

# Knights of Columbus Council 759 Newsletter

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**SATURDAY:**

**Gospel of Life**

**SUNDAY:**

**BURRITO SUNDAY**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

**ONE NATION UNDER GOD!!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 7th - Saturday**

**American Heritage Girls Troop TX2012 presents**

**The 4th Annual Gospel of Life Celebration**

**Gospel Of Life**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
2016 Willis Lane, Keller, Texas 76248**

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Join Our Mailing List!

Let us join together on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary as we pray for the Culture of Life. We will kick-off Respect Life Month with a celebration of the Mass, prayer and balloon rosary launch, followed by song and fellowship.

**Schedule of Events:**

**7:30 to 9am** - Assemble our balloon rosary with American Heritage Girls and the Troops of Saint George.

**9am to 10am** - Celebrate Mass

**10am to 10:30am** - Prayer vigil and balloon rosary launch (outside main entrance of church)

**10:30am to noon** - Food and Fellowship (inside the Parish Activity Center)

**Food provided by:**

Respect Life Committee &  
Knights of Columbus Council 759

Richard LaPorte [rlaporte00@bellouth.net](mailto:rlaporte00@bellouth.net)

**Event Coordinator:**

**Contact:** Sonja Maxwell at 682-553-7041 email:  
[maxwellmomof5@gmail.com](mailto:maxwellmomof5@gmail.com)

**October 8th - Sunday**

**Burrito Sunday**

Cooks at 5:00AM, Rollers at 6:15AM. We need sellers after all Masses. The more sellers we have the more money we have for our charities.

**October 22nd - Sunday**

**KC BLOOD DRIVE** - After all Sunday morning Masses at KC Hall.

**October 23th - Monday**

**Prepare Meal for Beautiful Feet.**

Gerry Asher [gmasher@netzero.net](mailto:gmasher@netzero.net). arrival time 4:00PM KC HALL.

**October 28th - Saturday**

**Trunk or Treat**

**October 28/29 - Saturday/Sunday**

**KC Membership Drive**

**November 2 - Thursday**

**Council 759 Monthly Business Meeting.**

Rosary at 6:30PM. Business Meeting at 7:00PM

**December 2nd - Saturday**

**St Nick's Family Dinner**

**December 9th - Saturday**

**Daddy Daughter Dance**

## **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 Bishop Michael Olson, Monsignor. E. James Hart, Fr. Gary Geurtz, Fr. Dennis Smith, Father Glen Mullan, Father Gary Picou, Father Michael Greco, our Deacons, 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.**

**May the Lord bless and guide Bishop Michael Olson as he leads his flock.**

**May the Lord bless and guide Father Picou and Father Greco and deacons as they minister to our spiritual needs.**

## **REPOSE OF THE SOUL: For our Brother Knights and family**

**Lovenya Steward mother-in-law of SK Chris Gomez**

**Elizabeth Ocassino, mother-in-law of Brother Brian Minick**

**Irma Romero aunt of Brother Jorge Romero**

**Ryan Aleksandrowicz**

## **FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:**

**Jack Malik is having surgery today pray for a speedy recovery.**

**Elmer Spear**

**Joan Borgmeyer wife of Brother Ken Borgmeyer**

**Jean Jaeger daughter of SK Frank Caron**

**Ronald Fullenkamp brother of SK David Fullenkamp**

**Donald Beck's daughter Sydney**

**SK Chris Gomez.**

**Brother George Sparks**

**Lady Anne McGhee**

**Lady Debbie Myers**

**SK Tony Casper**

**Max Sandmann**

**Lisa Colegrove wife of Brother Mike Colegrove**

**Brother SK Dave Fullenkamp .**

**Brother SK John Bergs brother-in-law, Hubert St. Louis,**

**Susee Klekar wife of Brother Steve Klekar.**

**Brother Russ Heron.**

**Brother Eddie Laguana**

**Gil Wong**

**Steve Klekar's father-in-law who is battling lung cancer.**

**Caleb Hood grandson of Brother Bob Farina.**

**Brother Michael Rhodes daughter Mischa Rhodes**

**Joseph Bergs, brother of SK John Bergs.**

**Erin Johnston**

**Angel Gordillo, nephew of Brother Oscar Vazquez.**

**Brother Byron's Griggs cousin, Mick Eckert.**

**Kerry Lustig, wife of Brother Jeremy Lustig.**

**Brother Oliver (Bill) Brown.**

**Brother Larry Lamoine asks for prayers for his brother and his family.**

**SK Al Yowell**

**Tom Ratigan, father in-law to Brother Roland DeGraauw.**

**Sir Knight Robert Dorough and Lady Diana (also Catholic Daughter) request prayers for their first grandson, Owen.**

**Sue Flatley, wife of Brother SK Bill Flatley and Bill too.**

**Andy Schneider son of Brother Tom Schneider**

**Brother Pete Donnelly has asked for prayers for his son, Bob Dorband,**

**Brother Don Verdinella.**

**Brother Mike Jones**

**David Hill Family**

**Brother Richard Laporte has asked for prayers for his mother Denise.**

**Barbra Mauter, wife of Brother Mike Mauter**

**Leila Donnelly wife of Council 759 Advocate Pete Donnelly**

**SK John Langbein**

**Lady Moria Jones wife of SK Tom Jones.**

**Nita Roach wife of Brother Knight John W. Roach.**

**Lois Savoy, wife of our Brother Tim Savoy.  
Emily McClintick and prayers for her family.**

**Ann Mears, daughter of SK Tom Jones**

**SK John Donovan's wife.**

**Brother Ray Florez Jr.**

**Lady Maxine Propp wife of SK Bob Propp.**

**Brother Johnny Pelzel and wife Martha**

**Velma Garcia wife of SK Ug Garcia.**

**Brother Joe Vedda Sr.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

**For the repose of the souls of those who died in Las Vegas and their families who mourn their loss. To all those who were injured and are healing, to all those were at the event,**

**and their families. God grant them peace of mind and the strength to mend.**

**For all those whom have been impacted by the many natural disasters that have taken place and for all the first responders and volunteers who are tending to the needs of their brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**For those Brothers and Sisters who are suffering and need our prayers.**

**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 the Christians around the world who are being persecuted and murdered because of their faith in Jesus Christ.**

**For our military who protect our freedom.**

**For our veterans who have served to protect our freedom.**

## **Message from Church Director**

**Ed Leal**

**Money**

**Money can be dangerous because it represents power, wealth, and status. It can wield extraordinary influence. The Bible says that money itself is not sinful, but the love of money can lead to sin. Money must never take the place of God. He understands the importance of providing for the needs of your family. But He also expects you to generously help others too! What is your prospective on money?**

**Give me neither poverty nor riches,  
give me just enough to satisfy my  
needs. - Proverbs 30:8**

## **SQUIRES CORNER**

**If you know a male youth age 10 to 18 - please encourage them to become Knights. The first best step is to have them join the Columbian Squires.**

**Please ask them to consider and see Brothers Dale Shipman, Miguel Chaidez, Ray Antio or Kevin Bast for questions or assistance.**

**Thank you to all who helped with Pro Life Baby Bottles this past weekend!**

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**The Squires will be teaming up with the Knights for a Membership Drive the weekend of 10/28 - 10/29. We'll discuss more at our next Business Meeting.**



Our next Business Meeting is October 15, 2017 at 2:30 PM.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Next Business Meeting - 10/15/17 - 2:30 PM
- Membership Drive with the Knights - 10/28 - 10/29
- Continued Planning for SEAS Recruitment Efforts
- Coordination for next fun event - give Nick your input!
- Need to modify 11/5 meeting to accommodate a hall rental
- Plan for upcoming Squire's Convention in January, 2018

See you there!

Esto Dignus (Be Worthy)  
Kevin Bast

## **Our Seminararians:**

**We are truly blessed that we have these three very fine men from our parish in the seminary. Thank you Lord.**

**Seminarian Brother Jason Allan - Council 759**

[jwallan@gmail.com](mailto:jwallan@gmail.com) (SEAS)

**Seminarian Brother Deacon Jonathan Demma, Council 759, son of Brother Mike Demma. (SEAS)**

[jonathan.demma@live.com](mailto:jonathan.demma@live.com)

**Congratulations Deacon Jonathan Demma**

**Seminarian Harrison Lewis (SEAS)**

[harryllewis@gmail.com](mailto:harryllewis@gmail.com)

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **JACK ZWIT**

Out of The Office - Pro-life ministries decentralize, director Michael Demma retires.

FORT WORTH - Because of the value, responsibility, and mission of pro-life promotion throughout the local Church, three ministries which operated under Respect Life's umbrella have moved to other departments.

"My previous experience in corporate organizations taught me that something as important as pro-life can't be done by someone in one office. You have to move it into the pews," said Michael Demma, the Respect Life director who retired June 30.

Rachel Ministries, an abortion recovery ministry, and Gabriel Project, which provides help to women in crisis pregnancies, recently moved under Fort Worth's Catholic Charities.

Youth for Life, the third ministry to recently move, is now directed by the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry where the Respect Life message will be shared at each and every diocesan youth event.

Although it must be monitored, Demma said he has little fear that the mission of Respect Life and the various ministries will be lost or watered down as the focus shifts more to individual parishes and volunteers.

"The concept of pro-life and respect for life is a living concept and doing well in the Diocese of Fort Worth," Demma said. "We're making these changes because we're so pro-life and looking for the most effective ways to get people involved and promote the culture of life."

Respect Life looks to the guidance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities in carrying out its mission to advance the culture of life by promoting the dignity of every life from conception to natural death. Prayer, education, pastoral care, and civic action provide the tools for that mission..

Bishop Michael Olsen said "We're very grateful to Mike Demma because this was an area that really needed to be an inherent part of the ministry of the local Church, but it was fragmented with different people who had been self-starters. "Through Mike's leadership, patience, and his assertiveness, he was able to help us integrate pro-life work into the catechesis of the diocese as well as our evangelization."

[Michael Demma](#)

Demma retired after 17 years with Respect Life, serving as director for the past five. Previously, Demma spent 30 years at IBM, in addition to other corporations, gaining experience he said helped immeasurably in his Respect Life duties.

Mr. Demma intends to remain involved in several ways including as a Respect Life committee member at his parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Keller.

Mike said. "I'm leaving the office but not leaving Respect Life work. I'll be available to parishes for speaking engagements, teaching, and to help as the Respect Life office is restructured for better effectiveness and efficiency."

That, Demma said, includes outreach to women considering or who have had abortions and harbor little hope or see few options. It includes encouraging older parishioners to pass their wisdom and values on to the younger generation.

More than anything, it includes programs targeted at youth such as Spiritual Adoption, a group of volunteers who, among other things, teach dignity of life issues in Catholic schools in ways young students can relate.

"If we're to stop abortion in the future, we have to reverse the culture of death that's been taught to our children," Demma said. "We have to teach our children from a young age about the dignity of life - that all life has dignity rooted in the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God."

**Council #759 is very honored to have Mike Demma as "One of Our Own" Thanks, Mike**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
TEXAS STATE COUNCIL  
EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS**

Giacomo R. Leone, Chairman

Texas State Council Charities maintains two Education Grant Programs that are funded by the interest received on the Cardinal Humberto Medeiros and Christopher Trust Funds managed by the Supreme Council.

These two programs are the Catholic School Grants and the individual student Educational Grants.

### **Catholic School Grants**

Texas State Council Charities will award \$2,000 or more per diocese to designated Catholic Schools within each diocese. Prior to March 1, the Educational Grant Committee will ask the Bishop of each Diocese, in conjunction with the Diocesan Superintendent or Director of Catholic Education, to designate schools in the Diocese to receive the funds and the amount (at least \$500) each school is to receive. Funds will be provided to the designated schools in the Diocese after the State Convention. The total amount available for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. Each Diocese will receive at least one \$2,000 grant.

### **Individual Educational Grants**

The Texas State Council will award at least one \$1,000 Educational Grant per diocese and two more \$1,000 Educational Grants to members of the Columbian Squires. The total number of grants for each Diocese will be determined using a formula based on the number of Knights in each Diocese. **Applications for these grants are due March 1, 2018.** Winners will be announced at the State Convention.

### **Who Is Eligible for the Individual Educational Grant?**

- An applicant must be a Knight of Columbus member in good standing of a council located in Texas, his wife, son or daughter. A granddaughter or grandson of a member in good standing in a council in Texas may apply if their father is not a Knight or is not in good standing. Descendants of deceased members or grandfathers who were in good standing are also eligible. Any graduating senior of a Catholic High School in Texas is eligible when sponsored by a local Council in Texas - even when the student's parent or grandparent is not a Knight.
- Educational Grant money is to be used for education in a University, College, Junior College, Technical School, Business School or Seminary.
- The application must be complete and received on time.
- The sponsoring Council's Supreme and State per capita must be paid in full and the Council may not be suspended by the Supreme Council.

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**Guidelines for the Educational Grant Application are found in the application:**

- **at the Texas State Web Site [www.tkofo.org](http://www.tkofo.org)**
- **in the Star Guide**
- **from your District Deputy**
- **by email from Educational Grant Chairman at [gialeone575@gmail.com](mailto:gialeone575@gmail.com)**

The formula for determining numbers of grants is one per Diocese, plus one additional grant for reaching each increment of 7,500 Knights in the Diocese as of July 1 each year

**GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1 OF THE GRANT YEAR.**