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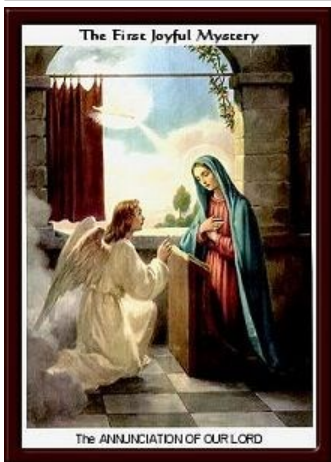
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**Next Business Meeting March 4, 2015
VFW Hall**

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Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

As I write this report it is late on Ash Wednesday, the first day of the 40 Days of Lent. It is also the first day of 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign. This campaign asks us to give one hour a week to pray at Planned Parenthood. As a Knight we are called to support life from conception to natural death. Find an hour to pray for those who cannot defend themselves!

On Ash Wednesday I attend a retreat at the Church of the Resurrection of the Lord. One of the handouts I received was entitled "What should I do for Lent? 10 Tips from Pope Francis".

The tip that caught my eye was "Don't remain indifferent" From his Lenten Message of 2015.

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave His Son for our salvation."

Then on Thursday, 19 February, My wife and I attended our first Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Held at St Helen's in Georgetown, we had the honor of providing transportation to the dinner for Father Ray Pothireddy – our Father Ray.

Bishop Joe Vasquez was the speaker for the evening. He gave us an update on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. One thing he said is that many times a plan is developed when something is wrong. He assured us that this plan is not to fix something wrong but to keep a good thing going. One of the last things that I remember him saying was that we need to do is "stop being a spectator".

Our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight has noticed that our attendance has fallen off since we moved to the VFW. Thinking about it, I generally see the same Brothers at our Monthly Business Meeting, the same ones I see at the Monthly BBQ. Yes, it is not easy to get to the VFW – traffic is congested coming out from town. In my speech at the Council Banquet I said, "Do not forget that it is very important to work together to maintain the unity of the Council and the Parish during the coming months. Encourage your Brother Knights to attend the Business Meetings!"

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Birthdays

CHRIS	ANNONI
FAUSTIN	BAHIZI
JESSE	CASAREZ
CARL	DISHER
KEITH	DUNGER
DOUGLAS	FRANKLIN
ARMAND	GAGNON
DAVID	GUZMAN
ANTHONY	HANSON
RUBEN	HERNANDEZ Jr
NICHOLAS	HOTZ
MATTHEW	IKARD
DANIEL	JASINSKI
CRISTON	KLOTZ
MICHAEL	LAMM
MICAH	LAWRENCE
VIDAL	MALDONADO
MICHAEL	MARCHAN
ARTURO	MARTINEZ
JULIO	MORENO
STEPHEN	MURAS
KENNETH	OTTE Sr
ALBERT	PINA
SANTOS	PRIETO
MASILAMANI	RAJAMANICKAM
ANDREW	SANCHEZ
BRIAN	SCHAEFER
BENJAMIN	SCHMID
BARRY	SCHNEIDER
RAYMOND	TOUNGATE II
THOMAS	WALSCHLAGER

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies..

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2014, the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products..

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**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**

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— David Esquivel

David Esquivel may have only been a Knight for a few years, but he contributes in every facet of Council 8156 and the youth of the community. He regularly volunteers for Council activities. He is an active participant in Church functions. He leads by example ensuring that his family regularly attends Mass and participates in religious activities. He is actively involved in Scouts assisting in leading his two sons and other Scouts in learning basic life skills and giving back to the community. For his exemplary performance as a Knight, a husband, a father and a Scout leader, congratulate David as our Knight of the Month for February 2015.

Family— Chris & Pat Harrison

Chris and Pat Harrison play an active role in knight and church activities. They both can always be counted on to volunteer to help others, the Council and St. Catherine's community. To demonstrate their unselfishness and their support of the Council, they donated a large assortment of collectible items to the Council to raise funds for its charity work. Pat devotedly attends Mass and volunteers as EMOHC. She and Chris regularly attend Mass and have raised their family in the Catholic faith. They will be sorely missed as they retire and move to Idaho. Join me in congratulating Chris and Pat as our Family of the Month for February 2015.

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Again, during this Lent the Council will not be hosting its traditional Friday Lenten Meal. Brother Larry Odom and wife, Beth, decided to feed their family before the Friday Stations of the Cross and Mass by having a picnic in the St. Francis Garden. My wife and I joined them, John and Glenda Massey and the Schreiber Family. Let's have more in the garden next Friday.

Let us continue our preparation for Easter in our own way. Whether it is giving up something for Lent or reading and praying about the life of Christ keep it up.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Luhrman

Pro-Life — Ed Empero (Dedicated to the memory of Eddie Kruczek a pro-life advocate)

Brother Knights, hope you read the articles from months Dec-2014 , Jan & Feb 2015.

Put these articles together and you can see the formation of what man can do to man to destroy their vision for life under God.

How Eugenics philosophy influenced Margaret Sanger. How it corrupted her thinking.

How Adolf Hitler used her ideas on his own mentally and physically weak people.

Then, he went after the Jewish people, who did so much good in German society. He destroyed them and annihilated 6 million plus many other innocent people.

Anyone who opposed his "Mein Kamp", would have to go. He wanted to play GOD .

Brothers, put these ideologies together and take them into today's war against women.

I do not mean the war against women that our government defines. I mean Abortion !

That's right-Abortion.

Women need a life solution when there are problems and troubles in their lives.

We choose life. The other opposing side has one solution—Abortion!

55 million and counting of the Most Innocent lives. How can any person state that when a woman is pregnant it is not a baby in development in her womb.

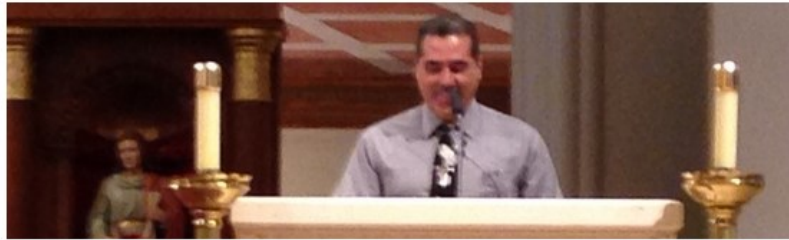
The Pro-Choice side know the truth but they turn away and pretend it is just a Blob of Tissue.

Pray for Life! Support your pro-life organizations such as Coalition For Life(40days for life) and others!

God Bless You All !!



Men of St. Catherine of Siena Parish listen to fiery Catholic lay evangelist Jesse Romero.



Our parish and Knights of Columbus Council among best represented at 2015 Central Texas Catholic Men's Conference



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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.

Charity, Unity & Fraternity

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Submit articles for the April Newsletter by **March 20**

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Important Dates for the Month

March 4	6:30pm	KOC - Eucharistic Service
	7:00pm	KOC - Business Meeting
March 7		Habitat for Humanity build
	3:00pm	First Saturday Devotion
March 14		Habitat for Humanity build
March 15	4:00am	BBQ
	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
March 18	6:30pm	Retention Comm Mtg
	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
March 21		4th Degree Exemplification
		Habitat for Humanity build
March 22	8:30am	Corporate Communion
March 25	6:30pm	1st Degree St. Paul's (date may change)
March 28		Habitat for Humanity build
March 28-29		Membership Blitz



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