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**Next Business Meeting July 1, 2015
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's**

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

It is a great honor that you have chosen me to lead in this new year. I am excited and motivated to begin serving you all in this new leadership capacity. I wish to energize and engage the more inactive members while drawing in our church's more youthful families.

I intend to do this by making this year's focus about service. When I think about what I want to see the Knights do in the coming year, I see work. The kind of charitable work that raises the lives of the poor, reinvigorates the hearts of the meek, and rebuilds the lives of the decimated.

I hope that this fraternal year can be marked by a stronger mission to serve our community. Let us together make an effort to improve the lives of the poor by constructing houses for the Mobile Loaves and Fishes: Community First! Village, let us help rebuild the lives of refugees by assisting the broken who seek asylum here in America by traveling to McAllen's Sacred Heart Church and working with the relief program there, and let us support more personally with the special needs of our community at Down Home Ranch and Special Olympics.

I know that we have always been there doing these kinds of works, but given our council's strength, we should be able to do more. We are the Knights of Columbus and we were founded in the name of God to serve charitably and selflessly for the world. Thank you brothers for your trust and support, now let's get to work.

Gods peace,

Matthew



Birthdays

JERRY	AHRENS Jr
STEVEN	ANTOSH
MICHAEL	BIENEK
PAUL	BOYD Jr
JOSEPH	BROZ
DAVID	CALDWELL
RICHARD	CARDIEL
DANIEL	CASTILLO
RYAN	COLACO
BILLY	CRAFT
GEORGE	DEBUS
RICARDO	DIAZ
BRADLEY	EILERS
LOUIS	GIOIA
JERRY	GODDARD
MARK	GORDON
MICHAEL	HARRISON
LELAND	LESTER
EDWIN	MANGALINDAN
ALBERT	MARTINEZ
JOHN	MASSEY
JACOB	MEAD
LLOYD	MONROE
JAVIER	MONTOYA
MICHAEL	MORENO
BLAKE	NOGAY
PATRICK	PALMER
HENRY	PERRY
JOE	PETER
H	PUTNEY Jr
LORIMER	SANCHEZ
JASON	SCHNEIDER
GARVIN	SHIPLEY jr
ROBERT	STUIFBERGEN
FRANK	TOLIC
JASON	WILDE

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program – STILL THE BEST

I was reviewing some of my old insurance articles for an idea for this month's newsletter and came across one I wrote in 1995. After rereading it, I realized we truly have a fantastic product line and I think the article deserves a rewrite with current data.

The Knights of Columbus insurance division continues to do very well! We once again surpassed last year's totals and the outlook for this year is very promising. We are the 2nd largest fraternal society with regards to insurance in force. We are now growing by about 8 billion dollars of NEW insurance in force each year. We have consistently given back to our policy holders about 70-80% of our "profit" each year. I know of no other company doing this!

We are ranked in the top 5% of ALL insurance companies doing business in North America. This puts us up there with companies you might normally associate with life insurance (Prudential, MetLife, New England etc.) This is really impressive when you consider their market (anyone) versus our market (members and their families) There is no higher rated insurance company in North America and we have received the highest rating from A M Best for 39 consecutive years . The Knights of Columbus is a Fortune 1000 company (# 900). Why look to anyone else for your insurance needs? Why not think of the Knights of Columbus first when you need your first policy or your 50th policy? Give us a chance to show you why the Knights of Columbus deserves your business and why you will be able to sleep knowing that your family's financial future is secure with the world's largest CATHOLIC family fraternal service organization - - the Knights of Columbus.

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“Brewer’s Believers” the team supporting Brother (and former Council 8156 Chancellor) Jim Brewer in the recent “Purple Stride” walk/run event against Pancreatic Cancer. Brewers Believers received generous financial support from several Council 8156 brothers, placing it among the highest teams in that category. The Believers actually won the race, one of them crossing the finish line first and then deferring to Jim to accept the trophy. The Believers also had the oldest actual runner in the race, a brother Knight pictured here.

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— David Lara

David, your selflessness and hard work is an inspiration to us other brothers and their families. Most recently you took on the burden of the Round Rock Express Game Tailgate at the absolute last minute and executed a fantastic social event. We are grateful for the sacrifice and hard work. Your life is lived in selflessness and love, and if I cannot speak for the council here, then I speak for myself, we could all learn something from the righteous way you live your life. You are a blessing to our council. Thank you for your charity.

Family— Adam, Kim, and Emmy Alvarez

You three are a beautiful and determined family that exemplify the meaning of sacrifice and love. Adam is involved heavily with the Knights and still finds time to work with the youth, the young adults, habitat for humanity, and more while managing his busy work schedule and family life. Kim is a Eucharistic minister of holy communion and the troop leader of a Girl Scout troop all while traveling back and forth to San Antonio to study law and being wonderful mother. Their amazing daughter Emmy is an Altar Server, Girl Scout, and is always ready to lend a helping hand. You three continue to amaze me with your ability to serve while leading such charitable lives. Thank you for the love you share with our community and please teach me your secrets about time management.

Membership — Eddie Mazurek

Twenty three..... Our membership goal this fraternal year. Can we meet or exceed it? St. Catherine's has about 4500 families. Council has about 370 members. A lot of our Catholic men have not been asked to join the Knights. Why they should be asked:

1. SK Carl Anderson has said: we have a MORAL obligation to ask every good Catholic man to join the Knights.
2. Some of us are getting old. We need younger men to take our place to carry out the mission of Fr. McGivney.
3. The Knights are a great organization! Everyone of you joined for a reason. Everyone of you in attendance tonight are here for a reason.
4. We, as Catholic men, have been asked by our church to right the wrong that is going on in the nation and world.
5. Where else can you go to a dinner or social activity and know for a fact that the person next to you has the SAME values and ethics you have?

We don't need just any 23 men. We need GOOD Catholic men to join us so we can continue our legacy as the best council in Austin and central Texas.

Surely we all know one good Catholic gentleman who is not a member of our great organization. Our info meetings are the THIRD Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM. No need to have a form 100 with you, just invite prospective members to be there. Volunteer to pick him up and take him to meeting.

We will have our first first degree ceremony of the new year on July 22nd. Let's start recruiting early. Invite your prospective member to info meeting on July 19th at 7:00 PM. Don't worry if you don't know everything about the Knights, none of us do, just get him to info meeting and we will take it from there. Share with him why YOU are a member and what YOU get out of being a Knight.

If you have any questions or need some more information, please contact me either by phone 512/965-2137 or email, emazu5@gmail.com

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

LIFE should go on with Love for Life !

The news today is full of Gloom and Doom.

Race relations are in the news everyday---Black against Black / White against Black, etc.

Why can't we get along?

We have lost respect for each other. Dis-respect has gone virile.

The whole world is in a mess!

Think about it. We can not talk about God in schools, at work, and many other places.

It stems back to our federal laws on legalization of Abortion.

When a society can not protect the purest of life-the unborn, you begin the problem in the minds of some men.

This is why Abortion is a very important issue, today!

If you believe this do not be silent—speak up. Your thoughts and words are important !!

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Blessings,

Ed-signing off.

2015 Fiesta Knight Fundraiser — Eddie Mazurek

If you remember, last year we started a new fundraiser for the council, the Country Hoe-down and Gala. Well, it was a huge success and we are cranking up to have another one this year. The theme has changed to FIESTA KNIGHT FUNDRAISER and it will be on Friday, October 2nd beginning at 6:00 PM. It will be at the same place as last year's event, Pecan Springs Ranch, on HWY 290 West.

I believe everyone who attended last year had a great time and hopefully we can grow the event even more this year.

So here are some items concerning this year's event:

1. Please mark your calendar for Friday, October 2nd
2. Please start advertising the event to your friends.
3. Tickets will be available at our July meeting or you can call me and I will get some to you to sell.
4. Will sell about the same number as we did last year, around 200. Same price, \$100 and that gets two people in the door for dinner, drinks and dancing.
5. We need door prizes and silent auction prizes. Please start asking your favorite restaurant, ice cream place, or any other business if they could donate to us. Gift cards or gift certificates are great. We will also accept larger items for our silent auction.

As always, if you have questions, please let me know. I am also open to suggestions, as an example, last year someone asked why we didn't have any Lone Star beer at the bar, this year we will! It promises to be a great time again and hopefully we will make some money to help our council do all the charitable works that we do.

Thanks

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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.

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2-Year Trustee – Jerry Guajardo

1-Year Trustee – Larry Odom

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Greg Nelson

Pro-Life Director—Ed Empero

Important Dates for the Month

July 1	6:30pm	KOC - Mass
	7:00pm	KOC - Business Meeting
July 12	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
July 15	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
July 19	4:00am	BBQ
July 25	5:00pm	Council 8156 Awards Banquet
July 26	6:00pm	KOC - Semi-annual Audit
July 29	7:00pm	First Degree

Saturday, July 18, 2015
7th Annual Diocesan
Men's Fellowship Mass



With Auxiliary Bishop
Daniel E. Garcia

10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's Cathedral

Reception follows in the Bishop's Hall

Sponsored by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men



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