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Grand Knight's Report — Called to be Saints

St. Gabriel the Archangel, patron saint of communication workers, pray for us.

Within two weeks, we've lost two prominent brothers of our council. Jim Duffy was a past financial secretary. Deacon Larry Terrell served St. Catherine parish in a clerical capacity and served briefly as the council's chancellor. These were greatly respected and loved men. May God rest their souls and comfort their wives and families.

In thinking about their passing, I reflected on what I knew of their lives and how these men will be remembered. Then I thought of what others will say about me when my earthly existence ends. How will YOU be remembered? Will you and I be missed? Will others say that we served our fellow man? Were we charitable? What legacy will we leave?

Recently, it has become evident that there is some discord among some of our brother Knights. I see that some people are not treated fairly or are disrespected. This can be an insidious evil within a council and can have very negative repercussions. I kindly ask that we all evaluate how we treat and communicate with one another. Always take the high road when dealing with everyone, in particular, a brother Knight. We should all be charitable in how we deal with our fellow Knights, too. Remember Christ is in all of us. Do you treat others like you would Jesus Christ?

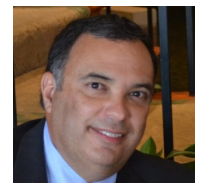
Our council will have a first and major degree in early January. Please invite a Catholic gentleman to join our ranks. We're having a special meeting for prospective members on Sunday, January 5 at 7 pm., upstairs in the Knights' office. This extra meeting is an effort to increase council membership. Our council's first degree will take place at the business meeting on January 8. The major degree will take place on January 11. Registration starts at 8 a.m. If you are not a second or third degree member, please attend the major degree and further your understanding of the important Knight of Columbus principles.

We'll start 2014 in our usual fashion-busy. Please help at one or more events if you can.

I raise a toast to you and your family! May your 2014 be filled with joy, peace, love and prosperity!

Vivat Jesus!

Gerardo (Jerry) Guajardo



**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

From the Ghent Altarpiece,
circa 1432.

Birthdays

Abe	Arredondo
Greg	Artieschaufsky
Troy	Authement
Matthew	Baran
William	Boiko
Colton	Brugger
Walter	Choate
Gilbert	Cisneros
Ricardo	Cruz
Stephen	Dillon
Mario	Flores
James	Fortier
James	Gamblin
Andrew	Gorchs
Blake	Green
Gerardo	Guajardo
Robert	Hesselbrock
Robert	Hillard
Matthew	Hughes
Charles	Johnson
Oliver	Johnson
Robert	Mazurek
Leonard	Melcher
Hugh	O'Connor
Larry	Odom
William	O'Grady
Paul	Palmer
Jeffrey	Rech
Hector	Santiago
Jerry	Smith
John	Terrell
William	Vaubel
Gary	Walter
Richard	Wempe
Todd	Zint

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

1% or 99%??

Some words of wisdom as we start the new year: Husbands seldom believe in life insurance; widows ALWAYS do.....

Recently we have heard a lot about the 1% versus the 99%. Which one are you? No I am not talking about the wealthy versus non-wealthy. I am talking about having enough life insurance versus not having enough life insurance.

Many times when I visit Brother Knights, I find that the only coverage they have is through their employer. While this is a very cost effective way of providing life insurance, it may need some fine tuning. Many employers limit the amount of coverage an employee can take out through the group plan. Most of the time, it is simply not enough coverage to adequately provide for your family. Also, at some point in time, when you leave voluntarily or involuntarily, the coverage will end.

So where does the 1% versus 99% come into play? That is about the ratio of people who have adequate coverage versus those who don't. I realize our budgets are stretched to the limits, but just imagine if one of the wage earners were to die prematurely. What would happen to the family then?

Over the last 23+ years that I have had the privilege of providing for my Brother Knights and their families, a lot of things have changed. When I first started, someone who purchased a \$1,000,000 policy was rare. Things were not as expensive, and most people weren't making as much money as they do now. Today a \$1,000,000 policy is the norm. I know that sounds odd, but if you do a quick evaluation of your situation, you probably will see that your current coverage doesn't cover all your needs. As an example, house prices are extremely high compared to 20 years ago, college education costs continue to escalate, price of food and utilities certainly haven't come down and on and on.

Now that maybe I have created a "problem" for you, let's look at a solution. One of the positive changes over the years is that term insurance has decreased in cost significantly. While term may not solve all of your financial worries, it can cover a lot of them at very little cost. We hear on the radio and TV all time that a "healthy 40 year old male can buy xxx amount of coverage for pennies a day". Let me assure you, your organization, the Knights of Columbus, can do the same thing! Our term rates have never been lower. We are selling lots of it and there is no higher rated life insurance company in North America.

Not a bad deal. At this time of the year, while we are making our resolutions, resolve to make sure that you in fact are one of the 1% - the 1% who have taken care of their family in the event of a premature death!

Have a blessed 2014.

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Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference — Ray Wilson

Coming to South Austin - February 22nd

Theme is "Man to Man"; Speakers led by Fr. Larry Richards

A number of Council 8156 Knights attended the first Annual Central Texas Catholic Men's Conference at Round Rock's St. Williams Church. Even more of us are expected for the Second Annual event on February 22nd at nearby San Jose Parish. The catch is that smaller seating capacity and the "draw" of the scheduled speakers suggests tickets are likely to be sold out.

With the experience of the first annual conference under their belts, planning for the second conference shifted from an event packaged for nationwide audiences to one focused from the start on the nature and role of men in this area. Last year's theme of "Passion and Purpose" was general in scope, part and parcel of Matthew Kelly's message of "Rediscovering Catholicism" to both men and women wherever they may happen to be. Kelly did successfully tailor his truly dynamic presentation to his nearly all male Texas audience, and it was a great start for bringing Central Texas Catholic men together in common spiritual interest.

This year, the "Man to Man" conference is a step forward -- in the mechanics of event design, focus on the nature and roles of men, and in guiding men toward finding their own particular passion and purpose not just as Catholics, but as Catholic men in their diocese, parish, family and circumstance. As such, it is obviously a partner in such passion and purpose with the Knights of Columbus, and specifically with that of us in this Central Texas diocese and parish.

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Knight and Family of the Month for December

Knight— Jim Brewer

Jim Brewer has been selected as the December 2013 Knight of the Month for Council 8156. He has been a member of the council since October 1994. Jim was selected as the Council's Chancellor in June of this year. As chancellor he has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties. Jim assists in recognition of council members as they celebrate significant events in their lives. As a result of the recent flooding one of our parishioners suffered damage to her home. After being brought to the council's attention, Jim has coordinated efforts for her house repairs with local agencies and other Knights of Columbus resources. Jim, these contributions during December show what it is to be a Knight.

Family— George & Candace Debus

George and his wife, Candace, have been active in the parish for several years. As an usher, he welcomes parishioners and visitors to Mass. During Lent he has helped prepare the weekly Lenten meal on Friday evenings before Stations of the Cross and Mass.

George is active in Habitat for Humanity in Austin. After flooding struck some areas of South Austin he stepped up and helped an elderly member of the parish who had suffered damage to her home.

Candace contributes to the 10:30 Sunday Mass as the organist for the choir.

Their commitment to the community is a tribute to them as a Knight Family. For this George and Candace are recognized as Council 8156's Family of the Month

Membership — Eddie Mazurek

Your Help is Needed

We are hosting a major degree on January 11th and we need your help. If you are a third degree member, we will need you to help set up and tear down the hall. We will start on Friday, January 10th at 7:00 pm setting up the hall. If we have enough help, this shouldn't take but a couple of hours at most. On Saturday, we will need help with registration, cooking, serving, and just general things throughout the day. If you can help for an hour or the entire time, it would be greatly appreciated. We will start around 7:00AM Saturday with last minute setup and getting breakfast going. PLEASE let me know if you can help. This is a huge endeavor and I am anticipating around 100 Knights going through the degree work that day. WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

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1st Degree members:

For all of you who are first degree members, you should have received a letter with the information about the major degree. PLEASE try to attend this degree. I am not sure when the next one in the Austin area will be held. Please let me know if you plan on attending. This is really a great opportunity to advance to full Knighthood. Also, some of you have asked about helping with set up for major degree. While I appreciate your offer, this degree is for you to enjoy. You will have other chances to help with set up etc next year. This year, just come and enjoy the ceremony and let us do the work for you!

First Degree:

We will be having a first degree on January 8th at St. Catherine's in conjunction with our business meeting. If you have not observed a first degree ceremony recently, this would be a great time to come and see it again and to meet our new Brother Knights. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

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Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference — Ray Wilson

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Fr. Larry Richards is instantly recognizable to viewers of EWTN and Relevant Radio listeners. He is author of *Be a Man! The Man God Created You to Be*. He will soon be releasing *The Man's Bible* with *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Also featured will be **Justin Fatica**, who Dr. Kenneth Blanchard calls "one of the next great inspirational leaders." He will speak directly not only to the younger males there, but to all fathers and grandfathers of boys heading for a world of challenges few of us have experienced.

Bill and Billy Moyer are father and son Catholic speakers noted worldwide, but conveniently based here in Austin. They are the authors of the books, *Seeds of Success: A Journey from Success to Significance* and *Retreat to Success: Living Your Life on Purpose*. Bill Moyer is the former Executive Director of the National Fellowship of Catholic Men.

Conference tickets are \$39 each and may be purchased online at the [Conference website](#). If the conference is not sold out, admission at the door will be \$45. Price for minor boys accompanied by an adult is \$20.

A page on St. Catherine's Parish website is dedicated to the conference with video links to the speakers: <http://www.stcatherine-austin.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=517>

Ray Wilson is CTFCM's Captain for our parish's participation in the conference. Direct questions to him at rwilson@cognabooks.com

Pro-Life — Ed Empero

Dedicated to Eddie Kruczek—Pro-Life Advocate

Now we enter the New Year 2014. We are all dedicated to the Life Issues.

All too often the Catholic Church is accused of being a single issue faith community concerning public issues.

What the Church teaches is the TRUTH that the first and foremost issue is that of human life.

It is the central issue of human living and it is the most important measure of a healthy society.

How we treat human life, but especially vulnerable human life, whether in the womb or at the last moments of earthly life, does determine whether or not we will have the moral vision to guide the choices we make our families and communities, in our nation and the world.

Participate in as many activities as you can for Pro-Life Day January 25

Earn your ACE Wings in one day

[See Back Cover for Details](#)

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Greg Nelson
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Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see just what we are all about by calling the Grand Knight.

From the Editor

Submit articles for the February Newsletter by January 20

<u>Future Cutoffs</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
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January 20*	February 2014
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February 21	March 2014
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* Early Cutoff Required

Important Dates for January

Wed Jan 1	All day	New Years Day - Mary Mother of God - Day of Obligation
Sun Jan 5	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Member Info Meeting-St Catherine of Siena-KC Room 213
Wed Jan 8	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	KOC Mass-Day Chapel
	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	KOC 1st Degree-
	8:30 PM – 8:30 PM	KOC Business Meeting
Fri Jan 10	6:30 AM – 9:00 PM	KOC - Major Degree Set-Up
Sat Jan 11	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	KOC - Major Degree
Tue Jan 14	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	1st Degree St. Ignatius
Wed Jan 15	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting
Fri Jan 17	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	BBQ Prep
Sat Jan 18	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Free Throw Contest
Sun Jan 19	4:00 AM - 2:00 PM	BBQ & Sales
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Member Info Meeting-
Sat Jan 25	Texas Pro Life Day see back cover for details	
	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Right to Life Spaghetti Dinner

1.25.14 Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin



Please join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities:



7 a.m. Prayer Vigil at Austin Women's Health, 1902 S. IH35, Austin, 78704. (Meet for a blessing first at 7 a.m. at San José Parish, 2435 Oak Crest in Austin.)



9:45 a.m. Rosary For Life led by teens and young adults while elementary school students reenact the Joyful Mysteries at San José Parish.

10:30 a.m. Diocesan Pro-Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez at San José Parish. All priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate. Our diocesan seminarians will be joining us. San José will serve lunch for \$5 per person (cash or check) in the Parish Hall after Mass.



1 p.m. Texas Rally for Life – Gather for pro-life march at 15th Street and Colorado Street.

1:30 p.m. Texas Rally for Life – March to the South Steps of the State Capitol.

2–3 p.m. Texas Rally for Life – Program on the South Steps of the State Capitol.



3:30–5:30 p.m. Party for Life at the University Catholic Center, 2010 University Avenue, hosted by the Catholic Longhorns for Life and the Office of Pro-Life Activities & Chaste Living. Come meet our diocesan seminarians and join us for food, fun, friendship and door prizes. **All are invited to attend.**

For more information, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living at (512) 949-2486.

**Council Spaghetti Dinner for Life 6pm
St. Catherine of Siena Johnson Hall**



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