



LENTEN FISH FRY 2016 – HALFWAY THERE

by Mike Ezzell

... Or, as Bob Bonner was heard to say, “three down, three to go”. So, how have we done so far?



We don't know yet how we will end, but 2016 is starting out as our best Lenten Fish Fry season ever. On Sunday, February 7, we had a “free sample” event after the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses. We provided free hot coffee and mini fish tacos, with the fish taco recipe inspired by our own Sir Jaime Piedra. What a great way to introduce Lenten Fish Fry 2016 to our public! We served everything we cooked. Our first “real” event took place on Friday, February 12. That

Friday should probably be categorized under “Be Careful What You Ask for”. We were very fortunate that on that same evening, there was a Dedication in our sanctuary of the Stations of the Cross that were created by G. E. (Buddy) Mullan. Buddy had almost completed the Stations of the Cross before he unexpectedly left us last October. The Stations that are now on the walls are in that almost – completed condition. If you have not taken the time to view

them, please take a few minutes to do so. His capture of Christ's final journey is complete and beautiful, and awe-inspiring. The Dedication of the Stations of the Cross that night had as a special guest **Archbishop** Gustavo Garcia-Siller. The Archbishop's presence, and the Dedication, brought out a large group of parishioners. It was our good fortune that many of those, including the Archbishop, decided to join us for fish on that Friday. And did they!

As I recounted that evening recently with someone, KC Council 15240 was hit with a tsunami! We served approximately 325 plates of fried fish, grilled fish, fish tacos and grilled cheese that night, far in excess of any single night in our short history. In fact, the number of plates served that night was approximately twice our average. Needless to say, our effort to keep up with the crowds was overwhelmed by sheer numbers. All of us in the kitchen, in the hall, and in the cooking area did our very best. It was, to say the least, a challenge. The waits of our customers became longer than we would have liked, and before the end of the night we ran out of some of our products. We could not have accomplished what was done that night without many, many dedicated volunteers. Our Ladies Auxiliary, in their beautiful red aprons, sold out of their homemade desserts. Not only that, many of their members pitched in to bus and clean tables in the Hall when we could not keep up. We had a kitchen crew that did their absolute best to keep up, and we had another crew in Henke Hall that put a smile on the face of KC Council 15240 as the plates were delivered to our customers. Last, and certainly not least, we had a cooking crew that was providing replacement food to us as quickly as the food made its way out of the deep fryers and the griddle. Needless to say, by the time the night was over we all breathed a big sigh of relief.

We expected that the next two Fridays would get back to what was our "normal". Because of our first night's experience, we added some additional

products, primarily more grilled fish for our grilled fish plates and fish taco plates. We have found that the fish taco plates are a great success and have added significantly to our plates delivered. On February 19, and again on February 26, our attendance was up significantly over the past years. On those nights, we served approximately 255 plates, and 240 plates, respectively (still way above our "average" of 165 plates or so). Not only that, for the first time ever, on February 26 we actually plated more grilled fish products (grilled fish plates and fish taco plates) than fried fish.

Realizing some of our inefficiencies from our first night, on February 19 and February 26 we were ready. Thanks to the efforts of several, including our Deputy Grand Knight Jaime Piedra, we reorganized our kitchen crew and delivery method. The "behind the scenes" effort has been something to behold. I think Bob Bonner has been spending Thursday nights in Henke Hall. He is in the kitchen, and cooking by Friday morning. A crew, with Carlos Ortiz usually in the lead, arrives by late Friday morning or early Friday afternoon to make sure that everything is in place before the rest of us arrive. By 3:00 or 3:30 PM, the deep fryers, griddle, and other cooking equipment are pulled out of storage, and fired up by Brian Dunn so that everything is at cooking temperature by 4:30 PM. Dennis Stephen heads up that crew (although Cullen Coltrane stepped up as a worthy substitute for one night). A cooking crew magically appears to assist Dennis at about 4:00 PM, ready to get the first batch of food to the kitchen crew. In the kitchen, everyone is in place and at a "station" by 5:00 PM. In the Hall, we not only have our Ladies Auxiliary in their red aprons ready with their beautiful smiles, great desserts, and kind words, but we have our Knights in their blues ready to deliver food with smiles on their faces to our customers. Last, and certainly not least, we have Carlos Ortiz, Bob Novak, Morris Tallmon and others, at the front desk providing the first greeting to our guests as they enter the Hall and give us their orders for the night.

Our reorganization in the kitchen has paid off. We are proud that our food delivery to our customers during the last two Fridays was prompt (sometimes less than five minutes), and the food was hot. We have had a lot of smiling faces in Henke Hall. As they dine, due to the efforts of Pedro Mendez and his media skills our guests have been able to learn something about the Knights of Council 15240, and the charitable efforts that we have been able to perform as a result of our guests' generosity. Once again, all of this has occurred not because of one person's efforts, but because all of us, as a team, have been working together. More importantly, our many volunteers have served patiently and with care. Even though the atmosphere has gotten a little tense (or intense) at times, smiles are everywhere and good nature is in abundance. I am truly amazed and

humbled by how much effort and time has been put in by our respective crews. There are many who are there getting ready for most of the day on Friday, and who stay late after we stop serving to clean up. When it comes time for someone to move out of their comfort zone and play another role because of need, it is done willingly and with no argument.

So, three more to go for Lenten Fish Fry 2016, and I believe we are ready. To all of those who have so generously dedicated their time so far, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, from Council 15240. For those of you who have not yet had that opportunity, if you will show up you will be welcome, and you will leave with a sense of accomplishment for having performed a valuable service to your fellow Knights and to our guests.



Academic Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

We are proud to announce that the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus will award several scholarships to multiple members of this year's graduating High School senior class. Applicants will be required to write a short essay as well as to gather recommendations from members of the St. Francis Community, clergy and staff. Family membership in the Knights of Columbus is factored in, but not required. All application packages must be submitted to the Parish Office in sealed envelopes by Saturday April 30th. Winners will be announced once the committee has voted on all applications. For more information, please contact Phillip Thomson at 210.482.9945 or phillip.thomson01@gmail.com

Grand Knight's Message – March I, 2016

Brothers,

I cannot say enough about our Fund Raising committee. In early November, they did a terrific job in selling sausage wraps at the Women's Council Craft Bazaar and the next morning delivered a terrific Golf Tournament at the Republic Golf Course. In December, following our support of the Christmas in Assisi event the Fund Raising committee offered a wonderful celebration on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Planning for the Valentine's Day Dance and the Lenten Friday Fish Fries continued through January 2016 and during this time, they managed to assist with the drinks at the Fat Tuesday Celebration in support of ACTS. The Valentine's Dance was great and at this time, we have three Lenten Fridays under our belt with three more to go. The Committee does a great job in leading the way and is always eager to have more committee members but none of this can happen without the support of all the members of our council. If you can contribute some of your time to any one of the events, it will be greatly appreciated. My observation is that the help during the Friday Fish Fries has been super; please continue for the next three Fridays.

In November 2015, we were blessed with four new council brothers, Jordan Stewart, Kris Silva, Carlos Lopez and Diego Sanchez and in January 2016, we were again blessed with two more, Scott Lopez and Jose Gallardo. During this period, we also had two brothers transfer into our council Gabe Alaniz and Jose Reyes. Make an effort to look these brothers up at our next meeting and welcome them to our council.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit our web site, you need to do so soon. The calendar alone is great for keeping up with all of the council's activities, birthdays and reports. The member photo directory will become an even better resource as pictures are added to phone numbers and addresses. The WEB URL is kofc15240.org.

In recent months, our council has suffered the loss of our brothers and family members of brothers. Please remember them I your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ

Grand Knight – CJ Fremin

Membership Info

Our council now has 157 members. Congratulations to our Brother Knights for their excellent recruitment efforts! Please continue to recruit practical Catholic gentlemen to become 1st Degree members.

Over the past few months we have added several new members. Receiving First Degrees in November were Carlos Lopez, Diego Sanchez, Kris Silva and Jordan Stewart. James McDuffie also transferred in from Illinois. Receiving First Degrees in January were Jose Gallardo and Scott Lopez. Transfers in were Gabriel Alaniz and Jose Reyes. Please join me in welcoming these men into our Council.

Bob Novak
 Financial Secretary.



We have added two new first degree members (Jose and Scott) since publication of our last newsletter —
 [D. Hollas, Membership Director]



Remember to Bring Your Canned Goods for the “40 Cans for Lent” Drive each Sunday of Lent!

To view calendar events, please visit our council’s website: <http://kofc15240.org>.

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Ladies keep on supporting the council: Valentines Sweetheart Dinner Dance and Lenten Fish Fries; **thank you** Ladies:



Notice: Council Officers Elections in May 2016

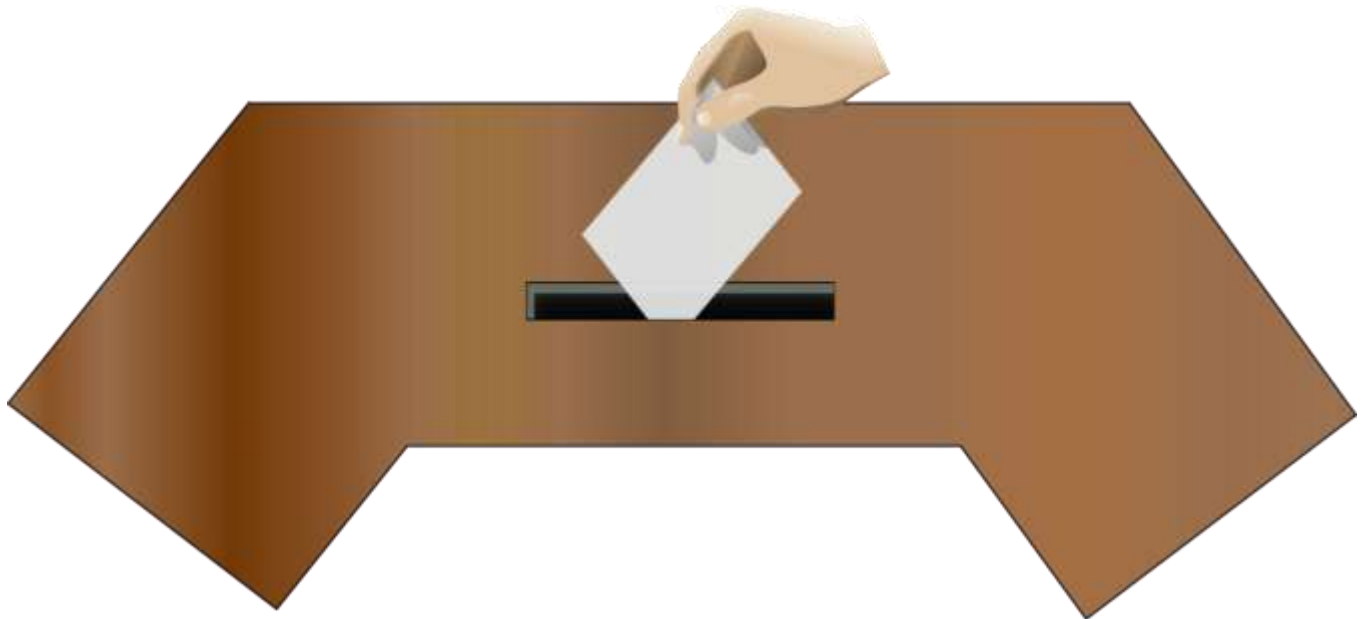
From our Council By-Laws:

ARTICLE II - Elections

Section 1. The annual election of officers shall take place at a regular business meeting held between May 15 and June 15 of each fraternal year. At least two months before the annual election, the Grand Knight shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the elective council offices. This slate shall be presented to the council not later than the regular business meeting preceding the meeting at which annual elections are to take place. Other nominations may be made from the floor and nominations may not be closed until the election meeting has convened and the members are ready to ballot.

So, if you know someone who would be a good candidate for an office, there are several ways to get his name on the ballot [proposed candidate must be a 3rd Degree Knight]:

- Speak to a member of the Nominating Committee, or
- Have a colleague nominate you at the General Membership Meeting on April 26, 2016, or
- Use the council's website to nominate the 3rd Degree member of our council.



PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless N., so that our brother Knights may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Brother Knights:

Brother Morris Tallmon, Brother SK Bob Bonner, Brother SK Robert Mueller, Brother Edgar Morales, Brother SK Nick Martinez, Brother SK CJ Fremin.

Family:

SK David Bailey's son, family of SK Jaime Piedra on the death of his father, Eusevio Piedra, Lady Irene Martinez —wife of Brother SK Nick Martinez.



Your Help Will Be Needed

[Great Service/Fellowship Opportunities]

- Lenten Fish Fry
- Membership Blitz in April
- Wheelchair Mission Drive
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- Ordination of two seminarians at St. Francis of Assisi on May 21, 2016

Attend the next General Membership Meeting on March 28, 2016, find out the scoop on these events, and Sign Up! [Also, on-line on our council's web site.]

Information about a new Knights of Columbus Initiative: from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:



“Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis ... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life.” - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

On November 20th, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced that, through the Order’s wide-reaching new Domestic Church initiative, Knights and their families will have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that promote the New Evangelization, strengthen our parishes and grow the Order.

Building the Domestic Church

Knights of Columbus has always been an organization dedicated to the well-being and support of Catholic family life. The family is the first and primary place where we experience and are formed in our Catholic faith. By building upon our current programs and activities, the Knights of Columbus continues to promote the family as a "domestic church" where husbands and wives, parent and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith. In order to perform its important mission of evangelization, each family needs to find support in the sacramental life of the parish.

“It is in the parish that one becomes engaged with the Church community, learns how to become a disciple of Christ, is nurtured by Scripture, is nourished by the sacraments, and ultimately becomes an evangelizer. Successful evangelization and catechetical initiatives must be focused on the parish.” – USCCB

Strengthening our Parishes

Knights of Columbus councils have always responded to the most urgent needs of the Church, particularly through charitable and social outreach. In order to support the evangelization of family life today, our councils must be even more fully integrated into our parishes. As the world’s largest Catholic fraternal and family organization, we have a responsibility to dedicate our time, talent and resources to ensuring that our parishes are our beacons of the new evangelization.



[San Antonio State Deputies Meeting](#)



[Supreme Knight Mid-Year Meeting Speech](#)



More information to follow — stay tuned.

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Members are invited to submit articles to the editor by the 23rd of the month for the next issue. Please send in news of Knight's events. Photos, drawings, and graphics are welcome as long as they do not infringe on copyrights. Send changes of home address, phone number, or email address to the Financial Secretary.

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Rev. Lawrence Christian, Pastor, encouraged the founding of St. Francis of Assisi Council on March 15, 2011.



Connect to our new council website:



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Michael Ezzell
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Juan G. Cruz
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Pray for Our Sick and Distressed

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Fraternal Year 2015-2016 Knights of the Month

The *Knights of the Month Award* is presented to a Council member in gratitude for his dedication, loyalty and inspirational leadership. Recipients are chosen for their exemplary service to Church, community, council, family or youth.

August 2015 – Working Crew /Spaghetti Luncheon

October 2015 – Tony Flores

November 2015 – Ed Woodruff

December 2015 – No Meeting

January 2016 – Kyle Unruh

February 2016 – Mo Charbonneau & Gerald Janysek

March 2016 –

April 2016 –

May 2016 –

June 2016 –



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