

Knights of Columbus Council 759 Newsletter

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HIGHLIGHTS

**The Lord has Risen!!! Alleluia!!!
Alleluia!!!**

Have a Safe and Blessed Easter

Knight of the Month - Dan Porter

Family of the Month - Bob and

Lorraine Hennessey

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Lenten Fish Fry Fridays for the last 6 weeks. We as Knights create a wonderful environment for the parish to share a sense of community with this event. May God Bless you all.

**Thanks to all the brothers who came out
Wednesday to be part of the fly over picture**

Trustee [Bob Propp](#)
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taking event of the new parish building.

The Knights are holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday at the SEAS soccer field at 10:00 AM. Ages 2 - 10. If you want to help set up come at 8:30 AM.

HELP NEED ON EASTER:

Overflow parking for Easter

We would like a few Knights to assist with overflow parking on Easter Sunday. All we ask that you show up an hour before the mass you plan to attend.

We will park the cars in the area behind the Formation Building (Weather Permitting)

If the ground is wet we will not assist in parking cars.

If you can assist please contact David Vasquez.

dvasquez@msn.com or 817-676-5695

The April KC Business Meeting is Thursday. Rosary at 6:30 PM, Business Meeting at 7:00 PM.

April 6th - Saturday

1st Annual Chili and Dessert Fest

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our 1st Annual "Chili Fest" and "Desert Fest" on April the 6th at the Knights Hall on Saturday April 6th from 12:00 noon till 3:30 PM. We are inviting all St. Elizabeth Ann Seton groups and individuals to make their best Chili and/or Pastry and enter the competition. We plan to award the winners with a year to year, traveling trophy. We also want to invite all Parishioners to attend and enjoy the great Chili and Deserts made by members of our Parish Community. The cost is \$7 per person, max at \$25 per family. Hot dogs and the fixings will also be available. Music will entertain you as you eat and vote for the best of both. The project benefits local Charities. **We are asking for donations for the wagon of cheer. We need your help. We are putting together a wagon of cheer for our raffle. Please check your libation cabinet for any unopened bottles and consider donating them and bring them to the Business Meeting Thursday night. Thanks.**

Contact Chairman Omar Holguin.... hooluhan@hotmail.com or cell 817 832 1623. Or Co-Chair, Burnie Vaughn

....Frisco1945@1scom.net or cell 817 881 6261 to register your group or an individual.

TELL YOU FRIENDS, TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS AND BRING THEM TO THIS EVENT.

April 13th and 14th

Brothers we are holding a membership drive this weekend. If you have someone you think would make a good Knight here is an opportunity to get expert help in bringing this man into our Christian Brotherhood. **Think about how being a Knight has impacted your life. Why won't you want to share that with another?**

SEE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TAB BELOW WE ARE FEEDING THE VOLUNTEERS AND NEED HELP!!!!!!

SEE TAB HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BELOW FOR INFO ON COWTOWN BRUSH UP APRIL 6th.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

ONE NATION UNDER GOD!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 29th - Friday

Good Friday and Founders Day.

Catholics United for Life and Mother and Unborn Baby Care will hold the:

28th Annual

Good Friday Vigil for Life

Planned Parenthood Abortion Center 301 S. Henderson, Ft. Worth, TX

March 29th, 2013 1:00-2:30pm

March 30th - Saturday (Holy Saturday)

Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt. 10:00 AM At the Soccer Fields at SEAS. Parking at the Church. Ages 2-10. Bring your basket and

let's enjoy some time together. Will need help for prior to the event for set up.

March 31st - Sunday

The Lord has Risen!!! Alleluia!!! Alleluia!!!

April 3rd - Wednesday

2013 Annual Scouting in Keller Fundraising Breakfast. 7:30 AM Texas Room, Keller ISD Building , 350 Keller Parkway. Contact Grand Knight Burnie Vaughn for Breakfast Reservation Form. frisco1945@1scom.net

April 4th - Thursday

KC Monthly Business Meeting. Rosary at 6:30 PM bring your family to the rosary. Business meeting 7:00 PM

April 6th - Saturday

KC 759 Chili Fest / Dessert Fest

Put your Chili Recipe and Dessert Recipe to the test. Are you the best like you been saying. This is where the chili and dessert meets the mouth and now we will know for sure. You talk the talk or walk the walk?

April 5th & 6th - Friday and Saturday

Divine Mercy Weekend - Over a thousand young people will participate. A perfect opportunity to make the Knights of Columbus visible to the next generation of knights. Need help Friday 4 PM - 8 PM for set up and all day Saturday 8 AM - 7 PM to serve the young people. Where you ask - Nolan High School. Contact Mike Demma at demmarespectlife@verzion.net

You need to have taken the Keep The Safe Program.

April 6th - Saturday

Trinity Habitat for Humanity, **Fort Worth's Cowtown Brush Up.** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Contact Brother Jim McInnis at jim.mcinnis@yahoo.com

Cell 817 917 3754

April 7 - Sunday

Knights Corporate Communion Mass

9:00AM at SEAS. This is a Mass for the Knights and their families to sit together as a community, to attend the Eucharist. **We will have pews roped off in the front of the church for the knights and their familie**
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Please let's sit together and show our solidarity to the clergy and the SEAS parishioners. Thanks.

April 12th - Friday

We will have our quarterly **"Family Night"** no cost but will take donations.

We are thinking differently this time it's **"Taco Night"** at KC Hall. After dinner we will have a family movie for the whole family to enjoy. All this will be at the KC Hall at 6:30 PM. Come join the family fun.

HELP NEEDED!!!!

April 13 -14 - Saturday Sunday

Family Style Knights of Columbus Membership Drive.

After all Masses Saturday and Sunday. We will need a lot of help at all masses.

April 14th - Sunday

Burrito Sunday. Cooks at 5:30 AM, Rollers at 6:00 AM at church hall. Sellers after all Masses.

April 18th - Thursday

Officers Meeting 7:00 PM KC Hall. All knights are invited.

April 20th - Saturday

1st degree exemplification. KC Hall 9:00 AM.

April 27th - Saturday

The next **Saturday of Prayer** will be April 27, 2013 at 8AM.

We'll be meeting at the Formation Building, F 7:30AM on Saturday to go as a caravan to Planned parenthood, Knights and Youth together. At Planned Parenthood 301 S. Henderson, Ft. Worth. We seek to defend the unborn until we have secured their right to life, protected in law. Every time we pray in front of an abortion mill we are proclaiming the Gospel of life in a public square. We are also, prayerfully, making an abortionist concerned of us and accountable to God.

May 11th - Saturday

Tootsie Roll Drive. 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. The corner of North Beach and Basswood. Need about a dozen volunteers.

May 18th - Saturday

Ladies Appreciation Night. Gentleman our event chairman Rusty Weldon has promised us a night to remember. Mark the date on your calendar as a night for a knight to honor his bride.

June 1st - Saturday

Major Degree at KC Council #759, Keller. Yup, we are putting on a Major Degree. We will need your help.

June 14th - Friday

Grand Knight Appreciation Dinner

July 11th - Thursday

JULY BUSINESS MEETING IS MOVED TO 2nd THURSDAY DUE TO 4th of JULY.

Prayer Requests

God, our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family and friends in God's name, Amen.

For the health of Monsignor. E. James Hart, Fr. Gary Geurtz, Fr. Jim McGhee, Fr. Dennis Smith, our deacons, Bishop Vann, the CFR's and all our Clergy

May the Lord bless and guide Pope Francis as he leads his flock.

For the health of Pope Emeritus Benedict.

For the health and healing of Brother Bob Nelson currently in the hospital with blood pressure problems. [Bob is out of the hospital and is doing well.](#)

For the health and healing of Brother Rusty Weldon as he recovers from pneumonia.

For the health and healing of Brother Russ Heuer. [Update: Russ is recovering quickly.](#)

For the repose of the soul of James Jones, brother of Brother Tom Jones.

For the health and healing of Moria Jones, wife of Brother Tom Jones as she recovers from eye surgery.

For the health and healing Laurie Cruz cousin of Brother Mike Demma. [Update: Laurie has had her surgery and is recovering beating all her doctor's expectation. The power of prayer.](#)

For the health and healing of Father Tom Kennedy. [Update: Father had his hip replaced and was in rehab and is now back in the hospital when they discovered an infection in his right leg that is unrelated to the hip replacement.](#)

For the health and healing of Carol Vaughn, wife of Grand Knight Burnie Vaughn.

For the health and healing of Yvonne Arrossa wife of Brother Sean Arrossa.

For the health and healing of Joe Woolbright father of Brother Chris Woolbright.

For the health and healing of Adele McGookin wife of Brother Joe McGookin.

For the repose of the soul of Gladys Mitchell and her family, aunt of Brother Joe McGookin.

For the repose of the soul Thomas Batkin Jr. cousin of

Brother Joe McGookin.

For the health and healing of Angeline Woolbright wife of Brother Chris Woolbright as she prepares for her surgery in Houston. Please keep the Woolbright family in your prayers.

For the health and healing of Anna Coleman and her family.

For the health and healing of Cheryl Pawlak wife of Brother Paul Pawlak. She just had her second surgery on her leg. It keeps breaking on her and she is in for a long road to full recovery.

For the health and healing of Maxine Propp wife of Brother Bob Propp.

For the health and healing of Tony Casper.

For the Health and Healing of Tom Sheely and prayers for his wife Kathy and daughter Jackie .

Update:

Great News!!! Tom is actually home now. He still is being treated by nurses each day, but he is home.

For the health and healing of Brother Johnny Pelzel.

For the health and healing of Velma Garcia and for Ug.

**For the health and healing of Brother Ralph Foster.
The great news is that his PET Test shows as cancer free.
Praise the Lord!!!**

For the health and healing of Brother Tony Casper's granddaughter Laura Casper.

For the health and healing of Cheryl Radford.

For the health and healing of Pablo Holguin- 5 year old grandson of Omar Holguin.

For the health and healing of Brother Chris Gomez.

For the health and healing Brother Joe Vedda Sr.

For the health and healing of Brother Chris Baker, son of

Brother Ken Baker.

May God's grace be with all those in their time of need.

For an end to the scourge of abortion.

For all those out of work or concerned about the future of their jobs.

In thanksgiving for the leadership of our Bishops, Priests and Clergy in standing up for and teaching the Truth

For our Country and its leaders - especially the "pro-choice" Catholics that they see the truth.

For our military who protect our freedom.

For our veterans who have served to protect our freedom.

**[Pro-Life Committee](mailto:tnt9232001@sbcglobal.net) - Tim and Teresa Johnson
tnt9232001@sbcglobal.net 817- 908 -0271**

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CELL PHONE DRIVE: Knights of Columbus, will continue to collect used cell phones and recycle them. This is a fundraiser for Pro-Life charities. All Knights are asked to accept the cell phones and bring to a meeting.

**[KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Pro-Life ACE Wings Award Application](http://tkofc.org/uploads/downloads/9_Ace_Pro-Life_Award.pdf)
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File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - Quick View

The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life ACE Wings Award

is earned by participating in five (5) or more Public Pro-Life activities in any 12-month period. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH TO BE A PART OF A PRO LIFE ACTIVITY

A MESSAGE FROM TIM:

The Texas Alliance for Life has scheduled three Pro-LIFE Lobbying

days for this session. March 20, April 18 and May 18. POC Tim Johnson 817 908-0271.

Pregnancy Help 4 U has a banquet at the Southlake Hilton, Thursday April 4th. Contact anne@pregnancyhelp4u.org for more information, or visit their website.

Thanks,

Tim
817 908-0271

CHURCH DIRECTOR - ED LEAL

IF YOU NEED COMMUNION:

If any Brother Knight, or family member is ill or in the hospital I will make arrangements to bring them Holy Communion.

Ed Leal

edleal7751@gmail.com
817 205 1122

Habitat for Humanity

Attached is the flyer for the event (Fort Worth's Cowtown Brush Up, April 6th, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Please let everyone know if they are interested but did not get a chance to sign up at the meeting, to simply forward an email to me in the next week and I will add them to the list.

Thanks,

God Bless !

Jim McInnis
Chancellor
Council #759

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Contact Jim for the Flyer with the details. I couldn't get into the note. Problem on my part. Sorry. Bob

Special Olympic's - Council 759

WE ARE FEEDING THE VOLUNTEERS

Joel Maxwell's message to Council #759, Keller, is below:

Great! Our Spring Games event will be held in Arlington at UTA's Maverick Stadium on Friday and Saturday the 19th & 20th of April.

Our need for grilling "experts" falls strictly on Saturday as we will need to feed approximately 400-500 volunteers that we typically classify as "All Day Volunteers" for the event that day.

We'll have over 700 total volunteers that day however we do not feed those individuals that only work the morning or afternoon shifts.

We will set up the food area inside a protected/fenced area on the east side of the stadium which will allow us to "control" access to those volunteers that we designate to be fed. The typical fare is Hot Dog/Chips/Drink as they will be coming in to "eat & run" back to their venue for continuation of the competitions. We do have a slowdown window of time where most events come to a stop so a large rush of volunteers can be expected.

We would want to get your grill/grillers and support team on site by around 9:30am to get set up and grill fired up. Our first diners would most likely be coming through around 11am or so. We typically have a company that will donate 750-1,000 hot dogs but I haven't received a commitment from them as yet agreeing to support us again this year. The hot dogs are our responsibility though. Basically we need your team to supply the grill and cooking team along with a handful of "servers" to stage the cooked meals with the diners. We would expect that a departure from the stadium would take place somewhere around the 2pm-2:30pm window. We would ask that your team consider carpooling when possible as access to the stadium is tight and parking across the street can be rather difficult on that day. We'll make sure we accommodate your team in one way or the other though. <http://local.yahoo.com/info-34736264-uta-maverick-stadium-arlington> (UTA Maverick Stadium Address in Map)

Burnie, thanks for such a quick response to this request! Let me know what other information may be of value. Take care!

Joel Maxwell, Program Director

Contact: Dan Porter <dan.porter1@verizon.net>

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Brother Knights,
PGK, Tom Howard, Financial Secretary has sent Supreme his resignation as Financial Secretary, and copies to officers of Council #759, his resignation is effective June 30th. 2013. Brother PGK, Tom, has been a very valuable resource as he performed his job of Financial Secretary, to Council #759, Keller.

Financial Secretary is not an elected position but one appointed by the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. He shall hold office at the will of the Supreme Knight, normally for 3 years. The Financial Secretary must be a Third Degree member of the Order, at least 21 years of age and cannot be engaged in the sale of life or health insurance for another organization. The financial secretary cannot be a convicted felon and should not hold another elected council position.

It takes a good amount of time to have a candidate approved and bonded. Therefore, if there are any Knights in good standing that are interested in the position, please make it known to the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees as soon as possible.

Fraternally Yours,
Burnie Vaughn
Grand Knight Council #759

**THIS MESSAGE WILL REMAIN IN THE NEWSLETTER UNTIL A
NEW FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAS BEEN APPROVED**

THANKS TOM FOR ALL THE FINE WORK YOU HAVE
DONE FOR THIS COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS TO HELP
MAKE US THE OUTSTANDING COUNCIL WE ARE
TODAY.
BURNIE VAUGHN GRAND KNIGHT COUNCIL #759.

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FALL FEST 2013 - KC FOOD CHAIR

Terry Bachman has been running the KC Fall Fest Food Booth for the last three years and has done a wonderful job. Thanks Terry. This year 2013 we are looking for a new chairman. Please contact GK Bernie Vaughn if you are interested.

Chili Cook Off / Dessert Fest

A challenge is being issued. There are many chili cooks within our Parish, many organizations have claimed and as yet unproven "The Best Chili " title. Dessert dishes are also a topic of bragging rights. Now comes the Challenge: On April 6th 2013, the Knights of Columbus are challenging any and all groups within our Parish to officially claim the prize of the "Traveling Trophy" of "The Best Chili" and "Best Dessert".

The event will be held April 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1907 Whitley Rd. Keller, 76248. Bring your Chili already cooked in a crock pot or other dish.

We also will have a judgment on The Best Dessert. Again bring your best dessert and meet the challenge.

The Knights and your organization should promote this event.

There will be other foods available such as hot dogs, hamburgers available for those who do not care for Chili, yet will want to participate in such an exciting event. The Knights will provide those choices as well as the drinks at the cook off.

The judgment rules are being discussed at this time. The time of the event is being discussed also. Any and all ideas about how to hold this event should be forwarded to Chairman, Omar Holguin, email hooluhan@hotmail.com or Co-Chairman, Burnie Vaughn, email Frisco1945@1scom.net. This promises to be a fun event.

Burnie Vaughn
Grand Knight, Council #759

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:

Deacon Nelson Petzold

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY: WE MUST LIVE THE FAITH WITH A YOUNG HEART

Vatican City, 24 March 2013 (VIS) - Following is the whole text of Pope Francis' homily during the Palm Sunday Mass that begins the Holy Week celebrations. The Holy Father commented on the World Youth Day that the entire Church celebrates today, asking that we live the faith "with a young heart". The pontiff urged the youth to "tell the world that it is good to follow Christ!"

JOY

"Jesus enters Jerusalem. The crowd of disciples accompanies him in festive mood, their garments are stretched out before him, there is talk of the miracles he has accomplished, and loud praises are heard:

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' (Lk 19:38)."

"Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings, he has shown the face of God's mercy, he has bent down to heal body and soul."

"This is Jesus. This is his heart that looks upon all of us, who sees our sicknesses, our sins. Jesus' love is great. And so He enters into Jerusalem with this love and looks upon all of us. It is a beautiful scene, full of light-the light of the Jesus' love, of his heart-joy, and celebration."

"At the beginning of Mass, we repeated all this. We waved our palms. We also welcomed Jesus; we too expressed our joy at accompanying him, at knowing him to be close, present in us and among us as a friend, a brother, and also as a King: that is, a shining beacon for our lives. Jesus is God but He lowered himself to walk with us. He is our friend, our brother. He enlightens us along the journey. And thus today we have welcomed him."

"And this is the first word that I want to tell you: 'Joy!' Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy that comes from having many possessions, but it comes from having encountered a Person, Jesus, who is among us. It comes from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! This is the moment when the enemy comes, when the devil, often times dressed as an angel, comes and insidiously tells us his word. Don't listen to him! Follow Jesus! We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders. This is our joy, this is the hope that we must bring to this world of ours. Please don't let him steal our hope. Don't let him steal our hope, that hope that Jesus gives us."

CROSS

"The second word. Why does Jesus enter Jerusalem? Or better: how does Jesus enter Jerusalem? The crowds acclaim him as King. And he does not deny it, he does not tell them to be silent (cf. Lk 19:39-40). But what kind of a King is Jesus? Let us take a look at him: He is riding on a donkey; He is not accompanied by a court; He is not surrounded by an army as a symbol of power. He is received by humble people, simple folk who had the sense to see something more in Jesus; those with a sense of faith that tells them: "This is the Saviour. Jesus does not enter the Holy City to receive the honours reserved to earthly kings, to the powerful, to rulers. He enters to be scourged, insulted and abused, as Isaiah foretold in the First Reading (cf. Is 50:6). He enters to receive a crown of thorns, a staff, a purple robe: his kingship becomes an object of derision. He enters to climb Calvary, carrying his burden of wood."

"And this brings us to the second word: Cross. Jesus enters Jerusalem in order to die on the Cross. And it is here that his kingship shines forth in godly fashion: his royal throne is the wood of the Cross! I think of what Benedict XVI said to the cardinals, 'You are princes, but of a crucified King.' That is Jesus' throne. Jesus takes it upon himself... Why the Cross? Because Jesus takes upon himself the evil, the filth, the sin of the world, including our own sin-all of us-and he cleanses it, he cleanses it with his blood, with the mercy and the love of God. Let us look around: how many wounds are inflicted upon humanity by evil! Wars, violence, economic conflicts that hit the weakest, greed for money, which none of us can take with us, it must be left behind."

Here the Pope added a personal note: "My grandmother used to tell us children, 'A shroud has no pockets!'" Then he continued: "Loving money, power, corruption, divisions, crimes against human life and against creation! And also-each of us knows and recognizes-our personal sins: our failures in love and respect towards God, towards our neighbour and towards the whole of creation."

"Jesus on the Cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love he conquers it, he defeats it with his resurrection. This is the good that Jesus' does for all of us upon his throne of the Cross. Christ's Cross embraced with love does not lead to sadness, but to joy! It leads to the joy of being saved and of doing a little of what He did that day of his death."

YOUTH

"Today in this Square, there are many young people: for 28 years Palm Sunday has been World Youth Day! This is our third word: Youth! Dear young people, I saw you in the procession when you entered. I think of you celebrating around Jesus, waving your olive branches. I think of you crying out his name and expressing your joy at being with him! You have an important part in the celebration of faith! You bring us the joy of faith and you tell us that we must live the faith with a young heart," and here he emphasized, "a young heart, always, even at the age of seventy or eighty, a young heart. With Christ, the heart never grows old!"

"Yet all of us, all of you know very well that the King whom we follow and who accompanies us is very special: he is a King who loves even to the Cross and who teaches us to serve and to love. And you are not ashamed of his Cross! On the contrary, you embrace it, because you have understood that it is in giving ourselves, in giving ourselves and in going outside of ourselves, that we have true joy and through God's love He has conquered evil. You carry the pilgrim Cross through all the Continents, along the highways of the world! You carry it in response to Jesus' call: "Go, make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19), which is the theme of World Youth Day this year. You carry it so as to tell everyone that on the Cross Jesus knocked down the wall of enmity that divides people and nations, and he brought reconciliation and peace."

"Dear friends, I too am setting out on a journey with you today, in

the footsteps of Blessed John Paul II and Benedict XVI. We are already close to the next stage of this great pilgrimage of the Cross. I look forward joyfully to this coming July in Rio de Janeiro! I will see you in that great city in Brazil! Prepare well in your communities-prepare spiritually above all-so that our gathering in Rio may be a sign of faith for the whole world." Then, in an unscripted exhortation, the Pope called out: "Young persons, you must tell the world that it's good to follow Jesus, that it's good to go with Jesus. Jesus' message is good. It's good to go outside ourselves to the ends of the earth and of existence to bring Jesus! Three words: Joy, Cross, and Youth."

"Let us ask the intercession of the Virgin Mary. She teaches us the joy of meeting Christ, the love with which we must look to the foot of the Cross, the enthusiasm of the young heart with which we must follow him during this Holy Week and throughout our lives. May it be so."