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All Saints Day



**Next Business Meeting November 5, 2014  
VFW Hall**

[Directions on the Council Website](#)

## Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

At the beginning of our Fraternal Year I said our Council would face challenges much different than in the past. So far this year has placed demands on our time and ideas different from the past. Everyone has to be ready to step up and help during this time. It is very important to work together to maintain the unity of the Council and the Parish during the coming months.

I'm missing many familiar faces at Business Meeting and Activities. Encourage your Brother Knights to attend the Business Meetings and Activities! Ask them when they last attended a Business Meeting! Ask them if they need a ride!

The October Business Meeting provided us with a new Chancellor. Unfortunately, there is a "conflict of interest" with his spouse's employment. According to information provided by the State Advocate when can hold an election at the November Business Meeting. I will contact 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.

Since our last Business Meeting we have lost our Church Director. Paul Root found it necessary to resign because of his commitments to the RCIA Program. Before leaving the position he recruited a replacement. Arnold Auzenne found his new niche in the Council is as the Church Director.

Our first Country Hoe-Down and Gala at Pecan Springs Ranch is now part of our history. This was major fund-raiser for our Council. At the Gala I saw other parishioners and people from other Councils and parishes. There were many interesting door prizes throughout the evening as well as a Silent Auction items. One of our Brothers was awarded with anniversary gifts from the Silent Auction.

The Columbus Day Lasagna Dinner was held at the VFW on the evening of October 20, 2014.

Thanks to those who came out for the dinner. Deputy Grand Knight Chris Klotz came up with a new idea for sharing leftovers. We held a drawing for them. Several families went home with the basics for their Sunday dinner. Thanks to the all Brothers for their help.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Luhrman

## Birthdays

Richard	Ames
David	Baker
William	Balcezak
Victor	Castillo
J	Chavez III
Defino	Espinosa
Dcn. Michael	Gesch
Michael	Hamilton
Garabed	Harutunian
Robert	Hernandez
Wilfredo	Lopez
Mark	Majek
Philip	Mire
Keith	Oertli
Michael	Ramirez
Billy	Roberts
Greg	Trejo

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

I ran across this a few days ago. As I looked at it, I realized that any of these could also apply to anyone at any age.

### 20 Reasons You May Need Life Insurance After 60

1. Offset loss of retirement income to spouse at death. (Pension max)
2. Pay costs associated with death
3. Pay final expenses
4. Pay estate and inheritance taxes
5. Pay off debts
6. Pay income in respect of a decedent taxes on IRAs, 401(k)s etc
7. Provide for the care of a disabled child, spouse, etc.
8. Offset loss of key person in a small business
9. Provide funds to buy out interests of a deceased business partner or co-shareholder
10. Dividends can be a tax-free source of supplemental retirement income.
11. Cash surrender values are a source of emergency funds during life.
12. Cash surrender values can be wholly or partially annuitized to provide additional guaranteed lifetime income.
13. Any unused funds can be used to provide a gift to grandchildren.
14. Provide a gift to charity at death or prior if desired.
15. It adds flexibility to the estate plan.
16. It allows parents to balance uneven distributions of property or business interests to children.
17. It allows parents to spend all their money and still leave a legacy to their children or grandchildren.
18. It is creditor proof in most states.
19. It can be designed to provide an "inevitable gain," no matter when one dies.
20. It can collateralize loans. As people live longer, they tend to take on more debt or debt that has a longer amortization (just look at all the big houses being built by people who consist of a family of two post-65 adults!)

**Review your personal situation. You may find there are more reasons to own life insurance after age 60 than you think.**

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## Building the Domestic Church

Building the Domestic Church – The Family Fully Alive, has a different theme for November.

For November there are two suggestions for Sunday, the day on which God rested, is a day we want to celebrate as a family. Sunday is a special day when the family can gather to celebrate to sacredness of Our Lord's return.

Later in the day the family can gather and prepare a meal for all to enjoy. I know many of you have younger children and you may think the little ones can't help with the meal. I have two grandchildren, a six year old and a four year old. No, they are not ready to cook but they can help. We have them help by getting their silverware out and select their drinks.

A suggestion for after the meal is visiting a nearby parish. I was talking to a Brother Knight a few weeks ago and learned that he and his wife having started visiting parishes in the Austin area. He explained that he knew the names of the parishes but did not really know exactly where they were and had not been in them. It was a learning experience for them.

So what is my point? In today's busy world many seem to overlook the importance of prayer and rest. Take Sunday to thank the Lord and strengthen your family.

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## Knight and Family of the Month

### **Knight— Allen Fulkerson**

Allen Fulkerson, a relatively new Knight, has demonstrated his commitment to his Council, his Church and his pledge as a Knight. Allen is the Knight who shows up at working parties, events and activities and immediately volunteers to help. Recently, he saw the need for help at the Council Gala and volunteered to help. His work helped the Gala succeed. Allen was not on the volunteer list, but at the Gala, like on other occasions saw a need for assistance and volunteered. For his exemplary performance as a Knight, congratulate Allen as our Knight of the Month for October 2014.

### **Family—Eddie & Mary Mazurek**

Eddie and Mary Mazurek devote their lives to St. Catherine and the Council. Aside from his position as Filed Agent, Eddie volunteers for numerous other Council activities. Mary and Eddie also volunteer at St. Catherine's to serve the parish community in various ministries like choir and Eucharistic Ministers. Mary is active in KOCA. They are responsible for the tremendous success of the Council Gala, organizing an event that left the guests promising to return next year. Their efforts resulted in the Gala realizing over \$10,000 in net profit for a first time event. They show their Catholic beliefs in their love for each other, for family and for the parish community. Join me in congratulating Eddie and Mary as our Family of the Month for October 2014.

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## Gala Update — Eddie Mazurek

First of all, I want to say thank to everyone who made our first ever Country Hoe-down and Gala a huge success. From all reports that I hear, everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's event.

I am going to thank a few folks who stepped up when they were needed. First of all my wife, Mary, who took on the decorations part of the event. She took total control of it and left me to worry about the other details. Also, Lori Kruczek and the KOCA. They were the primary reason the venue looked so great that night due to them helping with setup and the great desserts they provided. Also, Trish Broz for helping with decorations and for lining up our sound system and music for the event.

Chris Klotz took control of the silent auction and it was exceptional. We made just a little less than \$6,000 from the silent auction. Patrick Reinhart provided help with the bar area and took it upon himself to see that the dessert table was never anywhere near empty. Glenn and Carolyn Jordan made sure everyone was checked in properly and answered a lot of questions as people came in. Juan Tavarez handled our credit card machine for the night and made it easy for folks to spend their money. Joe Broz helped with setup and made sure we got all the silent auction items of Fr. Ron's out of my garage. He also finished the Adirondack chair that Fr. Ron started before he was reassigned to Marlin. John Massey and Bill Roberts (Bill provided trailer to haul everything to the event).

Matthew Wade took on the responsibility of being my right hand man that night. Anytime I needed something, he made sure it happened. Cathy Schreiber took a bunch of pictures that will soon be posted to our website and Facebook page. Bob Stuijbergen headed up clean up and tear down.

Bill and Laine Harris for stepping up and contacting merchants from a list of donors I had sent letters to for donations and for collecting many of the items.

Lastly, thanks to Al Fulkerson and Randy Schreiber. Al stepped up to help us at the front table when Randy and I didn't even know we would need help. This was a great thing as the evening progressed and it got busier and busier. Randy kept me on track with pulling tickets so we could get out of there at a decent time. (ok, he took over when I got way behind). He also acquired the credit card machine that we used that night. From the very beginning, he kept me encouraged and on the right path when I would start to wonder and wander....

I am sure I am missing some people, but again, this took a lot of people to pull it off in a short time. So thank all of you who bought or sold tickets or helped in anyway to make this very successful. Also, to all who either personally donated or got donations for our silent auction or door prizes.

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## Father Manickam Update

Our past Associate Pastor and Council Chaplain has an updated website you can visit to see what is going on in Manjakuttai, India. Father Manickam manages a parish and school high in the mountains of Tamil Nadu, South India.

The website also has a short video that will bring you up to date.

Visit: <http://www.partnersolgh.org>

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

GENESIS 1:26

GOD CREATED MANKIND IN HIS IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM; BE FERTILE AND MULTIPLY; FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUED IT.

HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, THE TAME ANIMALS, ALL THE WILD ANIMALS AND ALL THE CREATURES THAT CRAWL ON THE EARTH.

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GOD MADE MAN TO BE OVER AND CONTROL LIVING THINGS AND TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT. BUT HE MADE MAN THE DOMINANT CREATURE TO RULE THE EARTH IN ACCORDANCE TO GOD'S LAWS.

IN THIS LIFE WE HAVE MADE THE ANIMALS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MAN.

WE PASS A LAW FOR ABORTION ON DEMAND BUT WE HAVE GROUPS THAT SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS FAR GREATER THAN HUMAN LIFE.

GOD IN GENESIS 1:26 HAS COMMANDED THAT WE BE FERTILE AND MULTIPLY.

AGAIN, I WILL SAY SOME OF US HAVE BECOME AS EVIL AS WHAT WAS DONE BY THE NAZI'S, RED CHINA, STALIN'S RUSSIA, ETC.

IF ABORTION WAS CONDEMNED, WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH ALL THE BABIES BORN?

THAT IS THE SACRIFICE WE MUST HAVE COMPLETE WITH PRAYER.

ABORTION IS WRONG ! ABSOLUTELY WRONG!

DO YOU DENY IT?      STAND UP FOR LIFE !!

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## Moving the Monument

There is an update on the impending move. Just before the October 15 Planning Meeting our Lecturer, Bob Stuijbergen received a telephone call that left him speechless. Yes, something happened that left him without a thing to say. The Capitol Monument Company made him an offer for the work. The offer below left him speechless.

Joe F Solansky of Capitol Monument Company has decided to donate the work and material for the project. All they ask is recognition for their efforts by the Council. They will remove the monument to their shop to wash and clean. They will reset it to the new location on Church grounds. They will provide a new granite base, a new foundation, a concrete steel reinforced pad, set on concrete sub-pilings 18" deep. The work will be done on a time frame to be decided and agreed to at the acceptance of project.

The Officers and Directors present at the October 15 Planning Meeting were polled individually and unanimously agreed to accept the offer.

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## Charity, Unity & Fraternity

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Submit articles for the December Newsletter by November 21

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2-Year Trustee – Larry Odom

1-Year Trustee – Armand Gagnon

Fundraising Directors

Colton Brugger

Lloyd Monroe

Greg Nelson

Pro-Life Director—Ed Empero

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## Important Dates for the Month

Sat Nov 1	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM 9:00 AM – 12:00	All Saints Day First Saturday Devotion Blood Bank
Sun Nov 2		All Souls Day
Wed Nov 5	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Council Business Meeting
Fri Nov 7	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	John Paul II Life Center Benefit
Sat Nov 8	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Host RCIA Luncheon
Tue Nov 11	8:30 AM – Noon	Austin Veterans Day Parade
Wed Nov 12	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Planning Meeting
Fri Nov 14	12:30 PM - 2:00PM	BBQ Prep
Sun Nov 16	4:00 AM-2:00 PM 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	BBQ & Sales Member Info Meeting
Thu Nov 20	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Capital Area Food Bank
Mon Nov 24	10:00AM	Advent Decorating at Church

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## Chancellor Election

The October Business Meeting provided us with a new Chancellor, Albert Pina. Unfortunately, there is a “conflict of interest” with his spouse’s employment and he will not be able to assume the position. Consequently, we have to select a replacement for Albert.

According to information provided by the State Advocate we can hold an election at the November Business Meeting if those present agree to hold the election. If you are interested in serving as Chancellor contact me at 512-422-5056 or [onetop66@austin.rr.com](mailto:onetop66@austin.rr.com).

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 chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Colombian Squires circle ceremonial team.

### Chancellor & Vocations Director Duties

#### Chancellor

- Sick Members & Family. All members that are sick or have health problems are to be referred to the Chancellor. The Chancellor should also monitor the Yahoo Groups for any notices of members in need. If members are seriously ill (especially if they are in the hospital) ask them if they would like visitors and/or phone calls. Pass this information to the Grand Knight and the council if appropriate.
- Send Cards. Mass Intention Cards are nice and available from the Church Office or Diocese at a nominal fee. Use these liberally.
- Send Flowers. If the situation warrants, you are empowered to make this decision, send a modest arrangement of flowers.
- Death of Member or Someone in Member’s Family. Take the initiative to find out the details for services and if the family prefers flowers or donations from the council. This often needs to be timely so you are empowered to take the necessary action. Check with the Grand Knight and Trustees regarding the amount of any donation.
- Monument Engraving. If an active member of Council 8156 passes away coordinate activities for having the name engraved on the monument. Contact the Financial secretary for details.
- Keep the Council Updated using the Yahoo Groups

#### Vocations Director

- Request and Mail Seminarian Support Checks
  - Keep in contact with the Seminarians.
  - Send the Birthday Cards and Check
  - Find out if they have any special needs and present to Officers
  - Invite them to visit the Council
  - Get a digital picture so the council can make a personal connection
  - Work with the Treasurer to get copies of canceled Seminarian support checks. Give these to the Financial Secretary for the RSVP Refund from Supreme.
  - Get the seminarian names and contact information from the previous Vocations Director (Chancellor).
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