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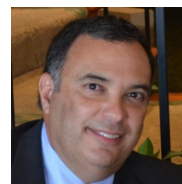
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Next Business Meeting April 2, 2014

Grand Knight's Report — Called to be Saints

St. Gabriel, herald of glad tidings to our blessed Mother, Daniel and Zechariah, we ask that you intercede for us. Increase the effectiveness of communications with one another and our families.

I hope that your Lent has been a meaningful one; that through prayer, fasting and almsgiving your life is being transformed and drawing you closer to Jesus. We eagerly anticipate Easter and the Resurrection.



Father Ron's sermons are always about love. God's love for man is what keeps us alive. In the daily chapel at St. Catherine we see a banner that hangs from the crucified Christ- Love Does Such. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus tells us to love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you. Is there someone that you know who just kind of rubs you the wrong way? Pray for that person. Recall too, that we are asked to forgive the transgressions of others In the Lord's prayer we pray forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others. Remember that Lent is about our transformation not about the transformation of others. We fast and pray as we transform our lives to draw closer to God.

Our council has adopted Mondays during Lent to participate in 40 Days for Life. Please volunteer to pray for at least one hour during the 40 Days for Life. We are only asked to pray at the sidewalk of an abortion facility. It seems that early Monday afternoons are the times with the greatest need of volunteers. Speak to Steve Muras for details.

We have some fun events coming up and hope that you can participate in these. For example:

Corporate Communion will happen Sunday April 6 at 8:30 Mass. All Knights and families are asked to sit in the reserved section near the choir. Wear your Knight shirt and name badge. We really want to let the parish know how many Knights there are, our activity in parish ministries and we want others to join us. There will be a nice (and free) breakfast for all Knight families in Johnson Hall after Mass. Juan has promised something special!.

Annual Easter egg hunt will take place April 19 (Holy Saturday). Bring the children or grand children. A good time will be had by all.

Sunday April 27 will be the day for our council picnic in nearby Dick Nichols Park. Altar servers and their families and of course Knight families are invited. The fun will begin around 1:00 o'clock.



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Birthdays

Jeremy	Baran
Daniel	Bisone
Thomas	Bohuslav
Joseph	Borek
James	Chamberlain
Guy	Desrochers
Gerald	Fortner II
Gerald	Garcia
Steven	Garcia
Darryl	King
Michael	Krisan
Thomas	Lichenstein
Glenn	Mayhugh
Edwin	Mazurek
Michael	Mazurek
Niles	Pinkham II
Billy	Richburg
Gonzalo	Rodriguez
David	Vera
Darrel	Vinklarek
Brad	Vrba
Robert	Wilhelm
Raymond	Wilson

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies..

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography.” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.”

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

“Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance,” said the Supreme Knight. “But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values.”

Contact me today to learn more about our products..

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College Scholarships 2014

Knights College Scholarship is available to all members of council 8156, their spouses and children. It is also available to registered members of St. Catherine of Siena parish.

After April 1 the application will be available at:

www.kofc8156.org

2014 Budget Planning Begins March 30

Brothers, Sunday March 30 will be the start of our council's budget meetings. We'll meet upstairs at 7 pm. We'll likely have a second meeting on April 6. As you've heard our income is way down from previous years. The budget meetings are to consider what to do with the funds that have been collected this year. This year's funds will be budgeted for next fraternal year and that is what we'll be discussing at the meetings. Our fraternal year starts July 1 and runs through June 30.

For next fraternal year we are starting with a clean slate. If you have a favorite charity which our council has been donating to, you must be present at one of the budget meetings to support including the charity in next year's budget. It is likely that all charities will be cut to some degree. It is also likely that some previously budgeted charities will not be supported in next year's budget. Don't let your favorite charity slip through the cracks! Be present at a budget meeting to speak up for your favorite charity!

2nd Annual Council Golf Tournament

Save the date, Saturday, June 14, 2014 for the Second Annual Council 8156 Golf Tournament.

The tournament is being held at Plum Creek Golf Club in Kyle, Texas. It begins at 8:00 AM with a Shotgun Start. The cost is \$85 per player. Most tournaments this year are over \$100 player

Prize Donations Needed — All please help us identify contributors. Lack of donations means we pull from profits to buy awards and prizes

Brother Albert Pina is chairing the tournament again this year. If you want to help or have questions

Contact him at albert.pina@gmail.com (512) 750-3875.

Knight and Family of the Month for March

Knight— Eddie Mazurek

The March 2014 Knight of the Month for Council 8156 is Edwin "Eddie" Mazurek. Eddie is our long time Council Treasurer and Insurance Representative. A member of the Knights of Columbus since February 1, 1985 he is willing to share his experience with Brother Knights, especially when it comes to BBQ. If the Council participates in an activity, he has probably been there before many of us.

Eddie is active in many ministries of St. Catherine's. He is a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, a Mass Coordinator, and an Usher. He is active in the local Habitat for Humanity, especially that portion known as the Catholic Build. Eddie is the leader of our biggest fundraiser, "Super Bowl Briskets".

For his willingness to step up and help, he has demonstrated the Knight's motto, "Service to one, Service to all". Eddie is Council 8156's Knight of the Month

Family— Armand & Muriel Gagnon

Armand and Muriel Gagnon are the Family of the Month for March 2014. They are both active in various services with the parish. A Knight since April 1990, he currently serves as a Trustee for the Council. He is a Mass Coordinator for the 8:30 Mass as well as Eucharistic Minister of the Eucharist.

Muriel is a member of the 8:30 Mass Choir and the Council Auxiliary. She has also helped with the Lenten Meatless Meal on the Friday's of Lent before Stations and Mass. In support of our upcoming Membership Blitz at Donut Sunday on March 30, Muriel made 70 Rosaries for us to pass out.

Their commitment to St. Catherine of Siena as a Knight Family has gained them recognition as Council 8156's Family of the Month.

Grand Knight — Continued

Ladies Appreciation Dinner will take place May 10. This is a special event for all of the ladies from our council in which the men prepare and serve a special meal for them as a way to thank them for allowing us to participate in council functions. All ladies from the council are invited. Look for your invitation by mail. Those ladies new to the council come meet the other fantastic ladies.

Our 2nd annual council golf tournament will be played June 14 at Plum Creek Golf Club in Kyle. The funds from the tournament will go toward our council charitable works. We need help with organizing the event and looking for sponsorships. Cost per player is \$85.

The council's annual award banquet will be held at the Diocesan Center on June 28. It promises to be a great time as we wrap up the year's activities.

To mention quickly, please pay your dues, if you have not done so. Please ask a gentleman to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Become EIM compliant as it is becoming more important each day!

Brothers, thank you for all you do for our Church, council and each other. Keep striving to be saints by your faith and action! I look forward to seeing you at an event.

Vivat Jesus!

Gerardo (Jerry) Guajardo

Pro-Life — Ed Empero (This article is dedicated to the memory of Ed Kruzcek, a pro-life advocate)

For over 2 years I have been writing the pro-life articles for the KC News letter.

I really do not know if I make sense about my passion to save human life from the unborn through the elderly.

I have been criticized by some for using words that did not please others. But every word I write, I stand by. Truth is truth and it can not be changed as others want.

I have a few words for Catholics that are LAME, as I was many years ago.

LAME: One who can vote for a PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATE, because he may be an old friend or a next door Neighbor, etc.

APATHETIC (APATHY): One becoming insensitive to sin, such as, abortion , because it does not affect them. They can not be bothered.

MEDIOCRE(MEDIOCRACY): Big picture of the CHURCH is over looked. They are satisfied with this small World. They do not really care about anything. They take time to see a pro-life movie and then a few days later pass it off as trivial.

ERRATIC: Cafeteria Catholics---They pick and choose what they like and discard all the other parts of the CHURCH.

This is the LAME CATHOLIC !!

It takes effort, courage, determination and confidence to be a strong Catholic with Respect and Responsibility.

We know that it is difficult , at times, to pray for our adversaries, but we are called to do so.

Life is precious and we should respect it from womb to tomb!

Men's Retreat — April 9

MEN'S RETREAT with Fr. Matt Linn, S.J.

Healing Anger: The Most Fun Sin

Wednesday, April 9

7:30 p.m. in Johnson Hall

Frederick Buechner wrote, "Of the Seven Deadly Sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past... to savor to the last toothsome morsel--both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back--in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you."

This session will explore how the two hands of anger that are choking us can embrace us with new life and fun that lasts forever.

Fr. Matt has been in the healing ministry for over 30 years, has written numerous books on healing, and has given over a thousand retreats and workshops.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Laurie Metzler at
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Fund Raising Ideas Needed — Jerry Guajardo

Your Ideas Needed

Brothers, our council's Bingo income has been reduced drastically! This will greatly affect our budget for future fraternal years. In an effort to try to make up some of the shortfall, we are looking for fundraising ideas from you! Have you participated in a very successful fundraiser? What was the activity? How much was netted? Could it be done by our council? We will evaluate all ideas that are submitted and pursue some of the better ideas. Some evaluation criteria may include:

- Does it support Knight ideals?
- What is the potential financial benefit to the council?
- How much work is required by council members?
- What facilities or resources are needed?
- Is there a liability for the council?

Also we're looking for fun family activities. What does your family like to do for fun? We're particularly looking for ideas from young families. We want to involve the younger council families. Our council is blessed with many great families. We would like for you to get together and enjoy each other's company. One idea that has been mentioned, for example, is a kite flying day at Zilker Park. It would be fun, low cost, everyone could participate and our council may be able to provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Share your ideas.

We look forward to hearing from you! Please submit your ideas for consideration. You can email ideas to me, GK Jerry Guajardo, or Deputy Grand Knight Jim Luhrman. Our email addresses are jggg1029@sbcglobal.net and onetop66@austin.rr.com.

Now send in those ideas! Thank you.

Officer Elections – Consider

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Recorder – David Lara
Warden – Juan Tavarez
Inside Guard – Jim Hogg
Outside Guard – David Caldwell
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2-Year Trustee – Armand Gagnon
1-Year Trustee – Greg Nelson
Fundraising Directors
Lloyd Monroe
Greg Nelson
Colton Brugger
Pro-Life Director—Ed Empero

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 May Newsletter by April 25

<u>Future Cutoffs</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
April 25	May 2014
May 23	June 2014
June 20	July 2014
July 25	August 2014

Important Dates for April

Wed Apr 2	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	KOC Mass-
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	KOC Business Meeting
Fri Apr 4	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Lenten Meal – Johnson Hall
Apr 4 & 5	All Day	Mission to Mexico
Fri Apr 11	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Lenten Meal – Johnson Hall
Wed Apr 16	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting-
Thu Apr 17	All Day	Holy Thursday
Fri Apr 18	All Day	Good Friday
	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Diocesan Prayer Vigil- Whole Woman's Health
Sat Apr 19	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt Preparation
	10:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Sun Apr 20		Easter Sunday
Sat Apr 26	9:00 AM-12:00 AM	St Catherine's Blood Drive
Sun Apr 27	1:00 PM-4:00 PM	KOC Annual Picnic Dick Nichols Park

Officer Elections -- Consider Becoming an Officer of the Council

We are fortunate in our Council to have men who have been and are willing to serve the Council as officers to ensure the smooth organization and continuation of the Council and the many activities we are involved in. That said, it is important that we have some turnover among the officers to keep things vibrant and fresh. New officers can mean new ideas and new activities.

Officer elections for the next Fraternal Year will happen in June. We would like to present candidates at the May meeting. If you would be interested in serving as an Officer for the Council for the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight (Jerry Guajardo - jggg1029@sbcglobal.net) or any of our Trustees. (Greg Nelson - gnel-son8156@earthlink.net, Armand Gagnon - Argagnon@att.net, or Larry Odom - Lodom2@Austin.rr.com). If you are not sure, but would like to see what the responsibilities of each of the officers are, please see below. Listed below are the Officer Responsibilities as noted from Supreme.

Grand Knight

The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn.

Deputy Grand Knight

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee.

Chancellor

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee.

Recorder

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Lecturer

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Advocate

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

Warden

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Inside & Outside Guards

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

In addition to these Officer positions, we will also need Directors to assist the new Grand Knight and the Council with Membership, Youth Activities, Family Activities, Council Activities, Community Activities, and Pro-Life Activities. Please let our current Deputy Grand Knight (Jim Luhrman - onetop66@austin.rr.com) know if you would like to help in a Director capacity.



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