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**Next Business Meeting August 5, 2015
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's**

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers and sisters,

Our council has attracted many driven and spiritual gentlemen, plus an unbelievable union of fantastic families over the years of its existence. I cannot believe how blessed I am to have met these gentlemen and their families, to work with them and pray with them. Due to my woeful youthful inexperience, I look to these men and their families more than just as my brothers and sisters but as mentors and fountains of wisdom. The growing up I've done with my family of Knights has put me country miles ahead of folks my age. The wisdom and experience I have received by simply being around, listening, working, and praying with my Knight family is a priceless and irreplaceable gift. Even these words I use to try and explain how valuable this experience has been for me, falls so painfully short of accurate.

When I look at our council, I see a lack of men my age and few active young families. There are not enough 20 to 30 year olds like myself. Those young families who have joined are clearly not as engaged as they could be. To me, that priceless gift I have benefited from so much, is not reaching those who could most profit from it. What an injustice it is that this priceless gift, which costs us nothing but our love to impart, has not been crusaded for as passionately as I believe it could.

I hope to bring in younger men and reengage our younger families through opportunities to serve and work for our God in new and more intense ways than ever before. We young punks already have our social circles to bond with. Our younger families, who seek to serve, are not interested so much in social gatherings. This year, our council must sweat for the raising up of the fallen, the healing of the sick, and the comfort of the distressed more than ever before if it wants to attract these prospective Knights. We want to work, we want to serve, we want to drink that cold beer, but only after we have exhausted our bodies in the service of the Lord. Give us something worthy to do and we will come and do it.

I don't know what else to say,

So let's get back to work,

Matthew Wade



Transfiguration
of the Lord

August 6



Birthdays

Spencer	Allgood
David	Anderson
Donald	Archer
Michael	Arduengo
Ryan	Bell
Stephen	Boiko
Ruben	Calvino
Juan	Cano
Robert	Castillo
Tad	Druart
Jesus	Gonzales
Kyle	Hemmi
Kevin	Jackson
Jason	Jaynes
Glenn	Jorden
Christopher	Lewis
Mario	Martinez
Robert	Moreno
Samuel	Murff
Gregory	Nelson
Rayapureddy	Pothireddy
Stevanus	Riantono
Stephen	Roberts
Paul	Root
Christopher	Schroeder
Bradley	Suggs
Eric	Valdez
Reginald	Voglezon

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

LET THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELP SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

That's probably the exact opposite of what you may think happens when a representative of a life insurance insurer comes to your home. Most people, inundated by too much information, think that a discussion about their financial future with a professional advisor leaves them with more questions than answers. That may be true under some circumstances, but not with the Knights of Columbus.

We made a decision some time ago that we could not and would not be all things to all people. We decided to focus on what we can do best. We offer life insurance (whole life and term life), fixed annuities, and long term care insurance. We won't be discussing 20 or 30 ways you can take action to prepare for the future. We will sit with you and your wife, gather some very basic information, draw a conclusion with you, and propose a solution for you that fits within your budget. This can all be accomplished in a couple of appointments in your home (yes, we still make house calls!) that shouldn't take all that long.

The cynics may say that our offerings simply cannot solve every situation. Well, if you're investing money in equity based offerings such as variable life insurance or mutual funds, that's true. We don't sell those products. But I am hard-pressed to find a situation where the products we do have can't help you. Whole life insurance, for example, is a beautiful product that has to be seen to be believed. Once seen, you will agree. There really isn't much it can't do.

So if you are avoiding a conversation because you fear it may leave you more confused than ever, let us simplify your life. No rocket science... no complex formulas... no PhDs required. We make it simple, easy to understand, cost efficient and helpful. And it all comes with the financial strength of your organization serving as a backdrop.

A M Best, probably the best known independent rating service, has just reaffirmed our highest rating for the 39th consecutive year!! I know of no other insurance company that can make that claim.

If you want help simplifying your life, please call or email me.

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Pending Motions

In the August Business Meeting we will be voting on the motion discussed in the July Meeting to add to the Awards Dinner Budget funds from the roll over unallocated funds of the previous fraternal year.. This is needed because the awards dinner for the 2014-2015 fraternal year is scheduled for July (current FY). This will insure we still have funds available for the current FY awards banquet.

Elections — See the Officers Page on the Website for Details

We still have two open officer positions that need to be filled. Contact the GK if you are interested.

Chancellor

Fund Raising Director — Need to fulfil State Bingo Requirements to insure we have trained representation to oversee and administer bingo regulations.



Football Frenzy is Back. Support Texas State Charities and have many opportunities to win and received discounts. This year buy two and get a third ticket Free (with online registration). Get your tickets at the next Business meeting. Online Purchases will be available soon.

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Juan Tavares

Juan consistently takes on some of the hardest tasks our council has before it. He does so with the goal of making it the best it can be. This year, he has already put in more than his fair share of sweat equity but volunteering as our Council Director and taking on the Awards Banquet and Officers Installation. Give this guy some encouragement the next time you see him, he has earned a few pats on the back for his commitment to our council. Thank you Juan.

Family— Jerry and Abigail Ahrens

This is a beautiful family everyone should get to know. They are such delight to be around; all of their kindness and love radiate joyfully off their smiles and resonate with each of their words. They have shepherded into this world an amazing 9 children! Each of which are all angels and uniquely reflect the love and catholic teachings their parents have so beautifully imparted onto them. If you see this family around the church, please show them some love.

Membership — Eddie Mazurek

Grand Knight Matthew Wade has asked me to be membership chairman this year and I have agreed to chair this for him.

Membership to me is really two different areas. The first one is to go out and ask EVERY CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN to join us. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has asked us to do this for the good of the Order. In order to reach our goals this year, I need everyone's help. Surely we all know one Catholic gentleman that we can ask to join us. With a parish as large as St. Catherine's, I am sure there are men attending mass with us who haven't been asked to join.

The other part to membership is to keep those we have already gotten to join us interested and participating in our events. We probably all know one member that we haven't seen at a meeting or function recently. Again I need your help. Reach out to that member and ask him personally to come back and join us at the meeting or a function.

We have a fantastic council and we need to keep our ideas fresh by bringing in new members and getting them involved. We have an information meeting for all new prospective members on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00PM. PLEASE ask someone to join us!

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Culture of Life — Roger Ruether

A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope.” Saint John Paul II

Austin Vigil for Life

St. Catherine sponsored the Diocesan Austin Vigil for Life on July 18. It began with Mass at 7 a.m. held by Father Ray. After Mass some people stayed at the church and prayed in the Adoration Chapel and others went to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood on Ben White Blvd.

Out of the entire diocese less than 35 parishioners attended the vigil. Included in that number were 8 Knights from our council. In his homily, Father Ray compared the disappointing turnout to the Old Testament reading, Genesis 18:22-33, where at the request of Abraham the Lord said He would not destroy Sodom for the sake of 10 righteous people found there.

“I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness.”

- Mother Teresa

We are not responsible for victory against the evil of abortion, however we are responsible to fight against that evil.

[Planned Parenthood Uses Partial-Birth Abortions to Sell Baby Parts](#)

The Center for Medical Progress has released two undercover videos on illegal trafficking of aborted baby parts by Planned Parenthood.

Step out in faith and contact your elected representatives to ask them to stop this evil practice.

We are Catholic, pro-life, and we vote!

2015 Fiesta Knight Fundraiser — Eddie Mazurek



As you should be aware of by now, we are having a major fund-raiser on Friday, October 2nd. We are hoping to sell 225 tickets (no more than 225) at \$100 each. This ticket gets the purchaser **dinner for two**, drinks, dancing, and a shot at many door prizes. The top door prizes are \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. There will be many other door prizes throughout the evening.

We will also have a silent auction. Although we don't have all of the items yet, some of the ones we already have include a night stay at downtown Hyatt Hotel, one or two hunts, possibly a fishing expedition and rounds of golf from at least two different golf courses. We are just starting to collect the items and I believe we will have many more exciting packages to come.

We could use your help in getting door prizes. They don't have to be of great value. The more door prizes we collect, the better the odds are of winning a door prize. If you know of a company that you think might donate an item or a gift certificate, please ask them or please let Patrick Reinhart (preinhart@austin.rr.com) or Tony Hanson (thanson@austin.rr.com) know and they will work out details with you.

We also need help selling tickets. If you would like tickets to buy yourself or to sell, just let me know and I will get them to you. Those who have already sold tickets are finding it very easy to sell just by asking other parishioners, neighbors, co-workers and family members. You need not be present to win the top 3 door prizes. The success of this event depends on us selling all 225 tickets. Please consider buying one yourself or taking some to sell to others.



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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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2-Year Trustee – Jerry Guajardo

1-Year Trustee – Larry Odom

Fundraising Directors

Open

Lloyd Monroe

Greg Nelson

Pro-Life Director—Ed Empero

Important Dates for the Month

August 5	6:30pm	KOC - Mass
	7:00pm	KOC - Business Meeting
August 16	4:00am	BBQ
	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
August 19	6:30pm	Retention Comm Mtg
	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
August 20	6:00pm	Capital Area Food Bank



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