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Next Meeting:
Tuesday
April 10th
7PM Rosary
In Chapel
7:30PM Meeting
Father Pondant Hall

Updated Calendars @
[http://](http://www.kofc12300.org)
www.kofc12300.org

WORDS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers,

I want to express my humble appreciation to all of you who volunteer for our events. The fish fries during lent have allowed our church community to come together in fellowship and enjoy a fine meal, while raising a few funds for our council's charities. It was very rewarding to see so many of you helping with the stripping of the palms and the cleaning of the light globes. I have walked in to church through the porticos of our Church for the last 4 years and never noticed the lights that showed me the way to the sanctuary. The way to the Church is now much brighter.



GK Jorge and Lady Jane

I hope all of you read the Columbia magazine every month. I encourage you to do so to keep abreast of the issues and news of our order. In April's issue Supreme Knight Carl Anderson encourages to "stand in solidarity with the U.S. bishops against an unjust government mandate". The U.S department of Health and Human Services' health insurance mandate will force Catholic organizations to provide insurance coverage for sterilization. Carl goes on to say that the Knights of Columbus will be forced to use membership money to provide drugs and procedures that violate the moral teachings of the Catholic Church on the sanctity of life.

On our council's web site I have a link that you can use to help you write to our congressmen to express our concern with this mandate.

Vivat Jesus, Jorge Gonzalez



Knights of Columbus
SQUIRES
Youth Organization.

<http://www.wyliesquires.org>

Deacon Pete Martinez Circle # 5279

Chief Squire: Sean Fletcher

Business meetings are on the first Saturday of every month in Father Pondant Hall at 6:00 pm.

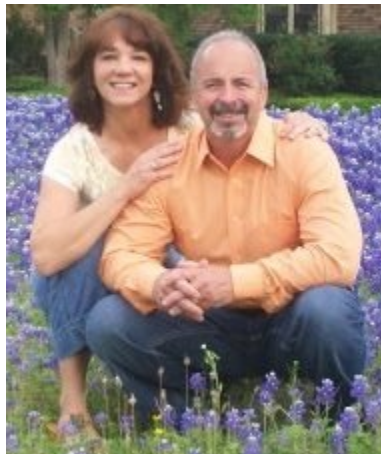
Knight of the Month—March

Deacon Marco Antonio Cruz is an inspiration to our council and the Church at large. For his dedication and the great example he sets to all of us, Deacon Marco was named Knight of the month for March.



Family of the Month—March

For their strong support to many of our council's events, Tom and Margarete Swayden were named family of the month during our March council meeting. Tom and Margarete are also very active in the Church, helping with the giving tree and ushering.



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Dallas Knights Gather At The Cathedral

Upon the invitation of Bishop Farrell, Knights of Columbus came together to celebrate the 4th annual Dallas Diocesan Corporate Communion on March 24th, 2012.

During his homily, Bishop Farrell thank the Knights for all the charitable activities that we sponsor and for all the support we give to our Church. His excellency encouraged us to keep united in the efforts to support the great causes that the Knights of Columbus stand for, namely pro-life, family, charity and respecting our country.

The Color Corps from Mother Teresa Assembly, several officers of our council and Pete Martinez Squires circle were present to celebrate the Corporate Communion.

Shown below are members of Deacon Pete Martinez Squire circle bringing up the gifts during the Mass.



Dallas Knights Gather At The Cathedral



Fran Morris in the front row.
Lady Jane Gonzalez, DGK
Ken and Lady June. Prepare
for the Eucharistic celebration.



Council Elections



Our council election will be held at the June 12th meeting. If you are a third degree Knight and wish to be involved in the leadership of your council, contact DGK Ken Danker (danker@verizon.net) to express your interest. Nominees will be presented at the May 8th Council meeting. Installation of officers will be on Saturday, June 16.

Bill Henry Celebrates 82nd B'Day!



Membership

"Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign

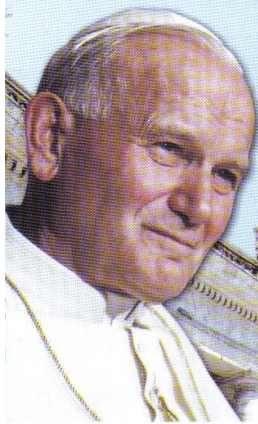
We are conducting the "Be Not Afraid!" Membership Campaign in honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II. Participating in the campaign is easy! Every member should participate; all he has to do is **recruit new members!**

"Be Not Afraid!"

Membership Campaign in Honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II

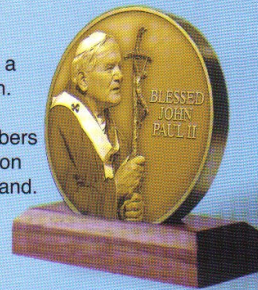
Starts: December 1, 2011

Ends: June 29, 2012*



Recruit 1 new member per month and receive a Blessed John Paul II Medallion for that month.

Recruiters that recruit a minimum of 4 new members will receive a large specially struck limited edition Blessed John Paul II Medallion with a display stand.



**All Form 100s must be received at the Supreme Council Office by Noon on June 29, 2012.*

Our Goal: Offer every Catholic gentleman the opportunity to become a Knight!

Youth Volunteer Wanted



Summer will be upon us before you know it and so will the youth soccer games. Brother Bill Norris would like to find a volunteer to help or take over the coaching duties starting this summer. If you are interested please contact the Grand Knight or Bill Norris for more information.



DALLAS DIOCESAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOLUNTEERS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS - AREA 10 TRACK & FIELD COMPETITION

APRIL 27 & 28, 2012

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING GAMES 2012

CEDAR HILL HIGH SCHOOL

1 LONGHORN BLVD; CEDAR HILL, TX 75104-2748

469-272-2000

FRIDAY – APRIL 27TH FROM 4:30PM TO 8PM

SATURDAY – APRIL 28TH FROM 7AM TO 5PM **The earlier starting time allows some events to be run before Opening Ceremonies this year.**

Knights and their spouses, children and friends will assist Mr. Dwayne Lovell in awarding the medals and ribbons to each of the athletes. There will be one award tent on Friday and two award tents on Saturday that will require 8 to 10 volunteers at each site at all times. Assisting the athletes of the Special Olympics is entertaining and worthwhile as well as a very rewarding experience.

Brother Knights, bring along your spouses, children and friends, sunglasses, caps and sunscreen lotion, as this will be an outdoor event. This can serve as one of your State Council Service Program Awards necessary for the council to be awarded the prestigious Star Council Award by the Supreme Council. The women are invited to help with the handling of the medals and ribbons and the children are invited to cheer for the athletes when they receive their awards.

COME ONE, COME ALL, THE MORE THE MERRIER.

Friday, April 29th Shift #1 4:30PM to 8PM

Saturday, April 30th Shift #1 7AM to 11AM

 Shift #2 11AM to 2PM

 Shift #3 2PM to 5PM

Feel free to work one shift or as many shifts as you are able to work into your busy schedule. Any time that you can spend assisting the athletes of the Special Olympics is greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES:

We have been informed by the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Chair that all members of the Knights of Columbus and their family members are encouraged to assist with the upcoming Special Olympics events. All volunteers that do assist should be Safe Environment cleared; otherwise, they will be paired with a volunteer that has been cleared. Non-Catholic volunteers are welcome to assist with the presentation of awards and will be paired with a volunteer that has been safe environment cleared.

Please respond to Jim Massey, Diocesan Coordinator for Special Olympics, at jfm00523@sbcglobal.net or 972-235-6158 as soon as possible.

From Our Lecturer

Lent: More Than Penance

from *Lenten Lunches: Reflections on the Weekday Readings for Lent and Easter Week*

by Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk



Gary Kruse

To think of Lent only as a time of penance is to do it an injustice. While the traditional practice of "doing something" for Lent is praiseworthy, there is much more to this wonderful season than just additional practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. In Lent the Church calls us to *metanoia*.

As a former Greek teacher, I take delight in pointing out that the word *metanoia* connotes a change of mind and heart, altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting. This involves taking a look at where we are and trying to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how they stack up against the values that Jesus offers his followers.

Fortunately, *metanoia* is not something we have to do all by ourselves. God's word gives us a lot of help in the process, as does the example of our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are engaged, during these weeks, in the same exercise.

Lent is also the season of final preparation for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Church invites its members to pray for these catechumens, but also to renew their own commitment to the life that began in them when they were baptized and so became members of God's people.

Finally, Lent prepares us for Holy Week, for those most sacred days in the Church's year when we celebrate the suffering and death of Jesus, the Lord's gift of himself in obedience to the mission he received from his heavenly Father. Of course, the suffer-

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ing and death of Jesus—and his resurrection—present questions and challenges to each of us in the context of our own mission as followers of Christ and so in our process of *metanoia*.

During the weekdays of Lent, therefore, the Scripture readings for the Eucharist are concerned with three main themes. The selections for the first three weeks have to do almost exclusively with change of heart: what it means and what it involves. They present the classic motifs of Lent: prayer, care for our neighbor, repentance for our sinfulness.

The fourth and fifth weeks offer us a series of selections from the Gospel according to John. These deal at first with the basics of Jesus' mission and thus further outline the change of heart that is required of us while, at the same time, teaching us about what the catechumens—and we—are to seek from him in Baptism. As the season progresses, the readings lead us into the Passion of Jesus, showing us the tensions and controversies that finally led the leaders of his people to do away with him.

Sometimes the Church plays us only one of these themes. Sometimes two or even three of them are presented together in a sort of harmony so that we become aware that a change of heart and beginning a new life and participating in the sufferings of Jesus are all part of what it means to be his disciples.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/lent/0-86716-243-0.asp>

APRIL 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Palm Sunday	2	3 Officers Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Easter	9	10 First Degree Pro-Life Rosary Council Meeting	11	12	13	14 First Degree Ceremony The Bishop's 19th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner
15 Divine Mercy Chaplet	16	17	18	19	20	21 Financial Secretary's Class, April 21st at Council 5052 Hall Family Picnic with the Squires
22 Pancake Breakfast First Shift Major Degree at Council 5052 Pancake Breakfast Second Shift Lunch event	23	24	25 First Degree at PoP	26	27 State Convention Special Olympics Track and Field	28 Special Olympics Track and Field Highway Clean Up State Convention
29 State Convention	30	1 Officers Meeting	2	3	4	5 Color Corps Event - First Communion
MAY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 State Convention	30	1 Officers Meeting	2	3	4	5 Color Corps Event - First Communion Color Corps Event - First Communion
6 Major Degree at KC799	7	8 Pro-Life Rosary Council Meeting	9	10	11 Council #7850 Charity Golf Tournament Color Corps Event - Confirmation	12 Ladies Appreciation Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 First Degree at St. Anthony
20	21 First Degree Ceremony	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 St. Francis, Lancaster Knight in a Day