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**Next Business Meeting January 6, 2016  
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's  
Mass 7pm, Meeting 7:30pm**

## Grand Knight's Report

Brothers and Sisters,

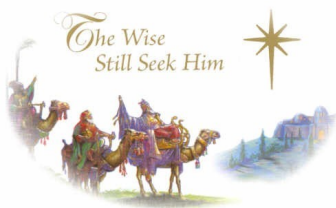
Thank you for praying with me for those people who spent their Christmas away from their homes and families. I ask that we always keep in our hearts those people who are uprooted and have their lives devastated due to violence and cruelty. Let us continue to pray for those suffering, especially as we continue through the Christmas season and into the new year.

We belong to the universal church where we model our love after Jesus Christ who found no person undeserving of His love. Although we find it hard to pray for those we never see, those who are different, and those who believe differently; let us keep them in our hearts so that we may start to understand the mercy of God ourselves.

With love,

Matthew Wade

P.S. Tell me the 5th word of the second paragraph of my report and win a free 50/50 ticket for the January meeting.



**Epiphany of the Lord  
January 3**

**TGIF**  
Thank God I'm Free!

## Birthdays

Abe	Arredondo
Troy	Authement
Matthew	Baran
William	Boiko
Colton	Brugger
Noel	Candelaria
Walter	Choate
Stephen	Dillon
Curtis	Eckerman
Mario	Flores
James	Fortier
James	Gamblin
Andrew	Gorchs
Blake	Green
Gerardo	Guajardo
Robert	Hesselbrock
Robert	Hillard
Oliver	Johnson
Charles	Johnson
Robert	Mazurek
Leonard	Melcher
Larry	Odom
William	O'Grady
Paul	Palmer
Hector	Santiago
Jerry	Smith
William	Vaubel
Richard	Wempe
Todd	Zint

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

### 1% or 99%??

Some words of wisdom as we start the new year: Husbands seldom believe in life insurance; widows ALWAYS do.....

*Recently* we have heard a lot about the 1% versus the 99%. Which one are you? No I am not talking about the wealthy versus non-wealthy. I am talking about having enough life insurance versus not having enough life insurance.

Many times when I visit Brother Knights, I find that the only coverage they have is through their employer. While this is a very cost effective way of providing life insurance, it may need some fine tuning. Many employers limit the amount of coverage an employee can take out through the group plan. Most of the time, it is simply not enough coverage to adequately provide for your family. Also, at some point in time, when you leave voluntarily or involuntarily, the coverage will end.

So where does the 1% versus 99% come into play? That is about the ratio of people who have adequate coverage versus those who don't. I realize our budgets are stretched to the limits, but just imagine if one of the wage earners were to die prematurely. What would happen to the family then?

Over the last 24+ years that I have had the privilege of providing for my Brother Knights and their families, a lot of things have changed. When I first started, someone who purchased a \$1,000,000 policy was rare. Things were not as expensive, and most people weren't making as much money as they do now. Today a \$1,000,000 policy is the norm. I know that sounds odd, but if you do a quick evaluation of your situation, you probably will see that your current coverage doesn't cover all your needs. As an example, house prices are extremely high compared to 20 years ago, college education costs continue to escalate, price of food and utilities certainly haven't come down and on and on.

Now that maybe I have created a "problem" for you, let's look at a solution. One of the positive changes over the years is that term insurance has decreased in cost significantly. While term may not solve all of your financial worries, it can cover a lot of them at very little cost. We hear on the radio and TV all time that a "healthy 40 year old male can buy xxx amount of coverage for pennies a day". Let me assure you, your organization, the Knights of Columbus, can do the same thing! Our term rates have never been lower. We are selling lots of it and there is no higher rated life insurance company in North America.

Not a bad deal. At this time of the year, while we are making our resolutions, resolve to make sure that you in fact are one of the 1% - the 1% who have taken care of their family in the event of a premature death!

Have a blessed 2016.

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## Membership - Eddie Mazurek

### NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD KNIGHTS TO COME TO THE AID OF OUR COUNCIL

It is hard to believe that our fraternal year is winding down, but it certainly is doing that. We are now 1/2 way through our fraternal year and we have not done a great job recruiting good quality members into our council this year.

As of today, we have recruited 3 of the 24 new members we need to meet our membership quota from Supreme. This puts us at 12.5% of our quota. Great job to all who have recruited new members this year. We need to continue recruiting good Catholic gentlemen to join us. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, says we have a MORAL obligation to ask every good Catholic man to join us in our fight against the values we hold near and dear to us as Knights of Columbus members. Just think of what we could accomplish if we doubled our membership, both in the council and as an Order.

I believe each of us knows at least ONE good Catholic man who could make an impact on our council and the Knights of Columbus. Now is the time to ask him to join us. With our Grand Knight trying to “reunite and reignite” our council, it would be fantastic to make Star Council for him to show that we are in support of him and all that he has contributed to the Knights of Columbus and our council. Membership is one of the criteria that we need to meet to qualify as a Star Council.

Our next info meeting will be Sunday, January 17th at 7:00 PM in room 213. Please invite and bring someone to join us so that we can let him know how he can become better Catholic and father through his membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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## Knight and Family of the Month

### **Knight— John Langan**

John Langan brings so much help and joy in his selfless sacrifice to the knights and the church. He coordinates the special mass the knights have before every meeting, manages several of the mass volunteer schedules for weekend masses, functions as a church handyman when called upon, always helps put up Christmas lights at the church and Fr. Pat’s house each year, he trains Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Mass Coordinators, serves as the very same, and is always there to put in a helping hand for events when asked. This little blurb only scratches the surface of this Knight’s dedication and hardly says thank you enough. Blessings and love John, thank you for all that you do!

### **Families— O’Daniels**

The O’Daniels do so much for the Knights, the KOCA, and the church but they especially made themselves honorable this month with their dedication. John and Marilyn seemed to work nonstop this month in preparation for the holiday celebrations. They were instrumental in the success of both the KoC Christmas Party and the Christmas Faire in the Square. Marilyn’s creativity and organization shined as bright as the nativity star this month and we all owe her a huge thank you. John grumbled with all the work his wife gave him, but he always gave his all and completed the job right. Thank you both and your whole family for being an example of a strong and faithful family this Christmas season.

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## Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

### Barbecue Fund Raiser

The Chicon Pregnancy Resource Center was the recipient of our very successful November fund raiser. The Center offers numerous free services: pregnancy testing; ultrasounds; individual support; a baby boutique; adoption and medical referrals; prenatal, parenting and life skills.

Thanks to fellow Knights for their hard work!



Trustee and Past Grand Knight Jim Luhrman presented our donation to Debbie Weinheimer, director of [Chicon Pregnancy Resource Center](#).

### *National Prayer for Life*

Eternal Father, Source of Life, open our hearts to see and desire the beauty of your plan for life and love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our love will be generous and self-giving and we may be blessed with joy. Grant us great trust in your mercy. Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life and heal us from the effects of the culture of death. Instill in us and in all people a sense of the sacredness of every human life. Inspire our efforts to protect and care for the most vulnerable, especially women who are pregnant and their unborn children, the sick and the elderly. Strengthen us in the hope that with you nothing is impossible. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who by his Cross makes all the things new. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life, pray for us.

*National Prayer for Life Campaign*  
Sponsored by the Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus

**BROTHER KNIGHTS, WE ARE NEEDED! COME OUT TO HELP PROTECT INNOCENT LIFE!**



**Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day January 23**

[Click Here for Details](#)

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### Important Dates for the Month

January 1, 2016		Mary Mother of God - Holy Day
January 2, 2016	2:30pm	First Saturday Devotion
January 6, 2016	7:00pm	KOC - Mass
	7:30pm	KOC - Business Meeting
January 15, 2016		BBQ Prep
January 17, 2016	3:00am	BBQ
	6:00pm	Confirmation Meal
	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
January 20, 2016	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
January 23, 2016	7:00am	KOC - Prayer Vigil
	8:00am	Habitat for Humanity
	10:00am	KOC - Rosary for Life
	10:30am	KOC - Pro-Life Mass
	1:00pm	KOC - Free Throw
	1:00pm	KOC - Rally for Life
	3:30pm	KOC - Party for Life
January 24, 2016	7:30am	Corporate Communion
	6:00pm	KOC - Semi-annual Audit
January 28 2016	7:00pm	First Degree
January 30, 2016	8:00am	Habitat for Humanity



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