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Grand Knight's Report — Called to be Saints

St. John Bosco, help us to care less about the laughter of the world and care more about the joy of the Lord. Amen



In this issue of the GK's report, I discuss some of the activities that are going on and will be happening. Now the Christmas and New Years are gone we kind of settle into a routine again.

Our January major degree has come and gone. I'm always impressed with how our council always comes together when it's crunch time. Thank you to all who helped during the major degree. We hosted 55 candidates; one is a priest, their sponsors and the degree team. Congratulations to the following ten brothers from our council who advanced in their Knighthood journey!

Christopher Lewis	Kevin Morgan
Dirk Vanderploeg	Nicholas Hotz
Jeff Ponder	Patrick Leonhardt
Joe Hotz	Ruben Calvino
Keith Dunger	Tad Druart

I believe that everything went well with the degree. We received lots of compliments on the meal and hospitality. Now we'll have to consider whether we will host a major degree in 2015- and if so, where? We should all take the lessons learned in the degrees to heart.

Keep in mind that those who wish to further their journey into Knighthood should become a Fourth Degree member of the order. There will be two admission meetings at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on February 3 and March 3. The meetings are similar to our new member information meetings where interested gentlemen learn more about the Fourth Degree. As most of you know, the Fourth Degree is the patriotic degree and these men are often seen as the face of the Knights of Columbus. I encourage all to become Fourth Degree Members! Talk to a Fourth Degree Knight if you want to advance to the Fourth Degree.

Don't forget the first Saturday devotion that we've started in the council- we pray a rosary, go to reconciliation and Mass on the first Saturday of each month. I truly believe this devotional will bear much fruit. Invite your families.

By the time you read this article, the Pro-life Day will be a memory. I am sure that our council will have been well represented in the day's activities. Our council will have donated funds to Annunciation Maternity Home, a home for unwed mothers. Let us all pray that abortion, which has been legal in our country for 41 years, will be eliminated soon and that our society will accommodate those with unwanted pregnancies.

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Pro-Life March in D.C.

Feb 22, 2014

Birthdays

ADAM	ALVAREZ
ROBERT	BURNS Jr
LENN	CATLEY
JEROME	CONWAY
DAVID	ESQUIVEL
ALLEN	FULKERSON
JASON	GRAY
KEVIN	JACKSON Jr
LEE	JONES
DAVID	LARA
GABRIEL	MALENDEZ
JOHN	MALONE
ANTHONY	MANTI
BRIAN	MELCHER
DAVID	MOULTON
JOHN	O'DANIEL
ALEX	ODOM
JOHN	REGALADO
DANIEL	RUBIO
MICHAEL	SAMFORD
ABRAHAM	SIMS
JEFFREY	THOMAS
JOSEPH	WASIAK
HUBERT	WILBURN

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

IN SERVICE TO ALL—FAMILY BENEFITS & SERVICES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Super Bowl Briskets — Eddie Mazurek

It is time once again for our Super Bowl Briskets and we need your help. Saturday, February 1st, we will crank up the BIG pit and cook briskets to be sold on Super Bowl Sunday. We will load the pit at **7:00PM**, cook all night and sell after masses on Sunday. This promises to be a long night but a lot of fun. In the past, we have played dominoes, had a “few” refreshments, solved most of the world’s problems and generally, just had a great time. We need people to help load the pit, watch the pit overnight in 2 – 3 hour shifts, to wrap the briskets around **7:00AM** and to sell. Hopefully one of these needs fit YOU. If you would like to help, please email me at emazu5@gmail.com and let me know what you want to do. It takes a bunch of Knights for one night to pull this off. I look forward to hearing from you. (Remember, if you are not there, YOU might be the topic of conversation)

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Knight and Family of the Month for January

Knight— Matt Baran

The January 2014 Knight of the Month for Council 8156 is Matt Baran. A member of the Knights of Columbus since August 1, 1965 he has demonstrated the motto, “Service to one, Service to all” many times.

This year Matt volunteered to serve as “Santa Claus at Council 8156’s Christmas Party. “Santa” thoroughly entertained the children of Council 8156 throughout Saturday evening. He returned to St. Catherine’s the next day to serve other members of the parish at the “Open Hearts” Christmas Party. The significance of this is that Matt live in Taylor, Texas, not just down the street.

For his efforts during December he is Council 8156’s Knight of the Month. Matt your efforts are definitely appreciated.

Family— Tad & Nancy Druart

Tad and Nancy Druart are the Family of the Month for January 2014. They are both active in liturgical service for the parish. Tad is a Eucharistic Minister of the Eucharist and Nancy is an Usher.

In the past they’ve served as teachers in St. Catherine’s Religious Education teachers program. They have served in the Pro-Life Ministry with the Gabriel Project.

Their son Andrew is 13. Outside of the parish Tad and Andrew are very involved with Civil War reenactments across the country. He and son go to at least one each year.

Tad, a graduate of Newman University (formally Kansas Newman College) in Wichita, Kansas.

He is presently on the national board of directors for the alumni association of this Catholic college.

Recognition as Council 8156’s Family of the Month is a tribute to their commitment as a Knight Family

Grand Knight — Continued

The Habitat for Humanity Catholic build is going on all cylinders. As always, you brothers of our council are doing more than your part. It is not too late, if you want to help on a Saturday or two talk to someone who helps with the Catholic build from our council.

Time flies! Soon we'll be talking about our annual church picnic and banquet. I sincerely hope that we are able to help at a few more Special Olympics events.

Brothers, thank you for all you do for our Church, council and each other. Many of you really do make me think of you as saints!

Vivat Jesus!

Gerardo (Jerry) Guajardo

Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference — Ray Wilson

Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference in South Austin February 22nd Speakers led by Fr. Larry Richards

The second Annual Central Texas Catholic Men's Conference will be at nearby San Jose Parish, and with another powerful agenda -- see details at [St. Catherine's Parish website](#). Tickets can be purchased directly from Ray Wilson (512-299-1470) or online at the [Conference website](#). Advance tickets are \$39 (\$20 for minor boys), adult prices at the door will be \$45 if not sold out.

Fr. Larry Richards (author of *Be a Man! The Man God Created You to Be*) is instantly recognizable to viewers of EWTN and Relevant Radio listeners. **Justin Fatica**, 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



Habitat for Humanity — Eddie Mazurek

Each year, the Austin diocese sponsors a Catholic built house for Habitat for Humanity. This year's build began on Saturday, January 18th. Many of you have asked about getting involved with Habitat. It doesn't matter if you are the most experienced carpenter or have never held a hammer in your hands, Habitat has a place for you. We work each Saturday until the house is finished. Normally it takes about 9 – 10 work days to complete the house. If you can only make one Saturday or you can make all of them, your help is appreciated. There are 10 -12 from our council who are there most of the time. If you would like more information on tis build or to get involved, please let me know.

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4th Degree Exemplification — Calling All 3rd Degree Knights

The Exemplification to become a 4th Degree Knight will occur on March 22, 2014 at St. John Neumann Church in Austin. This is the first Exemplification in Austin in over 10 years, don't miss it.

5 Steps to 4th Degree

1. Fill out a Form 4 (available from Randy or Paul)
2. Attend the 4th Degree Admissions Meeting (Feb 3 or March 3) at St. Ignatius
3. Turn In Form 4 & \$70 at the admissions meeting (this covers the cost of the Banquet for yourself)
4. You will need a standard Black Tuxedo and plain black shoes. A 100% wool Tuxedo (recommended) is \$230 at Mikes Formal Wear: www.mikesformalwear.com or (512)385-1889.
5. Attend the Exemplification Ceremony on March 22, 2014

Learn more about the Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099 at: www.kofc1099.org

Banquet tickets for other family members or friends attending the banquet are \$35 each.

Ladies Program will be \$20

March 22 Tentative Schedule

8am	Registration Opens
10am	Exemplification Starts
10am	Ladies Program (includes lunch) with Sally Rob
12:30pm	Lunch Available for the guys (\$10)
2:00pm	Prepare for Mass
2:30pm	Special Exemplification Mass
4:00pm	Social
5:00pm	Banquet in Your Honor

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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 March Newsletter by February 21

<u>Future Cutoffs</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
February 21	March 2014

* Early Cutoff Required

Important Dates for February

Sat Feb 1	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Frontline Faith at St Edward's
	7:00 PM-12:00 AM	Super Bowl Briskets
Sun Feb 2	12:00 AM-8:00 AM	Super Bowl Briskets
Wed Feb 5	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	KOC Mass-
	7:00 PM– 8:30 PM	KOC Business Meeting
Feb 7 & 8	All Day	Mission to Mexico
Fri Feb 14	12:30 PM -2:00 PM	BBQ Prep
Sun Feb 16	4:00 AM -2:00 PM	BBQ & Sales
	7:00 PM – 9:00PM	Member Info Meeting
Wed Feb 19	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting
Thu Feb 20	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Clergy Appreciation Dinner
Sat Feb 22	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	St Catherine's Blood Drive

Pro-Life — Ed Empero

(Dedicated to the memory of Eddie Kruzcek a pro-life advocate)

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON ABORTION THEN AND NOW:

WHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGINS?

1871 // No other doctrine appears to be consonant with reason or physiology but that which admits the embryo to possess vitality from the very moment of conception.

1967 & 1970 // The AMA abortion policy statements include no references to the scientific fact that human life begins at conception.

What is abortion?

1859 // "The slaughter of countless children; such unwarrantable destruction of human life"

1871 // "The work of destruction; the wholesale destruction of unborn infants"

1967 // "The interruption of pregnancy; the induced termination of pregnancy."

1970 // "A medical procedure."

What should the ethics of abortion be?

1871 // "Thou shalt not kill. This commandment is given to all without exception...It matters not at what stage of development his victim may have arrived."

1967 // "This is a personal and moral consideration which in all cases must be faced according to dictates of the conscience of the patient and her physician." 1871

Who should perform abortions?

1871 // "It will be unlawful and unprofessional for any physician to induce abortion."

Who are physician abortionists?

1871 // "These men should be marked as Cain was marked; they should be made the outcasts of society."

1967 // "Conscientious practitioners; conscientious physicians."

What should be done to physician abortionists?

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IS GOD RIGHT OR IS SOCIETY? YOU MAKE THE JUDGEMENT BECAUSE GOD WILL !!



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