

Knights Life



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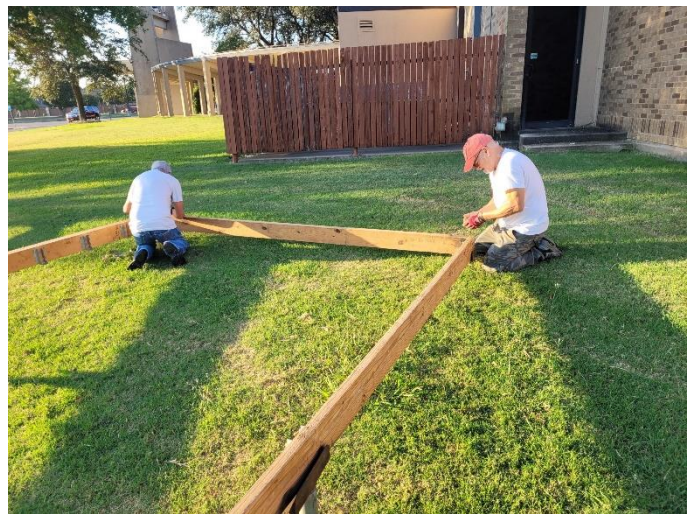


Do you ever wonder how many hours Knights work to make the Fall Festival a success? Let's see if we can figure it out. The first chore for the Fall Festival was setting up the gymnasium for the rummage sale.

This year 12 Knights helped set up the tables, the clothing racks, the book shelves and whatever else was needed – an estimated 51 man hours. The tear down probably did take quite as long; but it still took about 46 hours. Next, several Knight helped set-up the rummage sale – sorting clothing, pricing items, stocking the tables, and helped during the sale days as well. Certainly Jeff Traub, Jack Ramsden, Frank Salazar Mike Fitzgerald, Mike Clark, Larry Balagna, Jim Russell, and David Ybarra among others come to mind – an estimated 141 man hours. Next came the stage set-up. – 9 Knights including Antonio Razo, Efren Perez, Mario Luna, Mike Fitzgerald Jesus Medina, Miguel Hernandez, David Ybarra Larry Balagna and myself, came for that tack for a total of 26 man hours. Then the Midway was set-up and dismantled –many, many Knight took part in this. I'd say at least 180man hours. And in between all these tasks, Knights worked to organize the whole Festival – kudos to Chris Kubin, Joe Cuellar, Efrain Ochoa, Mike Moloughney, Gamaliel Hernandez Dr. Nieto, and many others – I'm just guessing here; but I'd say



140 man hours. And finally Knights cooked the hamburgers, turkey legs and hot dogs - an estimated 66 man hours. So the total estimated time Knights worked to make the Fall Festival a success was 650 man hours.



The Knights of this council should take great pride in helping to raise money for the Church through all their hard work. There are so many Knights to thanks for a job well done. So to all the Knights who gave of their time and talent, a huge THANK YOU.

About Your Council

Council Monthly Meetings

General Meeting every 1st Tuesday 7:00pm

Officer's & Directors every 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm

Postal address and meeting location

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The council Officers are officially elected for a one year term each June. Their term in office follows the fraternal year, from July 1 through June the following year

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Knights Life Newsletter

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Membership Rosters

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

Knight of the Month July. 2024

Joel Lopez



Joel Lopez was born in 1981 in Houston, TX. He moved to Duncanville's Holy Spirit Catholic Church in October 2023. He was a very active

member at Our Lady of Guadalupe downtown beforehand and even served as an altar boy there. He graduated from Duncanville High School and has one brother named Omar. He and his wife, Anna, usually attend the 11am mass or the Spanish mass. Joel lectures at any mass when he has the time. They have five kids and one child on the way. They are: Ariel (8years), Alexa (12 years), Gisselle (18 years), Jocelyn (22 years), and Joel Jr. (25 years). He likes football and boxing as an interest where he began at a young age. He trains kids and has trained them at Ring of Hope boxing club downtown. Joel manages a warehouse in Farmers Branch and has been doing so since 1998. It is on Midway and 635 and he says that being bilingual has helped him at his job because his employees are Latin, Venezuelan, and Mexican. Joel's father's name is Romaldo and his mother's name is Ysidra and they are from San Luis Potosi in Mexico which is known for its beautiful waterfalls. His father came to the US at 16 years old and did landscaping. He suffers from diabetes and has received a wheelchair from the Knights in the past in order to get around. His mother cares for him as well as he and his brother, Omar, who lives in Waxahachie. Joel says he is always working and his wife is a housewife. Joel was also in a terrible car accident 15 years ago and that he needed a metal rod in his leg and plate in his jaw. He is heavily influenced by Mary Flusche and James Smith. He was recruited by Adan Luna and Allen Reitmeier. He likes to go to meetings and get to know people and to keep up with what is going on.

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Pedro Zuniga



Pedro earned this award for his work to repair our smoker. He is a craftsman with a welder. He cut into the smoker and installed a new door, installed sliding shelving and repaired the chimney. Besides that he comes to our

meeting. Pedro and his wife, Raquel, have resided in their current address in Duncanville for 24 years. They have been married for 30 yrs. and have a 28 yr. old son and a 30 yr. old daughter and two granddaughters. Pedro is originally from Nuevo Leon, Mexico and has owned a welding company for the past 20 years and previously worked an additional 10 years as a welder for a private company.

Knight of the Month Sept. 2024

Mario Luna



Mario Luna was elected Knight of the Month for September 2024. Mario has been a knight for 3 years – since June 2021. He was recruited by Ramon

Presas, he got to know Mario on Sundays as he would say hello to him when he was there. Mario is a retired carpenter and retired just this year and his only hobby is that he is a Knight where he enjoys fellowship, comradery, helping out, and working together. He was born and raised in Corpus Christi, to Jesus and Victoria Luna. Mario was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Corpus Christi. He moved to Dallas in 1975. Before he lived in Glenn Heights, he lived in Red Oak. He has lived in Glenn Heights now for 11 years. He is divorced, but has 4 grown kids and 11 grandkids as well as 5 great grandkids! Wow, congratulations Mario on your family and on being Knight of the Month.

Knights in Action

While many Knights spent hours and hours working at the Fall Festival, other Knights continued to serve the needy in the parish community. Knight Hands continues to serve those who ask for help with home repair, yard work, and home maintenance. Here are some examples of Knight Hands projects completed this past quarter. We bought installed grabs for Joe Nedley. J.T Staph and I did this job.



We trimmed trees at the home of Catherine Lawler – thanks to Alex Carlson, Jack Ramsden, Efrain Ochoa, and Moises Martinez.

We complete two P.I.P projects – thanks to Moises Martinez, Manuel Urias, Jesus Aguirre, Hector Rubio, and Rod Kinard



We repaired the garbage disposal for James Smith.

We secured loose ceiling panels and repaired many seam joints and painted all the seams for Ruth Lewis. Thank you Steve Zehnder



We refurbished the smoker – thank you Efrain Ochoa and Pedro Zuniga



We repaired a leaking toilet for Cynthis Stalone Poole – thank you Ray Rivera

We found and delivered a shower chair to Rosaura Vielma – thank you Adan Luna.

We procured and loaned out a wheelchair to Annette Jewett.

We built and installed a new fence gate, trimmed a number of tree, cut up a fallen tree and straighten a fence for Nancy Amorella– thank you Juan Gomes and his son Jose and nephew Damien, Moises Martinez, Jesse Radillo, Joel Lopez, and Jesus Aguirre.

Family of the Month July 2024

Peter and Bimbo Perta



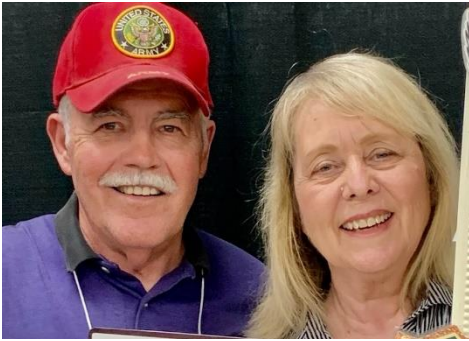
Peter is currently the council's financial secretary (since 2013) for the Knights. He joined the Knights in 2011. He and his wife, Bimbo (Bernadine) are

both from central New York state. He is from Utica which is outside of Syracuse and was born and raised there. He is a cradle Catholic. He met Bimbo at the Carrier Dome where she was working at the concession stands and he was just passing through as a customer. They have been married for 14 years. They live in Dallas, just on the border of Dallas and Cedar Hill, and have 2 step children and 4 grandchildren. Peter attended St. Anthony of Padua Parochial school and graduated from Proctor High School. Peter currently works for Nestle (27 years) as a Senior Manager of National Accounts and before that he had worked for Nabisco. His job requires plenty of traveling and has brought him to many places in the United States and abroad including Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands. He works remotely when he is not traveling. Peter and Bimbo graduated from SUNY College. Bimbo is now retired from working as an office director for the Syracuse Police Department and then the Duncanville ISD. Peter says he may have plans to retire within the next couple of years. Outside of traveling for work, he travels with his wife who is from Ireland originally as Peter is from Italy originally. They have been to Ireland and are planning to go to Italy. Peter also plays golf and does household projects in his spare time. Bimbo also does sewing and crafts and she is self-taught on how to sew things like quilts, pillow covers, table runners etc.. They both attend the Saturday night mass where Peter helps organize the ushers as part of the hospitality ministry. Peter has one brother in Rome, New York while Bimbo has two brothers, she has also lost two sisters in life. Peter says his goals for himself as a Catholic are to continue what he has been doing. You can catch both of them working the baseball concession stands. Peter attributes Frank Salazar for becoming the Financial Secretary and Andy Goza for joining the Knights. Thank you, Pete, for all of your hard work!



In total Knights worked about 78 hours to complete these projects. While these projects may seem small to the Knights, they were very important to those we served. This Council should be proud of Knight Hands.

Family of the Month Aug. 2024



**Lou and
Dian
Lemons**

Lou and Dian Lemons were married in 1969, they had met in college at Southwest

Oklahoma State in Weatherford, OK off of I-40, the old route 66. Lou was born in Arkansas and then moved to Anadarko, OK, where he graduated junior high and high school with his parents William Louis Lemons, Sr. and Ella Jean Underwood. Lou was born May 15th, 1948 exactly a year after his parents were married. He says he was a gift to them both on the exact day. Lou began college at Oklahoma State where he says he experienced culture shock as he had a freshman classroom of 200 people which was more people than the town he grew up in. He decided to transfer to Southwest Oklahoma State where he graduated with a psychology and biology degree. He wasn't drafted for Vietnam because of student deferment, but was later called up after graduating He was stationed at Fort Carson, CO where he did boot camp and basic training. He was a counselor at the Army Community Service Center and he also worked with handicapped children. He had also received a master's degree in science education. Lou stayed with the Army until 1999 when he retired. In 1990, he and his wife moved to Dallas and he worked for the AGR medical service corps in Seagoville at the General Hospital. He was also deployed to Bosnia for 9 months in 1997-98. Lou was also a junior ROTC teacher at Sunset High School in Oak Cliff. He got to watch them gain confidence and become good leaders. He feels that he and his NCO's did a good job with them and taught them that they could accomplish more than they imagined for themselves. Lou also retired from that position in September 2015. Dian was born in Elk City, OK as a Catholic which is how Lou, a former Baptist, became a Catholic and he has stayed in stride since then. Dian used to teach at a private school and taught science and math. She is a retired schoolteacher. They have four kids, 2 boys and 2 girls, William III, Jesse, Theresa, and Patti. They traveled to Israel last year with Father Eugene as his daughter Patti went along with Jesse, his son, as well as Jesse's

wife. Lou and Dian also have 3 granddaughters. Lou became a Knight in 1983 while in Oklahoma, but some of the Knights that have helped him along the way are Frank Salazar, David Dybala, Dan Murphy, Allen Reitmeier, and John Espree. He and Dian have lived at their home on Beaver Creek since 1995.

Family of the Month Sept. 2024



**Frank and
Lourdes
Salazar**

Frank joined our council in 2008 and was quickly recognized as a leader and so

became Grand Knight in 2012. During his tenure as Grand Knight, Frank was everywhere making sure all event were successful. Frank generally has a solid opinion about issues and expresses that opinion with conviction. You can also trust his word –he does what he says he will do. Lourdes was right at his side when he was Grand Knight. Since his role as Grand Knight., Frank continues to be an active Knight, participating in nearly all Knight of Columbus activities. Again Lourdes is there to support him. You could see them working together at the rummage sale preparation. You can also find Frank at the 9am Sunday Mass where he is a Hospitality Minister. Both Frank and Lourdes are from Cuba. They have 2 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Don't forget to log onto www.kofc8157.org for more details about all Knight activities. If you push the button in the lower left corner of the home page, it will convert to Spanish or Filipino

New Members



Jose Medina

Welcoming Jesus Medina, a man with great heart and passion for serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus came to the US as a young adult at the age of 18. Jesus is originally from

Michoacan Mexico where he went to school and as well married his wife Beatriz Fernandez and both formed a lovely family here in Dallas. He has attended Holy Spirit since 2014 where his daughters received their holy sacraments; Mariana and Fernanda Medina – their only daughters – who attend Dallas Schools. Jesus and his wife both are part of The Guadalupanos here at Holy Spirit as well and at the Spanish Mass of 1pm where he helps out with hospitality. Jesus is a busy man working where it's needed; he said he feels like he will be accomplishing many things with the Knights of Columbus; helping out as he is in bathroom remodeling and more. Jesus helped out already in the breaking down of the rummage sale



Jose Garcia

Let's clarify Jose's name first. He goes by Jose Garcia but his full name is Jose Angel Garcia Olmedo. Jose was born and raised in Zacatecas Mexico and came to the United States as an

adult. He attended school in Zacatecas and received his GED here in Dallas. Jose has been married to Maria Conception for 24 years and together they have 5 children – Alejandra, Daisy, Jose Angel Jr, Rosario, and Isaac. Together they have been attending Mass starting in 2005 at Santa Clara of Assisi and Holy

Spirit since 2016. Jose helps at the 1pm Mass as a Hospitality Minister. Jose and his family have lived in Duncanville for the past 9 years. Jose is his own boss in that he is a self-contractor in the remodeling business. He plays soccer in his free time along with watching games on television. Jose was swayed by the convincing words of Adan Luna about the benefits and perks of membership in the Knights of Columbus. Many of us have already met Jose during the August regular meeting. Welcome aboard.



Juan Gomez

Juan joined the Knights in January of 2024. He has done lots of stuff before that induction. He was born and lived in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico

until he came to the United States at the age of ten. Thirteen years later he married Erica Guadalupe and together they are raising their five children as well as adopting another. Their children are Damian (15), Nestos (14), Oscar (13), Ariana (7), Gael (2) and their adopted child Jose Minoz (17). His family have been members of Holy Spirit for many years – for sure all the years since they move to Desoto where they have lived for the past 9 years. By profession Juan is a technical engineer – currently working on a technical oil project in west Texas. But while he is doing this, he is also operating his own business with a shop in Dallas that manufactures insulate glass and as well as doing preventive maintenance on industrial equipment. It's a wonder he keeps all these balls in the air at the same time. On top of that, when I asked him what he does with any free time he has he said “I teach my kids on small engine repairs and basic electronics” (they have a shop at their home – they're currently working on a VW Beetle). He joined the Knights of Columbus as the urging of Adan Luna, because “I want to help others”. Well, he certainly joined the right organization.