



KnightLine



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Where You There?



Parish Festival Dance,
Friday, October 3, 2014



Ladies Auxiliary members (left to right):
Gerry Bonner, Mary Alice Ezzell,
and Vicky Layer



**Manning the
Beverage
Booth, Parish
Festival,
Sunday,
October 5,
2014**



**4th Degree Call-Out,
St. Anthony de Padua, September 2014**



**Walmart Neighborhood Store
Dedication & Donation, October 2014**

Grand Knight's Message - December 2014

Brother Knights,

Worthy Brothers I am very honored to have been elected to the position of Grand Knight for the fraternal years 2014-2015 and I wish to thank you for your support. The one thing I can promise each of you is that I will work as hard as I can to move our council forward and build upon the strong foundation the previous two Grand Knights have provided.

Since I'm pretty sure I don't know everything, I felt it necessary that the officers and service personal I surround myself with are knowledgeable, honest, supportive and hard working. I am very proud of and very thankful to the brothers who accepted these leadership positions. Without their efforts and support it would be very difficult to accomplish my goals. Membership growth and participation is critical to the success of our council. Each of us joined the Knights to serve our parish, our larger community, our church, to assist those less fortunate than ourselves and to become better husbands and fathers. The Knights offer many opportunities to achieve these goals. After all we are Catholic Gentlemen!

Since beginning the fraternal year on July 1st, the council has been very active. We were careful to make certain that all of the mid-year paper work was completed properly and on time. The biggies were the mid-year audit and the annual budget as well as forms needed to indicate the results of our elected and appointed officials.

We took action on several fronts when we heard that it was needed. As our council has grown the cost for our monthly General Membership Meeting meal became a financial burden to the 3 or 4 brothers who had signed up to prepare the food. We now ask for each member who attends the meeting to donate \$3.00 to help offset this expense. I believe this has certainly helped. By the way, if you have not signed up for one of the months, please consider doing so.

Members have made it known that the monthly General Membership Meetings was too long. My belief is that these meetings are essential in keeping the membership informed and to conduct necessary business. It is also a time to build new and reinforce old relationships with our brother Knights. With the assistance of Brothers Jaime Piedra and Phillip Thomson we have made better use of the sound system and overhead projector in Henke Hall. We have also modified some of the directed procedures of the formal meeting. The final grade is still out but so far the changes are looking promising.

Because of the skill sets of Brother Phillip Thomson we now have a Facebook page and Brother Stanley Cernosek has provided us with a great web site as well as this newsletter. Show your appreciation by utilizing and contributing too these new social media outlets.

Unfortunately, in order for us to achieve many of these goals we have set for the council and ourselves, it is necessary for us to raise money. We do this with our minds and our backs. The Fund Raising committee is always in need of new ideas to improve our bottom line and put us in a better position to serve those in need. In the first quarter of 2015 we will have two of our most important fund raising events. The Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance and the several Fried Fish dinners on the Fridays during Lent. The Fish Fries are very labor intensive so plan on helping where you can.

Thank you again for your continued support.

You're Brother in Christ

C.J. Fremin

Grand Knight, Council 15240



Did you Know?

The Knights have long been involved with Special Olympics. On a national level we have contributed time and money. On a State bases the same is true. But did you know that our council has a special place with the San Antonio Chapter and Special Olympics?

Brother Ernest Perez is the Special Olympics coordinator for the San Antonio Chapter. Council 15240 members play a big part in Special Olympic activities. Our council, along with members of other San Antonio councils prepare and serve meals (hot dogs, hamburgers) and serve as volunteer assistants at games. Our council takes care of the equipment (gas grille, cooking utensils) and coordinates volunteers from other councils.

So far this year we have participated in Special Olympic events such as: basketball tournament, track and field tournament, cycling tournament, golf tournament, bowling tournament and bocce ball tournament.

Helping special Olympic participants is an extremely rewarding experience. If you have never helped at one of these events come out next year and help. A schedule of events for next year will be available and posted soon.

You are cordially invited to start the Christmas Season early....

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party & Fundraiser to help



Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014 from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Henke Hall

De Zavala Rd. San Antonio, Texas

“Let us let no child go ungifted”

Food, music, friendship, raffles, prizes

\$15.00 per person

BYOB - setups available

Please also bring a bottle or gift for our raffle and/or a child's gift to put under the Christmas tree.

RSVP - Ron Layer - rblayer@gmail.com by Nov. 21st for reservations, and, if you are able to donate a gift for a silent auction.

**Hosted by Msgr. Anthony F. Drozd Assembly 2102 and
St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240.**

2015 Annual Dues are Now Payable

Brother Knights,

The dues for 2015 have been assessed and are now due. In a spirit of saving on postage you can send your payment of \$40.00 made to the order of:

Knights of Columbus, Council 15240

Address is:

*Raul Salas, Financial Secretary
17322 Fountain View
San Antonio, TX 78248*

You will receive your bill with the annual survey which is important that you get back to me ***as soon as possible*** but not later than January 26 in the enclosed envelope you will receive with your bill. These hours will be reported to Supreme Council to indicate the involvement of our members in the St Francis Church community as well as in the local community. This report is due to Supreme Council by January 31, 2015.

Thank you and may you and your family have a Blessed Christmas.

Raul Salas, Financial Secretary
Knights of Columbus
St Francis of Assisi Council 15240

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary organizational mission is to support and promote the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 15240, enhance the social life of the Knights of Columbus family, and promote good fellowship among our members. Our organization is still very young and continues to grow. Each member brings valuable talents and a volunteer spirit and we appreciate this energy.

Currently we have a group of outstanding, wonderful members that have supported the St. Francis Knights of Columbus and parish events in an exceptional manner while having fun and establishing new friendships. Consider joining us!

Our organization has been involved in several events/activities within the past 8 months and I want to thank everyone for your corporation and participation. These events included:



Father Rodger's Farewell Reception

1. Decorating and assisting the Knights in their annual Knights of Columbus Officer Installation Event
2. Developing, producing and implement Fr. Rodger's farewell reception for the parish
3. Made and served lunch for parish "Habitat for Humanity" build workers
4. Set up and manned the T-Shirt Booth at the parish festival
5. Decorating Henke Hall for the Knights of Columbus Assembly Christmas Party

Future events which we support the St. Frances Knights include:

1. Decorate Henke Hall for the annual fund raiser *Valentine Dance Feb. 14, 2015.*
2. Bake and sell cakes at their *Fish Fry during Lent.*

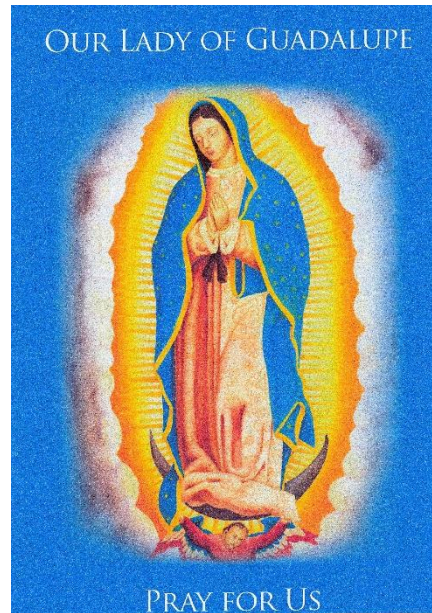
Please join us as we support the St. Francis Knights of Columbus events. You can contact me to join our group or if you have questions at (210)402-3720 or e mail me at

rsalas18@satx.rr.com

Martha Salas, President, Ladies Auxiliary



Habitat for Humanity Build Site



History of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pope John Paul II visited the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City in the course of his first journey outside Italy as Pope from January 26–31, 1979, and again when he beatified Juan Diego there on May 6, 1990. In 1992 he dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe a chapel within St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. At the request of the Special Assembly for the Americas of the Synod of Bishops, he named Our Lady of Guadalupe patron of the Americas on January 22, 1999 (with the result that her liturgical celebration had, throughout the Americas, the rank of solemnity), and visited the shrine again on the following day.

On July 31, 2002, the Pope canonized Juan Diego before a crowd of 12 million, and later that year included in the General Roman Calendar, as optional memorials, the liturgical celebrations of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (December 9) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12).

The shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage destination in the world. Over the Friday and Saturday of December 11 to 12, 2009, a record number of 6.1 million pilgrims visited the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City to commemorate the anniversary of the apparition.

The Virgin of Guadalupe is considered the Patroness of Mexico and the Continental Americas; she is also venerated by Native Americans, on the account of the devotion calling for the conversion of the Americas. Replicas of the tilma can be found in thousands of churches throughout the world, and numerous parishes bear her name.

Due to a claim that her black girdle indicates pregnancy on the image, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under this title is popularly invoked as *Patroness of the Unborn* and a common image for the Pro-Life movement.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
4201 de Zavala Rd. @ Lockhill-Selma**

Friday, December 12, 2014

**7:00 pm Mass with the San Fernando Mariachi Choir
(Adults and children are invited.)**

**Children will learn the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe
through a narration.**

**The community is invited to bring flowers to offer Our
Lady at this special mass.**

**Reception following the mass: Mariachis will entertain.
Tamales, chocolate, and pastries will be served.**

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St. Francis of Assisi Council was founded by Rev. Lawrence Christian,
Pastor
March 15, 2011

**Have you introduced yourself to
our new Knights?**

Father Servando Guerrero, Thomas J. Moryl (Tom), William D. Berry (David), Alexander B. Berry (Alex), Jerome P. Keating (Jerry), Thomas Haverly (Tom), and Nerio S. Belvis (Jun)

**C.J. Fremin
Grand Knight****Ronald B. Layer
Past Grand Knight****Rev. Larry J. Christian
Chaplain****Robert B. Bonner
Deputy Grand Knight****Daniel R. Hollas
Chancellor****Phillip D. Thompson
Recorder****Raul Salas
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Treasurer****Michael Ezzell
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Lecturer****Cullen P. Coltrane
Warden****Michael A. Coronado
Inside Guard****Kyle M. Unruh
Outside Guard A****Jorge Garza
Outside Guard B****Ronald B. Layer
Trustee 3rd Year****Carlos H. Mata
Trustee 2nd Year****Ernest Perez
Trustee 1st Year****Derek Rabey, Jr.
District Deputy, District 45**

**Service Program Personnel
2014-2015**

**Robert B. Bonner
Program Director**

**Deacon Jim Hewson
Church Director**

**John Kenneth Martinez
Vocations Chairman**

**Juan Cruz
Community Director**

**Richard E. Doucette
Culture of Life Director**

**Dennis E. Stephen
Health Services**

**Stanley F. Cernosek, Jr.
Council Director**

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Public Relations**

**Ernesto Perez
Family Director**

**VACANT
Youth Director**

**David P. Gomez
Columbian Squires**

**Daniel R. Hollas
Membership Director**

**Ronald B. Layer
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**C. J. Fremin
Recruitment Committee 2**

**Michael Ezzell
Recruitment Committee 3**

**Michael Ezzell
Retention Chairman**

**Michael D. Gilsdorf
Insurance Promotion**

**Juan Cruz
Fund Raisers Chairman**

Pray for Our Sick and Distressed

Jorge Escobedo, Mario Meza, Gene Reinhart, Morris Tallman, Ken Cadena, Anthony Dodge

Pray for Our Departed Brethren

James E. Sullivan – Charter Member of Council, February 7, 2014.

James E. Sullivan



James Emmett Sullivan passed away Friday, February 7, 2014 at the age of 81. He was born on Christmas Day 1932 in Osage, Kansas to Enes Emma Rosetta and Francis Bernard Sullivan. He had many nicknames: Jim, Jamie, Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Goo, The Deacon, Father Sullivan and Jaime. Jim graduated from Central Catholic High

School in 1951 and attended St. Mary's University and the University of Texas at Austin. He was the dean of the promotional products industry in San Antonio having spent the years since 1958 in this endeavor. Jim was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved the outdoors. He was a devoted member of the Catholic Church and one of the first Eucharistic Ministers in the archdiocese. His special mission was to the homebound and ill. Jim supported Victory Fellowship since 1969 and was a past president of the Northwest Cosmopolitan Club, past member of the Central Catholic High School Alumni Board and past member of the Alhambra Bejar Caravan 56. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Dionysus AR-21 during the Korean War. Jim loved San Antonio and Laredo where he spent many days and had many customers who became wonderful longtime friends. He considered Laredo his second home. He was fairly fluent in Spanish and was always eager to speak it. He had a great love for Mexico and its people. He was preceded in death by his first wife and the mother of his three sons, Sally Chote Sullivan and his second wife, Patricia Pugh Ragland Sullivan. Jim is survived by his son, James E. Sullivan, Jr. and wife, Sally, and their children, James III (Trey) and Francie Sullivan, son, Michael T. Sullivan and his daughters, Erin and Mackenzie Sullivan, son, Patrick S. Sullivan and wife, Mary and their daughters, Sally Marie, Betsy and Maggy Sullivan; his sister, Mary Elaine Roberts of Dallas and two nephews, David and Chris. He is also survived by stepchildren, Taylor Ragland, Jennifer Zebak and Kendall Biehl and their families. Published in Express-News from Feb. 10 to Feb. 11, 2014.



Our Newest Brother Knights in Council 15240!

Council 15240 is proud to announce the addition of eight new brother knights during this fraternal year. Five of the members have been initiated in the First Degree during the Fraternal Year, while two new members are transfers. **Father Servando Guerrero**, Parochial Vicar, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, has joined Council 15240 as a Third Degree Knight. He transferred into Council 15240 from Council 13523 at Assumption Seminary. A native of San Luis, Mexico Father Servando is a graduate of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio. Upon his ordination in May 2014 Father Servando joined St. Francis in his current capacity as Parochial Vicar.

Five of our new Knights were initiated in the First Degree during the summer and fall. **Thomas J. Moryl (Tom)** was initiated in the First Degree and joined Council 15240 during summer 2014. Tom and his wife Maria Perez are members of St. Francis of Assisi and have one son. Tom is a project manager in the Baptist Health System. He has already attained his second and third degree and intends to get his fourth degree in January, 2015. His interests include the church and community. **William D. Berry (David)** also joined Council 15240 as a new member during summer 2014. William and his wife Monica have two sons and are members of St. Francis of Assisi. William is a teacher in the Southwest Independent School District. He has expressed an interest in the Knight's community outreach activities. **Alexander B. Berry (Alex)** joined Council 15240 during summer 2014. Alex is a member of St. Francis parish and is a student. He has expressed an interest in helping the church and becoming involved in the Knight's community activities. If you have not already guessed Alex is the son of David. **Thomas E. Johnson (Tom)** joined Council 15240 in September. A native of Caldwell, Texas Tom is married to Rebecca and they have a one year old son. Tom and his family are parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi. He is an administrator in the Northside Independent School District. His interests as a Knight include the church and community. **Jerome P. Keating (Jerry)** joined our council in November. A native of Fort Worth, he attended All Saints Catholic Church where he received the sacraments of the Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. He and his wife, Mary, have two children and one grandchild. Mary and Jerry are parishioners at Holy Spirit Parish, where he has served on the Parish Council and as a confirmation instructor. He is a professor at UTSA and his interests as a Knight include the community.

In addition to Father Servando, two other Knights transferred into our Council during this fraternal year. **Thomas Haverly (Tom)** transferred into Council 15240 from our sister Council 4140. Tom is married to Carmelita and they have three sons. They are members of St. Francis. A retiree, Tom is especially interested in community outreach. **Nerio S. Belvis (Jun)** transferred in from Council 15343 in San Antonio. Belvis is married to Erlinda and they have two sons. Belvis is a member of St. Francis and works as a bookkeeper. He has expressed a special interest in KC activities that support the church and community.

The Knights of Columbus Council 15240 welcomes all of our new Brother Knights!






December 2014 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jose L. Gonzales-Roa	2 6:30pm Joint Christmas Party (Open Meeting) - Council 15240 and Assembly 2102	3	4	5 Jorge H. Escobedo	6 6:00pm Christmas in Assisi Dinner Dance Kenneth D. Vallier Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass
7 Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass	8 Immaculate Conception Michael A. Haas	9 David De Leon	10 Eugene L. Reinhard	11 7:00pm Potential Knight Inquiry -- Membership Meeting in Library @ SFA	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Matthew Ronald Rodriguez
14 Pedro J. Mendez	15 7:00pm Officers' Meeting Arturo Cervantes CY 2015 Dues Invoices have been sent and are now due & payable!	16 7:00pm Assembly 2102 Meeting @ Holy Spirit	17 First day of Chanukah 7:00pm ASA KofC Chapter Meeting	18 6:30pm KofC 1st Degree Ceremonial @ Council 4140, Camp Bullis Road	19 Stanley F. Cernosek, Jr. Joseph A. Contreras	20 Emilio P. Cantu
21 Winter Solstice	22 7:30pm No General Business Meeting -- have a Merry Christmas	23	24 Christmas Eve John A. Trusela Kyle M. Unruh	25 Christmas Day	26	27 John, Ap.
28 Feast of the Holy Family	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

January 2015 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day	2	3 Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass
4 John G. Knape Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass	5 Epiphany Eve	6 Epiphany	7	8 7:00pm Potential Knight Inquiry -- Membership Meeting in Library @ SFA	9	10 Rufino U. Navalta, Jr.
11 Feast of the Baptism of Christ	12	13	14	15 6:30pm KofC 1st Degree Ceremonial @ Council 4140, Camp Bullis Road	16 CY 2015 Dues are now past due!	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day 7:00pm Officers' Meeting	20 7:00pm Assembly 2102 Meeting @ Holy Spirit	21 7:00pm ASA KofC Chapter Meeting Arthur J. Pike	22 Michael A. Coronado	23 James "Pete" L. Allen	24 Maurice "Mo" E. Charbonneau Major Degree @ New Braunfels Council 4183 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Brigid
25	26 7:30pm General Business Meeting	27	28	29 Jack R. Terrazas Joseph F. Skye	30	31 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due! Free Throw Participation Report due Partner Profile Report with Special Olympics due Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass

February 2015 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Presentation of the Lord  Timothy L. Hallo</p>	<p>3</p> <p>St. Blaise</p>	<p>4</p> <p> Juan G. Cruz</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p> Michael D. McGlothing</p>	<p>7</p> <p> Paul D. Kinslow</p>
<p>8</p> <p> CJ Fremin</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>O.L. Lourdes</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lincoln's Birthday  7:00pm Potential Knight Inquiry -- Membership Meeting in Library @ SFA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>St. Valentine's Day</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Transfiguration 2nd 6-Months Council Audit Report due  CY 2015 Dues are now 2 months overdue!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Presidents' Day 7:00pm Officers' Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday 7:00pm Assembly 2102 Meeting @ Holy Spirit</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) 7:00pm ASA KofC Chapter Meeting  James R. Moore</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm KofC 1st Degree Ceremonial @ Council 4140, Camp Bullis Road  Karl P. Turner</p>	<p>20</p> <p> 4:00pm Lenten Fish Dinner  Antonio Flores, Jr.</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Washington's Birthday  Rene M. Rodarte</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30pm General Business Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Andres Gamez</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p> Morris D. Tallmon</p>	<p>27</p> <p> 4:00pm Lenten Fish Dinner  Raul Salas  Leonard J. Magsamen, Jr.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass</p>

March 2015 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p> David A. Abrams Wear Council shirt while attending Holy Mass</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p> 4:00pm Lenten Fish Dinner Peter F. Braeuler</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time begins</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p> Deacon Jim H. Hewson</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p> 7:00pm Potential Knight Inquiry -- Membership Meeting in Library @ SFA</p>	<p>13</p> <p> 4:00pm Lenten Fish Dinner</p>	<p>14</p> <p> Robert R. Gonzales Major Degree @ Holy Trinity Council 9967</p>
<p>15</p> <p> Ramon Tellez, Jr.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00pm Officers' Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick St. Patrick's Day 7:00pm Assembly 2102 Meeting @ Holy Spirit</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00pm ASA KofC Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>St. Joseph 6:30pm KofC 1st Degree Ceremonial @ Council 4140, Camp Bullis Road</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Vernal Equinox 4:00pm Lenten Fish Dinner</p>	<p>21</p> <p> Alexander B. Berry</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30pm General Business Meeting Larry A. Litzmann</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p> 4:00pm Lenten Fish Dinner</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p> Reynaldo M. Rios</p>				