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**Next Business Meeting June 3, 2015
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's**

Grand Knight's Report — We Are One

As the Fraternal Year 2014 – 2015 comes to a close it is time to review the past year. In the past Fraternal Year our Council has faced challenges much different than in the years past.

First I want to thank all my Brother Knights for the help they have given over the past year. Whether it was our trademark BBQ, our first Council Gala, our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, the Columbus Day Dinner, setting up the Christmas Faire in the Square in a bare Johnson Hall, our first Epiphany Party, moving our Bingo equipment, working with Habitat for Humanity or feeding the MS-150 Bike Ride members of the Council could be counted on to step up and help.

Our year began with vacating our office in Room 213 of the Administration Building of St Catherine's. Thanks to the Brothers who came to perform this task and a special thanks to Brother Armand Gagnon for allowing us to store most of our items in his attic. Next we moved our meeting to the VFW Hall in Oak Hill. Thanks to several Brother Knights. Brother Lee Jones for coordinating our use of their facilities for the past year. Our former Chaplain, Father Ron Feathers, took the initiative by getting permission to hold Mass at the VFW before the Business Meeting. Deacon Jesse Casarez for scheduling a Deacon to hold a Communion Service after Father Ron's departure. Brother John Langan for getting the supplies needed for our Masses and Communion Services to the VFW.

On Saturday, 30 May in Johnson Hall we will honor the Ladies with a dinner. This is a tradition for the Council and our way of thanking the Ladies for allowing us to perform our Knightly duties. Contact Brother Armand Gagnon if you want to help.

We have begun looking for Council Officers for the Fraternal Year 2015-2016. Brother Armand Gagnon, Past Grand Knight and current Trustee of the Council has graciously accepted my request to be the Point of Contact for those interested in being an officer next year. So far we have Brothers who have accepted the challenge. If you are interested, contact Brother Armand at 512-288-4258 or by e-mail argagnon@att.net (all lower case). The election of officers is at our June Business Meeting, June 3, 2015.

If you serve as a Minister of the Liturgy remember to update your choices for services. The new Sunday Mass schedule begins on the week-end of 6/7 June.

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**Feast of Corpus Christi
June 7**



Birthdays

RAYMOND	ARRIAGA
DOUGLAS	BECKETT
CHARLIE	BLUM
ROBERT	CAMPOS
ERIC	CONTRERAS
STEVE	DARILEK
DARRELL	DEBISH
ROBERT	DONLEY
EDWARD	EMPERO
DARREN	FEHLINGER
JOSEPH	HOTZ
LUGARD	IGHARO
GREGORY	KASKIE
SETH	MCKEITHEN
GARY	MOORE
IRA	MOORE
RICHARD	MUNOZ
MATTHEW	MURAS
JAMES	O BRIEN
DAVID	PADILLA
DAVID	PIETRUSZYNSKI
DARREL	RICHARDS
PETER	SLOVER
BOGNER	STUBBS
GILBERT	TELLO
PAUL	TILEY
JEREMY	TOME
MIGUEL	TORRES
UFOT	UMANA
KOURI	WINTERS

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

You never know....

As I write this, I have just had my semi-annual checkup with me endocrinologist. For those who don't know, I had thyroid cancer 8 years ago. For this visit, he wanted to do some additional lab work to check on a few things he couldn't figure out. Normally I just do blood work up and he checks my thyroid seeking hormone (TSH) and makes sure nothing looks out of the norm. This time, he ordered, in addition to my blood work, an ultrasound on my neck (to check for abnormal lymph nodes), a bone density scan, and a cholesterol check. All of this was enough to make me very nervous.

As I lay on the table as the technician was doing my ultrasound, I got to thinking, why was she taking so many pictures of that area of my neck? What was she seeing that had her worried enough to spend that much time in that particular area? After what seemed like an eternity on the table, she said she was finished and the doctor would go over the "results" when he saw me in a little while.

Then I had my bone density scan done. While this was a pretty short procedure, again I was laying on a table while a machine went up and down my body, I had time to reflect on my situation. What will she find? Are my bones brittle and will they snap as I leave the office?? Will I be bedridden in my old (older) age?? Again, the technician said the doctor will go over the results when he saw me.

After waiting for a few minutes in the waiting room, the nurse came and got me to check my blood pressure, heart rate, etc. Well, by now my heart was just a pounding away and I figured my blood pressure would be off the charts. I took a few deep breaths and tried to think of nice, calming things. I guess it worked because my blood pressure was great!

Finally the doctor came in and, as he was staring at the computer screen looking at my results of bone scan and ultrasound, I again began pondering how was I going to tell my family the terrible news that I anticipated?? What lay ahead of me and how much time will I have left??

After another eternity, the doctor began to tell me the results of all of my tests. Ultrasound came back great, one area of concern, but "we will watch it for a while to see what happens". Blood work was exactly what he wanted to see. In fact some areas had improved over the last 6 months. Bone density came back ok, with just a little concern for my L1 region of my vertebrae.

All in all, a good check up, but you never know..... Please don't wait until it is too late, take care of your family now, while you are healthy.

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June Meeting Highlights

Final Nominations and Election of Officers

Selection of the Knight and Family of the Year

Final Discussion and Vote on the 2015-2016 Budget

Thank You from St. Mary's Alumni Association

A special thank you to the brothers of Council 8156 who supported the May 16, St. Mary's University of San Antonio Alumni Association "Austin Capital Area Chapter" annual golf tournament. The fundraiser was a success. Proceeds from the tournament will support scholarships and stipends for Austin area students attending St. Mary's University. A "very special thank you" to Council brothers who played in the tournament ... Team "KOC 8156" Ken Kurzawski, Chris Klotz, John O' Daniel, & Roy Sanders; Team "Damsel in Distress" Alicia Guajardo, Jerry Guajardo, Mike Bienek, & Rod Nagel; and our new Brother Mike Meyer whose daughter, Paige - will attend St. Mary's University as a freshman this Fall. Thanks again! Proud of You All,

Paul Root

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Steve Dillon

You will never see a more committed Knight and family man than Stephen Dillon. He attends all business and planning meetings his work and home schedule allow, often volunteering to help at Council functions and working as the Knights liaison with the Church office. He keeps the Council informed about Church and office activities while juggling a fulltime night job, his family and his duties as Committee Chair for the boy scouts of Troop 448. His commitment to the scout program has resulted in them exceeded 120 Scouts in two Crews, a troop and a team. He has a lovely wife and three grown children who were raised in a strong Catholic family. He diligently provides information about EIM training to Council members to assist them in meeting the Diocesan training requirement. For his exemplary performance as a Knight of Columbus of Council 8156, congratulate Steve as our Knight of the Month for May 2015.

Family— John & Heidi Langan

As longtime members of St Catherine's and Council 8156, John & Heidi Langan have seen it all and done it all for their church and the Council. From assisting with religious education programs, to music leaders, to church helpers, they play a critical role in the life of our church. John gives his time to running the church website for Mass volunteers, a cumbersome task at any time, but especially so with our church adding a new Mass and changing its Mass schedule. He took the reins to ensure that volunteers were aware of the change with plenty of notice and adjusted their former schedules as they committed to the new times. John also actively supports the Council Chaplain to ensure they have a ride to the meeting and possess their vestments and the liturgical necessities to conduct either Mass or Eucharist prayer service. He is devoted to the Council and Knights and actively participates in all Council events leading for the umpteenth time the Council's scholarship program. His wife Heidi and their family have followed John's lead and are greatly involved with their religion. Heidi and their daughter participate in and lead the children's choir for the church's music ministry while also serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Langan family continues to play a vital role in St Catherine's successful and entertaining Biblical Village each Lent. Join me in congratulating John and Heidi as our Family of the Month for May 2015.

Knights of Columbus Night with the Express June 15

The Annual Knights of Columbus Night with the Express will be at the Dell Diamond on June 15th! It is also a “Dollar Hot Dog Night” at the Dell Diamond.

At 7:05 PM the Round Rock Express, a Triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers, will host the New Orleans Zephyrs, a Triple-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins, in a Triple-A game at the Dell Diamond.

Game tickets are available to Knights and their family members for a discount of \$10.00 each. This will cover your game ticket and help defray the cost of our Tailgate Party before the game. Tickets must be paid in advance either in cash or check no later than the June 3 Business Meeting. Tickets will not be available for purchase on game day of June 15. If children occupy a seat they must have a ticket.

Contact Grand Knight Jim Luhrman at onetop66@austin.rr.com or (512) 422-5056 for information.

Officer Nominations for 2015-2016

Our election for the Fraternal Year 2015-2016 is 3 June 2015 at the Business Meeting. If you think you would be interested in filling one of these positions, you can contact Trustee Armand Gagnon and let him know what position interests you either by telephone or e-mail. His telephone number is 512-288-4258 and his e-mail address is argagnon@att.net (all lower case). If you have any questions about any position, he would be glad to give you information about that position, or any other.

You may also wait until election day and be nominated from the floor when that position comes up. It is not late too notify him so that he can put you on the list for election night. This way, if you cannot make the meeting, your name will automatically be brought up on the ballot.

Past Grand Knight - Trustee Armand Gagnon

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

Climate Change vs Abortion ?

Unfortunately, pro-life & pro-family advocates who lobby at the United Nations have witnessed the environmental issues becoming an umbrella to cover a wide spectrum of attacks on Human Life and the Family!

These attacks pose an immediate threat to lives of the most vulnerable----the unborn, the disabled, and the elderly ---as well as grave violations of parental rights !!

This issue of climate change vs human rights will become a big issue in the coming months and years.

It will become a big issue for all Catholics and the pro-life community.

We are faced with challenges everyday. This is life on earth. We must treat all life sacred from womb to tomb.

Pray brothers , pray. This is our challenge !

God Bless You All !!



Capital Area Food Bank



Your Council Volunteers to the Community

Join them for the Next Opportunity

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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

From the Editor

Submit articles for the July Newsletter by June 19

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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

Important Dates for the Month

June 3 6:30pm Mass

7:00pm Business Meeting

June 6 3:00pm Ice Cream Social

First Saturday Devotion

June 7 8:30am Diocesan Corpus Christi Procession to the Capitol

June 15 RR Baseball - Knight's night

June 17 7:00pm Planning Meeting

June 18 7:00pm St Paul's First Degree

June 20 3d Annual KOC Golf Tournament

June 22 Special Olympics Torch Across America in Our Area

June 27 6:00pm KOC - Awards Banquet

GK Report Continued

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Look for information on our website about our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, 20 June. Even if you are not a golfer there are many ways you can contribute.

There are still other challenges facing our future. Do not forget that it is very important for us to work together to maintain the unity of the Council during the coming months. Encourage your Brother Knights to attend the Business Meetings! Ask them if they need a ride!

My Brothers, I pray that each of you and your families have a blessed and enjoyable month. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our Council and our Parish during this challenging time for our Council..

A special thanks to the Officers and Directors for their help.

Deputy Grand Knight	Criston Klotz
Chancellor	Frank Avillar
Recorder	Adam Alvarez
Financial Secretary	Randy Schreiber
Treasurer/Insurance Promotion	Eddie Mazurek
Advocate	Matthew Wade
Warden	Juan Tavarez
Inside Guard	Carl Disher
Outside Guard	William Diaz
Trustees	Jerry Guajardo Larry Odom Armand Gagnon
Fundraising Directors	Greg Nelson Colton Brugger Lloyd Monroe
Lecturer	Bob Stuijbergen
Membership Director	Larry Odom
Youth Director	Stephen Dillon
Council Director	Colton Brugger
Special Olympics Director	Rick Wempe
Church Director	Arnold Auzenne
Community Director	Mike Torres
Culture of Life Director	Ed Empero
4th Degree Representative	Bill Harris

Without their help most of our accomplishments this past year would not have been done

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Luhrman



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