

# Knights of Columbus Council 759 Newsletter

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## Council Officers



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## HIGHLIGHTS:

**Worthy Grand Knight Burnie Vaughn presented the following awards at the September Business Meeting.**

## Knight of the Month:

### Brother Edward A. Leal

Ed Leal completed exemplification of the 1st Degree August of 2006. He completed his Major Degrees in September 2009. He has 7 years of dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus.

Ed and spouse Maria have 3 daughters, one of which was recently married, another who just completed her law degree and now is a practicing lawyer.

Ed wasted no time in becoming actively involved with the Knights of Columbus. He was elected to the position of Church Director and Vocations Director in July of 2010. He still serves in this capacity yet today.

Ed is very passionate about his Catholicism, his membership as a Parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and his involvement with the Knights of Columbus. Ed is almost a full

Childress [Eddie Laguana](#)

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time Acolyte serving often at many Masses and Vespers. The Director of Liturgy often relies on Ed for help and he always responds positively. When a special Mass is needed for Corporate Communion or before a Major Degree that Council #759 sponsors, Ed handles all the arrangements for that Mass, with our Church Priests.

Ed's dedication is also shown as he leads the Rosary before each business meeting of Council #759.

Because of his obvious dedication to Church and Knights of Columbus. Ed was asked in July 2013, by the Diocesan Deputy to be the Diocesan Chairman for the Knights of Columbus Chapter's Seminarian Support Program. Ed accepted the position and will be a benefit to the Diocese of Ft. Worth, Knights of Columbus Program in helping with the needs of our seminarians within the Diocese.

The Monsignor Robert M. Nolan Council #759 is proud to recognize as the August 2013, Knight of the Month, Brother Edward A. Leal. Thank You Brother Ed.

Grand Knight, Burnie Vaughn  
September 5th. 2013

## Family of the Month:

### **SK Kenneth J. Baker and Lady Therese**

Ken and his spouse, Therese of 41 years, have 3 boys, all are Eagle Scouts which Ken started the troop and was the Scoutmaster, so he could make sure the Catholic members attended Mass on Sundays.

One of his sons (William) is a Knight of Columbus in Council 759. He and Therese have 5 grandchildren, 4 girls and 1 boy. Ken retired from American Airlines after 41 years.

He was exemplified into the 1st Degree Knight, June 1st. 1982 and completed his major degree in September of the same year. He was exemplified into the 4th Degree in September of 1999. One of his 1st officer duties in the Knights of Columbus came June 2009 as Warden of Council 8512, at St. John the Apostle, in North Richland Hills. He later was elected and served as Grand Knight of that Council. Ken has served the Western Metroplex Chapter as Vice President and currently is a District Deputy for the 13th District of the Chapter. Ken has served on many committees in the Knights of Columbus and within two Parishes. Ken is a Honorary member of the Knights of Columbus with 31 years of service.

His spouse, Lady Therese retired from St. Johns Catholic Church after 18 years, where she held several positions. She is currently serving on the Bereavement Committee at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller.

Ken enjoys riding his motorcycle, playing cards, Nascar as he has even driven one, loves to travel and enjoys the fellowship and serving in the Knights of Columbus. If a Knights project needs additional help Ken is always ready to assist where needed.

Therese shared a story about their Church and Knights involvement.

Before Ken converted to Catholicism in 1982, he would always say to his wife, "You are always at the church doing stuff."

Then Ken converted to Catholicism and immediately joined the Knights of Columbus and became involved from day one. Now his wife says to him, "You are always at the Knights doing stuff."

The Monsignor Robert M. Nolan Council 759 of the Knights of Columbus is proud to recognize the Family of the month for August 2013 awarded to:

Sir Knight Kenneth J. and Lady Therese Baker and Family

### **Burrito Sunday This Sunday**

Cooks at 5:30 AM, Rollers at 6:30 AM. Sellers at all Masses.

### **SOFTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED:**

Calling all members interested in playing Friday night softball. All games are Friday night in NRH, and game times range from 7:00-10:00PM. The games last about an hour and are always a good time. We only play games...no practicing (doesn't mean that we don't need it). This is a great opportunity to be active and enjoy other brother Knights and their families.

If you would like to join the softball team please contact Andy Wheaton, 817.706.6879 and [andrew.wheaton@kofc.org](mailto:andrew.wheaton@kofc.org)

### **Help Needed for Baby Bottle Drive / KC Wheelchair Program:**

We were so successful last weekend with parishioners requesting baby bottles that we ran out at the 1:00PM Mass and promised the folks at the Sunday 5:00PM Mass that we would be back this week. Contact Bob Hennessey if you can make it to hand out baby bottles at this Sunday's 5:00PM Mass.

[robhenn@1scom.net](mailto:robhenn@1scom.net)

### **From the Deacon's Desk (See Message Below)**

We are looking for new 1st Degree Team members to fill the **1st Degree Team roles**. Contact Sean Arrosa or Mark LeMay if you are interested.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

# ONE NATION UNDER GOD!!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 14th - Saturday

**MAJOR DEGREE will be hosted by Council 759.** It will be held at the Formation Building at SEAS. **Mass will be at the Formation at 8:00AM.** For all you 1st Degree Knights, here is an opportunity to make your Major Degree without leaving your parish.

September 21st - Saturday

**WILL NOT BE AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

The next **Saturday of Prayer** will be September 21, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

We'll be meeting at the Formation Building, 8:00 AM on Saturday to go as a caravan to Whole Women's Health . Knights and Youth together.

At 3256 Lackland Road, Fort Worth ( south of the Ridgmar Mall ). If you are driving on your own, parking is available at Christ the King Episcopal Church just south of WWH, on the right side of the road. . 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.

September 28th - Saturday

**"A Celebration of Life", The Bishop's 9th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Banquet**

At the Omni Fort Worth Hotel. Check-in: 4:30 PM, Silent Auction 5:00 PM, Dinner: 7:30 PM, Live Auction 8:30 PM, Raffle 9:00 PM.

Guest Speaker - Pam Tebow mother of NFL quarterback Tim Tebow. Tickets \$85. Council 759 would like to have 2 tables at the banquet. See GK Burnie Vaughn for details. **ONE TABLE "Council 759" HAS BEEN BOOKED LOOKING FOR A SECOND TABLE!!!!** This qualifies for KC ACE Award.

**Brother Knights and Sir Knights,**  
There is no more important matter than the effort to promote human dignity and the respect for life than the effort our councils and assemblies talk about. The talking has gone really far but the financial part of the information is much harder to disseminate. However, the funding by the Knights of Columbus goes a long ways to helping our diocese get the information to many. We will enjoy a like minded group of

people with determination to change laws and serve those who may have fallen to misconceptions of respecting life. Attend the banquet and get rejuvenated to help our cause.

God Bless,  
Burnie Vaughn  
[Frisco1945@1scom.net](mailto:Frisco1945@1scom.net)

**September 28th - Saturday**

**Fourth Degree Exemplification.** If you are a Third Degree Knight who would like to take the next step, this is very important date to remember.

**September 30th - Monday**

**Annual Beautiful Feet Fall Classic Golf Tournament at Sky Creek.**

Benefits the Beautiful Street Ministry of Fort Worth.

Cost is \$100 per individual, or \$360 to register a 4 man team. 1:00PM Shotgun. Golf, cart, dinner, prizes, good fun all included.

To sign up go to [www.thefeet.golf](http://www.thefeet.golf) registration.com

Contact Brother Rob Schill at [rschill@verizon.net](mailto:rschill@verizon.net) if you have questions or would like to be a sponsor for this worthy cause.

**October 5th - Saturday**

Trinity Habitat invites you to volunteer during **Fort Worth's Cowtown Brush Up event** on Saturday, October 5, 2013, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cowtown Brush Up "CTBU" is one of the most successful revitalization programs in Fort Worth. In 1991, 33 homes in low-income neighborhoods were given a fresh coat of paint, which in turn enhanced the image of the neighborhoods. As of today, more than 2,300 homes have been painted. This rewarding opportunity is a wonderful way to give back to the community while partnering with Trinity Habitat for Humanity. **Contact Jim Mcinnis - [JIM.MCINNIS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JIM.MCINNIS@YAHOO.COM) to sign up on the KC759 PAINT TEAM**

**October 6th - Sunday**

**Life Chain** is a national event that is held annually as a silent prayer vigil to end abortion. This year the prayer vigil will start at 2:00 PM and last to 3:30 PM along HWY 3777 on the North and South side of North Tarrant Parkway. We are looking for Brother Knights to volunteer to help. Contact Tim Johnson at [tnt9232001@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tnt9232001@sbcglobal.net) to help.

**October 11th - Friday ( HELP NEEDED)**

Brother Tom Howard, has accepted the chair position of holding a Texas Holdem Tournament during Fall Fest, on October 11th, Friday night at the KC Hall. He will need 8 to 10 helpers to pull this off. I am asking for your help and support as we move forward on this project. This would help us very much in meeting our Charity goals.

**October 12th and 13th - Saturday / Sunday**

**FALL FEST -**

**Brother Richard LaPorte KC Food Chairman. We will need cooks and servers. Let Richard know if you can help.**

## **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 repose of the soul of Jeanine Rhoads sister of Dennis Helgeson, Major Degree Team Captain. Please keep Dennis and his family in your prayers.**

**The good news is we have another new member to the Knights of Columbus Family here in Council #759. Born yesterday a baby boy "John" born into the family of brother John DeVivo. One of God's gift to this family, congratulations!**

**Prayers Needed,**

**Deputy Grand Knight Sean Arrossa has need for prayers for his spouse Yvonne, he took her back to the hospital early Monday morning due to some complications. Please include them in your prayers for a speedy return to good health.**

**Please pray for the health and healing of Brother Terry Peffers's mother,who had a heart procedure done.**

**Health and healing of Maria Montini she is at home recovering from her Right Knee Replacement**

**For the repose of the soul of Brother SK and Faithful Navigator Chris Matera and prayers for his wife Lady Noreen and the rest of Matera family.**

**For the health and healing of Pat Needham wife of Brother Danny Needham.**

**For the health and healing of SK John Donovan's wife who is having kidney problems and is undergoing tests.**

**For Caroline Fremgen, mother-in-law of Brother Bob Hennessey, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer.**

**For the health and healing of Weston Luke.**

**For the health and healing of Brother Ray Florez Jr. who has just started chemo treatments for cancer.**

**For the health and healing of Debbie Meyer, wife of Brother SK Rob Meyer.**

**Health and healing of Brother Leonard Gurca's mother who was injured in the bus that crashed in Dallas.**

**For the health and healing of Sue Sparks, wife of Brother George Sparks, who has suffered a serious set back in her recovery from knee surgery.**

**For the health and healing of Bob Zwit, brother of Brother Jack Zwit.**

**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: Tom is now home.](#)**

**For the health and healing of Brother Johnny Pelzel.**

**For the health and healing of Cheryl Radford who had experimental surgery on her knee in an effort to help her to walk and save her leg.**

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

**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  
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.



## Election of New Council Chancellor

Nic Stevens has been nominated and appointed by the Grand Knight and Trustees to fill the vacancy of Chancellor until elections next month. If you wish to be nominated please inform the trustees to include you in the list of nominees for a vote for Chancellor at the October Business Meeting.

## From the Deacon's Desk:

**Deacon Nelson Petzold**

Brother Knights,

"While we may disagree with our fellow man, whether in the family, business, social circles and even in the Order, and whatever the subject may be, let us never forget we are Catholic Knights and may all our thoughts, works, deeds and decisions be based on the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ>

Deacon Petzold

## 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](mailto:edleal7751@gmail.com)

817 205 1122

### **TODAY IN SCRIPTURE:**

Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Ephesians 4:31-32

## **Our Seminarrians:**

**At the June business meeting the Chancellor read letters from the seminarrians thanking KC 759 for all our support.**

**Seminarrian Joseph Keating Birthday 05/10 Phone E-Mail [joe\\_keating510@hotmail.com](mailto:joe_keating510@hotmail.com)**

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**Seminarrian Gary Picou Birthday 01/04 Phone 817-472-5181 E-Mail [gjprou@hotmail.com](mailto:gjprou@hotmail.com)  
Pastoral Internship St. Joseph Arlington**

### **Message From Gary:**

**Dear Knights,**

**Thank you for your support over the years. I have been called to the order of diaconate by the diocese on September 14th at 10am at St. Michael in Bedford. It's rather short notice, and I have a planning meeting on this Monday, so I will have more detail afterwards. Please keep me and the diocese in your prayers as we prepare for the ordination of Raul Martinez and myself.**

**Sincerely,**

**Gary Picou**

## **Catering Team:**

**Rob Schill - [rschill@verizon.net](mailto:rschill@verizon.net)**

**September 30th - Beautiful Feet Golf  
Tournament - 1pm Sky Creek Ranch**

**October 5th - Cooking for Brother  
Russ Adam's daughter Ashley's  
wedding. Details to follow.**

**We have more that are being finalized .**

**Rob**