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**Next Business Meeting February 1, 2017
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's
Mass 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**

Grand Knight's Report

Kindness and Truth Shall Meet

We had a new President inaugurated today. Amid protests the peaceful transition of power happened once again. This was a time of celebration for some while others believe it to be a time of sorrow. Regardless of what anyone thinks or how anyone feels about it; the truth is we have a new President. After watching the inauguration and listening to President Trump's inauguration speech, I went to Noon Mass. The Trump inauguration had more prayers than any inauguration in history. The opening prayer was given by Timothy Cardinal Dolan. He read from the book of Wisdom the passage in which Solomon prays for wisdom to lead Israel according to God's will. This was followed by a reading of the Beatitudes. It was shortly after this that I left to attend Mass.

Perhaps it was because of the event I had just witnessed, but I thought the readings were apropos for the day. The first reading was from Hebrews and included the words, "I will put my laws in their minds and I will write them upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people." This was followed by a responsorial Psalm from Psalm 85. The response was "Kindness and Truth Shall Meet". It began with the words, "Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Now I realize that "Kindness" seems to have been in short supply in political discourse lately. Truth also seems to take a backdoor to rhetoric and hyperbole. I saw the prayers and readings at the inauguration as an endorsement of truth. It would be nice then, if we can see Kindness come to meet it in our political discourse. We can help make this happen through our own words and actions. Let us attempt to present truth and kindness in our own words and actions; and endeavor to respond with kindness to others. As an homage to truth and kindness, the first 10 men who text or e-mail our Grand Knight with the phrase, "Kindness and Truth Shall Meet", will receive a ticket to the February 50/50 drawing.

I suspect there is a separate article regarding this in this newsletter, but I would like to ask each of you to consider signing up for the next 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil. One hour a week, for six weeks is all that is asked. Join prayer warriors across the world in this powerful, peaceful, prayerful vigil in defense of the unborn and their mothers. Sign ups will be held at Masses for this Vigil. Please consider a simple act of prayerful presence. Abortion clinics report that the "no-show" rate when there are people praying outside is as much as 75%. Your presence can literally save a life.

We are still in need of a Family Director and a Membership Director for the remainder of this Fraternal Year. Please call our Grand Knight at (512) 963-4437 if you would like to find out more about these critical roles.

Vivat Jesu, Larry Odom



Presentation of the Lord
February 2



Birthdays

ADAM	ALVAREZ
ROBERT	BURNS Jr.
LENN	CATLEY
JEROME	CONWAY
CHRISTOPHER	CURRIER
DAVID	ESQUIVEL
ALLEN	FULKERSON
JASON	GRAY
KEVIN	JACKSON Jr.
LEE	JONES
DAVID	LARA
JOHN	MALONE
ANTHONY	MANTI
BRIAN	MELCHER
DAVID	MOULTON
RODNEY	NAGEL
JOHN	O'DANIEL
ALEX	ODOM
DANIEL	RUBIO
MICHAEL	SAMFORD
JOSEPH	WASIAK
HUBERT	WILBURN

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order’s product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there’s an added bonus.

It’s called “Provider Pathway,” a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven’t yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a “plan” — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you’re at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

Contact me today.

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Come join us on Saturday, February 25th from 3:00PM - 5:00PM

at Westgate Lanes for an afternoon of bowling with the entire family. Council 8156 will subsidize a portion of the cost of the games. Be on the lookout for the calendar invitation with full details. Contact Adam Alvarez with questions at adam.o.alvarez@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus will also be having a laser tag event in the upcoming months. Be sure to check your bulletin and calendar invites for updates.



Super Bowl Fundraiser — Briskets

Saturday, February 4th, we will be cooking briskets for our Super Bowl fundraiser. For those who have helped in the past, you know this takes a lot of manpower. For the newer members, here are details. First, it is a lot of fun. We start at 7:00 PM and put briskets on the two pits (around 100 or so). After pits are loaded, we will provide food and drinks for those who want to stick around for a while. We will fire up the big fryer and provide fried chicken, French fries, fried oysters etc. If you have something you want to fry, bring it with you. We will also have some libations for those who want to partake in that.... If you want to bring something to eat or drink, you are welcome to do so. So cooking briskets will go on throughout the night. If you would like to watch the pit for a couple of hours during the night, come on up and we will be there to give you a few instructions. At about 7:00 AM on Sunday, we will take briskets off the pit, wrap them in foil, and place in ice chests. We will start selling about 8:00 AM and will be there until we sell out.

Help is especially needed at the very beginning, 7:00 PM Saturday night and then again at 7:00 AM Sunday morning. No experience needed, we will train you for any task you want to do. Also, if you could help sell after the morning masses, that would be appreciated.

After pit is loaded, we could play dominoes, cards or just sit around and just visit with your Brother Knights. This has been one of our better turnouts for activities in the past few years, so hope you can make it. If you have any questions, let me know.

Thanks

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We are also planning a night of country dancing, so brush off those boots and get ready for what will be a great time. Date and time are still being confirmed so check your emails for updates.

We are continuing to plan other family events, if you have any suggestions please contact adam.o.alvarez@gmail.com



Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Spencer Allgood

Spencer Allgood joined our Council several years ago and has been contributing consistently ever since. His smiling face graces many of our events and most meetings. When it was time for someone to offer to chair the January Barbecue, there was silence in the meeting for a few moments before Spencer offered. Spencer's enthusiasm and joy are contagious. Spencer is always willing to serve where he can and he does it with an unflinching happy attitude. Thank You Spencer for serving and congratulations for being selected as Knight of the Month for December 2016.

Family— Del Rio Family

The Del Rio family are consistent supporters of St. Catherine's Parish and usually the 11:30 Mass. Gem is a Eucharistic Minister and Joseph is a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Eucharistic Captain, He has also served as an Usher on occasion. If Joseph sees a need for someone to step in and serve; he selflessly does so. Matt Del Rio is currently a Seminarian for the Diocese of Austin. This is a wonderful family who work quietly in the background serving St. Catherine's and their community. We are pleased that Joseph has joined the Knights of Columbus and honored to recognize Joseph and his family as Knights of Columbus Family of the Month.

Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

"I want to ask a favor. I want to ask you to walk together, and take care of one another."

—Pope Francis

40 Days for Life, Spring 2017 Campaign

March 1, Ash Wednesday – April 9, Palm Sunday

Volunteers are needed to commit to pray for one or more hours each week during the 40-day vigil in front of one of the abortion facilities in south Austin.

Sign up will be held February 11 and 12 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. Information and sign up are available on the [Central Texas Coalition for Life](#) website. Thank you!



A Prayer for Life for Pro-Life Volunteers

*Loving God, Creator of all, we recognize
that life is a gift from you.*

*Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit and renew in us
a deep respect for all persons:*

*the family, the unborn, the young, the adult,
the sick, the disabled, the abused, the imprisoned,
the aged, the dying, the homeless, the unemployed,
and the oppressed in any way.*

*Bless all of us in our diocese and instill in us
a deep love for your gift of life.*

*Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mother and Patroness of the Unborn,
may all our words and actions foster
reverence for human life.*

*May we be true witnesses to the truth
that all life is precious and has sublime dignity.*

*Lead our nation and our world to this understanding
so that we may be a people dedicated
to the protection of all your sons and daughters.*

*We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ,
the Word who became flesh and lived among us.*

Amen.

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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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From the Editor

**Submit Articles for the March Newsletter
by February 17, 2017**

Important Dates for the Month

Please use the new Group Space Calendar

[Click for the Council Calendar of Events](#)



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