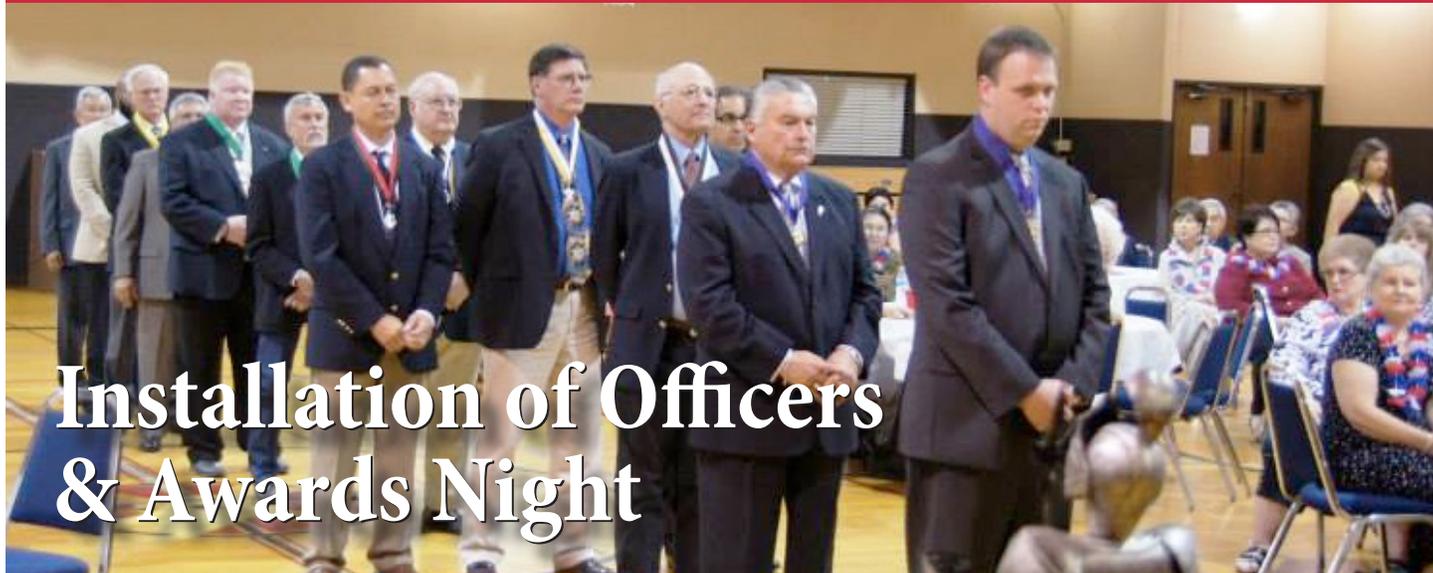


# Knights Life



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Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Duncanville, Texas, USA



## Installation of Officers & Awards Night

The installation of our 2014-15 officers and the crowning of Tom Greco as the council's 28th annual Knight of the Year were the highlights of 8157's annual awards dinner held in Holy Spirit's community center gym on June 14.

Tom has spearheaded the effort that led to the creation of the council's first degree team two years ago. That convenient avenue for bringing in new members has greatly contributed to continued significant growth in the council. Tom was awarded not only with the ceremonial bowl handed out to the winner each summer but with an additional "Tom-specific" gift - a new cowboy hat.

"This is the most amazing thing," said Tom, who recalled off the top of his head the dates that he took his First Degree and Major Degrees in 2007 and '08. When he called his father to tell him that he'd joined the order, his father replied, "They took you?"

The installation of officers was headed by the promotion of Nick Kleinhaus to Grand Knight and Jim Richardson to Deputy Grand Knight. Other brothers assuming new offices are: Tom Greco as Chancellor, John Espree as Warden, La'Don Wright as Inside Guard, Al Alonzo as Outside Guard and Frank Salazar - the outgoing Grand Knight - as Trustee Third Year. Officers returning from the previous fraternal year are: Advocate Russell Gully, Financial Secretary Peter Perta, Treasurer Mike Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary Jeff Miller, Lecturer Jim Russell, Trustee First Year Jack Ramsden and Trustee Second

Year Andy Goza. Council member Bill Dover, our District Deputy, presided over the installation. Other outgoing officers along with Frank were Inside Guard Bob Lamb, Outside Guard Art Senato and Trustee 2nd Year Chris Edwards.

The two recipients of the council's annual scholarships were announced. They were Trevor Edwards (son of Chris Edwards, graduate of Duncanville High headed to Texas A&M-Commerce) and Taylor Kvapil (granddaughter of Jack Ramsden, graduate of Waxahachie High headed for Stephen F. Austin).

### Message From Grand Knight Nick Kleinhaus



My brother Knights, as I assume the duties of Grand Knight, it seems appropriate to introduce myself to those of you who don't already know me, and share something of the goals that I have for my time as your Grand Knight. I joined the Knights of Columbus in the year after I graduated from The Catholic University of America. I took my Major Degree shortly thereafter. Later that year, I took a job as a Knights of Columbus insurance agent. This was my full time occupation for two years. As a field agent I had the opportunity to observe six different councils in action, to see what they

# ABOUT 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 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.

## COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

**General Business:** Every 1st Tuesday 7:30 PM

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

### New Knights Orientation:

Quarterly - Every 1st Tuesday 6:30 PM in the months of January, April, July and October.

### Postal Address & Meeting Location:

Knights of Columbus Council 8157  
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Duncanville, TX 75137 USA  
(972) 298-4971

**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 DIRECTORS

**Awareness Committee:** Jorge Ruiz  
**Baseball Concessions:** 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

## 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.

**Newsletter Editor & Publisher:** Jorge Ruiz

### Newsletter & Website Writers:

Jeff Miller, Allen Reitmeier, Michael Moloughney,  
Jim Kowalski, Jorge Ruiz

### Newsletter & Website Photographers:

Al Alonzo, Allen Reitmeier, Andy Goza, Jorge Ruiz

## COUNCIL WEBSITE

**Website address:** [kofc8157.org](http://kofc8157.org)

**Website Editor:** Jorge Ruiz

**Website Admins:** Jorge Ruiz, Mario Ramos

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## EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Emails are sent out to our members on a regular basis, make sure you add the email address below to your contacts list so our emails don't go into your junk/spam folder.

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## MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

A full membership roster is available in paper form for all Knights in good standing at the general membership meetings.

## Installation of Officers

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Jack Anderson was presented with a lifetime achievement award. Frank Salazar was presented with a lapel pin as well as a personal version of the Grand Knight ribbon that he has worn during the past two years.

With Andy Goza serving as emcee, a number of groups of Knights were recognized.



Jack & Juanita Ramsden with Davida & Billy Callender

The Degree Team: Tom Greco, Jim Richardson, Andy Goza, Al Alonzo, John Espree, Peter Perta, Ramon Presas, Jim Russell, Art Senato, David Dybala, Allen Reitmeier and Bill Dover.



Peter and Bimbo Perta

### **The directors of our service committees:**

Service committees supervisor: Nick Kleinhaus; Health: Patrick Stepniewski; Council: Andy Goza; Pro-Life: Mike Moloughney; Youth: Art Senato and Larry Dumais; Family: Jim Richardson; Community: Dan Murphy; Church: Pat May; Membership: Tom Greco; Knight Hands: Allen Reitmeier.

Members of the new Baseball Committee: Allen Reitmeier, Jim Myers, James Smith, Andy Goza, Greg Warr and Jose Montoya.

Members of the Awareness Committee: Jorge Ruiz, Allen Reitmeier, Jim Kowalski, Chris Kubin, Al Alonzo, Nick Kleinhaus, Brad Lamb, Mike Moloughney and Jeff Miller. Thanks to all of the Knights and their ladies who made the evening possible, including providing red-white-and-blue leis for the women in attendance.

## Message from Grand Knight Nick Kleinhaus

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had in common, and what separated them. A few years later I volunteered to take on an officer's position in our council. First I was Chancellor, then Recorder. I have served three terms as a Deputy Grand Knight. I am excited at this chance to lead our council at this time. These are interesting times for our council, which has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years. As the council has grown, I believe that the need for those with leadership responsibilities to communicate to the broad base of the council has grown as well. Fortunately our communication apparatuses, our council website, e-mail list, newsletter, and monthly business meetings are up to the task.



When it comes to the management of our financial resources, the council has created a spending plan for the revenue we anticipate earning over the course of our fraternal year. It numbers in the tens of thousands of dollars. It is my intention to share the actual expenditures as compared to the spending plan from time to time.

Our council has a great many charitable and fraternal activities. We are active in our community through events like cook-outs for cancer survivors, emergency medical first responders, and residents of St. Joseph's retirement community. We are the cornerstone of parish life through pancake breakfasts, fish fries, and setting up for the fall festival. We are active as a council with corporate communions, awards banquets, and First Degree ceremonies. Every Knight I know joined the Order so that he could participate in such activities. If your schedule has not permitted you to take part in the activities of our council in the past, or if you have focused on other avenues for being of service, I hope you will look anew for an opportunity to be active with the Knights of Columbus. Check out our website or come to the meeting on the first Tuesday of every month and I am sure you will find something that excites your desire to make a difference in the lives of others. And if you have an idea for a program that Council 8157 could add, please bring it to my attention. I look forward to working with and for each of you this fraternal year.

GK Nick Kleinhaus.



# Knight of the Year Tom Greco

Moments after Tom Greco was presented with the traditional silver bowl for being named 8157's 28th annual Knight of the Year, he asked fellow members of the council's degree team to come up and hold the bowl themselves since they were so much a part of the award. Kind of like winners of the Stanley Cup each holding it after skating to victory in the hockey playoffs. "It's just the most amazing thing to me," Tom said. "What wonderful brothers I have in this council."

Tom was the driving force in establishing our first degree team just a few years ago and has been in charge of it since then. Having a degree team has been a monumental part of the council's growth in recent years, where we're no longer dependent on locating a degree ceremony elsewhere in the diocese. We know there's an avenue for installing new members every fourth Tuesday right here at Holy Spirit.

Tom joined the Knights on Nov. 13, 2007 and took his major degree on Jan. 20, 2008, dates that he can recite off the top of his head. He ironically was invited to join by the council's membership director at the time, Bill Dover, and is now the council's membership director himself. Tom moved from the office of Warden to that of Chancellor with the beginning of the new fraternal year on July 1.



Tom and his wife of 39 years, Helen Beggane, are familiar faces in the choir at 5:30 Mass on Saturdays, and Tom also serves as a lector.

It would be difficult to identify a previous 8157 Knight of the Year who was more appreciative of receiving the honor. Two weeks after the mid-June announcement, Tom wrote a letter to the council that was read at the July general membership while he was out of state visiting his parents.

"Still, I can't find words adequate to say how honored I am. ... An award such as this is more than a recognition of past performance. It's also a call for continued service. You have bestowed a great honor on me, and I plan to thank you by continuing to do those things you have found valuable in my tenure as a Knight."



# Frank Salazar

## Grand Knight 2012-2014

By Andy Goza

Frank Salazar is a self made man. He came to this country at a very young age and has been more than just a survivor. He is deeply compassionate in his beliefs and his way of thinking. He is a person that does not mind getting his hands dirty. Some might say that he learned some of this being in the military. Frank has always been a person that could and always lead by example. He is not too good to take on any task that is set before him. Frank came on board with the

Knights taking his First Degree in August of 2008 and his Majors in November of the same year. He then followed up by becoming a 4th Degree Knight shortly after that. Frank wasted no time getting involved with our Council. He became the inside guard under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Chris Edwards. After his term of two years he became the Deputy Grand Knight under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Andy Goza. He certainly did excel in knowledge and showed many great qualities and would soon become one of our best

Grand Knights of Council 8157. He did such a great job he was awarded the Knight of the Year. He definitely did deserve this most prestigious award. I just knew that there would be even better things to come to our council.

After his term as Deputy Grand Knight he took over as Grand Knight and even more things began to fall into place. We had just created a First Degree Team as he took over as the leader of the Council. Under his leadership for his two year term, the council has received many awards that no other leader has accomplished at Council 8157. Just to name a few is the award for having the most First Degree ceremonies in the State in his first year in office. He followed



that by doing it a second time. Membership has nearly doubled during his term in office. He attributes this to the entire council getting involved and being very supportive. I feel the most awesome of his accomplishments is the fact that the Council made Double Star Council which has never been done in our 32 year history. That means that we doubled our recruitment goal. Hopefully we should be learning very soon that we accomplished this goal again his second and final year in office. What else can be said other than the past two years has been the very best in Council 8157 history. There is no disputing this, it is just fact. I think we can all say with confidence, " **Fantastic Job Frank Salazar!**"



# World Series 2014

Sixty-six Knights from Council 8157 volunteered to work at one of the concession stands during the little league World Series tournament completed on Sunday June 29th. This was, by far, the largest contingent of Knights to work any project in the 30+ year history of this Council. 121 games were played at Valley Ridge Park and 36 were played at Dot Thomas Park from June 25th thru June 29th. Knights worked a total of 105 work shift of 4 ½ hours each for a grand total of 472+ man/hours. Add to that all the preparation time and stocking time by the baseball committee and the total man/hours exceeded 550. For these hours more than \$20,000 in sales was generated.

On Wednesday June 25th, all the team (there were 73 teams in the World Series this year) players and coaches and fan were at Valley Ridge for instruction and registration and skills competition. This was cut short by rain; but the games started on time at 8:00am on Thursday at both Valley Ridge and Dot Thomas. Since no one was allowed to bring food or drinks into the parks, the concession stands were open by 7:00am and usually closed by 8:00pm. Typically 6 Knights worked each of three daily shifts at Valley Ridge and two Knights worked each shift at Dot Thomas. In addition to the traditional fare of Breakfast sandwiches, BBQ sand-

wiches, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, French fries, popcorn, nachos, Frito pies, drinks, candies and snacks, this year we added Earl Campbell sausage sandwiches and snow cones. Dot Thomas' menu was somewhat abbreviated.

There were many heroes at this year's event; Knights who went above and beyond the regular 4 ½ hour work shift. Here are some of them: James Smith/Andy Goza made 1 or 2 trips daily to the parks stocking each with raw materials. Ken Rarick not only worked three shifts – but one of the shifts was on his birthday. Mike Rumsey worked three regular shifts and then filled in on an emergency basis on very short notice for a fourth shift. Hendrick Maison worked a shift on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning and then stayed until 4:00pm because we needed the extra help. Jeff Miller switched shifts on practically no notice at all and then stayed an extra 2 hours because he saw we needed the help. Larry/Shiela Balagna worked two shifts at Valley Ridge (Thursday and Friday morning) and then closed Dot Thomas on Sunday afternoon. Ray Rivera not only worked three shifts; but also convinced his grandson to help on two of those shifts. Steve Castillo worked during the day at his regular job and then worked at the ballpark at Valley Ridge from 4:00pm until closing

on Thursday and Friday. Greg Warr not only did the accounting for the entire spring baseball season; but also worked two regular shifts and then pinch hit for another shift at Dot Thomas. Jan Araki quietly worked the counter on three shifts and always insisted on paying for the items he ate or drank.

The "above and beyond" efforts of the above named Knights in no way lessens the importance of those Knights who labored for one or two shifts and they were: Doug Skierski who kicked off the event on Wednesday morning (he had volunteered along with his son – James – to work each morning of the World Series but was called away to Austin on business), Juan Chapa worked the middle shift on Wednesday. Roy Cormier worked the middle shift on Wednesday making nachos (he is a new Knight), Jim Stavinoha worked two shifts (Wednesday and Friday) and manned the snow cone station. Mike Higgins gets credit for two shifts even though one was cut very short by the rain on Wednesday. Ed O'Brien who opened Valley Ridge on Thursday and Friday. Rudy Hernandez who worked a double shift on Thursday (from 7:00am until 4:00pm). Rod Constant who always finds the time to work at the World Series. Jose Montoya worked the Thursday middle shift and helped get the parks ready by cleaning

and installing the equipment. Carlos Favela worked the two middle shifts at Valley Ridge on Thursday and Friday. Chris Edwards worked the closing shift on Thursday after working all day running his sign business. Nick Gleason worked the opening shift at Valley Ridge on Friday and then the middle shift on Saturday (he is now a snow cone expert). Jim Russell worked the middle shift at Dot Thomas on Thursday and then the opening shift at Valley Ridge on Friday. Ernie Coy made French fries and popcorn during the middle shift on Friday at Valley Ridge. Abel Lugo worked the closing shifts on Friday and Saturday at Valley Ridge. Mike Fitzgerald worked the opening shift on Saturday before he left for Minnesota. Bob Motta did his cooking magic on Saturday morning at Valley Ridge. Jay Trapp cooled the drinks and made snow cones Saturday morning at Valley Ridge. Larry Dumais worked the counter Saturday morning at Valley Ridge. Alan Garcia a very recently installed Knight, made French fries and popcorn (on a broken machine no less) on Saturday morning at Valley Ridge. Ken Struck worked the counter and whatever else was needed at Valley Ridge Saturday morning. Arturo Benal is now officially a cook after doing so Saturday morning at Valley Ridge. Russell Gully saved the day on Saturday middle shift by inviting his wife Tricia to work the counter with him. Jesse Radillo cooked hot dogs, made BBQ sandwiches, Earl Campbell sandwiches and chicken sandwiches Saturday middle shift at Valley Ridge. Dan Hernandez was the nacho and Frito pie Knight on Saturday at Valley Ridge. Eric Conner, who has never missed a World Series, worked the counter on Saturday middle shift at Valley Ridge. David Dybala left his lake house to work the closing shift on Saturday. Ray Presas iced drinks and made snow cones on Saturday closing shift and then worked same along with his step-son Andy (he's 14) on Sunday middle shift. Billy Callender worked nachos and Frito pies on Saturday closing shift. Efrain Ochoa was the French fry Knight during the closing shift Saturday at Valley Ridge. Bill Dover worked the counter opening shift Sunday morning,



Greg Porter, who was instrumental in getting Valley Ridge baseball built in 2007, worked the counter opening shift Sunday morning and stayed long after his shift ended because the line was long. Michael Bender-Jutzi did cooking duties Sunday opening shift at Valley Ridge. John Espree did cooking duties during the always busy middle shift on Sunday at Valley Ridge. Jerry Jacob made French fries Sunday morning (he

Dot Thomas on Thursday and Friday morning. Frank Salazar worked the first shift at Dot Thomas on Thursday morning. Mike Luna rushed from his job to work the middle shift at Dot Thomas on Thursday. Tony Houston worked the closing shift at Dot Thomas on Thursday. Jim Richardson worked the closing shift at Dot Thomas on Thursday and the middle shift on Saturday at Dot Thomas. Nick Kleinhaus manned the stand at



Dot Thomas Saturday morning opening shift. Mike Moloughney was Nick's partner at Dot Thomas on Saturday morning. Pat Stepniwski worked the middle shift at Dot Thomas on Saturday. Peter Perta and Ben Burns and Tim Burns worked the opening shift at Dot Thomas Sunday morning. Chris Kubin and David Camarillo took over from the morning shift at Dot Thomas and worked until 4:00pm. Credit must be given to Jim/Lillian Kowalski and James Picha because they volunteered

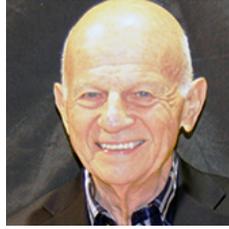
attempted to make popcorn; but alas the machine has perished). Tony Almanza helped close the World Series on Sunday afternoon/evening. Mario Ramos also was present during the closing of the World Series on Sunday making nachos and Frito pies. Agustin Perez Sr. worked the counter Sunday closing shift at Valley Ridge. Dan Murphy opened

but we were unable to find a shift for them to work. Jim Myers gets credit for helping prepare the stands for the event. To all the Knights who participated in this year's event, the Council and in particular the baseball committee would like to say "a job well done" and thanks to all. You have made your Council proud.

## Bennie Sikorski

### *April Knight of the Month*

Bennie Sikorski agreed to join the Knights of Columbus as an officer in the U.S. Army early in 1971 while stationed in Hampton, VA. “It was kind of a casual thing,” Bennie recalled. But as he learned more about the order, he became more involved. And remains involved years after his 23 years in the service – leaving as a lieutenant colonel – and years after spending 25 years with General Dynamics and then



he said. “That’s just been my goal. I get a lot of enjoyment out of helping people.” Which he does at Lenten fish fries and cookouts and informally assisting those in his neighborhood. Bennie has been a parishioner since 1998. He grew up in Houston, graduated from St. Thomas High School and then

Computer Science as a data systems manager. “Being in the service, you always try to help people,”

earned an economics degree from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. Bennie later added an MBA in management and data systems from the University of Dallas and also attended military command and general staff college in Kansas. Virginia, his wife of 54 years, passed away in 2007. He has two children, Michael (who runs the Cyberlink Application Service Provider company in Irving) and Belinda (stationed in Germany working for the Department of Defense). Michael has one child, 17-year-old Sean.

## Ken Rarick

### *May Knight of the Month*

Ken Rarick estimates he was working in some fashion from the time he was 9 years old until he retired from the manufactured housing business seven years ago. Now, Ken is typically the first Knight to volunteer his services to assistant Knight Hands chairman Allen Reitmeier on projects that help residents in our community who need some repair and replacement work of some kind. “I like doing those jobs,”



his major degree this past February at the ceremony hosted right here at Holy Spirit. Ken and wife Patty celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in June. And Ken celebrated his birthday working at the KC’s baseball concession stand in Cedar Hill for the second consecutive year. (He should

Ken said, “as many as I can.” Ken joined the Knights in September 2008 at Allen’s suggestion and took

move his birthday to avoid the annual conflict.) The Raricks met while at Kent State University in Ohio. They’ve lived in Ovilla for almost 15 years and have been members of Holy Spirit since 1977. Ken has long been active in parish life, including participation in Holy Spirit’s finance committee. The Raricks are often on the personal shuttle to Flower Mound, where their four grown children all live. That would be Bob (46), Jeff (42), Kathy (41) and Brian (36) along with four grandchildren.

## Frank Salazar

### *June Knight of the Month*

Frank fittingly closed his two years as Grand Knight as our Knight of the Month. His term at 8157’s helm saw tremendous growth in the council’s ranks. Frank said he will most remember succeeding Andy Goza as Grand Knight, being named the council’s Knight of the Year and participating in Holy Spirit’s 40th anniversary celebration on Pentecost Sunday this



to meet a lot of brother Knights.” Frank joined the council in 2008 and took his major degree two days later. His “final days” as Grand Knight were spent in typical GK fashion – making sure the council would prepare a cookout dinner for the close of Holy

year (June 8). “It was a very memorable two years,” Frank said. “Especially, I

had the chance to meet a lot of brother Knights.” Spirit’s Vacation Bible School and pitching in at the Cedar Hill World Series baseball concession stand at Dot Thomas Park. He now serves as one of our three Trustees. Frank and Lourdes, natives of Cuba who met only after both moving to Dallas, have been married for 42 years. They have two children (Barbara Hill, who lives in Dallas with husband Brian) and Jonathan (living in Florida). The Salazars have four grandchildren – Jonathan’s Alexis and Barbara’s Audrey, Olivia, Evelyn and Asa.

## Abel and Victoria Lugo

### *April Family of the Month*

Abel Lugo is one of multiple Knights who are part of the “vest” platoon – parishioners who serve the vital task of coordinating traffic in the church parking lots during children’s faith formation on Sunday mornings. He jumped in soon after joining the council, helping on the Lenten fish fries. Abel joined the Knights in January and took his major degree at Holy Spirit only two weeks later. He is



a brother-in-law to another relatively new Knight, La’Don Wright. Abel is from Dallas and graduated from Skyline High School in 1994. He was then in the Marines until 1998. After returning home, Abel earned an asso-

ciate’s degree from El Centro College in Dallas in applied science. He works at Dallas Regional Medical Center in Mesquite in the cardiac catheter lab.

Victoria is also employed in the medical field. She works at Victory Medical Center in McKinney as a surgical specialist. They have three daughters, Daniella (14), Sofia (11) and Isabella (4).

## John and Bonnie Espree

### *May Family of the Month*

John and Bonnie, parishioners since 2000, are involved in a slew of Holy Spirit ministries and related organizations. John joined the Knights in March 2012 taking all three degrees at once and recently became our council’s Warden. He helped out at most of the Lenten fish fries (not to mention embarrassing a number of us afterward on the basketball court playing H-O-R-S-E). He served as captain of the



council’s Valley Ridge baseball concession Saturday morning team. During the faith formation year, he was part of the traffic control detail that is quietly so important to our youngest parishioners. Bonnie is likewise a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Ameri-

cas, recently installed as Financial Secretary. She attended Holy Spirit’s most recent ACTS retreat for women in February and also participates in RCIA. John recently celebrated his 26th anniversary working for Kenworth Trucking. He is from Louisiana and the little town of Mamou (the “Cajun Music Capital of the World”) in Evangeline Parish and came to Texas when he was 18. Bonnie is from El Paso by way of Austin. They have three grown children (Daniel 33, Johnny 31 and Jenny 30) and one grandchild (Jenny’s Jeremiah, 7).

## Pat and Betty May

### *June Family of the Month*

The 40th anniversary of Holy Spirit parish in early June sparked a memory in Pat. The Mays lived in Oak Cliff, behind Bishop Dunne, when Holy Spirit was officially formed early in 1974. Pat was involved in the usher program at St. Elizabeth’s. “Before Holy Spirit started, you couldn’t find a seat,” Pat said. “After that, it was far



different.” The Mays relocated to Duncanville in 1997 and joined Holy Spirit. Pat joined the Knights that same

year. Fr. Timothy Heines asked Pat to head up the ushers program, which he did until just recently. Pat has been the council director for church activities for almost 15 years. He is from Chicago and met Betty, from Dallas, when he was in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Wichita Falls in 1948. They have four grown children. Betty was one of the founding members of Holy Spirit’s Catholic Daughters of the Americas chapter.

## 2014 Duncanville Hike for Life



Our second annual Hike for Life in Duncanville will take place on **Saturday October 11th at Armstrong Park in Duncanville, TX.** We will start promptly at 8:00 am with registration and give out H4L shirts for everyone who raised \$20.00 or more. After registration, Fr. Joe Lee will give a blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with assistance of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps. There will be Pro-Life speaker who will talk to us about current Pro-Life events. Immediately after we will start our 5K walk or run. A 5k hike is equivalent to 3.1

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Armstrong Park  
Duncanville, TX**

miles which is a little less than four times around the park. After the 5K Hike we will all enjoy hot dogs, drinks and snacks prepared for us by the our own Knights of Columbus Council 8157. Our first Hike for Life last year was huge success, it was a beautiful day and the temperature was perfect. We achieved our three part H4L goal by 1) raising awareness that we all need to be more involved in Pro-Life, that innocent lives are lost every day and that it isn't going stop without our help. 2) By raising funds for Crisis Pregnancy Centers so that they may continue

their life saving mission, We raised over \$1000.00 last year. 3) To distribute Pro-Life literature and t-shirts. While many Pro-Life walks around the country require that you bring in hundreds of dollars before receiving a T-shirt, we don't. We want these shirts out in the public so that others will see the beauty of life depicted on the shirts and to gain assistance with an unplanned pregnancy using the phone number we supply on the back of every H4L shirt. You never know who will see your shirt when you are walking around or standing in line at the store... so wear your shirts often.

## Pro-Life ACE Wing Awards



As Catholics, Knights of Columbus have the responsibility to work for the common good of society. Our Holy Father has called us to be Pro Life, from conception to natural death. The Pro Life movement needs witnesses to act through personal involvement and daily actions.

**ACE** stands for: Pro-Life without **A**pology, without **C**ompromise, and without **E**xception.

I am happy to announce that the following Knights and some of their spouses have met the requirement by viewing the documentary, "Blood Money, the business of abortion" in its entirety, on Thursday April 3rd at Holy Spirit Catholic Church:

Juan M Chapa, Jim Russell, Mary Russell, Doug Karpan, Jim Kowalski, Gerald A Jacob, Andy Goza, Susan Goza, Al Alonzo, Allen Alonzo, Alex Sabo, Michael Luna, John Espree, Marcus Jones (Gene), Jean Jones, Greg Warr, Debbie Warr, Jorge Ruiz, Larry Dumais, Russell Gully, Patricia Gully, Dan Murphy, Pat Murphy, William (Randy) Reetz, Michael Moloughney, Art Senato.



### NORTHPARK ABORTION CENTER CLOSED

The Northpark abortion center on Meadow Road near Greenville Avenue in Dallas closed its doors on June 1st largely because of the legislative approval and judicial review of HB 2, which placed stricter rules on abortion providers in the state. The Catholic Pro-Life Committee had a memorial service that began at 8 a.m. with Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church at 8017 Preston Road, followed by a rosary procession by bus to Northpark. The Mass and memorial service was said to remember the thousands of children who lost their lives at this abortion site.



## EMT Appreciation Cookout

On Friday, May 23 the Knights of Holy Spirit Council 8157 partnered with Dudley Wilcox, the EMT liaison at Charlton Methodist Hospital to hold a picnic for local Emergency Medical Technicians as a part of EMT appreciation week. Knights from Holy Spirit, including Frank Salazar, Nick Kleinhaus, Leo Mattingly, Andy Goza, Jack Ramsden, Ben Sikorski, Ray Rivera, Allen Reitmeier, and Billy Calendar delivered and set up tents, tables and chairs, and provided the portable propane grill for the preparation of hamburgers and hotdogs. The hospital provided the food and a cooking crew. In all about 225 EMTs, ER staff, Cath Lab team members, and other first responders. These included members of local fire departments from Dallas, Duncanville, De Soto, Cedar Hill & Lancaster, as well as private ambulance services, including Care Flight and East Texas EMS. In addition to the picnic, there were also prize drawings that included tickets to Rangers games and gift cards.



The 110th annual Texas State Convention was held on May 2-4, 2014 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. The convention was a great success and an opportunity to meet brother Knight's from all over the State of Texas and make friends for life. You have the opportunity to get 1st hand information on the operation of The Wheelchair Foundation, The Special Olympics, Pro Life and the Squires programs etc. etc. etc. You also get to

know the State Office personnel. To get a better description of the convention, contact one of the participants or their wives from council 8157. Representing council 8157 were Jorge Ruiz, Jim Kowalski, Tom Greco, Bill Dover, Andy Goza and Frank Salazaar. All of the participants from council 8157 wished more members from our council would have participated to see the amount of awards presented to our council. Every member

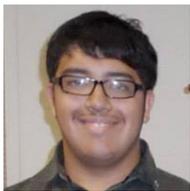
in good standing is eligible to attend the Memorial Mass (with 2,500 other brother Knights and their wives), all the meetings and the hospitality rooms at no cost. Make plans to attend the next Texas State Convention scheduled in Dallas in 2017. Learn how the Knights operate at the state level and how bright the future of the Knights in Texas looks. It is fun and educational.



### Roy Cormier

Identifying Roy's hobby as garden- ing might be slightly understated. He earned a degree in agricultural ed- ucation from what is now known as the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

After 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, he owned and oper- ated three Lawn Doctor franchises. Roy's military career included flying over the Atlantic searching for Soviet ships during the Cuban missile crisis and deployment to Viet- nam. His favorite flight plan was a trip that sent him to British Guiana on which he met a KLM employee named Frances, who became his wife in 1961. The Cormiers have four children – James (52), Philip (51), Brian (45) and Al- lisa (45) – who all live in Texas along with eight grandchil- dren. The Cormiers have been parishioners since the early 1990s and live in Ovilla.



### Alan Garcia

For an 18-year-old going into his senior year at Life School Waxahachie, Alan has some pretty specific plans. He'd like to major in music and business man- agement in college–Fort Worth's Texas

Wesleyan, if possible–and eventually open a guitar shop and hire homeless military veterans. Alan's family have been parishioners for about 10 years. He has helped at the Fall Festival and on youth retreats and says he makes friends with just about everyone. At school, Alan is a choir leader (a combo baritone/bass) and a lineman on the foot- ball team (he's 6-1, 279). Alan is an Eagle Scout. He has one sibling, 15-year-old brother Antonio Vela Garcia.

### Chuck Garner

Chuck was born and reared in Dallas, graduated from Je- suit High School and earned bachelor and MBA degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University. It was at SFA that he met Dede, and they were married in 1989. They have two children - Nick (21), who graduated from Bish- op Dunne and is an SFA student himself; and Kathy (19), who graduated from Ursuline Academy and is at UT-Dal- las. Chuck works for Chase as a risk manager. The Garners have been parishioners since 1995 and live in Duncanville.



### Prospero "James" Gatus

A major in the U.S. Army, James left for a scheduled three-year stay in Germany one week after joining the council in late June. He is a nephew of Al Alonzo, a cousin of Allen Alonzo.

James grew up in the Philippines but came to America and joined the military, stationed in Fort Polk, La. Along the way, he earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern State in Louisiana and a master's from Oklahoma. He and wife Ethel have been married almost 16 years. They have two daughters - Bianca (12) and Kristen (6) - with a boy due in November. James has spent two one-year tours in Iraq and is now a logistics officer



### Antonio Gomez Sr.

Antonio grew up in Donna, Texas, where he graduated from high school in 1966. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army for the next two years, in- cluded a 10-month tour in Vietnam.

Antonio was stationed in Mineral Wells and learned to do maintenance on helicopters. He often spent weekends in West Dallas, where he met his future wife, Maria Elena, and they were married in 1977. One of their four children, Maria Angelina, born in 1981, lived only 37 days. "Our angel in heaven," Antonio said. Antonio Jr. is 35, lives in Cedar Hill and joined the council during the same cere- mony. Christopher, 28, lives in Arlington, and Angelica, 23, lives in North Dallas. The Gomezes have two grand- sons. Antonio is retired from a career working helicopter maintenance. He and Maria Elena live in Grand Prairie and have remained members of Our Lady of Lourdes par- ish in West Dallas.



### Antonio Gomez Jr.

Antonio, or Tony Jr., joined the council alongside his father. He is a 1997 grad- uate of Duncanville High. He and wife Jessica have been married five years. Antonio has four children - Rey (13),

twins Anastasia and Victoria (12) and Tobias Rex (2, also known as "T-Rex"). They live in Cedar Hill. Antonio is an account officer with Bank of America, where he has worked for nine years. He was invited to join the council by his uncle, John Espree. His hobbies are cars, motorcy- cles and fitness - soccer and basketball, to be specific.



### Rudy Hernandez

Want proof that Rudy is a man of varied interests? He has an electrical engineering degree from Texas A&M and enjoys poetry. He recently retired from Texas Instruments after 22 years,

most recently as a global design manager. Not that Rudy is putting his feet up. He's now focused on a start-up software

company called Smart Apple Solution that helps schools with their online efforts. Rudy was born in Mexico, moved to Texas at an early age and graduated from high school in Del Rio. He and wife Rosalba live in Cedar Hill, have been married for 16 years, have a 14-year-old son named Alejandro and have been parishioners for about six years. Rudy helps with the youth ministry on Sunday nights.



### Tony Herrera

Tony is an “original” Holy Spirit parishioner from 1974. He’s from West Texas, growing up in Marfa and marrying Elisa from nearby Fort Davis in 1961. They came to our area a few years

later when Tony answered an ad for an electrician. He was later hired by Sears as an automotive technician and spent 37 years there before retiring in 2007. Elisa died of cancer in 1984. Tony has one child, Norma Jean. Tony volunteers in the outreach ministry’s Eucharist Minister program as an EM companion for the homebound and sick, including those in hospitals and nursing homes. “They perk up their eyes when they see you,” he said.



### Carlos Limones

Carlos was born in Dallas and is a 1992 graduate of Duncanville High. He and wife Melisa will celebrate their 15th anniversary in late July. They have five children - Bibiana (14), Andres (13) Laila (11), Elise (8) and Porfi (7). They’ve been parishioners for 14 years. Carlos likes to watch his kids play soccer and baseball.



### Ben Luna

Ben’s family moved from Illinois to the Dallas area when he was a child. He graduated from Duncanville High in 1995. That same year, he met his future wife, Renee, who was attending

Mesquite High. They live in Ovilla and have one child – Sayla, 18. Ben plays in a men’s soccer league.



### Jesse Martinez

Jesse worked in a print shop in his native Waco for nine years, pining to get outside. So he earned two agriculture-related degrees from Texas State Technical College, came up this

way to work at Northwood Country Club and now is a

maintenance supervisor for the City of Dallas’ parks and recreation department. He and wife Cristalyna have been married since 1994 and had their union convalidated in 2009. They have four children – Benito (22), Alicia (17), Juan (10) and Joe (9). Jesse and Cristalyna have been involved in multiple Holy Spirit ministries since joining the parish about 10 years ago. They live in Cedar Hill.



### Mario Ramos

Mario graduated from Big Spring High in west Texas and came to the Dallas area to attend DeVry Institute. He married a Big Spring girl, Gloria, and they settled in Dallas. Mario is a

shop foreman at Cobra Coating in Cleburne, and Gloria works at CareNow. They have been married for 14 years. Mario has a 24-year-old stepson (Abel) and sons Corban (15) and Mathew (13). His hobbies include computers, web design, photography and coaching soccer. Only weeks after joining the council, he joined 8157’s awareness committee.



### Arthur Rodriguez

Arthur has been a parishioner since 1975. He came to Dallas in the 1950s when his family moved up from Kingsville. He graduated from Crozier Tech and then got started working on

jet engines before spending almost four years in the U.S. Air Force during the mid-1960s, including deployment to Vietnam. He retired from GE’s operations at Love Field in 2005. He has been married to Olga, who is from Costa Rica, for about a year. You might recognize Arthur from Holy Spirit’s music ministry, which he has been a member of for 16 years.



### Jim Stavinoha

Jim is in his second go-round as a Knight. He initially joined years ago when he was a student at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. He’s retired following 20 years in the U.S.

Army and another career that culminated with him working for a manufacturer of scientific lab equipment. He retired from the Army in 1989 as a major. Jim grew up just south of San Antonio in the small town of Jourdanton. He met his wife of 45 years, Sharon, on a blind date at a fraternity party. Sharon works as a nurse for a neurological practice in Mansfield. They have three grown children – Jennifer, Tracy and Corey along with four grandchildren. The Stavinohas live in Cedar Hill.

# St. Joseph's Residence

## Spring 2014 Cookout

Another successful cookout for the residents of St. Joseph's Residence took place this past Saturday, May 10th, 2014 by the Duncanville Knights of Columbus Council 8157. Of all our charity events this is always one of the most rewarding. Our goal is to bring a little bit of comfort to the elderly residents who seem to delight in our food and our company alike. On this day a vivacious resident named Eliza was celebrating her 91st birthday and much to her delight we all joined in to sing her the birthday song.



Eagerly awaiting lunch and sitting with her walker to one side was **Mrs. Eleanor McCaskill**, 85, a 5-year resident of St. Joseph's and Holy Spirit parishioner.

Eleanor expressed her deep sadness about being alone since her husband Bill passed away and from living away from home. She had fallen a few days before and wore a bandage over her left eye. She spoke fondly about her children and was looking forward to her Mother's Day picnic at Joe Pool Lake with her son and family the next day.

**Irma Gualy**, 93, a highly spirited 6 1/2-year resident of St. Joseph's couldn't wait to have someone listen to her stories about her upbringing and successful adult children. Hard of hearing and almost blind, she identified her biggest fear as being the loss of memories and yet she managed to recall vivid details of her family and life in Colombia, South America and told them with such enthusiasm that one could not help but be charmed by her. She spoke clearly and loudly in perfect Spanish and said she was of German descent and spoke fluent German as well.



Mrs. Irma Gualy and GK Frank Salazar

Visiting the residence today and spending time with 91-year-old Eliza (the birthday girl) was volunteer **Maria Torres** and her 4 young children. Maria said she came one day to visit a friend and will never forget how she was "moved" by Jenny, a resident who begged her to return to visit her again. She now makes frequent visits to the residence and plans on starting a Knitting Group.

Keeping up with the daily chores of running the residence's kitchen for the last 5 years is no easy task for **Gloria Pereira**. Gloria is one of nine



full-time employees at the residence whose main responsibility is keeping the kitchen open for business. Gloria came to Dallas, Texas from Mexico City via California where she met her husband when she was 21 years old. Gloria recalled the hardships they had to endure before she and her husband became American citizens and the struggles with living separated by country borders at times while raising their young children. After many years working in construction, her husband is now disabled from a work-related injury and Gloria has to help provide for her family. Today Gloria and



her husband are the proud parents of three successful adult children.



St. Joseph's Residence 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. It is run by the Bethlemite Sisters, Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which arose from the Bethlemite Order, begun in Guatemala in 1658 and now based in Bogota, Colombia.

Our council was represented by the following Knights: Al Alonzo, Allen Alonzo, Larry & Sheila Balagna, Billy Callender, Deacon Al Evans, Mike Fitzgerald, Andy Goza, Francisco Hernandez, Ben Luna, Doug Karpan, Pat May, Jose Montoya, Jim & Lou Ouimet, Jack Ramsden, Ray Rivera, Jorge Ruiz, Frank Salazar, Grand Knight; Bennie Sikorski, James Smith, Pat Stepniewski.



# KNIGHT HANDS

## *Projects #84-91*

Since the publication of the March 2014 Newsletter, Knight Hands completed 8 additional projects bringing the total number completed since inception to 91. On March 25, Ray Rivera and Allen Reitmeier repaired the screen door of Patricia Carroll (a Meals on Wheels client). Ray Rivera and Allen Reitmeier spent 6 man/hours on March 25th installing new legs on the hospital bed for Jack Anderson as well as repairing a drawer. On May 6th, Ken Rarick, Larry Balagna, Jorge Ruiz, Ray Rivera and Allen Reitmeier modified the kitchen arrangement in the home of Linda Wentsch to accommodate different appliances – including installation of a dishwasher, a surface unit range and a built-in oven. This project took approximately 37 man/hours to complete as well as approximately \$275.00 in materials. On May 19th, Jose Montoya (chief engineer on the project), David Dybala, Ray Rivera, and Allen Reitmeier installed a gate on the fence

in the back yard of Cynthia Poole. This involved replacing 4 existing fence posts as well as repairing the existing fence and then building and installing swinging gates with all the hardware. We also installed a dishwasher, repaired her air-conditioner and installed 16' of peg board in her garage. All this was completed with an expenditure of 36 man/hours and \$196 in materials. Also on May 19th, Allen Reitmeier and Linda Reitmeier picked up, delivered, and hooked up a dryer for a Gabriel-Mom in Duncanville. On May 20, eleven Knights took part in moving the household good of Myrna Lazarus and Kate Russell which entailed 52 man/hours of labor (see complete story on our website under the heading “Moving with Knight Hands”). On June 16, Ray Rivera and Allen Reitmeier replaced the flagger valve on a commode, hung new blinds in the dining room and repaired a leaking faucet on the tub for a Meals on Wheels client. On June 17, Jorge

Ruiz and Allen Rietmeier worked approximately 6 man/hours trying to unclog the washer drain for Jim and Allison Pullen to no avail. A plumber was called in to complete the job at a total cost of \$130.68.

Knight Hands' mission is to “assist those in the Holy Spirit parish area live a more peaceful and stress free life by providing minor home repairs, household chores and transportation services to those who qualify”. There is always a need for more clients as well as additional Knight Hands. If you see someone in need or if you are interested in serving others in the community contact Allen Reitmeier at [alreitmeier@gmail.com](mailto:alreitmeier@gmail.com) or 214-850-3602. “Charity gladdens the heart of the giver” intones Jim Richardson during his 1st degree presentation and he continues, “...without the exercise of which wealth has no power, the heart has no love and life has no charm”. He speaks the truth.

# Holy Spirit's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



A small army of Knights was deeply involved in the celebration of Holy Spirit's 40th anniversary as a parish, which was observed on Pentecost Sunday (June 8). KC's were part of the planning and execution of the outdoor Mass, subsequent picnic and other related activities.

It had been Fr. Joe's dream for years to bring the parish together for one Mass instead of the typical Holy Spirit weekend schedule in which parishioners can attend any of five Masses. Hence, the theme of the celebration was "One Church, One Body, One Spirit." To be able to accommodate the anticipated gathering, the Mass was held outdoors in the church's east parking lot. The parish rented a professional sound stage and 1,700 folding chairs.

The group of parishioners that began piecing together plans for the celebration months in advance included KC's Jeff Miller, Mark Meier, David Dybala, Dan Murphy, Chris Kubin, La'Don Wright, Mike Moloughney, Mario Tiambeng and Larrie Dean. Andy Goza, Jack Ramsden and Billy Callender made it clear early on that they'd be happy to help out wherever needed. The celebration began with a novena held each eve-

ning from Friday, May 30 through Saturday, June 7. On Wednesday night, June 4, the parish welcomed a special guest speaker, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, known to many Holy Spirit folks through his appearances on Catholic radio. His talk was entitled "Why Be Catholic?" It detailed his faith journey and also provided insight that everyone could benefit from.

An adoration took place most of the day on Saturday the 7th, ending with the final novena. It was then time for a special anniversary performance of Holy Spirit's music ministry.

A collection of Knights answered the call to put together the infrastructure of the Mass and the picnic under the direction of Mark and David, who called upon their experience doing the same for the annual Fall Festival.

Dan and Chris planned the picnic lunch with the goal of feeding 1,000 people as quickly and efficiently as possible. For months, there were two concerns regarding holding an outdoor Mass – excessive heat or rain. On Sunday morning, June 8, the latter was a factor and lessened the effect of the former. But an estimate 1,000 parishioners were prepared for rain, even while parking offsite and riding shuttle





buses provided by Bishop Dunne.

The Mass began on time at 10 a.m. with Bishop Kevin Farrell helping to preside. If you'd looked at live color radar five minutes earlier, you'd have assumed a downpour would send the attendees scrambling for cover. Instead, a light rain fell for the first part of the 90-minute celebration. I guess it was the power of prayer, which Fr. Joe called upon minutes before Mass began.

The Mass was followed by the picnic. The KC cooking contingent, led by Grand Knight Frank Salazar, prepared sufficient hamburgers and hot dogs. Mike's kids games kept the youngest entertained for hours. Al Alonzo presented



a 90-minute video with a collection parish remembrances from through the years.

It was a milepost day in the history of Holy Spirit, which first celebrated Mass as a parish on June 16, 1974. And Knights were found front and center at most areas of organization and volunteerism as they have been since the council was formed in 1982.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY**

15 Jul – 7:30 PM  
 Officers & Directors Meeting

19 Jul – 5:00 PM  
 Corporate Communion Mass &  
 Potluck Dinner

22 Jul – 7:00 PM  
 First Degree Ceremony

**AUGUST**

05 Aug – 7:30 PM  
 Council General Meeting

14 Aug – 7:30 PM  
 Assembly 2799 Meeting

17 Aug – 8:00 AM  
 Summer Blood Drive

19 Aug – 7:30 PM  
 Officers & Directors Meeting

26 Aug – 7:00 PM  
 First Degree Ceremony

**SEPTEMBER**

01 Sep  
 Labor Day

02 Sep – 7:30 PM  
 Council General Meeting

11 Sep – 7:30 PM  
 Assembly 2799 Meeting

16 Sep – 7:30 PM  
 Officers & Directors Meeting

20 Sep – 5:00 PM  
 Corp Communion & Awards

23 Sep – 7:00 PM  
 First Degree Ceremony