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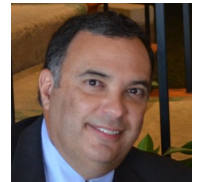
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**Next Business Meeting June 4, 2014
Last Meeting at St. Catherine's**

Grand Knight's Report — Called to be Saints



Saint John Paul II, pray for us! St. John Paul II, open wide the doors of our hearts to Jesus Christ!

Gentlemen and Brothers, thank you for your charitable works as Knights of Columbus. This fraternal year has seen many of you do the extraordinary to help one another and those in the community who are need. Your charitable acts and unselfishness were awesome! I will not attempt to name you stand outs as I know that I would miss mentioning some very deserving Knights.

At last year's annual banquet, I stated that the theme for the fraternal year would be "Called to be Saints." So many of you have stepped up in obvious ways and others in subtle ways. It is humbling to me to see all that you've done. We've accomplished a lot this past year!

As for me, I did the best I could. I made mistakes along the way and may even have offended some of you. If I did offend or hurt you, I sincerely apologize. Brothers, thank you for kind, supportive words that you offered me along the way. Thank you for your fraternal love and support.

Due to the parish construction project and flagging revenue, this next year will be a challenge for the council. I believe that it can be a time when we can grow closer together as brothers. I believe that we'll be involved in more projects outside of St. Catherine. We know that when we're working toward a common goal, our council is hard to stop. Let us strive to work together so that we can get to know and appreciate one another even more.

In July, new officers will take the reins of the council. Please support them as much as you can. They have committed themselves to be your leaders and do what it takes to continue to make this an outstanding council of the Knights of Columbus. Please provide them input if you have new ideas.

God bless you and your loved ones. May your faith continue to grow. May your charitable works continue to be fruitful. Let us lift each other up in prayer.

Brothers, thank you for all you do for our Church, council and each other. Keep striving to be saints by your faith and action!

Hope to see you at our annual awards banquet!

Vivat Jesus!

Gerardo (Jerry) Guajardo



Ascension of the Lord
June 1



Birthdays

RAYMOND ARRIAGA
 DOUGLAS BECKETT
 CHARLIE BLUM
 ROBERT CAMPOS
 ERIC CONTRERAS
 STEVE DARILEK
 DARRELL DEBISH
 ROBERT DONLEY
 EDWARD EMPERO
 DARREN FEHLINGER
 JOE HOTZ
 LUGARD IGHARO
 GREGORY KASKIE
 SETH MC KEITHEN
 GARY MOORE
 IRA MOORE
 RICHARD MUNOZ
 MATTHEW MURAS
 DAVID PADILLA
 DAVID PIETRUSZYNSKI
 DARREL RICHARDS
 PETER SLOVER
 GILBERT TELLO
 PAUL TILEY
 MIGUEL TORRES
 UFOT UMANA
 KOURI WINTERS

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Don't wait, act today

When your family is hungry, you see that this need is taken care of quickly. You don't put it off until tomorrow, you act immediately to the best of your ability. As a provider to your wife and children, your responsibilities are great and your time is spread thin. It is easy to forget important tasks or let them slip to the backburner for later.

Everything, including your health, can change in the blink of an eye. Don't put off today what can't wait until tomorrow. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I urge you to make securing life insurance for you and your family a top priority.

It is my fraternal obligation to make sure that every member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is what they needed the most.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. As the premier safety net for Catholic families for more than 130 years, our insurance program makes me proud. But I'm also concerned that too many of our brother Knights have not yet looked into the needs of their family. I suspect that, for many of them, life insurance has drifted to the backburner until tomorrow. Don't be one of them; move your insurance needs to the forefront today.

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Call me. Let's talk.

Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

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Awards Banquet in June — Tickets Needed

The Annual Council Awards Banquet is June 28, 2014 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Tickets are required for this event. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are \$20.00 each. Tickets must be purchased by June 16, 2014.

For questions contact Juan Tavarez, 512-945-1986 or juanrst04@gmail.com

2014 Budget & Officer Elections at the June Business Meeting

Brothers, please attend the June 4 business meeting. This meeting will be very important as we will elect officers for the new fraternal year. Those elected will guide the council for the following year. Thank you to those who have accepted their nomination. Recall that other candidates may emerge during the meeting.

During the May business meeting, we reviewed the budget that has been developed over several meetings. Some hard decisions were made and the budget that was presented reflected those difficult choices. Thanks to Eddie Mazurek for leading the budget discussion meetings. Please attend the June meeting to gather more information and vote on the new fraternal year budget.

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. Contact Albert for more information.

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.

Forms are available on the Council Website: www.Kofc8156.org

Knight and Family of the Month for May

Knight— Joseph Broz

The May 2014 Knight of the Month for Council 8156 is Joseph Broz.

A member of the Knights of Columbus since January 7, 2011, Joe willingly contributes to his time and labor with Brother Knights.

Joe is an active member of the Council, helping in many events. During the recent Ladies Dinner he was in the Johnson Hall Kitchen aiding in the Ladies Dinner from beginning to end.

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

Family— Bill & Maritza Diaz

Bill and Maritza Diaz are the Family of the Month for May 2014. A Knight since January 1991, they are active in several St. Catherine's ministries.

An active member of the Council, Bill can be seen helping in many events. Most recently he was found in the Johnson Hall Kitchen assisting in preparation of the Ladies Dinner. Both volunteered time in the repair work at Barbara's House, a major project of the Council.

Bill and Maritza are active participants in the Marriage Encounter program and the ACTS Community.

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

Thank You from St. Mary's — Paul Root

On behalf of the Austin Capital Area Chapter of the St. Mary's University Alumni Association in San Antonio, Texas, I thank our Council 8156 for supporting the chapter's annual golf tournament held May 17 at Plum Creek Golf Club.

Our council's Sponsorship included one team of council golfers, a BBQ lunch, one hole with a sign recognizing our council's name and logo, a thank you in the Catholic Spirit, and recognition to over 1,800 alumni in the Austin area.

Thanks to our council team of Adam Alvarez, John Massey, John O'Daniel, and Albert Pina for a fine representation as well as their golfing expertise. The net proceeds of the tournament goes to support scholarships and yearly stipends for Austin area students attending St. Mary's University. Our beloved and deceased brothers, Jim Duffy and Larry Juergens earned Masters degrees in Economics from St. Mary's. Also, brother Patrick Reinhart, attorney, graduated from St. Mary's. On Saturday, May 17, the daughter of Will Lopez graduated from St. Mary's Law School. I am very grateful for the support that our council has given to help Austin area students receive financial assistance. In particular, I thank Randy Schreiber and Jerry Guajardo for their last minute help in generating and delivering the sponsor check to me.

Blessings to My Knight Brothers! Paul R. Root

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

MARRIAGE IS BETWEEN A MAN & A WOMAN !!

SINCE THE SECULAR WORLD IS CHANGING COARSE ON THIS STATEMENT, WE AS CATHOLICS MUST STAND UP AND DEFEND THIS HOLY INSTITUTION.

MARRIAGE IS INSTITUTED BY GOD, WITH ADAM & EVE / GENESIS 2:24.

“THEREFORE A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER & HIS MOTHER AND CLEAVES TO HIS WIFE AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH.”

IN MATTHEW 19:4-5, JESUS REAFFIRMS THIS.

“HAVE YOU NOT READ THAT HE WHO MADE THEM FROM THE BEGINNING , MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, AND SAID, FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE”.

THE WORLD WANTS TO THROW THE BIBLE IN THE GARBAGE, HOWEVER, IN EVERY CULTURE MARRIAGE HAS BEEN UPHELD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, UNTIL NOW!

PRAY BROTHERS PRAY AND DEFEND OUR FAITH AND THE LIFE OF THE FAMILY AS GOD INTENDS IT TO BE!

Knights of Columbus Night with the Express

Mark July 10th on your calendar! The Annual Knights of Columbus Night with the Express will happen at the Dell Diamond. It is also a "Thirsty Thursday" at the Diamond. If you have never been to a "Knights Night" or a minor league game this is the time to go.

That evening at 7:05 PM the Round Rock Express, a Triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers, will host the Colorado Springs Sky Sox in a Triple-A game at the Dell Diamond. The Sky Sox are a Triple-A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies.

Game tickets are available to Knights and their family members for a discount. The tickets are \$10.00 each. This will cover your game ticket and help defray the cost of our Tailgate Party before the game. Jim Luhrman will sell tickets only at the June 4 or July 2 Business Meetings. Tickets must be paid for in advance either in cash or check at the meeting. Tickets will not be available on July 10. If children occupy a seat they must have a ticket.

Contact Jim Luhrman at onetop66@austin.rr.com or (512) 422-5056 for information.

Holy Mackerels



Holy Mackerels to add Evening Meetings - Catholic Toastmasters Club created by Council 8156 takes next step toward ambitious nationwide vision **Ray Wilson**

In June 2013, Council 8156 launched "The Holy Mackerels," a Roman Catholic Toastmasters club ambitiously intended as a model for duplication in localities across the United States. Operating on its own, as designed by steering committee of Council 8156 brothers, the club is now completing its first full year as a chartered club of Toastmasters International with men and women members from several parishes. Within the next few weeks, the club will move into its next phase, stepping beyond its morning-only operation to open an evening division.

As expected, this past year established not merely interest, but excitement, among Catholics first hearing of a Catholic Toastmasters club, and then disappointment from those who could not take part in the pilot morning-only meetings. The evening division will not only enable their participation, but blaze the trail to the multiplication of Catholic Toastmasters clubs envisioned by the Council 8156 planners.

Their vision is expressed in their formal expression of purpose for the Holy Mackerels:

"... to provide Catholic faithful with training and support in communications skill development, and to facilitate their articulate proclamation and defense of the Faith as well as productive contributions to discussions within the Catholic community. "

Membership is open to anyone willing to commit to this purpose, and all meetings are open to visitors. See the club website at <http://www.centraltexas.theholymackerels.org>

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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.

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From the Editor

Submit articles for the July Newsletter by June 20

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

Important Dates for June

Wed June 4	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	KOC Mass-
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Business Meeting
	8:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Meal
June 6 & 7	All Day	Mission to Mexico
Sat Jun 7	3:00 – 4:00 PM	First Saturday Devotion
Thu June 12	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Capital Area Food Bank
Sat Jun 14	7:15 AM – 7:45 AM	Council 8156 Golf Tournament
	8:00 AM	Shotgun Start
Thu Jun 12	6:00PM - 8:30PM	Capital Area Food Bank
Sun June 22	8:30 AM	Corporate Communion Mass
	9:30 - Breakfast	
Sat June 28	9:00 AM - 12:00 AM	St Catherine's Blood Drive
	6:00 PM-10:00 PM	KOC Awards Banquet @ Diocese Pastoral Center.

New Meeting Location Information Starting in July

Because of the pending construction of the new Parish Center, meetings in the Administration Building and Johnson Hall are no longer possible. Council Business Meetings will now be held at “off campus” locations.

Our friends at VFW Post 4443 have made their facilities available for us to use.

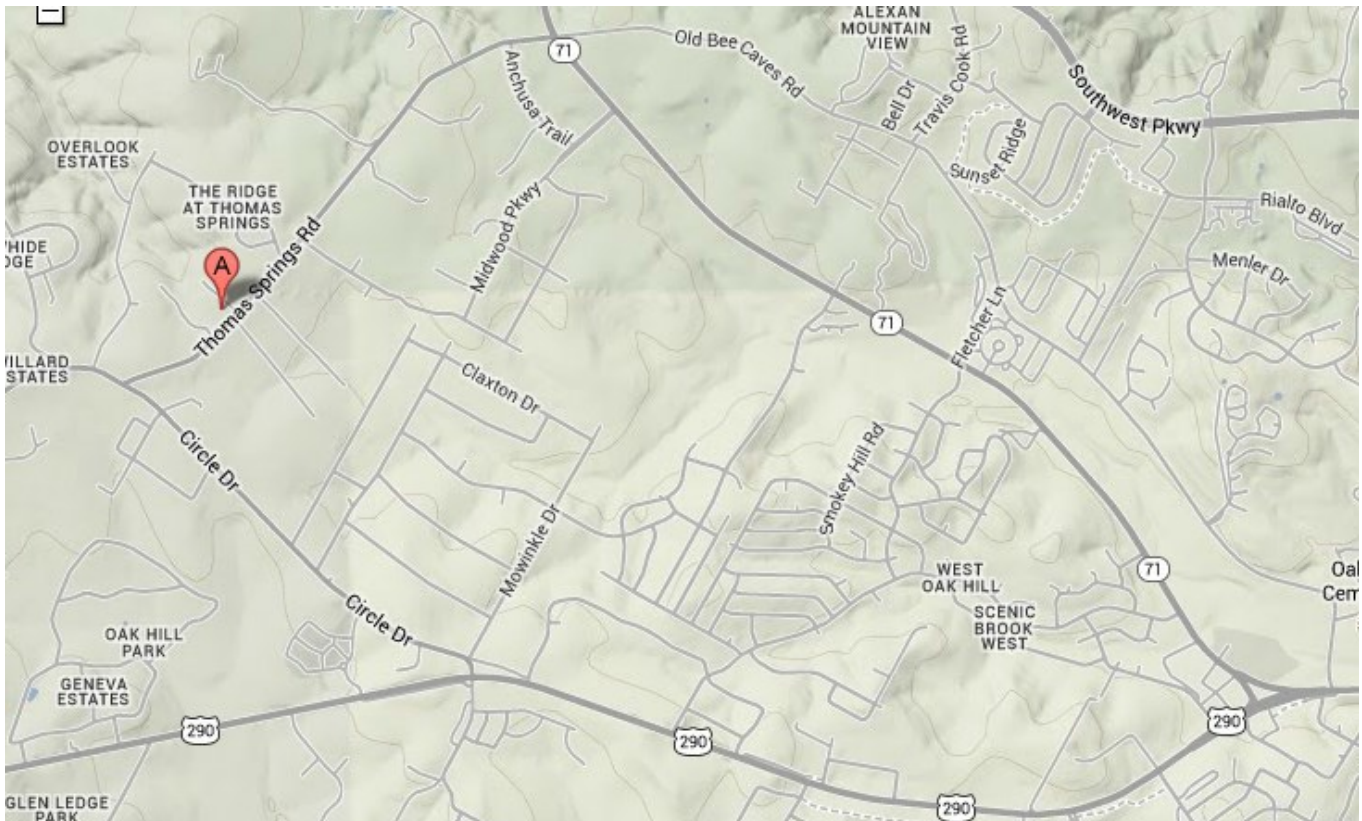
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