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**Our Lady of the  
Rosary  
October 7**

# Knightly News

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**Next Business Meeting  
October 7, 2020  
Virtual Meeting 7:00pm  
Via the Internet**

## **Grand Knight's Report — Bill Roberts**

We had a good showing for the Community event at Live Oak Cemetery on September 12. This is one of the few events that we have been able to do given all of Pandemic restrictions. Thanks to Bob Stuifbergen for taking the suggestion and finding the locations that were in need of our help and then working with Jim Luhrman to coordinate the event. We had around twenty Knights and Ladies participate in mowing, edging, trimming around headstones and gathering debris for disposal. Thanks to all involved.

### **New Mass Schedule**

Sunday, October 4, begins the new schedule for Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Actually, not a new schedule just a return to the schedule that we followed before last March, the only difference being the 7 PM Saturday Mass is dropped. So, pay attention to the schedule for the Liturgical Ministries volunteers and sign up for your Mass preferences.

The Pandemic dispensation to not attend Mass for certain vulnerable groups remains in effect so the 5:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM, 1:15 PM and 5:00 PM Masses will still be livestreamed.

For all of the details on restrictions and requirements, see the Sunday, September 20 Bulletin.

The new Mass schedule is not an indication that we are returning to all of the activities that we attended prior to the Pandemic. There are no plans to return to meetings and gatherings in the Parish Center at this time. There are still efforts to limit or restrict gatherings on the church campus.

By the time you read this the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Jeans and Boots Gala will be in the past. We don't have the results but I can say that the Gala Committee did a wonderful job of pivoting from an in-person event to a virtual event. I'm sure that we will see some results from the Committee Chairman, Eddie Mazurek soon.

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## Birthdays

Michael	Blalock
Hugh	Bryars
Richard	Carbin
Alberto	Chiquillo
Pat	Coakley
Gerald	Desmarais
Herm	Hebert
John	Henry
Karl	Heubaum
Ryan	Kercher
Chad	Larson
Oscar	Martinez
George	Mc Gowan
Gerald	Mendoza
James	Mirabal
Kelby	Moore
Kevin	Morgan
Cruz	Munoz
Allan	Noonan
Hjalmar	Perez
Daniel	Poirier
David	Ramos
Kenneth	Rodriguez
Randal	Schreiber
Karl	Thomason
Matthew	Wade
Jason	Wagner
Martin	Walsh
Jacob	Wempe
Justin	Wittsche

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

### SURVEYS FROM SUPREME

Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

Eddie Mazurek  
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## Grand Knight's Report — Continued from Page 1

### BBQ

There are discussions with Admin about restarting the monthly BBQ soon. We will have to change our process to limit Parishioners from gathering in groups such as the lines at the table after Mass in the Courtyard. Initially, we will probably require advance or pre orders only and use a distribution system similar to the brisket sales that we did in August. Volumes will probably be significantly lower due to fewer attending Mass and difficulties in getting the word to potential customers.

### Upcoming Events

The Annual Golf Tournament is on for November 7<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend, play golf or help the golf committee make the event a success.

### Charity Pins and Football Fever Cards

If you would like to have either or both, send me an email; I have lots of cards and a few pins; the pins are \$20 and the cards are \$10.

I will deliver them to you at the Friday, Noon Mass, which I regularly attend.

### Remember:

Call Paul Root at 512.963.9431 or email [root\\_paul@att.net](mailto:root_paul@att.net) if someone who experiencing a serious health problem to set up a call or visit schedule.

Also, contact our Worthy Chancellor, Paul Root, if you or your loved ones are in need of our supporting prayers.

Stay in touch with your Brothers, your families and your neighbors.

Above all else, please keep yourself and your loved ones safe and pray for the victims of the Wuhan Virus.

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## Knight & Family of the Month

### Knight: Bob Stuifbergen

Bob Stuifbergen is one of the most active members of the Council: he currently serves as Worthy Lecturer and is sought out each year to continue in the position. The reason is his ability to entertain and at the same time cause us to reflect on our roles as Knights and as Catholics. His topical lectures are interesting, thought-provoking subjects that plant an idea or leaves us with something to think about. He has been the degree team Captain for years, volunteers to prepare meals for the Business Meetings, keeps the Memorial Stone up to date, he ushers at Mass. As our Publicist, he submits photos and articles for publication to local news outlets and to State and Supreme Knights of Columbus publications. He is quick to follow up on ideas such as the recent suggestion to clean up cemeteries in need of care. Because he took the time to get it started, Knights and Ladies from the Council were given a project to accomplish at a time when most activities were restricted. Bob is a devoted Catholic and freely contributes his time to our Council and Parish Communities.

### Family: Julio & Mary Moreno

This month's family of the month is no stranger to long time council members or to new council members. They are charter members of the parish and have been actively involved with parish life throughout its history.

Please join with us as we congratulate Julio and Mary Moreno as our family of the month. Julio was butcher for 40 years before retiring a number of years ago. Mary was the church secretary for 16 years.

They helped form the Amigos Club at St. Catherine's and have been involved with St. Vincent de Paul since 2006.

Most recently, and every year since we started having our gala, they have been the top seller of tickets to the gala. This year is no different. I believe they have sold over 20 tickets to this year's event.

They are always on the move and constantly either helping or attending our council events. If you see Julio and or Mary, please be sure to congratulate them on being voted Family of the Month.

## Volunteer Needed — Greg Nelson

I have been publishing the Newsletter for many years.

It is time to pass the torch so we are looking for a volunteer to take over these services to the council.

Officers and Directors write the articles, the job is to place the articles in a template, convert it to pdf and email it to the group and send a copy to the webmaster to put in the newsletter archive. We still print and mail three copies each month, the council pays for the postage.

I use MS Publisher but you can use any tool that works for you.

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## Faithful Citizenship Presentation October 6

Fr. Lou will present the Bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, A Call to Political Responsibility." This presentation will be held on **Tue., Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. via Zoom**. To receive the meeting link, contact Jennifer at [jennifer.gamblin@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:jennifer.gamblin@stcatherine-austin.org). Participation is limited to 75 attendees.

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## 2020 Gala a “Virtual” Success!— Eddie Mazurek

Just a quick word about this year's Blue Jeans and Boots Gala. We, the committee want to thank all who helped make this year's gala a success. While success is not always measured in money, I believe we hit the goal we were trying to reach. More on that at business meeting. We did however reach our goal of not only having a gala this year, but to also have a good time and involve a of our council, their wives, and friends.

We were a little concerned about participation from our council this year due to the Covid, but once again, when we asked you came through. Whether it was buying on Visa raffle ticket, making donation of any kind, purchasing items at silent auction, or just watching gala from your home, we feel it like we hit the goal that we wanted to.

Again, thank you for putting up with all the emails, the sometimes hassles you may have gone through, or just participating in any way for our, I hope, ONLY virtual gala we will have for this.

Mark your calendars now for Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 when we anticipate being back in person for our annual Blue Jeans and Boots gala.

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## Culture of Life— Criston Klotz

“America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts — a child — as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience.

St. Teresa of Calcutta in a 1994 letter to the US Supreme Court

### INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU AS CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN IN FORMING YOUR CONSCIENCES BEFORE VOTING

A Comparison of the Republican and Democratic Platforms A non-partisan guide on issues of concern to the electorate Quotes taken from platforms in effect 2020-2024		
Republican Platform	Key Issue	Democratic Platform
“The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can ‘be deprived of life, liberty or property deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that ‘all’ are ‘endowed by their Creator’ with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.” (p. 13)	Human Life	“Democrats believe every woman should be able to access... abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women’s reproductive health and rights, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment and protecting and codifying the right to reproductive freedom.” (p. 42)
“we oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or the fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare [and they did].” (P. 13)	Planned Parenthood	“We will repeal Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood.” (p. 32)
“We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life [and they are continuing to appoint federal judges who respect family values and life].” (p. 13)	Judges	“We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who look like America...and will respect and enforce foundational principles, including...Roe v. Wade (p. 32)
“We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private and parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits.” (p. 34)	Education/School choice	“Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public school system.” (p. 67)
“We renew our call for replacing ‘family planning’ programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior.” (P. 34)	Sex Education	We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care, medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education, and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family.” (p. 23)
“The integrity of our country’s foreign assistance program has been compromised by the ...[Obama] Administration’s attempt to impose foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups – the sector with the best track record in promoting development – because they will not conform to that agenda. We pledge to reverse this course [and they did]....” (p.52)	Foreign Assistance	“We will support the repeal of the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) and measures like the Helms Amendment, which limit safe access to abortion. We will also restore and expand American contributions to the United Nations Population Fund.” (PP. 82-83)

This flier and the full texts of the party platforms may be found at [www.VotingInfo.net](http://www.VotingInfo.net)

This guide has been legally approved for distribution by Churches and 501(c)3 organizations. Legal letter and online version at VotingInfo.net. The Republican Party reaffirmed their 2016 platform without change. Produced by Priests for Life. More election resources as ProLifeVote.com

### Excerpts of interview, 09/10/2020, by Arroyo (EWTN) of CDL. Gerhard Müller, Vatican's former doctrinal head.

“Therefore, life is the basis. All the other values have no basis [and] no reality — social justice and equality for everybody — if you deny the life of the people,” Müller emphasized.

“Judging a person, only God can do. But we don’t judge persons. We do judge about some attitudes and the thinking, and if you are Catholic you can only be pro-life, for life,” Müller told Arroyo.

“To be Catholic — to be a Christian — is believing in God, the creator of everybody. You cannot say ‘I am Catholic, I’m a Christian, I believe in God but I accepted the legislation which includes the possible killing of people in the mother’s womb and outside the mother’s womb.’ That is absolutely clear.”

<http://www.pagadiodiocese.org/2020/09/15/vaticans-former-doctrine-head-cardinal-gerhard-muller-vote-for-good-protestant-over-bad-catholic/>

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## **Important Dates**

**Check the Calendar Link Below as schedules are subject to frequent change at this time**

**Visit Our Online Calendar for the Latest Updates**

<http://kofc8156.org/Calendar.html>

## **Community Activity—Bob Stuifbergen**

On Saturday, September 12th, the Knights of Columbus from St. Catherine of Siena parish in Austin , worked as a clean up activity for our Community Activities. We met at the Live Oak Cemetery in Manchaca to provide necessary mowing, edging around the memorial stones, and cleaning up trash from the cemetery area. The 18 Knights and Ladies present collected over 20 bags of trash along with a large pile of tree limbs. The beautiful day provided us with an opportunity to social distance while being able to leave no neighbor behind. Here some Knights in Action.



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