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**Next Business Meeting January 7, 2015
VFW Hall**

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Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

As I write this Grand Knight's Report we have finished the celebration of Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent aided in our preparation for Christmas. I hope each of you had a joyful and blessed Christmas as we celebrated the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. However you celebrated this important day I hope that there was joy and happiness for you and your family. Over the Advent Season there were several opportunities to give to our fellow Christians.

On Saturday, 6 December after the 9:00 AM Mass the delivery of the Giving Tree Christmas gifts took place. Organized by the St. Vincent de Paul Society members, approximately 100 families were served this year. For the first time my wife and I participated in the deliveries. It was very enlightening to see the smiling faces as we worked our way through the area bringing joy to people.

The evening of 12 December was another special evening for St Catherine's. We started with an evening of Christmas song in the Church from the choirs. Then we enjoyed Christmas Faire hosted by the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. The Ladies provided a variety of snacks enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

The "Telling of the Christmas Story" took place on 14 December with children dressed as angels, shepherds, or kings to hear the story of Jesus' birth read by Brother Mike Bienek.

St Catherine's hosted a new Christmas activity introduced by the Chaplain of the Greater Austin Area Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Father Vincent Romuald, a Filipino, is a Pastoral Vicar at St Louis King of France Parish in Austin. He had permission to introduce Simbáng Gabi to the Austin area. Simbáng Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a nine-day series of Masses practiced in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Christmas Eve Masses were well attended and I had the opportunity to see many Brother Knights at Midnight Mass.

Now we begin a new year by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family on 28 December and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God on 1 January.

On 7 January we hold our first Business Meeting of the New Year. Don't forget – if you haven't seen a Brother Knight at a meeting in a while, call and invite them – offer them a ride. Then on 10 January we have two activities lined up. For Brothers who have not yet advanced to the 2nd and 3rd Degree the opportunity to do so is being offered at St. Mary's in Lockhart. Contact our Membership Director, Brother Larry Odom, for more details.



TGIF
Thank God I'm Free!

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Birthdays

Abe	Arredondo
Troy	Authement
Matthew	Baran
William	Boiko
Colton	Brugger
Noel	Candelaria
Walter	Choate
Gilbert	Cisneros
Ricardo	Cruz
Stephen	Dillon
Curtis	Eckerman
Mario	Flores
James	Fortier
James	Gamblin
Andrew	Gorchs
Blake	Green
Gerardo	Guajardo
Robert	Hesselbrock
Robert	Hillard
Matthew	Hughes
Oliver	Johnson
Charles	Johnson
Robert	Mazurek
Leonard	Melcher
Larry	Odom
William	O'Grady
Paul	Palmer
Hector	Santiago
Jerry	Smith
William	Vaubel
Gary	Walter
Richard	Wempe
Todd	Zint

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

1% or 99%??

Some words of wisdom as we start the new year: Husbands seldom believe in life insurance; widows ALWAYS do.....

Recently we have heard a lot about the 1% versus the 99%. Which one are you? No I am not talking about the wealthy versus non-wealthy. I am talking about having enough life insurance versus not having enough life insurance.

Many times when I visit Brother Knights, I find that the only coverage they have is through their employer. While this is a very cost effective way of providing life insurance, it may need some fine tuning. Many employers limit the amount of coverage an employee can take out through the group plan. Most of the time, it is simply not enough coverage to adequately provide for your family. Also, at some point in time, when you leave voluntarily or involuntarily, the coverage will end.

So where does the 1% versus 99% come into play? That is about the ratio of people who have adequate coverage versus those who don't. I realize our budgets are stretched to the limits, but just imagine if one of the wage earners were to die prematurely. What would happen to the family then?

Over the last 24+ years that I have had the privilege of providing for my Brother Knights and their families, a lot of things have changed. When I first started, someone who purchased a \$1,000,000 policy was rare. Things were not as expensive, and most people weren't making as much money as they do now. Today a \$1,000,000 policy is the norm. I know that sounds odd, but if you do a quick evaluation of your situation, you probably will see that your current coverage doesn't cover all your needs. As an example, house prices are extremely high compared to 20 years ago, college education costs continue to escalate, price of food and utilities certainly haven't come down and on and on.

Now that maybe I have created a "problem" for you, let's look at a solution. One of the positive changes over the years is that term insurance has decreased in cost significantly. While term may not solve all of your financial worries, it can cover a lot of them at very little cost. We hear on the radio and TV all time that a "healthy 40 year old male can buy xxx amount of coverage for pennies a day". Let me assure you, your organization, the Knights of Columbus, can do the same thing! Our term rates have never been lower. We are selling lots of it and there is no higher rated life insurance company in North America.

Not a bad deal. At this time of the year, while we are making our resolutions, resolve to make sure that you in fact are one of the 1% - the 1% who have taken care of their family in the event of a premature death!

Have a blessed 2015.

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GK Report Continued

At 6:30 PM on 10 January at the VFW we hold our Epiphany Party. Check your email for details from Brother Juan Tavares. He is making plans for everyone of all ages. Remember to RSVP so that the meal and refreshments are adequate for all.

The opportunity for every Brother and their family to step forward is Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day on 24 January 2015 beginning at 7:00 AM. This is the time for all of us to show our support for life from conception to natural death. Put on your Council 8156 shirt, gather the family and spend the day supporting the Pro-Life cause!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Luhrman



Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Roger Ruether

Roger Ruether, a new Knight and a fairly recent convert to Catholicism, contributes in every facet of Council 8156. He regularly volunteers for Council activities. He is an active participant in That Man is You and other religious encounters within his parish and the Diocese. He and his wife regularly attend weekly and daily Mass. Roger strongly supports church teachings and has been very involved with the Apologetics, eagerly bringing the knowledge of his Catholic faith to those inside and outside the Catholic Church. As a strong committed member of St. Catherine's Pro-life committee he defends the right to life for all persons both at his parish and in the community. His eagerness to expand the reach of the Council in new directions and increase membership entry has resulted in the Council expanding its scope and membership. For his exemplary performance as a Knight, congratulate Roger as our Knight of the Month for December 2014.

Family— Colton & Ally Brugger

Colton and Ally Brugger with their newborn daughter Lilly play an active role in the Catholic and Community outreach programs within and outside the Diocese of Austin. For the past two years Colton has served as Council Director and a Fund Raising Director. A significant portion of Colton's work for his employer is dedicated to organizations serving conservative and faith-inspired causes (e.g., pro-traditional-marriage, pro-life, etc.) He and his wife provide volunteer support to their church, St. Vincent de Paul, through meetings, visits and other volunteer opportunities. They actively support the National MS Society, serving on the BP MS 150 Steering Committee over 10 years. As the Chair of the Steering Committee for the past 6 years, Colton oversaw the growth of BP MS 150 fundraising efforts, eclipsing \$20 million dollars in 2014. Ally serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, representing neglected and abused children in Travis County. Most recently, the Brugger family sponsored and collaborated in building a Nativity Crèche to house the first-ever Nativity display inside the Texas Capitol. Join me in congratulating Colton and Ally as our Family of the Month for December 2014.

Epiphany party (Mexican Christmas)

As the Christmas season comes to pass I just wanted to remind ya'll about our upcoming Epiphany party (Mexican Christmas). On Saturday January 10th 2014, at the VFW hall located at 7614 Thomas Springs Road Austin, TX 78736. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. We will have games and activities for all young and old. Such as a live band, gifts for the kids, s'mores, potluck, and what's a Knight's party without beverages. As for the potluck I'm asking for every family to bring their favorite Mexican dish. Desert will be provided along with some delicious tamales. Also don't forget brother's this is a family event so bring your family, son's, daughter's, and in most cases your grandchildren. So we can share our brotherhood and spirituality with the those future knight's. Guarantying the continuation of our great and noble organization and its traditions. If there are any questions feel free to email me @ juanrst04@gmail.com or call/text 512-945-1986.

Please RSVP

Where are the Calendars?

An update on the church calendars sponsored by Knight of Columbus. Many of you have asked about the church calendars we have supplied in the past. There will not be any given out this year. To clarify this, in the past, the church staff ordered the calendars and the council paid for them. This year, the staff decided not to order the calendars. It was never something that we directly provided, we simply paid for them as one of our many donations to the parish.

Free Throw Time

The annual free-throw contest will be held on January 17th, 2015. We are again using the facilities at Mills Elementary located at 6201 Davis Lane. It is an open competition for girls and boys ages 9-14. Since it will be outside, we ask for your prayers for warm weather. The starting time will be 1 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Victor Reyna at dvreyna@gmail.com or Bob Stuijbergen at bstuif@yahoo.com. Hope we can again have a great turnout. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** If you plan to have a child participate, it is required to show a document verifying date of birth such as a birth certificate or passport at registration.



**The Next 4th Degree Exemplification will be
March 21, 2015**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary in Pflugerville

**There will be an Admission Committee for the Bishop Reicher Assembly
in Early March, all candidates must attend.**

**All Interested 3rd Degree Knights can Email Greg for
Additional Information gnelson8156@earthlink.net**

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

In last months (Dec 2014) article, I tried to explain Eugenics and now in this months article, I will bring forth people who have exploited this idea and went further with it in history.

Even though she is not the first to exploit these ideas , she is the most explosive one in the beginning.

I will start this month with MARGARET SANGER(1883-1966), founder of PLANNED PARENTHOOD.

These ideas come from her own words-----

ON BLACKS, IMMIGRANTS AND INDIGENTS:

“human weeds, reckless breeders, spawning—human beings who never should have been born.”

(Margaret Sanger, Pivot of Civilization, Referring to Imigrants and Poor People)

ON STERILIZATION & RACIAL IMPURIFICATION:

“Sanger believed that for the purpose of racial purification couples should be rewarded who chose sterilization. (Birth control in America, The career of Margaret Sanger)

ON THE PURPOSE OF BIRTH CONTROL:

The purpose of birth control is, “ to create a race of thoroughbreds,” (Birth Control Review, Nov 1921).

ON THE RIGHT OF MARRIED COUPLES TO BEAR CHILDREN:

Couples should be required to submit applications to have a child,(Her “Plan for Peace” Birth Control Review, April 1932)

ON THE RIGHTS OF THE HANDICAPPED AND MENTALLY ILL, AND RACIAL MINORITIES:

“More children from the fit, less from the unfit---that is the chief aim of Birth Control. ”(Birth Control Review, May 1919)

ON ADULTERY:

A woman’s physical satisfaction was more important than any marriage vow,
Sanger believed (Birth Control in America, p. 11)

I can go on and on with what this woman advocated and the new generation of , Planned Parenthood Organization advocates openly and secretly.

Brothers you must check this information that is available to you on Google and many other sources. The truth is the truth and it is there to see the past and foresee the future of what evil lurks in Planned Parenthood and other organizations advocating Abortion & Euthanasia.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015 !!

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Important Dates for the Month

Sat Jan 10	KOC - Major Degree(2nd & 3rd) St Mary's Lockhart
Sat Jan 10	KOC – Three Kings Swing - VFW Hall
Sat Jan 17	St Catherine's Blood Drive KOC - Free Throw Competition
Sun Jan 18	BBQ & Sales – St Catherine Member Info Mtg
Wed Jan 21	Planning Meeting
Sat Jan 24	Diocesan Prolife Day
Wed Jan 28	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM First Degree



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