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**Next Business Meeting September 3, 2014
VFW Hall**

[Directions on the Council Website](#)

Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

In this Report to the Council I have different news to write about. We have had some successes this past month.

Deacon Art came to the VFW Hall and celebrated a Communion Service for us before our August Business Meeting. Our attendance improved, 46 Brothers make their way to the VFW Hall for the Business Meeting and Meal. Eddie Mazurek volunteered to feed us again. This time he fixed tacos for us. If you were not there you missed another good meal.

This October 3rd we will host our first Country Hoe-Down and Gala. This will be a major fund-raiser for our Council. This year it looks like our Bingo Income will not be as lucrative as it has in the past. Our Treasurer has come up with a great idea for a fundraiser. Ticket gets you dinner for two, drinks, and dancing. The Gala is not limited to Brothers from the Council. It is also open to other parishioners, neighbors, co-workers and family members. Those who have already sold tickets are finding it very easy to sell. Consider buying one yourself or taking some to sell to others.

There will be many door prizes throughout the evening as well as a Silent Auction. Deputy Grand Knight Chris Klotz has sent out an email with suggestions for contributing to the Silent Auction. One of our Silent Auction prizes will be COURT SIDE TICKETS FOR 2 AT A SPURS GAME next season plus a parking pass for the lucky winner.

The evening will be topped off with the Door Prizes are \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. The winners for the door prizes do not have to be present at the end of the evening.

We need everyone's help in making the Gala a success. 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 us know and we will contact them if you don't want to yourself. We are building Silent Auction Gift Baskets like the Golf Tournament. The individual items don't have to be of great value. Donate an item costing \$15 or less from the Brothers and their Ladies. Examples are Salsa, Beer, Texas / Austin souvenir items, a CD, DVD, items that are relatively inexpensive alone, but when combined with other items they increase in value. Think of things you would like to see in a gift basket or up for auction – that's what we need.

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Birthdays

Achille	Alonzi
Arnold	Auzenne
Felipe	Barrera
Robert	Bocanegra
Rayford	Carter
Greg	Chavarria
Orlando	Colmenero
Efrain	De La Fuente
William	Diaz
Glenn	Dobmeier
Michael	Emma
Dylan	Gamblin
Phillip	Guerra
William	Harris
Michael	Lemons
Patrick	Leonhardt
Salvador	Macias
Carlos	Medina
Ashley	Mostofi
Pedro	Mudarra
Amador	Munoz
Jeff	Patterson
John	Ristaino
Christopher	Shuley
Robert	Skrobarczyk
Juan Ramon	Tavarez
Tommy	Teykl
Dennis	White
Filiberto	Zazueta

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Now that school has begun again and as we try to get our lives settled down a little from the summer, now would be a great time to clear up a few items that we may have been putting off.

Have you recently left a job and still have your 401K at your former employer? If so, did you know that the Knight of Columbus has a retirement product just for that situation? When you leave a 401K behind with your former employer, do you think they care about the future of it? Most don't. While you were working there, you were a valuable asset to them and they tended to look after you. Now that you have left, it may not be the same.

You can roll your 401K into an IRA with the Knights of Columbus and then be assured that your money is working for you! Our IRA annuities are guaranteed to earn interest EVERY year, regardless of what the economy does. Did your 401K have this guarantee? Also, once you earn interest, it can NEVER be taken away from you! Again, I doubt your 401K provides that guarantee. We pay a very competitive rate and you won't have to worry about your retirement money.

Of course, we have our regular tax deferred annuities also. They come with the same guarantees as our IRA annuities. Maybe you have a CD renewing at a rate that is not very promising. Maybe you have money in a money market that is paying virtually nothing. We will guarantee you a rate of not less than 3% annually. (Higher if balance is \$10,000 or more)

Now is the time to start planning for your retirement, whether you are 21 or 60, it is never too late to start. It is always too late to not start! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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First Degree September 25 @ St. Paul's

We have had to make some changes in the date for our upcoming September 24th first degree. Because of the upcoming construction of Johnson Hall, we are going to hold our next first degree at St. Paul's campus. However, their availability is restricted for Wednesday nights so our next first degree will need to be on Thursday September 25th. Same time for candidates to be there at 7:00 and we plan to start the degree at 7:30pm. Hope to see as many council members there as possible

Grand Knight Report — Continued

Do not forget how important it is to work together to maintain the unity of the Council during the coming months. I have talked to several Brothers who I have not seen at a Business Meeting. I asked them if they knew how to get to the VFW. I invited them to come to the next meeting. If you see one of your Brother Knights did not attend the August Meeting invite them to the September 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— Ed Empero

Ed Empero has served the Council as Pro-Life Director for several years. Through his unwavering commitment to the respect for all life from conception until natural death, the Council possesses a strong pro-life program. He maintains contact with organizations that share the Council's value of life. He timely advises the Council of opportunities to carry out the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Ed has a strong family commitment and shows a deep respect for St. Catherine's, the Austin Diocese and his Council. For his exemplary performance as Pro-Life Director, congratulate Ed as our Knight of the Month for August 2014.

Family— Jerry & Abigail Aherns

Jerry and Abigail Ahrens epitomize Pope Francis' call to go out into the streets and evangelize. Through their Catholic presence, they show all people what it means to be a Catholic family. Abigail, in addition to homeschooling their seven school-aged children and growing their ninth baby (due in April) is also involved in the Crafty Ladies and the KOC Council 8156 Auxiliary. She helps with teaching VBS and Generations of Faith at church as well as teaching in a local homeschool coop group. Their only boy, Tony, is a very regular Altar server and two of their girls, Katie and Meghan, will be training to be altar servers in the fall. As a family, they participate in the monthly Family Fun days and annual camp out with the Your Holy Family retreat group in Buda. Jerry helps with fellow knights on home handy man projects like, most recently, the extensive widow's house re-build in East Austin. He is quick to assist his brother knights in need. To foster God's love in his son, Jerry often brings Tony along to help on Knightly projects or services. Abigail and Jerry live their faith through their marriage and devotion to each other and to our God. Join me in congratulating Jerry and Abigail as our Family of the Month for August 2014.

Country Hoe-Down and Gala

We are about 7 weeks out from our Country Hoe-down and Gala. Here are some key issues regarding this fund-raiser.

1. We have about 160 tickets out for sale or sold. If you have tickets to sale please do so soon. If you have money and stubs to turn in, please let me know. I will make arrangements to pick them up from you.
2. We need a STRONG push to get all of the tickets (225) sold. Please consider talking to your neighbors, co-workers, friends, fellow parishioners to purchase a ticket. If you need tickets to sell, just let me know and I will get them to you.
3. I realize a lot of you are not able to be real active in the K of C because of work or family commitments. A great way to help your council would be to purchase a ticket for this event. Even if you can't attend, you are still eligible to win one of the top 3 prizes. Remember no more than 225 tickets will be sold, so the odds of you winning are pretty significant.
4. We need more door prizes and silent auction items. Chris Klotz sent an email last week asking for specific items for silent auction. We also need more door prizes. Would you PLEASE consider asking your favorite restaurant, dry cleaner, coffee shop etc for a donation? Gift certificates (\$25 or so) would be great! The ones I have asked have been very accommodating. I have attached a donation letter you can use when you ask for donations.
5. There are a lot of members and wives working behind the scenes to make this event a successful fund-raiser. We need the entire council to help. Remember, many of the groups you are associated with have been helped by our council's financial support. The reason we are having this fund-raiser is to be able to continue helping these many groups and charities.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need tickets or brochures about this event.

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Family Director Needed

We are still in need of a Family Director. When you read the duties if the Family Director it may seem overwhelming. Having worked with Brother Richard Munoz when he was the Family Director he came up with many ideas for the Council. He did not organize the activities and then do all the work himself. He asked for help from the Council and Brothers stepped up to help. Take a few minutes to look at the duties and consider taking up the challenge

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)

PRO-LIFE TODAY

All rationalizations can turn into a Prison from which one can not escape !!

We are being desensitized in believing this is just the modern world.

If allowed, without opposition , these life issues can destroy our children and ourselves.

What I am writing about is all the Life Issues that are upon us in the world:

ABORTION—LATE TERM ABORTION---EUTHANASIA—EMBRYO STEM CELL RESEARCH

--GAY SEXUAL LIFE STYLES---HETEROSEXUAL LIFE STYLES OUTSIDE OF MARRIAGE, ETC.

These are all life styles that are against the Bible and God's Law's of Life.

Today many people think of these as the norm or just a changing time.

Deviations such as these:

A Ginette Paris has written a book , “The Sacrament of Abortion”. She calls for “new rituals as well as laws to restore to abortion its sacred dimension.”

Senator Barbara Boxer in California, assured her colleagues that mothers who have aborted their children by partial-birth abortion, “buried their babies with love”.

Something is very wrong in this world. The devil is working on the minds of some men trying to destroy the Sacred Values we all cherish and love.

We must pray with our families , our Holy Catholic Church, for the safe guard of our Holy Sacraments.

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2-Year Trustee – Larry Odom

1-Year Trustee – Armand Gagnon

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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 October Newsletter by September 19

Future Cutoffs

October 24

November 21

For Newsletter Dated

November 2014

December 2014

Important Dates for September

Wed Sep 3	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Service – VFW
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Council Business Meeting VFW
Sat Sep 6	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	First Saturday Devotion (Contact is Mario Chavez)
Sat Sep 13	2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Marian Shrine Schoenstatt Dedication
Wed Sep 17	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting @ Chris'
Fri Sep 19	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	BBQ Prep
Sat Sep 20	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Diocesan Pro-Life Prayer Vigil Holy Cross Parish
Sun Sep 21	4:00 AM - 2:00 PM	BBQ & Sales
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Member Info Meeting
Wed Sep 25	7:00PM – 9:00 PM	St Catherine's 1 st Degree at St Paul's
Sun Sep 28	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Corporate Communion Mass

Church Director's Report — Paul Root

Upcoming events at St. Catherine's

The RCIA, Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), process begins September 3, 2014. The process informs individuals interested in becoming a Catholic. As a significant part of the process, a sponsor is needed to journey with each person. Men sponsors are especially needed to share the journey. I invite my fellow Knight's to volunteer as a sponsor to a man wanting to become a Catholic. For more information, please contact Pam Neumann or Paul Root.

The Adult Confirmation classes begin on September 3, 2014, and men sponsors are needed. Fellow Knights are invited to be a sponsor for a few months. For more information, please contact Paul Root.

The "Echos of Faith" program is being scheduled in the near future. Knights are invited to enhance your faith in this series of topics, such as, sacred tradition and scripture, christian morality and ethics, creed (our beliefs), liturgy, and many more topics of faith. Knights, who are members of the ACTS community and those who plan to be future retreat team members, are encouraged to participate in this Diocese of Austin commitment. More information will be forthcoming.

Fellow Knights, would you like to have fun at Lake Travis, enjoy good food, and at the same time challenge your spiritual compass. Well, sign up for the men's ACTS Retreat scheduled for October 2-5, 2014. Treat yourself to a gift of spiritual reflection and growth. During this weekend, be catered to by fellow parishioners as you explore your faith. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Our Council's first annual fundraiser, "Hoe-down & Gala" will be held on Friday, October 3, at the scenic Pecan Springs Ranch and it is important that we support this exciting event. So my suggestion is to support the fundraiser and discern your faith journey.

Please check the St. Catherine bulletin for information to volunteer as an usher, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy communion. Also, annotate your personal calendar for the St. Catherine Parish Service Day on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Please volunteer to help.



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