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**Next Business Meeting October 1, 2014
VFW Hall**

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Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

We will host our first Country Hoe-Down and Gala at Pecan Springs Ranch. This will be a major fund-raiser for our Council. The ticket gets you dinner for two, drinks, and dancing. The Gala is not limited to Brothers from the Council. It is open to other parishioners, neighbors, co-workers and family members. There will be many door prizes throughout the evening as well as a Silent Auction. The evening will be topped off with the Door Prizes are \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. The winners for the “Big 3” door prizes do not have to be present at the end of the evening.

The September Business meeting sparked some lively discussion over contributing funds to worthy groups within St Catherine’s. After a discussion with our Parish Administrator, Sue Lefevé, I have gotten clarification on sharing funds within the St Catherine’s Community. Groups who are responsible for raising their own funds, ACTS and That Man is You for example, can be given funds by the Council without permission from Father Pat. For programs receiving funds from the Parish Budget we must coordinate with Father Pat so that one program is not favored over another.

We have two vacancies yet to be filled – Chancellor and Family Director. Our Council depends on the contributions of all the members. Our Lecturer, Bob Stuijbergen, suggested to us that we need to “find your niche, whether that be a visionary, friend, supporter, team player, whatever you do, do well, that is where you will find your niche.” Maybe your niche in the Council is as the Chancellor or Family Director.

I have contacted several Brothers who were recommended for the position of Chancellor. I have discussed the Chancellor position with several of them. I hope to have this resolved by the next Business Meeting.

The position of Family Director is still open. When you read the description of duties it can be overwhelming. Remember there are many Brothers in Council 8156. At our last Planning Meeting one of our Directors asked a question about recognizing people and groups outside of Council 8156. There were at least half-a-dozen other Brothers who had suggestions to accomplish this. So, if you have thought about it, talk to me and we’ll work on it.

Thanks to those who came out for the “Wood Splitting Work Party. A special thanks to Juan Tavarez and Kevin Morgan who moved the picnic table so the parish can continue to have “Coffee and Donuts” at the end of each month. This month it coincides with our quarterly Corporate Communion after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, 28 September. See you at Mass and at the picnic tables.

Vivat Jesus!
Jim Luhrman



**Columbus Day
October 13**



Birthdays

James	Brewer
Hugh	Bryars
Richard	Carbin
Thomas	Chavanne
Alberto	Chiquillo
Pat	Coakley
Richard	Depalma
Gerald	Desmarais
Ronald	Feather
Christopher	Harrison
John	Henry
Gerard	Higgins
Milton	Lutz
Oscar	Martinez
Robert	Mc Glasson
George	Mc Gowan
Gerald	Mendoza
James	Mirabal
Kelby	Moore
Kevin	Morgan
Cruz	Munoz
Allan	Noonan
John	Pembe
Hjalmar	Perez
David	Ramos
Kenneth	Rodriguez
Randal	Schreiber
Karl	Thomason
Tony	Tucci
Matthew	Wade
Jason	Wagner
Jacob	Wempe
Justin	Wittsche

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

DID YOU KNOW....??

85% of Americans believe that life insurance is a necessity

And yet....

3 out of 10 households say they do not have enough life insurance.

4 out of 10 households with children under 18 say they would have immediate trouble meeting expenses if a breadwinner were to die.

The decision to buy life insurance is often triggered by major life events, such as buying a new home, changing jobs, starting a business, having a baby, or the loss of a friend or loved one.

Top reasons for owning life insurance:

89%... cover burial and final expenses

67%... replace lost wages/income

59%... leave and inheritance

51%... help pay off mortgage

Less expensive than you realize.

People tend to overestimate the cost of life insurance – by as much as 3 times the actual amount! When learning the true cost, 35% of consumers say they are more than likely to purchase life insurance.

Premiums have gone down over the years. Perhaps it is time for us to get together to see if we can lower your rates.

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Moving the Monument

The council will be voting in the October Business meeting to approve the funds necessary for moving the Knights of Columbus Monument to a new permanent location. This move is necessary due to the construction taking place at St. Catherine's. The motion was made and initial discussion took place at the September Business Meeting.

Building the Domestic Church — Jim Luhrman

In the mail of 19 September 2014, I received a booklet from the Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus. The title, *Building the Domestic Church – The Family Fully Alive*, immediately caught my attention.

I have seen that Council 8156 is not limited to just a few of my Brothers to accomplish our mission. Members of Council 8156 step forward to help at every activity of St Catherine of Siena.

The booklet gives us ideas for the Council for the remainder of my tenure. It gets started with dividing the booklet into two parts – For Families and For Councils. Then it gives us ideas for each month under those two categories.

For October it suggests the we strengthen the generational relationships in our families. In my own family we have learned that we have German, Irish, and Scandinavian roots in the family.

My father-in-law, from Iowa, served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. That is one of the things we have learned from my daughter and a niece wanting to know more about their family.

For the Council it is suggested a Council-Wide volunteer event. This is nothing new to Council 8156. We have organized several volunteer events over the last few years. We've gone to the Capitol Area Food Bank to sort items in their warehouse. Within the parish we have helped the St Vincent de Paul Society sort the contributions received for Christmas.

We will have more volunteer events in the near future. Keep your eyes and ears open for the Upcoming Events in the Newsletter and broadcasts over our Yahoo Group. Be ready to step up and help during this time. We are facing a challenge in the near future without a Parish Hall, things like this will maintain the unity of the Parish.

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Juan Cano

Juan Cano is a staunch supported for many of the Council's activities and fundraising events. Invariably his name appears on lists soliciting volunteers for Council commitments. Once at the event, he tirelessly works to help the event succeed. Married with two children, Juan engenders a Catholic environment in his home and with his family while working fulltime to support his family. He and his family regularly attend pro-life events. He supports his wife in sickness and in health, his adult children on their journey in life and his aging mother. He prepares breakfast for his family before driving them to church on Sunday. He brings his mother to Church from her care facility whenever she is able to attend. Juan embodies the spirit of his Council and the Knights of Columbus. Please congratulate Juan as our Knight of the Month for September 2014.

Family— Matthew & Stephanie Muras

Matthew and Stephanie Muras represent a growing trend of staunch young Catholic couples actively living their faith. Matthew and Stephanie volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion both at St. Catherine's Catholic Church and at Queen of Angels Chapel in Spicewood, the home parish for Stephanie's parents. They are also Altar Servers at her parents' church. Queen of Angels Chapel serves the spiritual life of the growing Catholic community in the Spicewood and Pedernales Valley. Matthew and Stephanie participate in Marriage Encounter and the Small Christian Communities program at St. Catherine's. Stephanie is also involved with MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) a ministry which helps mothers understand their role in a Catholic family. Matthew participated in the K of C 8156 Capital Area Food Bank project last month. He helps with other fundraising activities like the monthly BBQs whenever possible. They are the proud parents of 16-month-old Anton Lad Muras. Join me in congratulating Matt and Stephanie as our Family of the Month for September 2014.

Country Hoe-Down and Gala

By the time you receive this newsletter, our first annual Hoe-down and gala will be very close. It is not too late to buy a ticket. Just want to remind some of you who might be trying to decide if you should buy a ticket as to why we are doing this event.

Our money from bingo has been cut drastically. If you did not know it, the money we give to all of the charities we support, come from the bingo distributions we receive each year. This year, we had to cut our charitable giving by about 50% because of the reduced amount we received from bingo. This means that a charity we supported in the past either got cut all the way or at the very best, we only supported them with 50% of what we had been doing. This was Scouts, Annunciation Maternity Home, Down Home Ranch, Habitat for Humanity, youth group, retired priests, St. Catherine of Siena, etc. EVERY charity was either reduced or cut out all together.

To replace some of that income, we had to come up with a large fundraiser (we lost about \$50,000 from bingo income). So as you can see, it is not just to have more money in the bank, it was so that we could go out and continue to give money to those that so desperately need it.

So buy purchasing even one ticket, we will be able to go out and support these charities. Call me soon if you want a ticket.

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World Day of Prayer for Peace — Paul Root

The Knights "World Day of Prayer for Peace" on Thursday, September 11, at the St. Francis of Assisi garden was a very reflective memorial to honor heroes and victims of violent actions. Over fifty parishioners from St. Catherine's attended and participated in a special Stations of the Cross that focused on a theme of peace. Not only were the victims of 9/11 remembered, but also all those who have experienced violence and terrorism throughout the world. We acknowledged our many protectors, military men and women who have either died, or have been injured while serving our country, and those currently serving. We remembered men and women who serve as police, firemen/women, our health professionals, and those individuals who brave danger to help a friend or stranger. We are grateful that we live in a country that gives us freedom and opportunity to live life. Please pray for peace and the blessings of our Lord.

September BBQ Thank You — Paul Root

The September BBQ was a combined effort of success for brother Knights and ACTS brothers. It demonstrated community and the opportunity to fund raise. All who helped in any way are thanked.

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

PICK A PRO-LIFE CANDIDATE !!

ELECTION TIME IS COMING UP IN NOVEMBER, 2014.

BROTHERS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TELL YOUR FAMILY , FRIENDS AND YOURSELF TO VOTE FOR PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES AND ISSUES!

WHY?—THIS IS IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE WHAT CHRIST OUR GOD WHATS US TO DO.

OF ALL ISSUES, LIFE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT.

WHEN WE ABORT-WE KILL THE LIFE. THIS IS AGAINST GOD'S LAW !

HOW CAN WE QUESTION THAT?

TWO PRO-LIFE EVENTS THAT YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE/ OCT 9, 2014 / HILTON HOTEL-downtown AUSTIN / 6PM

JOHN PAUL LIFE CENTER/ NOV 7, 2014 / HYATT HOTEL-downtown AUSTIN / 6PM

GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILIES!!

Chancellor Election

There will be an election for the Office of Chancellor at the October Business Meeting. If you are interested in this position talk to the Grand Knight before the October Business Meeting.

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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 November Newsletter by October 24

Future Cutoffs

November 21

For Newsletter Dated

December 2014

Important Dates for October

Wed Oct 1	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Council Eucharistic Service
	7:00 Council Business Meeting	
Fri Oct 3	6:00 PM	LAST ONE STANDING
Sat Oct 4	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	First Saturday Devotion (Contact Mario Chavez)
Thu Oct 9	6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Texas Alliance for Life Benefit
Sat Oct 11	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Down Home Ranch Texas Chainsaw Manicure
Wed Oct 15	6:30 PM – 6:50PM	Retention Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting
Sat Oct 18	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Corn Roast (Tentative date)
Fri Oct 17	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	BBQ Prep
Sun Oct 19	4:00 AM - 2:00 PM	BBQ & Sales
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Member Info Meeting
Sat Oct 25		4th Degree @ Rockdale



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