

# Knights of Columbus

Prince of Peace Catholic Community



## CHOPPING AT THE BIT WITH THE HOBART BUFFALO CHOPPER

Brother Tom Walsh was on hand to make the inaugural “flipping of the switch” of the Hobart Buffalo Chopper while Jim Deibel and Ritchie Schelette look on. The Buffalo Chopper will improve the process of transforming smoked briskets into delicious, perfect, chopped beef in the Knights “BBQ To Go” fundraiser. The Knights even used it to prepare for the August monthly breakfast. Peaches were chopped within minutes, not hour

## Golf Tournament

Time to mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Council 11716 Prince of Peace Catholic Community Golf Tournament. Gerry Nichols and Dan Stoffel, the same dynamic duo who successfully conducted last year’s golf outing will be organizing this year’s event this year. The tournament is scheduled for an afternoon start on Monday, September 26th. Frisco Lakes Golf Club will be hosting the tournament. Gerry and Dan are looking for sponsors, items for the “goody bag”, prizes, volunteers, and golfers.



## KNIGHTS CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF PRINCE OF PEACE ANNUAL REVIEW

The Knights put on what is the first of many more to follow—outstanding meals for the community of Prince of Peace. The dinner, which preceded the February Annual Review, was a resounding success. Led by chef Jim Deibel, the meal featured spaghetti and hand-rolled meatballs in Jim’s



famous bouillabaisse sauce, Caesar salad, onion soup, and toasted garlic bread with melted cheese. All enjoyed with a variety of beverages including wine and beer. More than 200 attended. Guests were singing the Knights’ praise with rave reviews.

## GUARDIANS OF THE SMOKE

The initial “BBQ TO GO” was a HUGE success with over 400 pounds of brisket selling out after just the first four masses. The team, led by Mark Molitor, anticipated sales of sliced and chopped brisket to be good, but were pleasantly surprised when we sold out after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

Optimistic after the initial “BBQ TO GO” success, the team branched out with the “Holiday Smoke,” in which pre-orders were taken manually and at the KofC11716.org website. The menu offered turkey, chicken, ham, duck, ribs, and sausage as a tasty addition for a holiday feast.

The Knights’ latest event was the “Holy Smoke,” which was a Lenten Smoke with salmon, ribs, sausage, whole briskets, and chopped brisket being offered on the menu.

With each smoke event, the team learns how to improve the menu items as well as the process and packaging. For all the brothers who come help with the fundraising endeavor, it is a time to catch up,

learn from chefs Jim and Ritchie, as well as work hard to serve the Prince of Peace Community. Please consider participating when the call goes out for help at the next smoke.



## WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY UPDATE...BILL WEBER



The Knights commend Bill Weber for the fantastic job of

coordinating Wheelchair Sunday. Our Prince of Peace community shows passion for this effort. The enthusiasm and dedication demonstrated is truly amazing...and puts Plano on the map...nationally! Special thanks to Father Tom and Father Dom for their support of this program. Their pulpit announcements and their approval for the Knights’

pulpit talks, contribute to the success of this worthy endeavor. In the two weeks the Knights helped collect and donated over \$21,000. This will provide 139 wheelchairs for the Holy Land. The Knights continued to receive donations in the mail and online that got us close to the 154 wheelchairs that were donated last year to the American Wheelchair Mission.



## MACO AMOYO - JUNE KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Maco works hard for the Prince of Peace community as well as the POP school. He is a fantastic representative of the Knights in all the events that he attends. He is a very positive influence in the council. He works hard and always has a big smile. He is always willing to help out where he is needed.

### SUMMER THOUGHTS FROM WORTHY GRAND KNIGHT...DAN JAMES



“It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not. “ - John Adams.

for the 235th time. Hope your 4th of July weekend was safe and a blessed one and I hope that you had some of the great, traditional elements in your celebration with friends and family.

Reach out and reconnect with a brother you have not seen in a while. Our website [kofc11716.org](http://kofc11716.org) allows you to send an email to anyone you want, and if you need a contact list with phone numbers, please let me know.

Summer is here we will have celebrated our independence



**Brian Berkenbile**

Brian and Aaron were just two of 13 new brother Knights added to the Dallas Diocese. The First Degree Ceremony was hosted at Prince of Peace. Our own Brother John Martens led the District 77 First Degrees filling the role of Grand Knight. Credit to Scott Yoste for organizing the First Degree and special thanks to John Beck for the delicious Papa Murphy’s pizza.



**Aaron Koury**



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## First Degree Team Members Wanted !!

Due to a recent decline in team membership, the District 77 First Degree Team is looking for Brother Knights to join the team. The only requirement is that you must be at least a First Degree Knight in good standing. Well, that is not exactly true. There are some other requirements. You must be able to say your lines from memory and not be bashful speaking in front of others.

The First Degree Team is comprised of many members with varying number of script lines to memorize. The amount of time required to learn your role will vary. Once you have memorized your lines and feel comfortable speaking in front of others, we will have a practice session in front of the District Deputy for certification purposes. Once you have been certified, then you can volunteer to participate in the First Degree ceremonies for various councils.

The District 77 First Degree Team usually performs once a month alternating between the Prince of Peace and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton councils. The ceremony usually lasts about one hour with another half hour of set up time as needed.

Being a member of the First Degree team gives you the privilege of being the first person to welcome a new Brother Knight into the Order. In addition, it is personally very satisfying to serve in such a significant role for the Order.

We would like to have you join the District 77 First Degree team. You can contact Brad Meyer, the Degree Team Captain, at [bm4987@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bm4987@sbcglobal.net) or at 214-547-0611 for more information.



## VOCATION DIRECTOR.....JOHN POUND

Brother John is asking that Brothers donate any points certificates, which have been received for recruiting efforts, to the council in order to obtain some needed items. In addition if you have any old copies of Columbia magazines donate them to the council as a recruitment tool. Just leave them in the Knight's mail box labeled with John's name.



**2011 DIOCESAN CORPORATE COMMUNION**



Saturday morning started out with an enjoyable DART train ride from downtown Plano to downtown Dallas at the Pearl Street station next to Plaza of the Americas. As we got off the train we met up with several other Knights from other councils, for the two-block walk to The Cathedral - Shrine to the Virgin of Guadalupe on Ross Avenue.

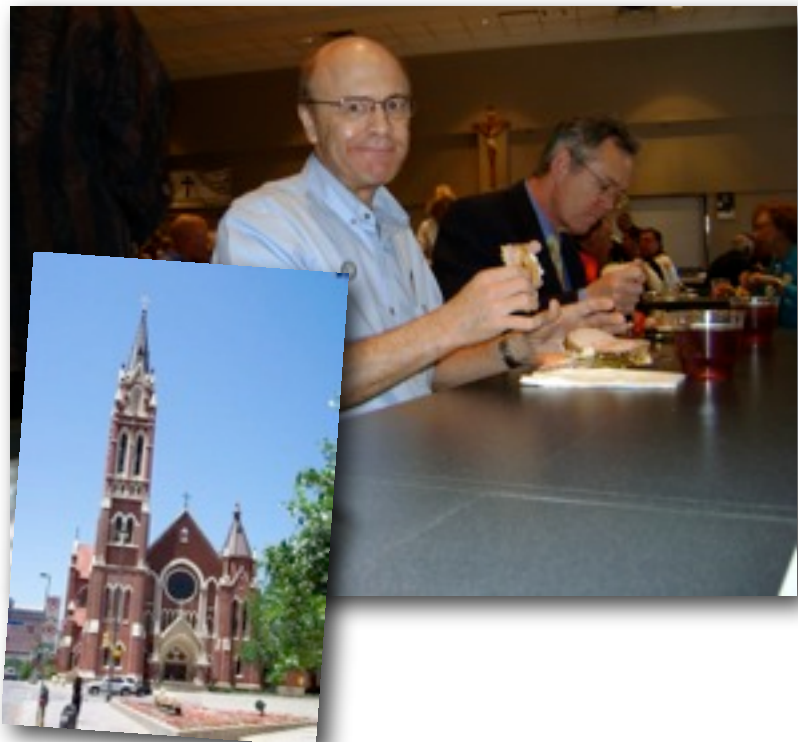
The Cathedral is one of the most beautifully decorated buildings in all of Dallas. As we entered The Cathedral, pews were starting to fill with Knights and their families from all over the diocese. Members from the different councils were dressed for the occasion either in suits or in specially colored shirts signifying their particular council. In retrospect, we highly recommend bringing your family for the celebration Mass with Bishop Kevin Farrell. The atmosphere and pageantry with the Knight Color Guard escorting our Bishop and his entourage was a special sight to see. Next year we will

have to be sure we have our own council banner displayed at the front of The Cathedral next to all the other council banners that were on display.

The musicians and choir made the Mass even more enjoyable and special. Bishop Kevin Farrell paid special tribute to the entire audience of Knights, thanking them for their dedication and service to their parish priests. He was very thankful for the great attendance that morning at this special Mass.

Following Mass we were treated to a special luncheon prepared by Council 799 in the adjoining auditorium. The long buffet of food just got better and better as we went down the line filling up our plates. It provided a time to visit with other fellow Knights at our tables, but most of all it was a terrific lunch and an even better exchange of fellowship.

As we boarded the train back to Plano, we left with yet another wonderful experience to add to our lives as Knights of Columbus. We will be sure to be there next year and invite more brothers and their families to join us.



CANDID SHOTS



**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR...TERRY SIMONTON**



Brothers All!

Fantastic membership news - TEXAS beats California, and that wasn't easy. California is always hard to beat. You guys continue to amaze me. When we had just two days left in the contest with California, we were behind by as many as 8 to 10 people. The last two days we brought in 109 new members to surpass California. You guys are a recruiting machine.



For the month of February, Texas brought in 516 new members. Once again the best February in History (First time over 500). I just can't brag on you guys enough. For the year, you have recruited 3275 new members compared to 2805 last year at this time.

Please continue to keep Father McGivney's vision alive - he would be so proud of Texas for the great job that you are doing. You have given 3275 Catholic gentlemen a chance to be a part of our great Order. Again, let me thank each and everyone of you in each Diocese for a tremendous job that you are doing.

With that said, we are now in the Finals against Mindanao, another very tough Jurisdiction to beat. This month we will need to start recruiting quickly and continue recruiting all month to be able to win this contest. The last two years we have never lost a contest and with the way you guys (Texas) are recruiting, we should still remain undefeated.

Thanks again for all that you do for this great Order. I can't tell you enough how great you guys are. Please pass this message on to your Assistants, District Deputies and all your Councils. Kudos to all. You are the Best of the Best.

Pray the Rosary.

**KNIGHT OF THE YEAR.....JOHN BECK**

Give John a big pat on the back for doing a great job representing the Knights with the new sound system, being a driving force in the fundraising committee as well as lending a hand to many other Knight activities. Thank you, John....



**FAMILY OF THE YEAR.....ART AMOYO**

The Art Amoyo family was recognized as Family of the Year. Art led

the Council's fundraising committee with the devotion of endless hours and a huge smile. Family members support in different ways... participating in family nights at Snuffers, helping with the newsletter and cleaning up after special events.



## SAVE THE DATE...TO SAVE A LIFE



The **Plano Hike for Life** will be held Saturday, **September 24, 2011** at our premier John Paul II High School. The "Hike for Life" is an event for the whole family to promote a culture of life & raise needed funds for local Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the

Dallas area. Join Brother Knights, fellow parishioners, and surrounding parishes in this very special event supported by the Knights. Your participation and fundraising can help save lives! We will be forming teams to participate and get donations. The course is a 3 mile walk/hike around JP II HS. Registration starts: 8:00 am. The Hike begins a 9:00 am. We will need your help as volunteers and team members. More details will be coming. You can get more information and register at [www.hikeforlifetexas.com](http://www.hikeforlifetexas.com) and follow us on facebook.

### Calendar

#### August 13th

White Rose Project 9am-noon

#### August 20th

Special Olympics Aquatics - Frisco

#### August 21st

POP Kickoff Cookout

#### September 2 - 3

Labor Day BBQ TO Go !

#### September 11th

Community Breakfast

#### September 18th

Plano Balloon Festival - Kids Zone

#### September 26th

Knights Golf Benefit - Frisco Lakes

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