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Merry Christmas

TGIF
Thank God I'm Free!

Next Business Meeting December 2, 2015
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's
Mass 7pm, Meeting 7:30pm

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

The season of giving is quickly approaching, and soon we will be swept away with our Christmas chores and our families. While I hope that everyone has a good Christmas, I'm afraid we forget that there are millions of people who will suffer this holiday season while we enjoy our shopping and holiday feasts.

This month the Knights will support several opportunities to help the lowly and forgotten of our community, but I want to ask for us to all pray at least once a week with our families for the special intention of all those people around the world who will not have a home or a family this Christmas season.

Please keep in your hearts the displaced refugees of the Middle East, both Christian and not, the refugees of Latin America, especially those from Mexico, and certainly all the local Austin men, woman, and children who will experience the birth of our Lord in a similar kind of poverty He was born into.

With loving hearts, I ask you to join me in praying this prayer for the above intention, at least once a week with your family:

-Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War-

Lord God,
no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war,
those separated from their loved ones,
young people who are lost,
and those who have left home or who have run away from home.

Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness
to strangers and to all in need
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,

Matthew Wade

P.S. Email me of a time when you helped or were inspired by a time when a person helped another lowly or forgotten soul. At our next meeting on December 2nd, I will pull a name out of all the emailers and give them a prize.

Birthdays

Mark	Armatta
James	Benavides
Ronald	Buys
Earl	Carter
Eric	Churchill
Ronald	Crain
Steven	Daigle
Trevor	De Martini
James	Gereszek
David	Gossett
Chris	Grahmann
Alejandro	Gutierrez
Barry	Haygood
Michael	Hejny
Kenneth	Kurzawski
Douglas	Lyon
William	Mastin
Steven	Myers
Eric	Negron
Christopher	Nichols
Efrain	Ortiz
Guadalupe	Pequeno
Robert	Peterson
Guadalupe	Ramirez
Patrick	Reinhart
Victor	Reyna
George	Reynes
Alexander	Sanchez
Thomas	Sauceda
Sam	Stephens
Jeffrey	Stovall
Ben	Truong

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flatscreen television. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never," it's time you speak with me. Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse need it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

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Membership - Eddie Mazurek

As I write this, we have just completed our membership drive at St. Catherine's. While it was promising, no one showed up for the info meeting that night. We do have a few leads for new members, but I still believe the best way to recruit new members is to have that one on one recruiting. Surely you know one good Catholic gentleman who would make a great Knight. Please consider asking that individual to come to our next information meeting on Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 PM. My Brother Knights, the worst thing that can happen to a council is to get stagnant in recruiting new members into the council. We need new members and their ideas to continue to be an exciting and vibrant council. If you know of someone who you want to ask, but are a little hesitant, just let me know. I will contact him to tell him about the Knights and ask him to come to info meeting

Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Party is just around the corner on Saturday December the 5th. We will be celebrating it at Johnston Hall for the first time in a long while this year! This is going to be a great time but I am in need of a little help from everyone:

Please RSVP with Matthew Wade by December 2st (number and email is below).

This will be a potluck with the Knights supplying the meats, so this year last names from A-M will bring desserts and last names from N-Z will bring sides.

We will be having ham and turkey and I am in need of a few people to help cook those meats. I need 5 turkey cookers and 5 ham cookers. Please let me know if you can do this by December 2nd as well.

The Hall isn't very pretty these days and it needs a lot of TLC with decorations. If anyone has any Christmas lights and a medium small tree they would let us borrow for the night, please call Matthew Wade.

With you help we can make this Christmas Party a whole lot of fun!

Hope to see you there,

Blessings,

Matthew Wade

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Thank You - Paul Root

On behalf of the RCIA and Adult Confirmation program, a big thank you to Council 8156 for providing lunch at the November 14 First Retreat. A special thank you to Brother Arnold Auzenne for buying, preparing, serving, and cleaning up. Brother

Arnold "Single-Handedly" represented our Council. He, indeed, is a blessing to the RCIA and Adult Confirmation program.

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Arnold Auzenne

Arnold Auzenne is our worthy honoree of this award for December. He works exceptionally hard for the Knights of Columbus and currently is serving as a co-director for our Church Directorship. He also is extremely active in the ACTS retreats and has even served on team to help others experience the joys of that retreat. Not the least of his activities, Arnold also serves as an usher and always is there to offer his friendly smile and make Mass a pleasure for all the folk who he helps find a seat. His most recent achievement is preparing the RCIA meal by himself, and while it is disheartening he had to do it alone, he showed excellent commitment and determination to make the absolute best of the situation and make it come out perfect. Thank you brother, you are truly an inspiration to us.

Families— Emperos and the Ruthers

The Emperos and the Ruthers have earned this title for this month due to their amazing dedication to the prolife cause. These families stand on the vanguard of our council's prolife activities and they never grow weary in their just cause. They worked exceptionally hard this month to make sure our church and council had a strong presence at the St. John Paul II Life Center Dinner this month. While many of us may only see the male counterpart to this powerful duo, we cannot even pretend that without their better halves, they certainly would not achieve as much as they do. Behind every great man was a greater woman. Thank you to both the families and may your love of life and family inspire us all.

Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

St. John Paul II Life Center held its 5th annual benefit dinner on Wednesday Nov. 11, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel with nearly 700 people in attendance. The Knights of Columbus were well represented.



Keynote Speaker: Fr. Mike Schmitz shown here with Knights from Council #8156

The John Paul II Life Center leads the way in creating a culture of life in Central Texas. Inspired by John Paul II's teachings on the sanctity of life, the Center serves women and families of all faiths. To date the Center has served over 3900 patients from across Texas, and several other states.

John Paul II Life Center has a threefold mission:

1. To operate the Vitae Clinic, a state of the art OB/GYN holistic health care clinic in accordance with the ethical and religious directives of the Catholic Church.
2. To promote life by offering 3D/4D sonograms to mothers in crisis pregnancy. Knights of Columbus donated the sonogram ultrasound equipment to JP II.
3. To provide education about chastity, fertility care, and religious education.

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and the whole world in which we live.”

- Pope St. John Paul II

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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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Important Dates for the Month

December 1	10:00am	KOC - Poinsettia's Delivery for Widows
December 2	7:00pm	First Degree Council Mass
	7:30pm	Business Meeting
December 3	2:30pm	SVDP - Sort Christmas Baskets
December 4	9:00am	Blood Drive
	9:30am	SVDP - Deliver Christmas Baskets
	2:30pm	First Saturday Devotion
	6:30pm	Annual Christmas Party
December 8		Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 12		Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	10:00am	Special Olympics Powerlifting competition
December 16	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
December 18		BBQ Prep
	7:00pm	Christmas on the Square
December 19	8:00am	Blue Santa
December 20	3:00am	BBQ
	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
December 25		Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation



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