

# Knight Life February 2017



**Business Meeting on the First Tuesday. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7 PM**  
**Open Meeting on the Third Tuesday at 7 PM**

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## **Grand Knight's Message — Tim Dougherty**

Recently, the closing song at a Mass was "Take the Word of God With You" by Christopher Walker. The verses say to take the seeds of God's word/joy/love and make them grow. After Mass, a friend mentioned that he was going to go to the store this week to get some onions to plant in his garden. It seems so early, but he was right ... it's time to plant now if he wants to enjoy the onions this spring.

Many of the charitable works that we do as Knights begin as an idea, a budget item, and a calendar entry, even though the event is months away. These are the seeds that have to be planted early before they mature into fruit. At business meetings, these nascent ideas are brought before the council to be reviewed, discussed, and developed. Finally, when the event approaches, there is normally a flurry of activity with people signing up to help and details being nailed down. After a successful event, sometimes we only remember the few hours of the actual event and don't appreciate the time that was put into planting the early seeds and growing them. To all of you who do the tedious and sometimes frustrating work of planning, scheduling, and promoting well before the event happens ... a huge thank you for making the seeds of God's love grow!

**Inside this issue:**

## **Family of the Month for January is Gerry and Elaine Manley**

The Family of the Month for January is Gerry and Elaine Manley. Gerry has been a member of the council for seven years and has been active with many events. Most notably, Gerry coordinated the Basketball Free Throw Contest at the Mary Immaculate School gym. There were 48 entrants in the contest this year. a record for our council! Due to Gerry's planning and Elaine's assistance, the event went off very smoothly and everyone had a great time. They also helped with the recent Police and Firefighters Appreciation Dinner. And they made the recent Cowboys playoff-watching party more fun even though they rooted for the Packers! They also have two young adult girls who they have reason to be proud of. We are happy to recognize the Manley's as our Family of the Month.

## **Knight of the Month for January is Wisdom Ezeoha**

The Knight of the Month for January is Wisdom Ezeoha. Wisdom has served in many different areas in the council since joining the Knights eight years ago. He makes most of the business meetings even though he has a very tight schedule servicing and selling used cars. He also finds time to move clothing and food donations from the collection boxes to a storage area, to usher at 7:30 Mass, and to teach Confirmation classes. Wisdom is a joyful person who has been blessed with many talents. He really engages his students about their faith and praises them enthusiastically for thoughtful answers. He shows a generous heart by helping people who need help with a car or other necessity. Wisdom has a passion for watching the Dallas Cowboys and for selling tamales – it's fun to be around him when he's doing either! Wisdom is a blessing to the Council and we are pleased to name him the Knight of the Month.

## **Family Dinner is February 10th Attention All Knights and their Families**

The January Family Dinner was fantastic! We served roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, salad, rolls & butter, and Peach Cobbler, topped with whipped cream for dessert. The volunteer participation was very light for this dinner. Special thanks goes to John Hennessey, Jarred Long, Mike Verdiguell, and Mike Schmitt as they handled the entire dinner from preparation to the clean up.

We need help with all the Family Dinners: servers, runners, busing of tables, and clean up. Please sign up to HELP! If we know there are volunteers who have signed up, it will make the planning and preparation for these events much easier.



## **Birthdays in February 2017**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS FEBRUARY!!!**

3. Kurt Reichert...4. Larry Crouch, Msgr. Andy Sagra...5. Rubin Camarillo...6. Harry Crowe...7. Louis Doerr...13. Armando Salinas...14. Ed Jordan...15. Henry Davila, David Schawe...19. Matt Wenthold...20. Michael Maker...21. Greg Axelson, Jaime Trejo...23. Gordon Curry...24. Joe Yakamavich...27. Pat Dougherty...28. Ross Conklin

**Contact our Council Office if you know of anyone sick or in need of prayer**

Some of us know of brother knights in need of prayer who have been inactive due to age or sickness. Please contact our office at 972-247-9836 so that we can add them to our prayer list.

The following members are ill or in distress: Joe Leverette; Bill Ladd; Paul Klein; Sean Harvey; Barbara Kelly; Art Saldana; Don Nichols; Ed Bareis; Kevin Dougherty; Ken Butler; Darrel Calvin., Roger Scott, Mary Kay O'Brien, and Beverly Gay Kindly keep them in your prayers.



Family of the Month: Gerry and Elaine Manley

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## **Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed** by Gene Johnson

Council 5052 has been a generous sponsor of a prison ministry for several years. We are in need of more men to serve in this project. If you feel a calling for this kind of service please call me, Gene Johnson, 214-679-7123, [ejohnson68@tx.rr.com](mailto:ejohnson68@tx.rr.com)

## **Special Olympics Fund Raiser** by Robert Mounger

Since 1968, the Knights of Columbus have raised and donated more than \$600 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities - Special Olympics ranks among the larger gifts the Order makes annually of time and money.

The Polar Plunge is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to support local Special Olympics athletes by jumping or running into icy cold waters. Plunge participants take a quick dip in a river or pool to raise funds for Special Olympics

This is the 2nd year at least one Knight from council 5052 will make the Farmers Branch polar plunge. The plunge will take place February 4th at the Farmers Branch aquatic park on heartside.

Plungers will jump into the deep end & walk out of the pool. Please donate & perhaps come out to see us shiver!

In order to support my plunge, please visit <http://bit.ly/2hKThrE>. To learn more about this wacky winter event, visit [www.sotx.org/polarplunge](http://www.sotx.org/polarplunge) for all of the chilly details.



**Knight of the Month for January: Wisdom Ezeoha**



# February 2017

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			1	2	3 First Friday Adoration at Mary Immaculate	4
5	6	7 Business Meeting	8	9	10 Family Dinner at Springlake Event Center	11
12	13	14 Director's Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Open Mtg 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Officers Meeting				

## Calendar of Events for February 2017

**AS ALWAYS, ADORATION STARTS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT MID-NIGHT**

- 3 First Friday Adoration at Mary Immaculate**
- 7 Tuesday 7pm Business Meeting with light meal served at 6:00 before the meeting.**
- 10 Family Dinner Night**
- 14 Tuesday 7 PM Director's Meeting**
- 21 Tuesday 7pm Open Meeting**
- 28 Tuesday 7pm Officers Meeting**