

# **Council 830 Hilites**

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#### **Knights of Columbus** Council 830 Denison, TX



All councils have both long tenured members as well as newer members. The effectiveness of a council requires both groups working together as one cohesive team.

The new members are our future officers and the Council relies on them to keep us active and our ideals consistent with our faith and order. I am writing this article specifically to these new members as well as those that will soon join the order.

The Council needs your input and ideas. We need for you to say yes when called upon to help with a project or activity. We need for you to step forward and volunteer to chair the projects and activities waiting to be proposed for the good of the Parish and community.

We will not ask you to donate money like other organizations but rather just a few hours of your time. We know how busy you are with family and work and promise not to ask you to impact these more important obligations. When we asked you to join us it was because we believed you were Catholic gentleman willing to contribute your time and talent to our order and Parish community. We believed you wanted to be a contributing member.

Some of you have already stepped up and volunteered to head up key projects such as the flag display next to the St. Xavier Center. This display is a memorial to the 3,500 innocent children aborted everyday in our nation. New member Br. Gary Cox needs our help on Jan. 12 at 10 am to plant the flags. I've also appointed new member Br. Dan Kelly as Outside Guard to fill this vacancy. New member Br. Tom Garlock volunteered to head up our Salvation Army shaving gear project. Just some examples of new members willing to help.

There are many more opportunities to volunteer including heading up the Donut Ministry. Br. Peter Ang and his wife Peggy have done a great job for several years but now want to step down. We need someone to head this important job which consists of coordinating member volunteers each Sunday. The members will pick up the donuts and drinks, set up prior to the 8:30 am Mass and clean up about 11 am. I did this for many years and it's a very rewarding experience.

We will be having a brisket sale Super Bowl weekend and advance sales signup has already started after each Mass. We need volunteers to sell the brisket, prepare it and work in packaging it for delivery to our parishioners after Mass that weekend. Some of the income will benefit the Texoma Pregnancy Care Center.

The Council voted many months

ago to restart our Squires Circle for young Catholic gentlemen in our parish. The squires are patterned after Knight's Councils. DGK Mike Riley will hold an information meeting for parents and prospective members on Sunday, Jan. 20 in our Hall. He needs help, especially from our younger new members to help provide the adult sponsorship necessary from our council.

We need volunteers to help with our ongoing efforts such as maintenance of our Hall. We need a volunteer to head up a housekeeping committee to do periodic housekeeping and maintenance. PGK Bonnie Ciaccio and his team of Brs. John Gorrell, T.C. Griffith and Richard Antonelli do weekly housekeeping and maintenance but the Hall needs some more detailed cleaning occasionally.

We had a great cemetery cleanup recently but we need to do it again the Spring. We also could greatly benefit from a Rummage Sale which used to bring in over \$1,000 in one day that could be used for our church restoration. Again, more volunteers needed.

Older members will provide you with the support and advice you may need.

I'm sure you new members as well as older members have great ideas on how we can improve. Bring them forward. And please volunteer to help make them a reality. This is your council and community.

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#### Monthly Meetings

- First Wednesday—General Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Second Wednesday— Fourth Degree Meeting, 7:30 PM. Sherman
- Fourth Wednesday— Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM

Council 830 Meets at 2027 S. Austin, Denison, Texas



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DGK Mike Riley joins new members Mike Ramsey, Dean Bosse and Tom Garlock as well as Brother Ron Freeman, new member Gene Handleman and Brother Gary Cox for this group photo during their First Degree.



New Member Gerry Brundage

#### **Fantastic Success**

Since the start of this fraternal year we have had fantastic success recruiting 14 new members. Much of this success can be attributed to DGK Mike Riley.

In addition to the new members that have already made their First Degree we have an additional



New Member Nicolas Carter

seven candidates approved by the Council awaiting the next First Degree ceremony. They include Art Sullivan, John Flood, James Smisek, Gary Walton, Robert Mercado, Jan Wojciechowski and Chip Adami. Welcome to the Knights.

We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting or project.

#### **KNIGHT IN ONE DAY**

A great opportunity for both First Degree candidates and current members will be available on **Saturday, January 26 in Lindsey**. A combined degree ceremony will allow candidates to become members of our order and progress into the Second and Third degrees on the same day. Also, members that have been waiting years for a major degree can also progress into these degrees on the same date.

Candidates will be called and asked to confirm their intention to attend the ceremony and will meet at the KC Hall in Denison at 7 am on January 26. Mass starts at 8 am at St. Peter's in Lindsay with First Degree check-in at 8:45 am. Check-in for 2nd and 3rd Degree will begin about 10 am and the degree starting at 10:30 am. Lunch will be provided in Lindsay and the group should be back by 3:00 pm. Current members are asked to call DGK Mike Riley or GK Ed Diaz for more information.

All attendees are asked to have their 2013 dues paid. You must let us know of your intent to attend as we must have certain items on hand for you.

#### COUNCIL 830 HILITES

#### **Angel Tree**

Thanks to the efforts of Claire Freeman and members of the Knights Ladies Auxiliary, the Parish Angel Tree Project was an outstanding success. Almost 60 children were provided gifts thanks to the generosity of the Parish and each family was provided with a gift card for groceries thanks to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

The project was extremely well organized and took lots of planning to ensure maintaining the privacy of recipient families while ensuring the most needy were helped. The involvement by the Ladies Auxiliary relieved this workload from our parish secretary.

Thanks Claire for a great job that was well done and of major benefit to the entire St. Patrick Parish community.

#### **KC Christmas Party**

If you didn't attend you missed one of the best KC Christmas parties ever. There were 60 people present enjoying the fellowship, excellent food, music and the normal antics associated with a Chinese gift exchange. The prime rib dinner was catered by the Roadhouse restaurant which was accompanied by a good selection of wines.

In addition to live music during the meal we had several members try out their vocal cords accompanied by Brother Peter Ang's Karaoke system much to the chagrin of spouses. The gift exchange placed a limit of two "steals" on each gift which greatly helped manage the sometimes lengthy process. We had requested no one spend more than \$20 but from the obvious good quality of most gifts, this rule was not always observed.

Father Mocio, our Chaplain and Pastor, was presented with a gift in appreciation of his support to Council 830. Thanks Marilyn and Mike for organizing the party and to everyone else that helped decorate the hall as well as the quick cleanup after the party. This type of project requires many people to set up and decorate the Hall. This included setting up lights outside the Hall and even changing our outdoor sign.

I believe our organization needs social activities that include our spouses as well as the entire family. This is another area where we need a volunteer(s) to plan and coordinate these events. Any one interested please contact me or DGK Mike Riley.

#### **Our Seminarian**

Please continue to remember our seminarian in your prayers. His name is Pierce Rozyczko and his address is PO Box 140309, Irving, Texas. A card or note of encouragement would remnd him of our support and prayers.

At right, Santa's no dummy as he keeps company with Denise, Janie and Claire.



Trying out their pipes at Christmas Party are Brother Gerry Brundage, PGK Bonnie Ciaccio, DGK Mike Riley, Brother Charles Detweiler and Brother Peter Ang. Br. Charles looks like he's not sure what they are singing.



Good to have Brother Dave Brycta with his wife Brenda and daughter Chris join us for the evening while they both continue their recovery.



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## Cemetery Cleanup a Success



Twelve members and six parishioners made our Cemetery Cleanup Day project a success. Calvary Cemetery is the responsibility of PGK Bonnie Ciaccio and Br. Randy Reinert. We also attracted two new members from the project.

### **Important Dates**

Jan. 12 Plant Memorial Flags St. Xavier Center, 10 AM

Jan. 20 Squires Orientation Meeting, Council 830 Hall, 1:00 PM, Members and Interested Parents Welcome

Jan 23 Officers Meeting

Jan. 26 Knight in One Day, Lindsey, 10 AM, Meet at Hall at 7:00 AM

Feb. 2-3 Brisket Sale, St. Xavier Center

Feb. 6 General Meeting

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