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Grand Knight’s Report – GK Craig Robinson

Each year the Dallas Diocesan Chapter (DDC) for the Knights of Columbus recognizes the Clergy for their service with an Appreciation Banquet. This year was particularly special for this event because our Council Chaplain, Rev. Father and Sir Knight Bruce Bradley, was named Chaplain of the Year by DDC President SK Ben Oani. The banquet was held at Council 799 KayCee Club in Dallas on Friday, February 13th. This was a lucky day for Council 7850 and the Catholic Community of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The Council continued its campaign for the Changing Lives Box Collection at each Mass. To date, 330 boxes have been distributed to parishioners and 130 have been returned. The amount collected has not been determined as of the printing of this newsletter.

We start the Lenten Season this month and this solemn period of penance, reflection and fasting is preceded by Fat Tuesday and the Mardi Gras celebration. Over 30 Knights volunteered to pull this off with amazing efficiency. Leading the effort was Brother Knight John Forsythe, assisted by his brother James, also a Brother Knight. This event is expected to be the last one managed by John and he is also expected to name his replacement!

Although we are now in Lent, we have continued to be actively involved in supporting Parish Ministries. Notable among these is the Women’s Welcome Retreat, held over a two-day period of February 21-22. Our involvement was providing breakfast on the 21st and lunch on the 22nd. PGK Steve Gumm organized, directed and controlled the Knights to prepare the food in the Parish Hall Kitchen, then transporting and serving it in the FFC Gym.

The meat sauce not eaten by the retreatants was given to Beth Ann Apt for serving to the CREW kids. Teens are always hungry and they loved it.

We executed another bimonthly Plano Cleanup Campaign on the 21st. There were ten volunteers to cover Spring Creek Pkwy and Custer Road simultaneously, taking about one hour to complete the task.

Vivat Jesus,

Craig L. Robinson

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Knight of the Month February 2026

Council 7850's Knight of the Month for this month is Arun Joy, recognized for his achievements in the support of the Parish Pancake Breakfast and Mardi Gras.

Arun is a fairly new member in our Council and he has wasted no time in becoming one of our rising stars. He has been actively involved each month with our Parish Pancake Breakfast on the serving line to dish out the tasty breakfast treats of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy. He was also actively involved in our Annual Mardi Gras serving hotdogs, hamburgers, tornado fries and drinks. He thoroughly enjoys being part of the team.

Thank you, Arun, for your active involvement and commitment to the success of the Knights of Columbus and Council 7850.



Knight of the Month, Arun Joy.

Family of the Month February 2026

Council 7850's Family of the Month for this month is the Forsythe family, John and James. John and James are recognized for their combined efforts with the Mardi Gras celebration this month.

This dynamic duo shared responsibilities for managing the Annual Mardi Gras on Fat Tuesday, February 17th. While not as wild and crazy as the event in New Orleans on the same day, the revelers of this Council and other Parish Ministries joined forces to provide a night of fun and games prior to the start of the Lenten Season. It's always a time to indulge in the variety of tasty snacks typical to Cajun cuisine. John and James were actively involved in managing the festive crowd.

We thank the Forsythe family for their enthusiastic support of Council 7850, another true example of the Catholic Family.



Family of the Month, John and James Forsythe.

Parish Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Council 7850 served their Parish Pancake Breakfast on February 1st.

There were 23 Knights working on this event. In addition to working in the kitchen or on the serving line, some Knights staffed a recruiting table to answer questions about becoming a Knight. This practice has enabled us to consistently surpass our annual membership growth and be awarded Star Council status.

Total proceeds after both 8:00 & 10:00 Masses amounted to \$1,660.00, with a combined attendance of 412.

The Knights are a family organization and our activities represent family participation and, for this event, represent serving the families of the parish. The Knights of Council 7850 look forward to serving the parish during subsequent events like this through the upcoming months.

Pictures of this activity are shown on the following pages.

Bruce Jenniges
Event Chairman



Brother Knights posing in the kitchen are (l-r): Steve Ousey, Bruce Jenniges, Joe Petrie, Craig Robinson, Mark Euziere and Jim Tucker.





Weekly Rosary

Faith Director Tom Juneau hosts weekly Rosary recitals on Monday nights from 7:00pm to 7:30pm. These sessions are held in the FFC Chapel on the first and second Mondays, when the Knights meet for the Officers' Business Meetings and Membership Meetings respectively. Other Monday night sessions are virtual via Zoom.

Tom provides the link for these virtual meetings to attendees, along with assignments for recital of each decade of the Rosary. These precious moments provide contemplative prayer on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries.

The Fifteen Promises of Mary to Christians Who Recite the Rosary

- Whoever faithfully serves me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal grace.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
- The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the heart of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.
- Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.
- Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
- I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
- The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
- All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

- I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- All who recite the rosary are my son, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
- Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

KNIGHTS AND THE FAMILY ROSARY EACH MONDAY

Come join us to pray the Rosary each Monday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom platform. Prayers are powerful. Emails are sent out by Tom Juneau each Monday with the link and the contemplation prayers, you can also find these contemplation prayers and all the Mysteries on the 7850 website so everyone has a chance to follow along, no matter which Mysteries we contemplate each Monday. These Rosary prayers are now open to ALL the Seton Community, not just the Knights. Reach out to your SEAS friends to join us and forward them a copy of the prayers and contemplations. They will thank you. We have had excellent response from the parish.

ENTER YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS IN THE K OF C PORTAL

Each member should enter his volunteer hours in the portal for each event for which you volunteer. This helps keep track of all the volunteer hours our Council logs each and every month, which is important to our Council's standings with the District and Supreme. Log in to the Member portal at [Knights of Columbus St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #7850 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org) .

Promises of Mary taken from ([The Holy Rosary - Prayers - Catholic Online](http://www.catholic.com)).

Tom Juneau
Faith Director

Minnie's Food Pantry



Minnie's Food Pantry was named after [Dr. Minnie Hawthorne-Ewing](#) who was a community leader with a servant's heart. Minnie's Food Pantry is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization and is one of the largest food pantries in North Texas.

Minnie's Food Pantry was named Community Partner of The Year by The City of Plano! With four locations in three states, Minnie's Food Pantry has provided over 15 million healthy meals to families in need. Guide Star Charity evaluators have given Minnie's Food Pantry the platinum star rating which is the highest level of possible achievement.

Minnie's Food Pantry volunteering is back! If you can spend a couple of hours on a Wednesday morning (8:00 am – 11:30 am), you too, can help at Minnie's Food Pantry on the 1st Wednesday of each month this year. We sometimes sort and stack shelves, sometimes prepare baskets of food for clients and, sometimes help push the baskets out to their cars. Lots of camaraderie and fellowship; come join us. Minnie's is now located at 661 – 18th Street in East Plano. Contact Chairman Craig Robinson, craig.robinson19@gmail.com or cell: 214-551-6104.

Volunteers from Council 7850, both members and family, gather at Minnie's Food Pantry on the first Wednesday of each month to provide staff assistance for sorting donations from area vendors and packing boxes of miscellaneous food items for issue to needy families. The work starts at 0830 and lasts until 1130; however, it pays to arrive early to find a parking place! If you can make yourself available during this time, you are more than welcome to join us.

The event is well attended by our Knights and family members, as well as volunteers from other area businesses that allow their staff the time to participate. Organizations are normally identified by their logo T-Shirts representing their affiliation. Often, there are individual volunteers present who are not aligned with any organization.

All volunteers work side by side as one team to serve a common cause – fight hunger. The number of needy families seems to be an ever-increasing number. We are fortunate to have responsive vendors to provide truckloads of pallets to fill Minnie's warehouse.



Volunteers on Wednesday, February 4th are, standing (l-r): John McDaniel, David Kistner, Patrick McCormick, Phil Stillo, and Dennis DeMetsenaere. Kneeling in front are John Makuta, Steven Ham, Craig Robinson and John Makuta.

Background information for Minnie's Food Pantry taken from ([Minnie's Food Pantry \(minniesfoodpantry.org\)](http://minniesfoodpantry.org)).

John Makuta

First Friday Mass

The first Friday of each month is a special day for the Knights of Columbus in Council 7850. Please join your brothers, family and friends in celebrating the Eucharist each Friday at 8:30 AM Mass in the Church. You will find your fellow knights and family seated in the front right chairs near the altar. Each first Friday of the month our council prays together as one in Holy Communion.

We ask that you wear your knight's badge and/or clothing to show your unity and support. After Mass, all are welcome to join in fellowship for breakfast at the McDonald's located on the northwest corner of Spring Creek Pkwy and Independence Pkwy.



The [Sacred Heart](#) appearing to Saint [Margaret Mary Alacoque](#).

While some saints [referenced the Heart of Jesus](#) in their writings even centuries earlier, in 1673, a French Visitandine (Visitation) nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus, wherein he asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to “receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months.” The request was connected to a specific promise made to all who venerated and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. After Margaret Mary’s death, the First Friday practice steadily spread in the Church — [endorsed by popes and promoted by saints](#) — but it greatly increased in popularity when Margaret Mary was canonized a saint in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

The number nine is traditionally associated with a novena and finds its origin in the nine days that the apostles spent in prayer before Pentecost. A novena provides an extended amount of time for preparation and interior renewal.

Background information for First Fridays Devotion taken from (www.aleteia.org).

Tom Juneau
Faith Director

Corporate Communion Mass

Council 7850 celebrated a Corporate Communion Mass on Saturday, February 7th at the 5:00pm service. There were 26 Brother Knights and family members in attendance. Also, there were 12 Color Corps members who turned out for this event. After the Mass, a reception was held at Joe's Pasta N Pizza.



SK Craig Robinson
Grand Knight

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The Fifth Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner was held at Council 799 KayCee Hall on Friday, February 13th at 6:00pm and lasted until 9:00pm. Attendance was at capacity levels for this honorary event. Bishop Burns was in attendance, as well as many Parish Priests from around the Diocese. Attending for Council 7850 were Fr. Bradley, Michael Flanagan, Tom and Raylene Juneau, Jacob Polakoff, Craig Robinson and Edward Stankunas.

This event was especially memorable for Council 7850 due to Fr. Bradley being named Chaplain of the Year by the Dallas Diocesan Chapter (DDC). Presenting this prestigious award was DDC President Sir Knight Ben Oani. The net proceeds of the 2026 Clergy Appreciation Banquet will be used to fund the Dallas Diocese Seminarian Emergency Fund and other charitable causes intended to benefit our Dallas Diocese Clergy.



Flanking Fr. Bradley are (l-r): Michael Flanagan, Craig Robinson, Raylene and Tom Juneau, Edward Stankunas and Jacob Polakoff.



Flanking Fr. Bradley are (l-r): IFDM Ken Franch, Craig Robinson, Edward Stankunas, Rev. Bishop Edward Burns and John Little from Council 799.



DDC President SK Ben Oani presents the Chaplain of the Year Award to Fr. Bradley.



Fr. Bradley addresses the gathering upon receipt of his award.



Rev. Bishop Burns addresses the gathering of attendees.



Clergy for the Diocese of Dallas recognized for their service.



Sir Knights Craig Robinson and Edward Stankunas enjoy the Happy Hour refreshments.



Dinner is served.



Sir Knight Edward Stankunas raises a toast to Tom and Raylene Juneau.



Former District Deputy Jake Fleischer poses with DDC President SK Ben Oani.



Jazz ensemble entertained the attendees for the evening.

Photos provided by SK Alex Hernandez, Santa Maria Council 6065
SK Craig Robinson
Grand Knight

Valentine's Day



Saint

Valentine ([Italian: Valentino](#); [Latin: Valentinus](#)) was a 3rd-century Roman [saint](#), commemorated in Western [Christianity](#) on February 14 and in [Eastern Orthodoxy](#) on July 6. From the [High Middle Ages](#), [his feast day](#) has been associated with a tradition of [courtly love](#). He is also a [patron saint](#) of [Terni](#), [epilepsy](#), and [beekeepers](#). Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a [bishop](#) – in the [Roman Empire](#) who ministered to [persecuted Christians](#). He was [martyred](#) and his body buried on the [Via Flaminia](#) on February 14, which has been observed as the [Feast of Saint Valentine](#) (Saint Valentine's Day since at

least the eighth century.

Relics of him were kept in the [Church and Catacombs of San Valentino](#) in [Rome](#), which "remained an important pilgrim site throughout the Middle Ages until the relics of St. Valentine were transferred to the church of [Santa Prassede](#) during the pontificate of [Nicholas IV](#)". His skull, crowned with flowers, is exhibited in the Basilica of [Santa Maria in Cosmedin](#), Rome. Other relics of him are in [Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church](#), [Dublin](#), Ireland, a popular place of pilgrimage, especially on Saint Valentine's Day, for those seeking love. At least two different Saint Valentines are mentioned in the early [martyrologies](#). For **Saint Valentine of Rome**, along with **Saint Valentine of Terni**, "abstracts of the acts of the two saints were in nearly every church and monastery of Europe", according to Professor Jack B. Oruch of the University of Kansas.

Saint Valentine is commemorated in the [Anglican Communion](#) and the [Lutheran Churches](#) on February 14. In the [Eastern Orthodox Church](#), he is recognised on [July 6](#); in addition, the Eastern Orthodox Church observes the feast of [Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna](#), on [July 30](#). In 1969, the [Catholic Church](#) removed his name from the [General Roman Calendar](#), leaving his liturgical celebration to local calendars, though use of the pre-1970 liturgical calendar is also authorized under the conditions indicated in the motu proprio [Summorum Pontificum](#) of 2007. The Catholic Church continues to recognize him as a saint, listing him as such in the February 14 entry in the [Roman Martyrology](#). The official Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States identifies February 14 as the memorial of Saints [Cyril and Methodius](#).

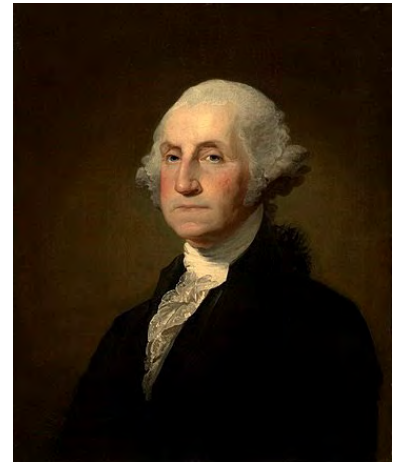
Background data taken from ([Saint Valentine - Wikipedia](#)).

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President's Day

Presidents' Day is observed annually on the third Monday in February. It is a Federal holiday in the United States that was originally established in 1879 to commemorate the birthday of George Washington, the first President of the United States. Since then, the holiday has evolved to recognize all presidents who have served the needs of the country.

George Washington's birthday falls on February 22 and was celebrated as a separate holiday for many years. In



1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved several Federal holidays to Mondays to create more three-day weekends for workers. In 1971, the implementation of the [Uniform Monday Holiday Law \(82 Stat. 250\)](#) moved the celebration of Washington's Birthday to the third Monday in February. Additionally, some reformers wanted to change the name of the holiday to Presidents' Day, in honor of both Lincoln and Washington. However, the proposal was rejected by Congress, and the holiday is still officially recognized as Washington's Birthday. While the name change has never been authorized by Congress, it has gained a strong hold on the public consciousness to honor all U.S. Presidents and is generally used on calendars, in advertising, and by many government agencies.

Background data taken from ([Presidents' Day 2026 | GovInfo](#)).

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Grand Knight

Seton Mardi Gras



The holiday of [Mardi Gras](#) is celebrated in southern [Louisiana](#), including the city of [New Orleans](#). Celebrations happen for about two weeks, culminating on Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday"), a celebratory name for [Shrove Tuesday](#), the day before [Ash Wednesday](#), which is the start of Lent in the [Western Christian](#) tradition. The overall season is known

as [Carnival](#) and begins on 12th Night, January 6th, and extends until midnight before Ash Wednesday. Parties known as Club or Krewe balls start soon after, many of which are private, with their Kings and Queens coming from wealthy old families and their courts consisting of the season's debutantes. Most of the high society Krewes do not stage parades. As Fat Tuesday approaches, Mardi Gras parades start in earnest. Usually there is one major parade scheduled each day, while many days have several large parades. The largest and most elaborate parades take place the last five days of the Mardi Gras season. In the final week, many events occur throughout New Orleans and surrounding communities, including [parades](#) and [balls](#) (some of them [masquerade balls](#)).

The parades in New Orleans are organized by social clubs known as [krewes](#); most follow the same parade schedule and route each year. The earliest-established krewes were the [Mistick Krewe of Comus](#), the earliest, [Rex](#), the [Knights of Momus](#) and the [Krewe of Proteus](#). Several modern "super krewes" are well known for holding large parades and events (often featuring celebrity guests), such as the [Krewe of Endymion](#), the [Krewe of Bacchus](#), as well as the [Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club](#)—a predominantly [African American](#) krewe. [Float](#) riders traditionally toss *throws* into the crowds. The most common throws are strings of colorful plastic beads, [doubloons](#), decorated plastic "throw cups", and small inexpensive toys. Major krewes follow the same parade schedule and route each year.

While many tourists center their Carnival season activities on [Bourbon Street](#), major parades originate in the Uptown and Mid-City districts and follow a route along [St. Charles Avenue](#) and [Canal Street](#), on the upriver side of the [Spanish Quarter](#). Walking parades - most notably the [Krewe du Vieux](#) and 'tit Rex - also take place downtown in the [Faubourg Marigny](#) and Spanish Quarter in the weekends preceding Mardi Gras Day. Mardi Gras Day traditionally concludes with the "Meeting of the Courts" between Rex and Comus.

The celebration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a great success. We sold \$1960.50 in food and drinks that means we took in 3921 tickets. Again, this was the most by far of any of the groups selling food. I want to thank Richard Mott and James Forsythe for helping count all of the tickets. **We spent \$874.71 on supplies at Sam's so we made \$1085.79 for the council.**

Want to especially thank Danny Nutt and Pete Lenge for cooking the hamburgers and Hot Dogs and Jeff Baert, Steve Ousey and their crew for cooking the Tornado fries and for putting everything away.

Also want to thank Dave Kistner for handling all the drinks. He stocked the cooler and iced down the drinks and then took care of putting it all away.

Danny Nutt/ Pete Lenge: Grilling hot dog and Hamburgers
Jeff Baert/Steve Ousey/Joe Petrie/A.J. Rizzo: Tornado Fries.
Dave Kistner: Drinks set up and head up drink sales.
Richard Mott: Ticket Counter.

All of the Knights who volunteered for this festive occasion are sincerely thanked for their time and talent given.

Background data taken from ([Mardi Gras in New Orleans - Wikipedia](#)).

John Forsythe
Event Chairman





Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

Recently, movements have developed that involve pastors distributing ashes to passersby in public places. This isn't considered taboo, but Catholics should know this

practice is distinctly Protestant. Catholics should still receive ashes within the context of Mass.

In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Background data taken from ([Ash Wednesday - Easter / Lent - Catholic Online](http://www.catholic.com/ash-wednesday-easter-lent)).

SK Craig Robinson
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Plano Cleanup



Sign location on northeast corner of Custer Road at intersection with Parker Road.

Plano's Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Program provides local homeowner associations, businesses, civic organizations, churches and schools the opportunity to make an impact on the cleanliness and appearance of our community. By accepting the responsibility and leadership of the assigned roadway, the group is not only increasing awareness of litter issues and the impact of beautification efforts but also demonstrating a positive behavior of local pride and ownership of Plano.

Council 7850 has been among the most senior participants in the Adopt-A-Highway Program for the City of Plano since its inception in 1987. Council members volunteer their time on a designated Saturday morning from 7:00am to 9:00am on a bimonthly basis. The crew meets in the south parking lot of the Faith Formation Center (FFC) to get outfitted with reflective vests, gloves, a trash stick and trash bag before moving out to their assigned sections.

The crew is not sent out on an empty stomach. Waiting for them when they arrive is coffee, fruit juice, water and an assortment of donuts to provide comfort food for nourishment on their quest for trash! This month the event occurred on February 21st.



Volunteers are (l-r): Craig Robinson, Franklin Chu, Duane Blasik, Phil Stillo, John McDaniel, Terrell Landry, John Mitton, Doug Weigert and Bill Moore. The picture was taken by Mamie Blasik, who also participated in the cleanup effort.



Duane & Mamie Blasik are regular participants in this bimonthly cleanup effort.

Background data taken from ([Adopt-a-Highway Become a Partner | Plano, TX - Official Website](http://www.adoptahighway.com/partners/plano-tx)).
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Women's Welcome Retreat

The Welcome Retreat replaced the ACTS Retreats about a year ago.

The Welcome Retreat is a Matthew Kelly ministry designed to bring parishioners together through service, spirituality, and social connections.

There are 2 Men's and 2 Women's Welcome Retreats a year. The retreats take place at the SFFC. The retreatants arrive at 7am Saturday morning, spend the night on air mattresses and are dismissed on Sunday after lunch. The Welcome Teams are formed from the previous group of retreatants. It is typically during this formation that lifelong friendships are born, and connections are made with other ministries at Seton. Thus, strengthening our community, volunteer base, ministries, and organizations. Each organization and ministry that serves/prepares a meal is given the opportunity to 'pitch' their ministry to the retreatants.

If you haven't experienced a retreat lately or ever, we invite you to step away from your busy lives and spend some time getting better acquainted with our good and gracious God.

Thank you for everything you do for The Seton Family and beyond.

Beth Ann Apt
Ministry Assistant to Faith Formation



Colorful salad prepared by Chef Ralphael Valdez, Jr.

Knights in Memoriam

Council 7850 lost no Knights this month; however, Sir Knight Ronald (Ron) Braun was recently discovered to have passed away on November 21, 2019 and he is remembered here.

COUNCIL #7850 - ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON REMEMBERS RONALD (RON) J BRAUN



December 31, 1952 - November 21, 2019

Ronald J. Braun, called Ron, age 73, passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2019, in Fort Worth, Texas. Ron was born in Chicago on December 31, 1952. He lived in the Mount Greenwood area and earned a BS degree in biology from the University of Illinois-Chicago.

He worked at several local companies and later earned an MBA degree in Information Systems from Illinois Benedictine College. He then worked for companies in the computer field. He was a proud member of the Knights of

Columbus and became a 4th Degree Knight.

He was survived by his older brother, the late Dr. Richard Braun, and his sister Annette Braun Mathers. He has two married daughters from his previous marriage.

Ron transferred to Council 7850 in April 2012 after living in Dallas for several years. He was active with several events including Plano Cleanup and the Monthly Parish Breakfast. Ron suffered some issues and, as a result, left Plano in August 2015. The council lost track of Ron and learned of his passing from his sister, Annette Mathers.

Annette learned of his passing a month or so afterward as a result of Social Security contacting Ron's ex-wife. The State of Texas made his final arrangements but never contacted the family.

Our Newsletters are Important Outreach Tools

Please contribute each month- pictures, articles, events, etc.

Newsletter Policy

By the 3rd Monday of each month refer all articles, pictures, questions, and suggestions to Newsletter Editor Craig Robinson (craig.robinson19@gmail.com) If you attend an event and snap a picture (cell phone or camera), share it with the Council. If you have an interest in helping to edit the newsletter or helping write articles, contact me. NOTE — Newsletters can be found on our website. Just click the *Newsletters* link on the left side of the page and enjoy.

Calendar notes: Events on the following pages are bold for national or church holidays or to highlight changes from the norm. Shaded events indicate recent changes or additions. Check the www.kofc7850.org website **EVENT CALENDAR** for the most up to date information that includes the specific address and Google map for most events.