



## From the Grand Knight Brian Tooley

Brothers,

All those who attended our Membership Meeting were blessed with another great meal provided by **Brother Tom Nicolosi** and wonderful messages from our **Chaplain Fr. Stephen**, our Lecturer, **SK Jamie Kauffman** and our **WDD Dan Stoffel**. Each of our Program Directors provided updates on all of our activities and events (we have a lot going on!) and there were many laughs and good prayers.

The Lord is at work brothers, through Blessed Michael McGivney and each one of us. Thanks for all you are doing to serve Him.

Officer elections for the 2024 – 2025 fraternal year will be held at our May meeting with a slate of proposed officers due to be presented for consideration at our April meeting. Serving in a leadership role is a responsibility for all Knights and extremely rewarding. Please review ‘Duties & Responsibilities of Council Officers and Directors’ on our website under Members Only, then Council Documents Library. If you are interested in serving in any role, please contact a Trustee or me.

I am looking forward to the annual Texas State Convention on April 26 – 28. This is a great event with over 1,000 Knights and their wives from all across Texas, including social events such as golf on Friday and Western themed party that night, beautiful Masses, lots of 4th Degree Color Corps, a fantastic dinner banquet and much brotherhood. Our Council will also be sending 2 delegates (expenses paid) to represent our Council in business meetings. If you are interested in serving as the 2nd delegate (perhaps our next Grand Knight) or an alternate, please contact Financial Secretary **SK Jason Clark** or me.

The men’s ACTS retreat is April 11 – 14. If you have not yet been on an ACTS retreat, I strongly encourage you to do so this year, if possible. This retreat has changed

## Council Calendar

<b>Holy Hour</b> (Eucharistic Adoration)	Sanctuary
Wednesday March 13, 8:00 PM	
<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b>	Kitchen & Dining Hall
Friday March 15, 6:00 PM	
<b>St. Patrick’s Day</b>	
Sunday March 17	
<b>St. Joseph’s Feast Day</b>	Dining Hall & Gym
Tuesday March 19	
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Sunday March 24	
<b>EFF Cor Meeting</b>	Upper Room
Monday March 25, 7:00 PM	
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	
Thursday March 28	
<b>Good Friday</b>	
Friday March 29	
* also, KoC Founder’s Day	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
Saturday March 30	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
Sunday March 31, 12:00 PM	
* Scholarship Apps Due	
<b>Leadership Meeting</b>	Upper Room
Tuesday April 2	
<b>Membership Meeting</b>	Upper Room
Thursday April 4, 7:30 PM	
<b>First Friday Adoration</b>	Chapel
Friday April 5, 7:00 PM	
<b>First Saturday Mass &amp; Rosary</b>	Sanctuary
Saturday April 6, 8:00 AM	
<b>Casino Night</b>	Kit./Din.Hall/Gym
Saturday April 6, 6:00 PM	

lives and can increase the spirituality of already faithful Catholic men. I believe every Knight should be in the ACTS community and every man in ACTS should be a Knight! The synergies are even more evident with the new Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) program, inspired by our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, and now underway here at St. Joseph. The ACTS retreat is also a great recruiting opportunity, so please plan on joining our next CUF Exemplification on Thursday, April 25.

Lastly brothers, our Order was founded to care for the widows and families of our deceased brothers. We currently have widows in need and are planning a work day on an upcoming Saturday to make some home repairs. Please contact Brother Johnny Tejada or me if you can assist. Through Fr. McGivney's vision and influence, we have a world-class Knights of Columbus insurance program. Each Knight should support this program to protect his family in case of his death. Our insurance program also supports many charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. If you are young, do it soon to lock in low rates! If you are old(er), there are still great options. Please contact our Field Agent, **Brother Chad Daigle** to review your insurance coverages.

As always, I look forward to serving with you soon.

Vivat Jesus!

**Brian Tooley**  
**Grand Knight**

### Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Gladys Picha	Chris Mote
Vanessa Maravilla	Norma Bell
Tom Ward	Rosalinda Rubio
Yvonne Ochoterena	Gayle and Tom Poovey
Randall Tooley	Joe Horan
Chad Daigle	Amelia Ayala
Anna Osong	Arlene McGann
Ackerman Family	Ojas Inamdar
Hostages in Gaza	Lori Hansen
Mary Lou Placino	Randy Davis
Richardson ISD teachers and parents	



### Membership Director: Derek Storey

Brothers,

Our next CUF is scheduled for Thursday, April 25. Remember brothers, that it is our moral obligation to invite every Catholic man to join our order.

Please have all prospective Knights go to [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) and click on **JOIN**. Then, fill out the form using **CDAIGLE** for the Agent Code and **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** in the PROMO Code (to join online for free - no dues in year 1). Also, provide them with your Member Number as Referral.

I will follow up with an interview of all candidates.

Contact me with any questions and God bless.

**SK Derek Storey**  
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[19derek70@gmail.com](mailto:19derek70@gmail.com)



**Community Director:  
Art Perez**

**Lenten Fish Fry**

Thanks to all those who volunteered for the Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, Feb 16. We served over 180 meals and received many compliments on the quality of the food.

As we begin the season of Lent, our Council will once again kick off the Friday Lenten Meals with our second annual Fish Fry on **Friday, 03/15/2024**. We will need lots of Knights to support this Community event as we will be cooking 75 lbs. of fish and sides.

Donations suggested: \$12 adults, \$5 kids, \$25 Family max.

Menu:

- Fish (Fried and Baked)
- Clam Chowder
- Baked Potatoes
- Potato Wedges
- Cole Slaw
- Hush Puppies
- Ice Cream
- Drinks

Please contact **SK Brian Roeten, PGK** at **214-402-8262** or **roeten@hotmail.com** to let him know you will assist. We look forward to seeing many red vests and aprons serving our parish!

Kitchen help starts around 3 PM, Serving dinner starts at approximately 5:30 PM, running until it's all gone, or we run out of customers. Clean-up starts around 7 PM, and lasts to at least 9:00 PM.

Please use the link to sign up to help out.

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAFAC2BA31-48400016-fish>**

**Casino Night**

Viva Las Vegas - Casino Night 2024 is next month on Saturday, April 6! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and In partnership with the Women’s Guild.

We will need many Knights to support the event and a SignUp Genius will be out soon. Silent Auction items are still needed. Please ensure that donated items are new and desirable. To arrange for delivery, contact:

**Brother Harold Hansen 214-674-5567**

50/50 Tickets are available. Our goal is to sell over 100 tickets and beat the Women’s Guild!

The Knight who sells the most 50/50 tickets will win a \$100 steak dinner.

For tickets to buy or pick up to sell, contact:

**SK Jason Clark 972-849-1840**

For info or questions regarding Dealers, contact:

**SK Bob Procsal 972-965-5696**

This year will also feature a Wine Pull.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact:

**SK Art Perez 469-269-7717**

or

**DGK Milton Catalina 469-955-4209**

**KNIGHT CAP 2024**

The 2nd annual Knight Cap will be held on Saturday, May 4. This year’s event will feature Tequila tasting, great food, prizes and fraternity.

More info will be coming soon, but mark your calendars and tell your friends! For questions or suggestions, contact: **SK Art Perez 469-269-7717**

**SUPER BOWL 50/50 FUNDRAISER WINNERS**

- Rob Mauga \$250**
- Dylan Hedrick \$500**
- Larry Monaco \$250**



## Faith Director: Jon Wagner

### HOLY HOUR

Join your brother Knights EACH 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY of the month to join in Eucharistic Adoration, singing the chaplet of Divine Mercy and spending some quiet time before the Lord.

This month, KofC8954 Holy Hour will take place on March 13; and next month it will take place on April 10.

Come out to the church from 8-9 pm to worship in Eucharistic Adoration and hear a talk on St. Leander of Seville.

### OVERNIGHT ADORATION

This is the last year of the 3-year National Eucharistic Revival, all Knights are urged to deepen their devotion to Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist through prayer, faithful attendance at Mass and adoration.

In addition to this guidance from Peter Jesserer Smith, *EWTN National Catholic Register*, our Council has been asked to provide security during the overnight hours allowing parishioners to enter the chapel for adoration.

Throughout 2024, our goal is to have 3 Knights signed up for every 1-hour time slot. This will allow for 1 Knight in adoration, 1 Knight as security (monitoring the unlocked door along Jupiter Rd. nearest the chapel) and 1 as backup. Participation in this Eucharistic devotion by our Council will grow our faith and energize our charitable works. All time slots have at least 1 Knight!

Please remember, our goal is to have 3 Knights for each time slot:

- 1 – Security
- 1 – Adoration
- 1 – Backup

If you are able, please use the link below to sign up:

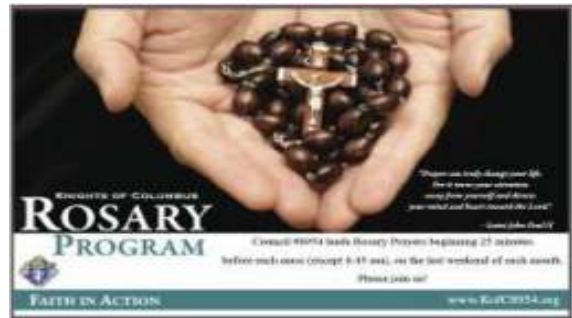
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944A4AD2FAAF49-46328550-overnight#/>

### ROSARY PROGRAM WEEKEND:

The Knights also lead the praying of the rosary before all of the masses on the last weekend of each month.

**Unfortunately, it will not happen this month - because it is concurrent with Easter Sunday.**

If you would like to join the Rosary Program team, please contact **Brother Jon Wagner**.



### FIRST SATURDAY MASS & ROSARY

The Knights lead the Rosary after the 8:00 mass on the First Saturday of the month. This is in keeping with a request from our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima For more, see

<https://www.marian.org/13th/firstsaturday.php>

### ST. JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON

We again have access to the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon for the St. Joseph Feast Day. The icon is available now for home visits. Contact **Brother Jon Wagner**. It will be on display for the weekend Masses.

## MONDAY MORNING ROSARY

Start your week armed with the rosary of our Lady.  
Hosted by **Brother Curt Landry**.

Please join us at 6:30 AM every Monday morning.

(716) 427-1337 Pin 422450#



**Family Director:  
Will Quintanilla**

**Knight of the Month: Steve Snyder**  
**Family of the Month: Siepan Family**

### KoC 8954 Scholarship

Application deadline is Sunday 03/31 at 12:00 PM.  
Will to send out a reminder. No applications received as yet.

### Family Bingo Night

Family Bingo Night was another big success and it has again become an event parishioner's look forward to, including pulled pork sandwiches by **Brother Fermin Cristan** and dirty dogs. The gym was filled and the last game, a 50/50, paid \$200 to the winner. Thanks to all who volunteered and to our Women's Guild partners.



**Brother Fermin Cristan** preparing the pulled pork.



**Pro-Life Director:  
Sean Hsu**

**31st Annual Bishop’s Pro-Life Dinner**

Saturday March 23rd at the Renaissance Dallas-Addison Hotel  
Special Guest Speaker: Tim Tebow

Purchase dinner tickets here:  
<https://muradbid.com/bidapp/index.php?slug=cplc>

Raffle tickets (you do not need to attend to win):  
[https://www.prolifedallas.org/Bishops\\_Dinner\\_Raffle](https://www.prolifedallas.org/Bishops_Dinner_Raffle)

**GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000 IN MASTERCARD® GIFT CARDS**  
**SECOND PRIZE: \$5,000 IN MASTERCARD® GIFT CARDS**  
**THIRD PRIZE: \$1,000 IN MASTERCARD® GIFT CARDS**

**Silver Rose**

May 5th, all day starting with the 8:30am Mass. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**History of the Silver Rose**

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus and a group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the

miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen, who in turn, took it to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Mr. Hart then shepherded the rose to Dallas, Texas. There, Texas State Deputy Jack Collierin received the rose and took it to Laredo, Texas, where it was finally given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the rose from the International Bridge through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L., Mexico, to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12, 1960.



Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics. The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love.

**Basketball**  
Fri Mar 22 6p – 9p Highland Park High School  
Sat Mar 23 9a – 6p Highland Park High School

**Track & Field**  
Sat Apr 27 9a – 5p Cedar Hill High School

Phil Coup, Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Coordinator for the Diocese of Dallas  
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**For the Good of the Order  
By Lecturer  
Jamie Kaufmann**

**Taste and See that the Lord is Good**

Brothers, many of us have made Lenten sacrifices this year. Have you or someone you know given up alcohol for Lent? Have you or someone you know given up dairy products, like ice cream or cheese? Anyone given up on salty snack foods? My reflection tonight doesn't focus on sacrifice and repentance. Instead, I'm going to explore the Catholic origin and history of three foods commonly sacrificed during Lent.

If you give up wine during Lent, it's a good chance that wine came from California. It produces 85% of wine produced in America. California wine has its roots in the Catholic Church. Spanish Franciscan Friars came to establish missions in California in 1796, starting in San Diego, and they brought grape vines so they could produce wine for Mass. The production spread quickly; the Friars' grapes were so popular they were called the mission grape. The Gold Rush of 1849 created a huge demand for wine, and the mission grape spread to Northern California. When you go home tonight, if you have wine in your home, check the bottle to see if it's from California.

In addition to bringing grapes to California, the Friars also introduced cows to California. The Friars used them for meat, milk, and cheese. Their second mission was in Monterey, California. The Friars created a mild, light-colored cheese, referred to as Monterey cheese. In the 1859, entrepreneur David Jack bought up tracts of land that included dairy farms started by the Friars. He appropriated the cheese and called it Jack cheese. Over time, people added Monterey to the title. So, the next time you see or eat Monterey Jack cheese, remember it's Catholic roots.

Finally, pretzels have a Catholic and a Lenten origin. Pretzels were developed to meet the fasting and abstinence requirements in the 600s. One could not eat eggs, milk, or fat. A monk used the remaining available ingredients--water, flour, and salt--to create a dough

that he would bake. He decided to form it into the posture of the common prayer position. In the 600s, one would fold one's arms across one's chest and place one's hands on one's shoulders. Also, you will notice this posture creates three holes, which represent the Holy Trinity. Additionally, an apprentice baker fell asleep while making soft pretzels and over baked them. However, he discovered he liked the taste of the hard pretzel, and they were less perishable than the soft pretzels and easier to have available to give to the poor. Today, hard pretzels are an extremely popular snack food.

Gentlemen, the next time you have a glass of California wine, a slice of Monterey Jack cheese, or a soft or hard pretzel, remember their Catholic origins. The Catholic Church is all around us. We simply need to do a little research, and then open our eyes and open our mouths to experience firsthand, Psalm 34: Taste and see that the Lord is Good.



**EFF Director:  
Jamie Kaufmann**

**Evangelization and Faith Formation**

EFF is a evangelize new program, developed at the direction of **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**, with a mission to and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The program consists of Cor (Latin for 'heart') meetings held monthly, outside of our regular Membership meeting, and is open to all men of the Parish.

The Cor Meeting exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each Cor Meeting is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ (to be evangelized), to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, and to prepare them for the courageous mission of evangelization. The next **Cor** meeting will be **Monday, March 25 at 7:00 PM** in the **Upper Room**

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Faith:	Jon Wagner	EFF:	Jamie Kauffman
Family:	Will Quintanilla		



## Photo Gallery



Tom Nicolosi serves up dinner he prepared for brothers Fermin Cristan and Deacon Randy Engel at our Business meeting.

**Lenten Fish Fry #1 – February 16, 2024**



Larry Monaco working his heart out at the first Fish Fry.



Will Quintanilla and Jason Clark servicing new customers for Fish Fry 1.



Brothers Keith Black and Harold Hansen serve customers at Fish Fry 1.



The kitchen crew serving with humility and much joy!

**Family Bingo Night – March 9, 2024**



**Fr. Stephen, SK Bob Procsal and Brother Paul Jarvis** welcome the players before the start of games.



**Brother Steve Laurence** is in charge of the 'dirty dogs'...



Bingo at its best! The gym was filled like the 'good ol' days'...



**Sir Knights Kevin and Patrick Quinn** after Bingo setup is complete.



Thanks to **Brothers Douglas Hicks and Harold Hansen**, the ladies did not wait long for their food...