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## Grand Knight's Message - May 29, 2015

#### Brothers,

The first thing I want to do is to thank the membership for the confidence you have shown in me to lead our council during the 2015 - 2016 fraternal years by reelecting me as Grand Knight. As before, I can promise you that I will do my best to improve and move our council forward.

I want to thank the members who are leaving as officers. Past Grand Knight Ernest Perez, who started the council with Fr. Larry and has remained as a mentor to all who have followed. SK Ron Layer, our council's first Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee and is now the Faithful Navigator Elect at the Assembly. Bob Bonner, who is leaving the Deputy GK position and who has and continues to contribute to the success of this council as much as anyone I know. Kyle Unruh, leaving the Outside Guard position after two years, but assures me he will return. These brothers will no longer be elected officers but the council is in their heart and soul and I know we will continue to reap the benefits of their support and guidance. And then there is Mike Coronado, who starts his new life as a seminarian at Assumption Seminary this fall; our prayers will remain with him always.

My thanks go to those brothers who said "yes" to the call for leadership within the council. Jorge Garza moving to Inside Guard, Pedro Mendez and Juan Cruz to Outside Guard, Stanley Cernosek and Brian Dunn accepting the second and third year Trustee positions and Jaime Piedra moving from Lecturer to Deputy Grand Knight. I eagerly await the new ideas and thoughts they will bring with them.

This brings me to the officers who join me in a second year in a leadership role. They are Dan Hollas as Chancellor, Carlos Ortiz as Treasurer, Phillip Thomson our Recorder (his third year), Mike Ezzell our Advocate (his third year also), Cullen Coltrane our Warden, and Carlos Mata as our First Year Trustee. Their support, experience and knowledge are invaluable.

Brothers, if you add up all of the names mentioned above they would represent a small percentage of our council membership. They cannot do it alone! We need everyone's support and participation if we are to grow our council and achieve the results in life that we joined the Knights of Columbus for in the first place. I understand that everyone's situation is different, but I refuse to believe that you cannot carve out sometime this year to be part of what the council is doing. Yes, we want and need your dues and of course we absolutely want and need your prayers but we also need your legs, arms, mind and heart. Can you give 2 hours a month to attend a meeting? Can you help on a committee? How about helping on one community activity this year, such as Special Olympics or a Habitat House? We need new members; have you really made an effort? Igo back to the principles of our order: Charity, Unity and Fraternity. I promise you if you can join you brother knights in some activity you will feel better about yourself, better about your relationship with your God and with your family and you will have FUN! Can You Do More?

YBIC,

CJ Fremin, Grand Knight, Council 15240



## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15240, CHARTERED 2011



#### WE ARE A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, DEDICATED TO CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

- 150 PARISH MEN
- OUR CLERGY WHO ARE MEMBERS FATHER LARRY, FATHER SERVANDO, DEACON MIKE PORTELE, DEACON JIM
  HEWSON
- PARISH MINISTRIES SERVED: COMMUNION, HOSPITALITY, ACTS, CHOIR, ALTAR SERVERS, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, MOBILE LOAVES AND FISHES, ETC.

#### WHERE DO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ACTIVITIES GO - 2011 TO PRESENT?

#### 98+ % OF WHAT WE RAISE AND COLLECT GOES DIRECTLY TO CHARITIES

•	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, INCLUDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR	\$ 28,786
	CLERGY, SCOUTING, PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS, AND FOR OTHER	
	PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	
•	SEMINARIAN SUPPORT	\$ 5,050
•	MISSIONARY SUPPORT	\$ 1,456
•	AMERICAN WHEEL CHAIR MISSION	\$ 1,013
•	SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND YOUTH SUPPORT	\$ 2,780
•	CULTURE OF LIFE/PRO-LIFE	\$ 5,539
•	TEXAS STATE CHARITIES	\$ 5,892
•	BROTHERS IN NEED AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$10,608
•	NATIONAL CATHOLIC ADVERTISING	\$ 461
•	TOTAL CHARITY DOLLARS (2011 TO THE PRESENT)	<u>\$61,585</u>

#### HOURS DEVOTED TO ACTIVITIES SINCE 2011

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

ST. FRANCIS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PARISH FESTIVALS, FESTIVAL DANCES,	<b>15,314</b> HOURS
, including Parisit Latival Dances,	TOURS

WOMEN'S COUNCIL BAZAARS AND FASHION SHOWS, LENTEN FISH FRIES, ACTS EVENTS (PARKING, LUGGAGE, TRANSPORTING PEOPLE), HOLIDAY SET UP AND BREAKDOWNS, FORTY CANS FOR LENT, SOCIAL SUNDAYS, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,

**FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE,** INCLUDING THIRD CROSS RETREATS,

MEN'S ACTS RETREATS (OTHER PARISHES), WHEELCHAIR MISSION,
YOUTH EVENTS, CULTURE OF LIFE/PRO-LIFE EVENTS, RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION

**DINNERS** 

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

•	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	472 HOURS
•	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	4,942 HOURS
•	FOOD FOR FAMILIES	502 HOURS
•	FRATERNAL SERVICES (SICK AND DISABLED MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES)	5331 HOURS
•	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE ACTIVITIES	3069 HOURS

#### **TOTAL ESTIMATED MAN-HOURS (2011 TO THE PRESENT)**

38,012 HOURS

8,382 HOURS

I've joined the Knights of Columbus ... now what?



Helpful information you need to know about becoming an active member in the Knights of Columbus ..... But maybe were afraid to ask!

> Texas State Program Team Members

So I've joined the Knights of Columbus... now what? Well, the next step is up to you. There are some who have joined the Knights in the past who have gone through their 1st Degree, attended a meeting or two and we have never seen them again. There are many others who have joined the Knights who have left a positive impression upon the Church, in their community and on our Order.

The simple fact that you have joined the Knights and that you are taking the time to read this brochure is a testimony to your faith and your willingness to help improve the lives of others. As a Knight you are expected to become a better Catholic and a better citizen. As a Knight you will strive to assist those in need through acts of charity (fund raising, building projects and most importantly, prayer), to support our Church, Bishops, priests and seminarians and to support the family, youth and community activities that your Council sponsors.

But, before we get too far into all of these matters, there are some questions that frequently come up after the First Degree... so let's look at these and maybe the answers will help you as you start your journey in the Knights of Columbus.

During my First Degree I heard about a few things that I now have questions about, like...

Since the Degree is secret, can I say anything about it? Yes and no... remember that the reason for keeping the ceremony secret is so that other men who have not yet made the Degrees of the Order can be afforded the same experience you were offered. Think of it in this respect...you wouldn't want to know the ending of a mover or the final score of a game prior to seeing it would you? The beauty of the ceremony is that it provides some impressive life-long lessons as prescribed by Father Michael J. McGivney. You can show your

Rosary, pin and book to whomever you wish, but you promised to keep the rest between yourself and other Knights.

What do my dues pay for? Your dues are used to help defray the operating and communications costs of your local and State Knights of Columbus Council and our Supreme Office to support our Catholic advertising and to fund our many charitable causes. Our invaluable Catholic Advertising program places ads in national publications offering free materials to anyone interested in the Catholic faith. This no obligation opportunity to learn about our faith in the privacy of their home has led thousands of people to respond to the call and join the Catholic Church. Please commit yourself to always keep your dues current; everyone benefits when you do!



I heard something about Insurance, do I have to buy any? No, but you really need to let the agent assigned to your Council meet with you to show you what the Knights can do to protect you and your family when some unplanned

event happens to you. One key fact is that if not for our insurance programs, the Knights of Columbus would be a mere shadow of what it is today.

Without our insurance reserves, your dues would be in the hundreds of dollars. Many of the special charitable causes we support as an Order would be impossible, like the \$2 million dollars given annually to the Pope for any charitable causes he may choose. The Papal Masses on Christmas Eve and other special events are broadcast world-wide by satellite, thanks to the earnings of the Knight's insurance programs. Please make time to talk with your agent... you will be very glad you did.



I promised to carry his rosary always; do I have to carry the one I was given or can I carry a different one?

The promise you made to "carry this rosary always and to pray it as often as you can" is a promise to keep a rosary with you always...any rosary. The rosary is our sword and our weapon of choice against the evils that we face. Never leave your home without your weapon. The devil fears the rosary and you can make a difference in your life and the lives of those you pray for by "carrying your rosary always and praying it as often as you can". There are times a KC meetings where you will be asked to present your rosary. If you have it, great, you are keeping your promise. If you don't have it a small fine may be levied upon you, usually \$1, which goes in the Charity fund.

What's a Major Degree and do I need to go to one? A Major Degree is when a Second and Third Degree are held on the same day at the same place. They usually take place on a Saturday or a Sunday and are typically preceded by Mass. A member of the Knights should make his 2nd and 3rd Degree as soon as possible. Remember as a 1st Degree member you are just that, a member. You are not a full Knight until you have gone through the 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Find the next opportunity.

## Who's in charge of my Council?

That depends on who you ask...just kidding. The Grand Knight (GK) is the CEO of a Council with several officers and directors reporting to him. Above the GK is the District Deputy (DD) whose job it is to oversee about five Councils in the local area. Beyond the DD is the Diocesan Deputy and his assistant(s) and then the Texas State Deputy. Finally, we all count on our Supreme Knight.

What is the 4th Degree? The 4th Degree is the public, visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and it is also the Patriotic Degree. Whenever you see a Knight in a tuxedo you know that he is a 4th Degree member. Sir Knights focus on citizenship, patriotic and veterans support programs. Although optional, membership in the 4th Degree should be a goal every Knight should strive to obtain.

# Are there other activities that are not sponsored by my Council?

The KC councils in your Diocese often meet together formally as a "Chapter" (or also informally) to sponsor or endorse other activities for all the area Councils to be involved in. For example, banquets, walks and rallies are held each year in many areas to promote Pro-Life causes. Money raised goes to support women who choose not to abort their unplanned babies, but rather give birth and raise the child or allow it to be adopted. Or, perhaps you like special-needs kids... the Knights are the backbone of the Special Olympics and lots of opportunities exist to help. There is a long and varied list of activities to choose from... consult your GK or District Deputy for more information or consult our state website at: www.tkofc.org. There is a lot of information available there.

## What is Texas State Charities (TSC)?

TSC is a sponsored combination of charities that the Knights in Texas support. For every dollar raised, 70% comes back to our Bishops to use for whatever charities they choose to support. The other 30% stays with TSC to support Texas Special Olympics, Prison Ministries the Texas Disaster Relief Fund, scholarships and many other worthy charities. Please help your Council support this "unified effort" by either pledging money or devoting some time in fund raising... you will be glad you did.

#### SHINING ARMOR AWARD

Your challenge as a First Degree Knight is to earn the "Shining Armor Award". To qualify for this award you must accomplish the following five goals in your first year as a Knight. We hope you achieve this award, as you will truly benefit from it and so will the rest of us ... a stronger Knight makes the rest of us stronger! To earn the award you must:

- Work on three Council Service Programs
- Attend at least three Council Business Meetings.
- Receive your 2nd and 3rd Degrees
- Meet with your Council's Insurance Representative.
- Recruit at least one new member.

All of these goals must be completed within one year from the date that you made your 1st Degree.

Enjoy the Knights of Columbus! You made a great decision in joining us. Congratulations! We look forward to getting to know you better.

Your Council Name & Number

#### St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240

Grand Knight Name & Phone

CJ Fremin, 210.492.0088

Business Meeting Place & Time

General Business Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM in Henke Hall. Lite meal starting at about 6:30 PM (suggested \$3 donation to defray costs).

## What Can I do to be an Active Knight in my Council?

In the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community, members of our council can been seen serving as:

- Hospitality Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Communion, Choir members, hand bell choir members, altar servers
- Volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul, members of meal preparation and delivery teams at Mobil Loaves and Fishes, gardeners keeping our parish grounds beautiful, workers helping to build the parish Habitat for Humanity house, workers at the annual parish festival, planners and attendees at parish dances and other parish social events
- Attendees, members, and/or participants in parish organizations and their events, such as Men's Club, Women's Council, Silver Stars, Music Ministry, Boy Scouts

## Opportunities to Be Active / Participate

During the Fraternal Year, you will find many opportunities to increase your involvement with our council's activities:

- Praying the Rosary before 5:00 PM Holy Mass on Saturdays
- Corporate Communions
- Help plan Parish Festival and Festival Dance; man booths
- Women's Council "Craft Bazaar" food concession
- Planning of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Mass/Reception
- Food for Families (Advent) & 40 Cans for Lent
- Council Christmas party
- Lent Fish Dinners
- Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
- Coushatta Trip
- Golf Tournament
- Tootsie Roll Campaign to support Texas State Council Charities & Archbishop's Deaf Ministry
- Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Drive (American Wheelchair Mission)
- Spaghetti Lunch
- Hospitality Sunday
- Special Olympics
- Set up and returned the church for the Taize Pray Service
- Set Up and returned Henke Hall for Holy Mass on Easter Sunday
- Hosted Organization Day for KC District 45
- Hosted farewell reception for Fr. Rogers
- Hosted parish "Social Sunday"
- Cooked for the first annual parish "Mini Marriage Retreat"
- Provide support/funds/help to:
  - o Allied Women's Center (only Catholic crisis pregnancy center in San Antonio)
  - San Antonio Coalition for Life
  - o Hosted the parish "Christmas in Assisi" event with the Women's Council & Men's Club
  - Supported Women's Council annual "Style Show"

# Save the Date October 16-18, 2015

## All are welcome to this 29th Annual Men's Retreat

You are invited to join us and experience a calm and relaxing weekend in the beautiful Hill Country including many Catholic brothers, great music, and wonderful food. Bring a friend, father, brother, or son. All are welcome to this 29th Annual Men's Retreat

When: Oct. 16-18, 2015

Starts: 6:00PM October 16, 2015

Ends: 11:30AM October 18, 2015

Where: Camp Tecaboca

In Mountain Home, Texas

1½ - 2 hours from San Antonio

Tecaboca 830-860-3425

www.tecaboca.com

## Spiritual Director: Bishop Tom Flanagan

For information, please contact:

Director, 2015 K of C Retreat: Paul Gurley

Phone: 210-826-8640

mail: paul.gurleykofc@gmail.com

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>I am looking for team members, especially two co-directors. I have had offers. I am looking for newly recruited Knights in your councils. Please approach new members to serve on this K of C retreat. This is a golden opportunity to get involved and especially for retention...contact me above.

## **Council News of Interest**

## **Special Olympics**

Bob Bonner has replaced Ernest Perez as Special Olympic Coordinator for the Archdiocese of San Antonio Knights of Columbus Chapter.

## **Food for Families**

We exceeded our 5,000-pound goal! The Food for Families drive raised 7,306 pounds of food for the St Vincent De Paul food pantry in our parish.

# Financial Support for Seminarians [Known as RSVP]

Our council has been supporting seminarians at Assumption Seminary since 2011. Each seminarian receives at least \$500 a year from the council. Currently, we support two Seminarians, Praveet Kumar and Paul Melgarego. We plan to budget for a third seminarian in the next fraternal year's budget.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary officers for 2015 - 2016 are the following:

President - Martha Salas

Vice President - Donna Fremin

Secretary – DeAnne Coltrane

Treasurer – Gerry Bonner

Congratulations are in order for the new elected officers! We look forward to another wonderful fun filled year!

Our next event is a Meet and Greet Brunch to be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 11 AM in Henke Hall. Make time to come and enjoy a great brunch and meet new ladies or enjoy the company with other St. Francis Ladies.

Martha Salas, Ladies Auxiliary President



Unights of Columbus

Msgr. Anthony J. Ocozel Assembly 2102

San Antonio, Texas

2014-15 Laithful Officees

[Left to Aight] Bilot Nestor Moreno. Truster David Guentes. Admiral Luis Martinez. Captain Aon Lagre. Compreoller Baul Curley. Sentinel Archael Seys. Seribs Trian Davin. CCC Loine Birden. Leiar Le. Charles Janks. Navigator Truster Truster.

Officers unavailable for photo Purser Brian Cordova. Sentinel Carl Simon. Trustee George Terrell



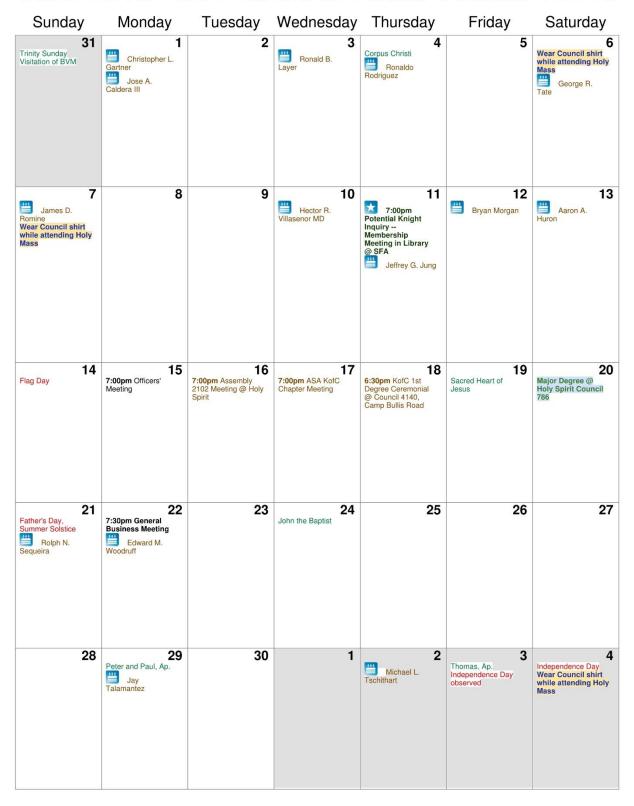




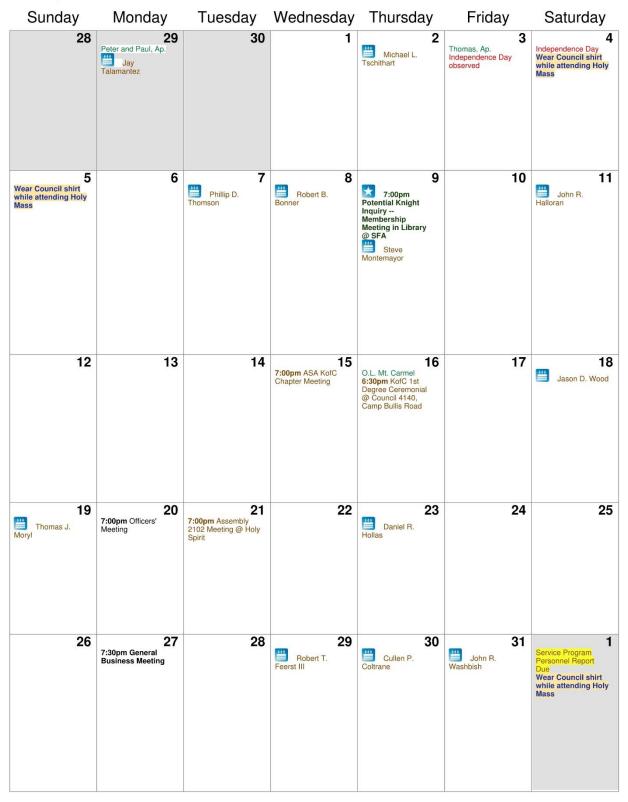


Council 15240 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are active in Assembly 2102

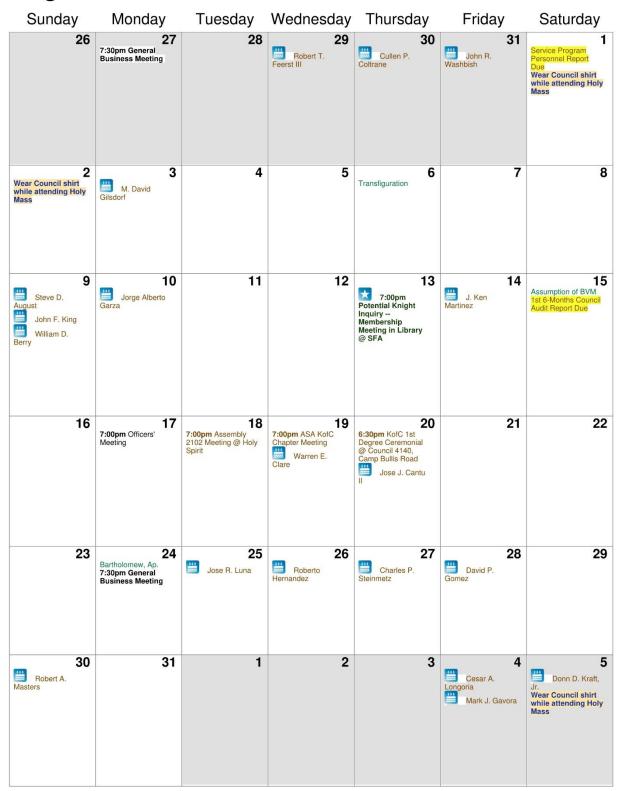
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## July 2015 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240



## August 2015 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240



## September 2015 - St. Francis of Assisi Council 15240



#### WEBSITES, FACEBOOK, & Email

Our council: kofc15240.org

Facebook: Facebook.com/kofc15240

ASA chapter: <u>kofcsac.org</u> Texas council: <u>tkofc.org</u>

Supreme: <u>kofc.org</u> Parish: <u>sfasat.org</u>

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

## May 25, 2015 Council Election Results:

Grand Knight CJ Fremin Deputy Grand Knight Jaime Piedra Chancellor Dan Hollas Treasurer Carlos Ortiz Advocate Mike Ezzell Warden Cullen Coltrane Inside Guard Jorge Garza Outside Guard-A Pedro Mendez Juan Cruz Outside Guard-B First Year Trustee Carlos Mata Second Year Trustee Stanley Cernosek

Third Year Trustee Brian Dunn

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 Financial Secretary

> Carlos R. Ortiz Treasurer

Michael Ezzell Advocate

Jaime Piedra 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
Stanley F. Cernosek, Jr. Public Relations
Ernesto Perez Family Director
VACANT
Youth Director
David P. Gomez Columbian Squires
Daniel R. Hollas Membership Director
Ronald B. Layer
Recruitment Committee 1
Recruitment Committee 1  C. J. Fremin Recruitment Committee 2
C. J. Fremin
C. J. Fremin Recruitment Committee 2  Michael Ezzell
C. J. Fremin Recruitment Committee 2  Michael Ezzell Recruitment Committee 3  Michael Ezzell

#### Pray for Our Sick and Distressed

Morris Tallman, Jorge Escobedo, Jack Verhagan, Ken Cadena, also Jo An Mata, wife of Brother Carlos Mata

## Fraternal Year 2014–2015 Knights of the Month

The Knight 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 2014 - Jorge Escobedo

September 2014 - Jamie Piedra

October 2014 - Morris Tallmon

November 2014 - Robert Mueller

December 2014 - No Meeting

January 2015 - Raul Salas

February 2015 - David Gilsdorf

March 2015 - Dennis Stephen & Brian Dunn

April 2015 - Mike Ezzell

May 2015 - Cullen Coltrane

In place of our regular General Business Meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015 there will be the **Installation of Officers Ceremony** and a **Holy Mass** in the Church starting at 6:30 PM followed by an open meeting in Henke Hall with a **Potluck Dinner**.

Save the Date!