

Knights Life



In Memoriam



Wilton Joe passed away on January 17, 2025. He was born in Cade Louisiana to Morris and Laura Joe. He grew up in Lake Charles,

Louisiana. He graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic High School and joined the U.S. Army where he served for 23 years and retired in 1985. He served two tours in Vietnam and five tours in Germany. While traveling the world to different duty stations, Wilton took college courses and received his degree. For the past 60 years, Wilton has been married to Shirley and together they have two children – Tiffany and Monte. After his military career, Wilton worked for the VA with 20 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a lifetime 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Not many of our current Knights have met Wilton because he lived in Fort Worth. Rest in Peace Wilton.



David Scholl passed away on January 23, 2025. David was born in St. Helene, California to Frances and Margaret Scholl – third oldest of

11 children. David was a lifelong devout Catholic and an avid political conservative. His grammar school was Holy Spirit Catholic School, he graduated from St. Vincent Ferrer High School, and had a degree from St. Mary's college with a BA in economics. David was a writer while living in California, including his first article (1975) "Socialist Hot dogs" and later he authored/co-authored two publication (1982 and 2010). David served in the Army in artillery and tank support roles. He was proud that his service and Veteran status helped his children with tuition. He pursued his lifelong love newspapers by publishing and editing when he bought the Dixon Independent Voice in 1995. David married Pat in 1995 and have three children. Rest in Peace, David

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

Chaplain	Fr. Uche
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Deputy Grand Knight	Marc Evans
Chancellor	Paul Ryan
Recording Secretary	Roberto Nieto
Treasurer	James Smith
Warden	Adan Luna
Inside Guard	Gamaliel Hernandez
Outside Guard	Russell LeRoy
Financial Secretary	Peter Perta
Advocate	Russell Gully
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	Jorge Ruiz
	Dan Murphy

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Faith	Charles Ruelas
Life	Mike Moloughney
Youth Activities	Mike Moloughney
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Retention	Paul Ryan
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Community	Dan Murphy

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Robert Nieto
Jim Russell

Knights Life Newsletter

Our Newsletter is published quarterly. 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 are available at the general meeting.

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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 Jan. 2025



Jesus Aguirre

Congratulations to Jesus on receiving Knight of the Month! Jesus Aguirre works in IT at JP Morgan Chase and has been a resident of Cedar Hill the last 5 years in their home on Wintergreen. His wife, Nohemi, and he were married at the downtown Guadalupe cathedral in Dallas in 2004 and they have 4 kids: Josue (18 yrs), Jacob (17 yrs), Joel (15 yrs), and Nataly (13 yrs). Jesus went to school at St. Mary of Carmel, high school at St. Michael and received his Associates degree from El Centro College in software development in 2003, and his Bachelor's degree in 2018. His wife is also Catholic and is a Latin language teacher at Great Hearts. Together, they attend and volunteer at the Guadalupe Cathedral teaching religious education and catechism. Jesus was recruited by Adan Luna to be a Knight and works with Allen Reitmeier doing Knight Hands projects and baseball concessions. He has traveled to Mexico City and speaks English as well as Spanish. His goal as a catholic is to catechize the youth and teach them not to lose hope and get to know their faith. He is a bible reader as well as a reader, gardener (likes to work outside), and woodworker.

Knight of the Month Feb. 2025

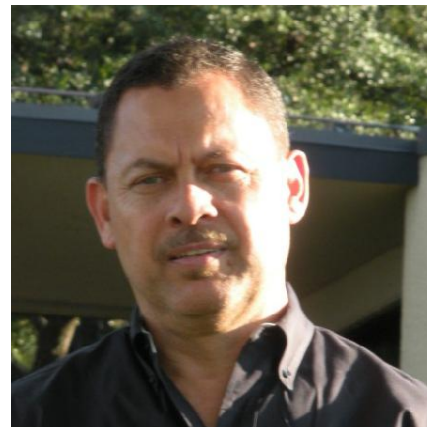


Marc Evans

Knight of the Month for February is Brother Marc Evans. He is married to Gilda Evans. He has 3 brothers and 3 sisters, his brother James Evans from Moorsville, SC, passed away. They were married in Bloomington, IN at St. Charles Borrowmeo. Marc has only been a Knight at Holy Spirit Catholic Church for 3-4 years and was recruited by Keith Archer. Already he is the Deputy Grand Knight. He and Gilda have 2 kids, one boy and one girl. Gabe who lives in Los Angeles and Marcela who lives in El Paso. There are no

grandkids. Marc's hobbies are traveling and gardening and pretty much doing everything that his wife Gilda says to do. Marc is retired from finance and marketing, working with computer systems and companies such as NCR, NCR sales – time management and project management training, he is a formal analyst at American Airlines, food and beverage as well as Sabre Airlines where he commercialized computer systems and managed catering services. He worked for 30 years and attended college at NE Missouri State in Kirksville, MO and graduated graduate school in Business and Finance Marketing.

Knight of the Month Mar. 2025



John Espree

John is the guy that comes toward you with an outstretched hand and a big smile. Maybe it's because he grew up in Louisiana or maybe it's the way he's adopted the habit after working in outside truck parts sales for 35 years...but it is a welcoming attitude toward his fellow man. You'll find John using his welcoming attitude serving as Usher at Mass, at any Knights activity or at any other Parish activity Bonnie, his wife, volunteers him to support. John has a blended family of a son, two daughters, and two grandkids (ask John about his new granddaughter, Catalina Grace Garza born a couple years April and watch him smile!) John and Bonnie moved to Duncanville in 2010 and joined the Knights in 2012 (where he says he is "a happy Indian"). John asked that we help him pick up any trash left behind after Mass..."it's a shame so much stuff is left behind." I've also been told John likes playing with Hot Wheels...

A Very Busy Quarter

The Knights were very busy this last quarter -from Jan 1st thru March 31. First of all, Knight prepared and served approximately 1,000 folks who partook of the Lenten fish fries.



Drew Carlson, Hector Lopez, Russell LeRoy, and Lou Lemons

The menu included catfish, Hush Puppies, French fries, salad or coleslaw, drinks of all kind, jalapeno's, pickles, and even turned the catfish into fish tacos if so desired. It is a tall order to serve nearly 250 people in a very short period of time. Nearly every Friday afternoon and early evening 32 – 35 Knight joined together to make the fish fry a success. You can read about the fish fries on our website – www.kofc8157.org.



Juan Torres and Jesse Zuniga

Knight Hands were busy as well this past quarter in which they completed many projects ranging from a few hour job to jobs that took multiple days. Knight Hands delivered a number of wheelchairs to needy people, delivered goods for a number of Gabriel Moms, built a new Baptismal Font, replaced a ceiling in a bathroom, re assembled a coffee table, install a dryer cord and TV., installed shelves in the storage shed, re-shingled a roof, bought and installed a washer and dryer, replaced two defective lavatory faucets, and installed a new commode.



Dan Murphy and John Owen

A number of Knights also worked at the concession stand at Valley Ridge Park starting on March 15th. There were a number of Knights that worked for the first time supplying concession food and drink to the league fans.



Robert Nieto and Keith Archer

Knights continue to deliver meals on Wheels on a regular basis. Each day you can find members of this council at the pick-up point for Meals on Wheels located at the senior center in Duncanville. On Sunday March 16th, 2025, the Knight prepared and served breakfast at no charge. David Ybarra orchestrated the whole affair with James Smith assisting. The menu included bacon, hash browns, biscuits/gravy, pancakes, fruit, and drinks – quite a deal for free. There were 13 Knights working to make the breakfast a success.



David Ybarra, John Owen, and Mike Fitzgerald

In addition the Council held its' annual appreciation dinner orchestrated by Mike Fitzgerald and many assistants. Those in attendance enjoyed conversation, food, music, and dancing. The full story can be seen on our website – www.kofc8157.org.



Gamaliel and Myra Hernandez and Maria Razo

On February 15th the Parish held its second annual pre-lent **Casino Night**. As occurred last year this event was only able to take place because many of our Knights and their wives volunteered to play key roles in making this event happen. **Dr. Robert Nieto** volunteered to head up the committee that consisted of **Chris Kubin, Dan and Pat Murphy, Jim Ouimet, and John Espree**. The team of **John Espree, and Dan and Pat Murphy** was responsible for developing a heavy hors d'oeuvre menu for the event. Once again, your council donated the beer and wine for the event. **Dan and Pat Murphy, Robert and Gloria Nieto** spent many hours on February 15th setting up tables, arranging the silent auction items for display, decorating for the event, and completing initial food preparations. The afternoon cooking crew of **Efrain Ochoa, Frank and Lourdes Salazar, John Espree, Jim Ouimet, Mary Archer, and Dan Murphy** began final food preparation around 3:30 so that all was ready to go when the gamblers showed up at 6:30pm.



iNorma Luna, Adan Luna, Efrain Ochoa, Jim Ouimet, John Espree and Pat Murphy

For more details about these events visit our website – www.kofc8157.org

Family of the Month – Jan 2025



**Barry and
Lilibeth
Barksdale**

They met in 1988 and Barry says it was love at first sight. She is a Filipino and is

retired but a homemaker working at home. Barry is a project coordinator and has been for 26 years working for Frontier Communications. He loves the Philippines and has been there several times. He enjoys the way of life, people, and especially the food. They have two kids, Nadia and Mariah, and one granddaughter. Barry has been a Knight since 2006 when he was recruited and influenced by Dan Murphy, Ed O'Brien, and Chris Kubin. He and his wife live in Cedar Hill, TX. Barry has volunteered with the Knights doing the Lenten Fish Fry, baseball concessions, and visiting nursing homes while working with Allen Reitmeier on occasion. As a Catholic and former Baptist, he is a man of peace and hopes for the world to have peace in the middle east particularly Israel where he visited just before the war began in 2023. He says people must return to Christ and love one another as well as stop their own selfishness. He loves to sing, play the bass guitar, go fishing, and cook as well

Family of the Month – Feb 2025



**Russell
and
Patricia
Gully**

Russell and Patricia Gully have been married for 40 years. They were married in Austin, TX

at St. Austin's Catholic Church. He works as a mostly retired attorney here in Dallas while Patricia is a homemaker. He and Patricia have 3 grown daughters together; Monica, Teresa, and Rachel. They also have 2 grandkids. Russell has been a Knight since 1986. He has held many titles, including Grand Knight. He has been the

Council's Advocate for many years. He has been a regular Saturday middle shift worker at the concession stand. His regular interests are college sports and gardening. He is a fanatic Texas Longhorn fan – his alma mater. He and Patricia live in Desoto. Russell's goal as a Catholic is to keep the faith.

Family of the Month –Mar 2025



**Jim and
Lillian
Kowalski**

Jim and Lillian Kowalski were born Catholic and were married at St. James Catholic Church in Oak Cliff, TX. Jim is from

Milwaukee, WI and Lillian was born and raised in Oak Cliff. Jim has been a member of the KofC for 62 years and is a charter member and is retired. He had worked as a graphic arts salesman for Eastman Kodak and as a KofC field agent, which he stopped doing in 2005. He was also an Air Force Reserve. Lillian worked for Allstate Insurance for 40 plus years and retired in 2007 and then she worked for a spine surgeon at Presbyterian Hospital which she stopped doing just before Covid. They have lived at their home since 1978. The Kowalski's have 4 kids: Gregory, Janie, Joseph, and Brian. They have attended Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church over the years. Jim volunteers for Meals on Wheels, Special Olympics, and is also an usher at the 9am Mass on Sundays. He also received the Knights of Columbus Dallas Diocesan person of the year award in 2007-2008. Lillian says she stays involved with her kids and grandkids (6 grandkids) as well as their 1 great grandkid, Ayden, who is 2 years old. She loves to garden and stay outside when it is warm weather. Jim's hobby is to go deer hunting down close to Brownwood, TX. Lillian is a member of the Duncanville Women's club and says she loves to play bridge and bunco...she enjoys meeting up with people in order to do things. Jim has served as Grand Knight twice and has also served as warden and chancellor. He says his biggest influence on him as a catholic was his mother, Margaret, and Lillian's biggest influence was both of her parents. Both of them stand for being better parents to their kids and grandkids as well as the Catholic right to life issue in which they have participated in rosaries for.

New Members



Zack Cazares

We welcomed new Brother Knight Zack Cazares, on Sunday, January 12, 2024. Zack and his wife Norma have been members of Holy Spirit for the

past three (3) years. They previously attended mass at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for 29 years. in Dallas/Oak Cliff. They have resided in their current address in Lancaster for 4 months and previously lived in Dallas for 10 years. Zack and Norma have been married for 26 years and they have three sons ages 38, 36 & 21 yrs. old and a daughter who is 31 yrs. old. Zack was born in Kingsville, Tx. and raised in Dallas. Zack graduated from Adamson H.S. in Oak Cliff, received his B/S Degree from UT Arlington and his Master's Degree from Texas A&M Commerce, Tx. Zack is currently pursuing a Doctor's degree in Leadership. He has been an educator for 21.5 years in the Dallas ISD, Tyler ISD and Texans Can Academy and recently retired as H.S. Principal. Zack's numerous hobbies include working with his hands in wood working projects, playing golf, fishing, hiking, visiting Natural parks. Zack is a Gulf War veteran and served ten (10) years in the Armed forces. When asked why he joined the Knights, Zack feels intrigued with having a call to help others. Zack is also a member of ACTS at Holy Spirit.

family have lived in DeSoto Texas for 5 years and been residence of Dallas County for 19 years and have been members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church for about a year. Simòn and wife Juana and family attended Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lancaster Texas before coming to Holy Spirit. All of their 4 children Joanna, Victoria, Alina and Simon Junior received their holy sacraments at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church. Simon and Juana have been married for 18 years; they met in their hometown of the Tejupilco, Mexico where they both were born. Simon owns a banquet events business. He has done events to help other people to raise funds and give to the families whenever he can organize them. On his days off, he loves spending time with his family doing things they love to do together. Simon talks about how he can be a big asset for the Knights of Columbus helping out and whatever we need help in especially if it has to do with food events. He wants to give thanks to Adan Luna for bringing him on to be part of our family of Knights of Columbus fraternal brotherhood



Asahi Arellano

Besides being a fine Catholic gentleman, husband, and father of two, Isahi Arellano is a Production Manager at Positive Marketing. He and his family, wife Melissa, son Danny (6) and daughter Maya

(4), have been parishioners at Holy Spirit for two years. Isahi was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and came to the Dallas area subsequently at a young age. He and his family have been in the south Dallas area about 4 years. During his free time, he enjoys activities with the family and growing spiritually. He's joined the Knights to serve the parish and be a wonderful example for his kids.



Simon Leonides

Let's give our new brother, Simòn Leonides, a warm welcome into our Council. Simon and his