



Volume 15 Issue 8

August 2014

Contact the Editor: gnelson8156@earthlink.net

www.kofc8156.org

Inside this issue:

- ◇ Insurance Agent 2
- ◇ Chancellor 2
- ◇ Birthdays 2

- ◇ GK Report cont. 3
- ◇ Knight & Family of the month 3

- ◇ Hoe-Down & Gala 4
- ◇ Family Director 4

- ◇ Pro Life 5

- ◇ Officers & Calendar 6

- ◇ Knight & Family of the Year 7

**Next Business Meeting August 6, 2014
VFW Hall**

[Directions on the Council Website](#)

Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

In my first Report to the Council I wrote about the challenges facing our Council. We have tackled the first challenges our Council faced. We have been successful.

I had no idea of the other changes we would face. The first change in our Council was the loss of our Chaplain.. Our Chaplain, Father Ron Feathers, has been selected by Bishop Joe Vasquez to serve the Church in Marlin, Texas. In the short time Father Ron was our Chaplain and the Associate Pastor of St Catherine's everyone has been touched by him one way or another. I had the honor to speak with him several times after the announcement was made. He faces a challenge in his new assignment and asks for our prayers.

Brother Jim Brewer has had to resign as Chancellor. I have edited the email he sent to Jerry and I about his diagnosis.

He has Pancreatic cancer and will need to undergo chemo therapy. The initial diagnosis is it Stage 4-pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to my liver. Knowing that he is in for some rough days ahead I am requesting to resign as Chancellor. If I have a need I know I can call on my Brother Knights.

We need to keep Jim in our prayers as he faces this challenge.

In my first report I listed three challenges for the Council. All three had to do with moving; moving out of Room 213, moving the Monthly Business Meeting's location and moving Brothers to the new Business Meeting's location. 35 Brothers accepted the challenge of navigating their way to the VFW in Oak Hill on July 2nd. Our Chaplain, Father Ron Feathers, began the evening by celebrating Mass at the VFW before the Business Meeting. Our first Monthly Business Meeting at the VFW began at 7:10 PM. It was closed at 8:43 PM. We then shared a tasty meal prepared by our Treasurer, Eddie Mazurek. A vote of thanks goes out to all who attended the first Business Meeting at the VFW.

Continued Page 3



**Assumption of Mary
August 15**



Birthdays

Spencer	Allgood
David	Anderson
Donald	Archer
Michael	Arduengo
Ryan	Bell
Stephen	Boiko
Ruben	Calvino
Juan	Cano
Robert	Castillo
Tad	Druart
Hyacinth	Ernest
Brian	Fahrenthold
Jesus	Gonzales
Kyle	Hemmi
Kevin	Jackson
Jason	Jaynes
Glenn	Jorden
Christopher	Lewis
Carlo	Macias
Mario	Martinez
Robert	Moreno
Samuel	Murff
Gregory	Nelson
Stephen	Roberts
Paul	Root
Christopher	Schroeder
Bradley	Suggs
Eric	Valdez

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

More benefits for our members

There have been some new and exciting additions to our insurance products that I think are a great benefit for both our younger and our older members and their families.

For the younger members, 18 – 29 years of age, you now have the ability to go on line and get a policy with the Knights of Columbus. Go to our website, kofc.org, and look for the insurance tab. Under that, go to the Young Adult tab and find out all about it.

About half way down, there is a button to request a quote. Fill out the form and presto, no underwriting requirements and your application is processed. A very simple way to meet some or all of your needs as a young adult. This is also available for the spouses, although you can't fill out the application on line. However, give me a call and we can complete the very simple application.

For our members and spouses who are older, we now offer a term policy that will cover you until you turn 85 years old. It is available up to age 70, but once it is issued, it goes through age 85. In looking at pricing, I was very surprised and thought it would be much more expensive. It is a level term policy, premiums stay the same for 10, 15, or 20 years, that stay level to age 80. Again, we are trying to be there for members who we might not have been able to offer our term products to in the past.

There are other changes coming this year, so please stay tuned. It is a great time to be in the Knights of Columbus and the fraternal benefits we offer our members and spouses just keep getting better and better.

Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

512-301-1218

emazu5@gmail.com



Chancellor & Vocations Director

Brother Jim Brewer has submitted his resignation as Chancellor. He has Pancreatic cancer and will need to undergo chemo therapy. The initial diagnosis is Stage 4-pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to his liver. Knowing that he is in for some rough days ahead I have reluctantly accepted his resignation as Chancellor. We need to keep Jim in our prayers as he faces this challenge.

As a result, we have to select a replacement. I have listed the duties of the Chancellor below.

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 member's interests in council activities. The Chancellor is the chairman of the admission committee and Vocations Director.

Detailed Information can be found at the [officer's page on the website](#).

Grand Knight Report — Continued

A big thanks goes to Armand and Muriel Gagnon for offering their attic as the storage space for most of our possessions from Room 213. On Saturday, July 12 a small group of Brothers gathered at St Catherine's to move our last things out of our office in Room 213 the wood out of "the Yard". A big, heartfelt thanks goes out to the small group of Brothers who came in that morning at 8:00 AM and completed the move by 10:00 AM.

Do not forget how important it is to work together to maintain the unity of the Council during the coming months. If one of your Brother Knights did not attend the July Meeting invite them to the August Business Meeting. Ask them if they need a ride!

I ask you to continue to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our Council and our Parish during this challenging time.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Luhrman

Knight and Family of the Month for July

Knight— Matthew Wade

Matthew Wade has served the Council as Advocate for the past two years and volunteered for a third year. His concern to keep the Council within the Bylaws is noteworthy and appreciated by the other officers and trustees. Additionally, he serves as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, usher and Mass Coordinator for St. Catherine's. Matthew eagerly voices his support for Council activities and puts his words to action by either working at the function or often chairing it. Recently at our Awards Banquet, Matthew volunteered to Emcee the event and did a fantastic job. He's not quite ready for the "Late Show", but he brought humor and interest to what can easily become a dull and dry event. For his exemplary performance in our Council, Matthew was nominated and elected our Knight of the Month for July 2014.

Family— Chris & Rayford Carter

Chris and Rayford Carter support the Council and the Church in so many different ways and at so many levels. Rarely does a monthly BBQ go by where Rayford is absent. From cooking the BBQ, to selling it and cleaning up, he staunchly serves the Council and the catholic community. As an officer for our Assembly, he works diligently to ensure Sir Knights demonstrate their Patriotism while supporting the Bishop and his many activities. Chris gives of herself to the Church and strongly supports Council 8156 as a member and officer of the KOCA. Chris also serves as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Chris and Rayford demonstrate continuously to all of us what it means to be husband and wife, living their faith through their marriage and devotion to each other and to our God. Join me in congratulating Rayford and Chris Carter as our Family of the Month for July 2014.

Country Hoe-Down and Gala

As you should be aware of by now, we are having a major fund-raiser on Friday, October 3rd. We are hoping to sell 225 tickets (no more than 225) at \$100 each. This ticket gets the purchaser dinner for two, drinks, dancing, and a shot at many door prizes. The top door prizes are \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. There will be many other door prizes throughout the evening.

We will also have a silent auction. Although we don't have all of them yet, one of our top prizes will be COURT SIDE TICKETS FOR 2 AT A SPURS GAME next season plus a parking pass for the lucky winner.

We could use your help in getting door prizes. They don't have to be of great value. The more door prizes we collect, the better the odds are of winning a door prize. If you know of a company that you think might donate an item or a gift certificate, please let me know and I will contact them if you don't want to yourself.

We also need help selling tickets. If you would like tickets to buy yourself or to sell, just let me know and I will get them to you. Those who have already sold tickets are finding it very easy to sell just by asking other parishioners, neighbors, co-workers and family members. You need not be present to win the top 3 door prizes. The success of this event depends on us selling all 225 tickets. Please consider buying one yourself or taking some to sell to others

Family Director Needed

Brother Richard Munoz has submitted his resignation as Family Director. His work commitments have made it very difficult for him to devote the time he feels is necessary. As a result, we have to select a replacement. I have listed the duties of the Family Director below.

Improving the Family Foundation

The responsibility of the Family Director is to look for opportunities for Knights and the Parish to learn more about parenting as well as relationships between Husbands and Wives. The Parish Family Director is a good contact. The Family Director can help coordinate activities to bring a speaker to the Parish that might be good for the Family Groups or Youth Groups as well as the Knights Members themselves. The Knights have the ability to help with financial costs for guest speakers so we should be looking for opportunities.

Family Activities

In addition the Family Director should recommend Family Oriented programs to the Council leadership for participation. Recommend programs that help the children of our families to build relationships, children of Knights should know each other. Present the proposed program at a Planning Meeting, once approved it the Program Director (Deputy Grand Knight) and the Family Director schedule the program. The Program Director (Deputy Grand Knight) helps obtain the necessary resources to make it happen.

If you are interested, please contact me, Jim Luhrman at 512-422-5056 or onetop66@austin.rr.com.

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

DECK OF CARDS !!!

Here is a new way to look at a deck of cards.

It was quiet that day, the guns and mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard.

The young WOUNDED soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week.

As he was sitting there on his bunk, he got out an old deck of cards and spread them across his bunk.

He then said to his sergeant, "since we are not allowed to have BIBLES or other SPIRITUAL BOOKS, I decided to talk to the LORD by studying this deck of cards."

THE TWO REPRESENTS THE TWO PARTS OF THE BIBLE, OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

THE THREE REPRESENTS THE FATHER, SON, AND THE HOLY GHOST.

THE FOUR STANDS FOR THE FOUR GOSPELS: MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN.

THE FIVE IS FOR THE FIVE VIRGINS. THERE WERE TEN BUT ONLY FIVE OF THEM WERE GLORIFIED.

THE SIX IS FOR THE SIX DAYS IT TOOK GOD TO CREATE THE HEAVENS AND EARTH.

THE SEVEN IS FOR THE DAY GOD RESTED AFTER MAKING THE CREATION.

THE EIGHT IS FOR THE FAMILY OF NOAH AND HIS WIFE, THEIR THREE SONS AND THEIR WIVES—THE EIGHT PEOPLE OF GOD SPARED FROM THE FLOOD THAT DESTROYED THE EARTH.

THE NINE IS FOR THE LEPERS THAT JESUS CLEANSED OF LEPROSY. HE CLEANSED TEN, BUT NINE NEVER THANKED HIM.

THE TEN REPRESENTS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS THAT GOD HANDED DOWN TO MOSES ON TABLETS MADE OF STONE.

THE JACK IS A REMINDER OF SATAN, ONE OF GOD'S FIRST ANGELS, BUT HE WENT HIS WICKED WAYS.

THE QUEEN STANDS FOR THE VIRGIN MARY.

THE KING STANDS FOR JESUS, FOR HE IS THE KING OF ALL KINGS.

WHEN I COUNT THE DOTS ON ALL THE CARDS, I COME UP WITH 365 TOTAL, ONE FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 52 CARDS IN A DECK, EACH IS A WEEK-52 WEEKS IN A YEAR.

THE FOUR SUITS REPRESENT THE FOUR SEASONS: SPRING, SUMMER, FALL AND WINTER.

EACH SUIT HAS THIRTEEN CARDS—THERE ARE EXACTLY THIRTEEN WEEKS IN A QUARTER.

SO WHEN I WANT TO TALK TO GOD AND THANK HIM, I JUST PULL OUT MY DECK OF CARDS AND THEY REMIND ME OF ALL THAT I HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR SERVICE MEN WHO HAVE PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM.

THESE ARE MEN OF HONOR WHO CAN NOT, AT TIMES, GET MEDICAL CARE -- MANY, MANY TIMES BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY !

LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS, PROTECT THEM, BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR WOUNDED WARRIERS !

Knights of Columbus 8156

4800 Convict Hill Rd
Austin, Tx 78749

E-mail: KC8156@gmail.com

Charity, Unity & Fraternity

Contact List

Jim Luhrman, GK

onetop66@austin.rr.com

512-422-5056

Fr. Ron Feather, Chaplin

Chris Klotz, DGK

klotzlaw@austin.rr.com

Randy Schreiber, FS

allowat.s@gmail.com

Chancellor — Open

Eddie Mazurek, Treasurer

emazu5@gmail.com

512-301-1218

Other Officers

Advocate – Mathew Wade

Lecturer – Bob Stuijbergen

Recorder – Adam Alvarez

Warden – Juan Tavarez

Inside Guard – Carl Disher

Outside Guard – Bill Diaz

3-Year Trustee – Jerry Guajardo

2-Year Trustee – Larry Odom

1-Year Trustee – Armand Gagnon

Fundraising Directors

Colton Brugger

Lloyd Monroe

Greg Nelson

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 September Newsletter by August 22

<u>Future Cutoffs</u>	<u>For Newsletter Dated</u>
-----------------------	-----------------------------

September 19	October 2014
--------------	--------------

October 24	November 2014
------------	---------------

November 21	December 2014
-------------	---------------

Important Dates for August

Sat Aug 2	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	First Saturday Devotion
-----------	-------------------	-------------------------

Wed Aug 6	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Council Mass
-----------	-------------------	--------------

	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Business Meeting
--	-------------------	------------------

	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Meal
--	-------------------	------

Fri Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)	
------------	--	--

	12:30 PM - 2:00PM	BBQ Prep
--	-------------------	----------

Sun Aug 17	4:00 AM-2:00 PM	BBQ & Sales
------------	-----------------	-------------

	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Member Info Meeting
--	-------------------	---------------------

Wed Aug 20	6:30 PM – 6:50PM	Retention Committee Mtg
------------	------------------	-------------------------

	7:00 PM	Planning Meeting
--	---------	------------------

Thu Aug 21	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Capitol Area Food Bank
------------	-------------------	------------------------

Sat Aug 23	Cook for Our Lady of Wisdom University Parish at Texas State University.	
------------	---	--

Sat Aug 30	9:00 AM-12:00 AM	St Catherine's Blood Drive (Mobile unit)
------------	------------------	---

Knight of the Year — Steve Muras

Everyone knows Steve Muras, our Council's Knight of the Year, (and goes to him for assistance) because he gets things done. He helps the Knights, St. Catherine's community, the Diocese and several outside ministries. His big heart and endless energy touches the poor, homeless, pregnant, elderly, unborn and all of us who witness his service to God. I first met Steve in his role as a member of the Mission to Mexico team. He helped organize their fundraising dinners at the church and their first forays into Nuevo Laredo. He continues his active involvement today both as a worker, program director and a member of the Board. Closer to home, he has volunteered for several years as a Day Captain for the Central Texas Coalition for Life, monitoring and soliciting prayer coverage at one of Austin's abortion facilities. He is often there all day praying for the babies, the women and all of those touched by the travesty of abortion. Only a person driven by the Holy Spirit could do so much good and touch so many hearts daily. Even with his volunteer activities outside of the Council, he somehow always finds time to help with the constant labor requirements of our large Council. In his daily activities, he epitomizes the four Principals of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Families of the Year — Adam & Kimberly Alvarez John and Marilyn O' Daniel

Our Council set a new first for the 2013-2014 Fraternal year, we had a tie vote for Family of the Year. Adam and Kimberly Alvarez and John and Marilyn O' Daniel received much deserved recognition for their heroic and selfless devotion to the Council and the many programs the Council touches. In a Council full of families involved with God's work, Adam and Kim, and John and Marilyn stood out because of their willingness to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed. Adam and Kim set a marvelous example for all young Catholic families at St. Catherine's to emulate. Always wearing a heartfelt smile, they radiate God's love from their soul and share His grace with all of us they touch. Though they both work and have a very active daughter in middle school, they volunteered for the Second Annual Father's Day weekend Golf Tournament sponsored by our Council. Adam served as co-chair while Kim led a fundraising effort in her daughter's scout troop that helped the Council double its profits from the prior tournament. She helped arrange food for the tournament and assistance serving the golfers, organizing the snacks for some pre-tournament energy and the buffet line so it ran as efficiently as the chow line in a military mess hall. She assigned the women their positions and saw that they provide a warm smile as they fed over one hundred people with lots of good food. They also actively participate in outreach and Church programs at St. Catherine's.

Our other family of the year also made a huge impact on the Good of the Order. John served as Chair of several Council activities and Marilyn volunteered to lead the KOCA (for a second year) as its President. Each did a remarkable job with the aplomb and commitment we, who know them, expect from them. They accomplished so much; I cannot list their efforts without risking leaving something out of the list. Suffice it to say, John and Marilyn reflect their Catholic beliefs and values in everything they do by giving unselfishly of themselves while raising a teenage son. Our co-holders of the honor of being recognized as Family of the Year deserve the recognition though neither family seeks aggrandizement for their volunteerism. They simply put into action God's command to serve our brothers and sisters in our daily lives; thereby doing God's work and furthering the Good of the Order.



Knights of Columbus
Council 8156
4800 Convict Hill Road
Austin, TX 78749

Mailing Label

Here