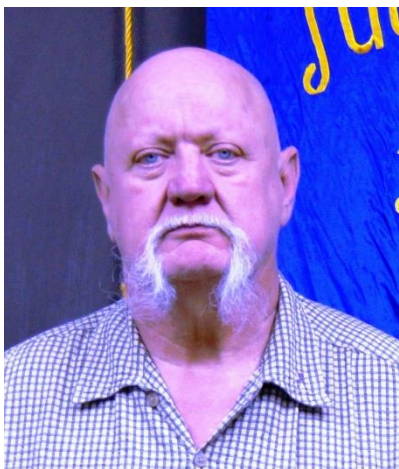
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### Membership Rosters

A full membership roster is available in paper form to all Knights in good stand at the general meeting

## Knight of the Month Apr 2016



**James  
Smith**

Here's a checklist for James Smith: two knee replacements, one hip replacement and one big ol' heart that's often on display given his boundless enthusiasm and energy to provide for

our council and all of Holy Spirit parish. James joined the council in 2013, took his major degrees a year later and recently added membership in the Fourth Degree. He's a member of our baseball committee, serving as the purchasing agent. During the recent Lenten fish fries, he was a regular out back breading the filets. Speaking of fish, James and wife Judy have been married since 1981 after meeting on a fishing boat. They have five children between them, 13 grandchildren, two great grandkids and two more on the way. They serve together on the parish's social committee, which we most frequently see in action hosting funeral luncheons. The Smiths also attend the weekly Little Rock scripture study. James grew up in Wise County and graduated in a class of five. He's a retired phlebotomist – someone who draws blood. Another object of his devotion is the Texas Rangers, even when they're playing those late-night division games on the West Coast.

## Knight of the Month May 2016



**Les Migala**

We know him as Les, which is short for his middle name. Marian Leschoslaw Migala was born in Poland a dozen years before his homeland was invaded by

Germany. Les helped fight against the Nazis with the Polish Underground while going to school. He left after the war for Paris, where he studied architecture at the Sorbonne University and met his future wife, the late Anna Makowski. They and their five children started a new life in the United States in the late 1950s. Les began working for AAFES in 1964 as an architect engineer and retired in 1994. He joined the Knights in 1984 and is a Fourth Degree brother. Son Arthur recently reactivated his membership and joined our council. Les' youngest child, Alexandre, is a brother at Council 4771 in Denton. Les' hobbies include playing Wii sports and a standing Friday-night date for Texas Hold 'Em at The Summit senior center in Grand Prairie.

## Knight of the Month Jun 2016



**Jesse  
Radillo**

Jesse joined the Knights in October 2013 and took his major degrees at Holy Spirit in February 2015. He was born in

Mexico and moved to El Paso with his family at age 2. Jesse has been in Duncanville since 1980. He and wife Teri will celebrate their 29th anniversary this September. They have one daughter, Mia, who is a junior at Texas A&M studying nursing. Jesse works for Texas Trust Credit Union, where he serves as a combination facilities coordinator and courier. Whenever Jesse helps out with the council, he does so with a smile on his face.



## 2016 World Series Concludes

I am happy and relieved to report that the 2016 little league World Series concluded about 8:30pm on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> after 5 days of excitement. Although there were less teams in this years' World Series, there was no lack of work at the concession stand at Valley Ridge and Dot Thomas. In all, 133 games were played at the two locations with 70 total teams in the tournament. In 2015 there were 82 teams in the tournament and 174 games were played; so it goes without saying that the total gross revenue was less this year than last. But don't tell that to the 70 Knights who worked with gusto and enthusiasm to make this event a success for this council. Each and every customer who approached the counter was treated with a smile and friendly service and served quality food, drinks and snacks at probably the lowest prices around. A terrific combination which earned us only compliments with not a single complaint. Congratulations to all who labored and thank you.



Many Knights worked multiple shifts and they were:

Ray Rivera	Jose Montoya	Jim Stavinboha
Roy Cormier	Lou Lemon	Ken Rarick
Al Evans	Jan Araki	Eric Conner
David Dybala	Ed O'Brien	Greg Warr
Carlos Favela	Efrain Ochoa	Steve Zehnder
Dick Bates	John Espree	Peter Perta
Mike Fitzgerald	Mike Rumsey	

These veteran and experienced Knights were the mainstay and core of Knights that brought this event to fruition. However, without the Knights that gave as much time as they could and worked one shift, we would not have been successful; and those Knights were:

Jim Kowalski	Frank Hernandez	Hector Lopez
Rod Constant	Miguel Hernandez	Frank Salazar
Jorge Ruiz	Ken Struck	Charles Turner
Ramon Presas	Bob Motta	Russell Gully
Dan Hernandez	Tony Almanza	Rod Kinard
Tom Greco	Hedrick Maison	Chris Kubin
David Camarillo	Jeff Miller	Daniel Rosales
Nick Kleinhaus	Pat Stepniewski	
Michael Bender-Jutzi		

A special thanks to the families who worked; and they are:

Bill & Cindy Dover	Mark, Cindy & Leeza Meyer
Agustin & Joanna Perez	Dan, D.J. & Josh Kurtenbach
Chris & Trevor Edwards	Reynaldo & Elsa Estrellas
Doug & James Skierski	Jeff & Brandi Wallace
Mike & Sophia Luna	Jerry & Toni Jacob

A special "thank you" to the new Knights who worked for the first time. They were:

Mark Meyer	Dan Kurtenbach	Jeff Wallace
Arthur Migala	Dan Keough	John Rizo Sr.
Keith Kelm		

And lastly a huge "thank you" to the baseball committee who worked behind the scenes to organize and coordinate all the activities necessary to make the event run smoothly; and they are:

James Smith	Andy Goza	Mike Rumsey
Greg Warr		

In the end it all comes down to a cooperative effort from many Knights to hang together in hot, tense, difficult circumstances and like true Knights you came through with flying colors.



## Family of the Month Apr 2016



**Carlos and  
Melisa  
Limones**

The council's recent Lenten fish fries provided another opportunity for brother Knights to

watch the energetic and dedicated Limones family in action. In baseball parlance, they're usually our closers. Carlos and his five children were busy helping with both the serving line and the invaluable duty of cleaning up and getting the gym set up for the parish's next activity. Carlos joined the Knights in 2014. He's a deputy sheriff for Dallas County, where he has worked for 19 years. Melisa works at NBC Universal Telemundo in Fort Worth. Their children are Bibi (who will turn 17 on April 28), Andres (14), Laila (13), Elise (10) and Porfi (9). The Limones live in Cedar Hill and have been parishioners since 2007.

## Family of the Month May 2016



**Ernest and  
Carmen  
Alvarez**

Ernest and son Ernest III helped bring a new

element to the weekly fish fries during the recently completed Lenten season. They prepared fish tacos at their Oak Cliff home and then, with the help of neighbor Tony Gonzalez, distributed them during the Friday dinners. Ernest said his 26-year-old son saw him getting tacos ready at home early on and simply said, "I'm going with you." "We do everything together," Ernest said. "We like helping people." The elder Ernest drives for Tony's MEXSNAX company while the younger one is an electrician. Ernest joined the council in February, after

he'd already begun helping with the fish fries. Ernest and wife Carmen are parishioners at St. Elizabeth of Hungary and celebrated their 27th anniversary in early April. And don't try to squeeze the "secret recipe" for the fish tacos out of him. Ernest said his son is looking at joining the Knights. "That would be my proudest moment," he said. We'll be pretty excited about that, too.

## Family of the Month June 2016



**Bill and  
Cindy  
Dover**

Bill is quasi-retired from his optometry practice, Cindy is 100 percent retired from working in his office, and Bill is now stepping aside as District Deputy following the atypically long time frame of five years. Bill says with some trepidation that Cindy should enjoy having him around the house more "as long as I don't get underfoot." Bill, who joined the Order as a teen in 1964, said, "I can honestly say these have been the five best years that I've spent in the Knights." He worked long and hard for the good of the eight councils that he dealt with and proudly states that 8157 is "one of the best councils in the state if not the nation." The Dovers are mainstays among the Saturday 5:30 Mass hospitality ministers. They met in 1971 while stationed together at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, were married a year later in her home parish near Chicago and came to Duncanville in 1974 in the earliest days of Holy Spirit soon after their discharge. The Dovers have one child, Katie, who is married to our likewise-outgoing Grand Knight, Nick Kleinhaus, with one grandchild (Will). Bill is a Fourth Degree Knight (a former Faithful Navigator) and will become one of the council's trustees in July. Cindy is a member of Holy Spirit's outreach ministry and was instrumental in beginning the parish's grief ministry.



## **Knight Hands Continues to Serve the Community**

While Knight Hands has received national recognition for the work we have done thus far, for sure we are not sitting on our laurels. By the way, if you haven't read the article about our Council in the June issue of Columbia, I would encourage you to do so.

Since the story about Knight Hands went national we have completed a number of projects in the community; all of which were important to those we served. We drove Evangeline Armstead to her doctor a number of times. We replaced rotted fascia board and attached gutters for Patricia Rolfe. We leveled the mulch in the playground at the church. We repaired a leaking roof for Kathryn McCormick. We trimmed the bushes and trees so that security lights could be installed on the church grounds. We repaired a ceiling fan, lights and heater for Deanna Rombach. We moved the household good for the Kelly family. We delivered and installed a new refrigerator for Teddy Anderson. We install a handicap commode, handheld shower and changed the light bulbs for Larry and Barb Ciebien. We refurbished the garage for Irene Salas.



I am proud to serve as the coordinator of these projects and am grateful for the Knights who have

volunteered their time and effort to complete these projects. A special thanks to David Dybala, Ken Rarick, Ray Rivera, Efrain Ochoa, and Jose Montoya who always seem to be ready to help those in need. Many other Knights as well have contributed their time to help those in the parish community and for their efforts Knight Hands is most grateful.

We are approaching 200 projects since the inception of Knight Hands and I am proud to be a part of that landmark. Since the story about Knight Hands went national, we have received a number of inquiries from Council across the country inquiring about how to implement Knight Hands in their council. I am humbled to assist them as they help those in need in their communities. Wouldn't it be remarkable if other Councils emulated what we have done here in this Council?



## Spring Cookout at St. Joseph's

To say that the residents of St. Joseph's Residence in Oak Cliff eagerly anticipate our semi-annual cookouts there is an understatement. As facility director Richard Hohman simply stated, "It's a big deal." Such was the case on Saturday, May 7, when a group of 11 brothers prepared and distributed hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, drinks, chips and cookies to residents and their relatives.

The cookout began shortly after noon, following the Mass celebrated by Fr. Alex Buitrago who came up St. Elizabeth of Hungary. For some of the residents who didn't attend Mass, they began lining up 15-20 minutes early. It looked like Black Friday. Enough burgers and dogs were fixed to feed the 80 or so diners with several making their way back for seconds.

As Larry Balagna likes to say to the appreciative recipients, "A smile is plenty of thanks."

Hats off to Dan Murphy, our director of community activities, for again coordinating the event with the home's staff. Dan was joined by Larry, Mike Fitzgerald (who brought his freshly-baked cookies and baked beans), Tony Gonzalez, Andy Goza, Francisco Hernandez, Lupe Hernandez, Doug Karpan, Jeff Miller, Jim Richardson and Ray Rivera.



## Our New Sir Knights

On April 2nd, 2016, brother Knights Tony Gonzalez, Keith Helm, and Charles Turner were escorted to a Fourth Degree exemplification ceremony outside of the DFW metroplex area to Wichita Falls to become our newest Sir Knights. Congratulations to you all on behalf of our council.



## Successful Major Degree

Our congratulations to our new 3rd Degree Knights who attended the March 5, 2016 Major Degree from our council. They are:

Charles Turner  
Luis "Tony" Gonzalez  
Dan Keough  
Tim Burns

Ernest Alvarez  
Jeff Wallace  
Juan Hernandez  
Ben Burns





## Knight Happenings

On Friday May 27, Council 8157 donated the use of our grill, tables, chairs, and tents for use in an Emergency Medical Technician appreciation cook out. Dudley Wilcox of Charlton Methodist Hospital arranged for hamburgers and hotdogs to be prepared by the hospital's food service staff. About 100 EMTs were served. Thanks to Jack Ramsden and Andy Goza for leading the Council's efforts.

Thanks you also to the Knight who participated in the Special Olympics recently held at Cedar Hill High School stadium. Frank Hernandez and Jesse Radillo represented this Council assisting in presenting medals to the many track and field Special Olympic athletes.

A special "shout out" to those Knights who participated in the annual State convention. Jim Kowalski, Charles Turner, and Tom Greco were present during the convention and represented this council with dignity.



## Knights in Shining Armor

The Knights in Shining Armor Award is awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership. It is given to those men that exemplify what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

The concept of the "Shining Armor Award" program is to get new members active in the many facets of our Council as early as possible, assist in

maintaining that activity, and also honor them as a valued member of our Council.

To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award", during their first year of membership new Knights must:

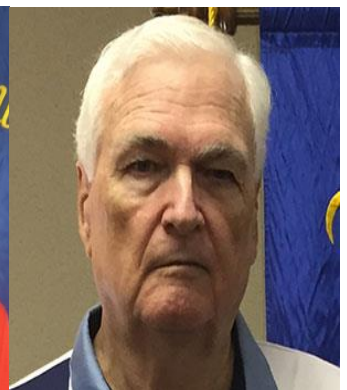
1. Be involved in at least 3 Council Service programs
2. Attend at least 3 Council business meetings
3. Receive their second and third degrees
4. Meet with our Council's insurance representative (purchase not mandatory)
5. Recruit at least one new member

Currently recipients receive Certificates of Recognition along with special "Shining Armor" Lapel Pins in recognition of their achievement.

Congratulation to the four winners this past quarter of this prestigious award:



**Elio Gonzalez**



**Charles Turner**



**Tony Gonzalez**



**Ernest Alvarez**



## Newest Knights



**Mario Mejia**  
**May 2016**

Mario said he had been thinking for quite some time about joining the Knights. "It was time to join now," he said. Al Alonzo was his sponsor, but Mario

said he didn't have to have his arm twisted. Mario came to the United States from the Philippines in 1990 and, following one month in California, settled here in the Dallas area, where wife Zenaida had been transferred. She worked for AAFES, and Mario has also worked for AAFES now for 13 years. He recently was promoted to business analyst. The Mejias live in Cedar Hill, will celebrate their 26th anniversary on July 11 and have two grown daughters.

## **Ronnie Ellis May 2016**

Ronnie is a 30-year Knight who just transferred in from Council 3593 in Oak Cliff. You've probably seen him at multiple events at Holy Spirit as a member of Assembly 2799 and the Color Corps, which he has been captain of for the past five years. Ronnie is a Dallas native and a graduate of North Texas, where he earned a degree in secondary education. He retired from the Dallas Fire Department at the rank of Driver-Engineer following 28 years, 10 as a paramedic. In his so-called spare time, he was a substitute teacher in the Dallas ISD for 10 years. Ronnie joined the KC's in 1986, remembering that Knights brought Thanksgiving baskets to his home when he was a child, and was the council's Grand Knight for three years. Ronnie and wife Joyce are parishioners at St. Elizabeth of Hungary and will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year. She's a District Deputy with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Mario said he had been thinking for quite some time about joining the Knights. "It was time to join

now," he said. Al Alonzo was his sponsor, but Mario said he didn't have to have his arm twisted. Mario came to the United States from the Philippines in 1990 and, following one month in California, settled here in the Dallas area, where wife Zenaida had been transferred. She worked for AAFES, and Mario has also worked for AAFES now for 13 years. He recently was promoted to business analyst. The Mejias live in Cedar Hill, will celebrate their 26th anniversary on July 11 and have two grown daughters.

## **Charles Esimai May 2016**

Charles is a hospitality minister at the 11:30 Sunday Mass. He is a retired teacher living in Duncanville. Charles is from Nigeria. He came to the United States in 1973 to earn his master's degree in metallurgy (the science of making metals) and later a doctorate in that, from M.I.T. He previously got a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Charles returned to his native country in 1978 but came back here in 1996. He was originally Anglican and joined the Catholic Church in April 2015 at Holy Spirit. He has four grown children.



**Nick Ogbuezi**  
**May 2016**

The emotion in Nick's voice as he introduced himself at the end of his First Degree ceremony was obvious. He described entry into the Order as a dream come

true. Nick had tried to become a Knight multiple times in his native Nigeria only to be denied. He moved to Dallas recently in search of new opportunities in his career fields of civil and structural engineering, primarily in the oil and gas sectors. He has enjoyed the chance to interact with people of diverse nationalities and backgrounds. Nick and wife Christiana were married in 2009 and have three boys (Osborne, Baruch and Eldad), and they're expecting a daughter in October. Nick is the second of four siblings having lost his father when he was 4 years old. "It wasn't easy, but we survived," he said.

## Howard Bohlin May 2016

Howard has been a parishioner since 1991, when he retired from the Air Force and moved to the Dallas area – DeSoto, specifically – where is home for his wife, Elaine. You’ll probably recognize his voice from being one of the regular readers during the Easter Vigil Mass. A Chicago native, he flew C-5 transports in the service and then became a commercial pilot. He and Elaine are both pilot instructors for Southwest Airlines. Their sons, Christopher and Andrew, live in Fort Worth and the Houston suburb of Katy, respectively. They each have twins, Christopher’s being two of his three children.



## Jeff Traub May 2016

Jeff joined the order shortly after the recent passings of his mother, Burma Wodek, and his stepfather, Ken Wodek. And he has since often asked a fellow member of the Saturday 5:30

choir, Tom Greco: “Do you think my mom and Ken are proud of me?” We’re sure they are. Jeff wasted little time in adding his major degree in late June. He was born in Chicago but moved to North Texas with his family at a young age. Jeff is a veteran of the Special Olympics as both a participant and a coach in multiple sports, including track and soccer. He lives in Duncanville often walks to Mass. He worked 15 years at Albertsons until about five years ago and now works at a workshop in Arlington.



## Ernest Alvarez June 2016

E.J. doesn’t have to go far to bump into some fellow brothers. His father, Ernest II., joined the council in February and took his major degree about two weeks later. The

Alvarezes’ next-door neighbor is Tony Gonzalez, who joined in 2015 and took his major degree soon after. E.J. acknowledged he’s “following in my father’s footsteps.” The younger Alvarez helped his dad and Tony during this year’s Lenten fish fries with the preparation and distribution of fish tacos, which proved very popular. E.J. is a graduate of Kimball High and spent some time at El Centro and Mountain View community colleges. The “J.” comes from his middle name, Jesus. He and his parents, Ernest and Carmen Marie, are parishioners at St. Elizabeth of Hungary near their home. He’s an electrician, working for JMEG Electrical. He’s in his fourth and final year of IEC trade school, which he attends weekly in North Dallas, and is looking forward to graduation. And we’re looking forward to having him as a Brother Knight.

## Upcoming Events

7-15-16	Snow cones at the church bell tower
7-16-16	Corp. Communion/Awards ceremony
7-19-16	Officers and Directors Meeting
7-22-16	Snow cones at the church bell tower
7-26-16	1 <sup>st</sup> degree induction ceremony
7-29-16	Snow cones at the church bell tower
8-2-16	Regular business meeting for all Knights
8-5-16	Snow cones at the church bell tower
8-16-16	Officers and Directors meeting
9-2-16	Regular business meeting for all Knights
9-10-16	Fall baseball begins
9-10-16	Football concessions begins
9-22-16	Stage for fall festival set-up
9-23-16	Prepare midway for fall festival
9-24/25-16	Fall festival cooking/tear down