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The Transfiguration  
of the Lord  
August 6

**Next Business Meeting**  
**August 7, 2019**  
**Mass at 6:30pm — Meeting 7:00pm**  
**Meet in the New PAC Rooms 212-213**

## Grand Knight's Report

### Grand Knight

Thanks to all of you who made July BBQ successful. There were adequate volunteers throughout the whole process, from the fun part that starts so early it seems like the midwatch in a cemetery, through the sales in the clear, bright sunshine, to the dreary "...cleanup, pickup, put away..." to finish the day. Thanks to all who showed up and pitched in throughout the day, especially the seven Knights who took care of the cleanup.

Still on BBQ, we started an improved method of accepting credit cards for sales and donations. PGK Glenn Jordan did the homework on using Square™ to replace the older technology that served us well but had limitations like higher cost, lack of instant confirmation, ease of use, that the newer technology provides. Glenn got us trained and ready for its first use at the BBQ - thanks Glenn, for bringing us along. The other fundraising events will benefit from our experience this past Sunday.

Brothers! We are set for an exceptionally busy August. Here's the lineup:

4 August – Third Degree at St. Anthony Marie de Claret, 801N Burleson St., Kyle

7 August – Business Meeting

18 August – This is Donut Sunday (NOT our turn to host).

BBQ & Ministry Fair

21 August – Planning Meeting

26 August – Chapter Meeting Hosted by Council 8156

And, of course, there are the other committee meetings interspersed with these events.

Please work these events into your calendars. This will require more participation than the usual couple of events each month. Remember that one of the obligations of membership is to show up for Council events.

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## Birthdays

Spencer	Allgood
Donald	Archer
Ryan	Bell
Stephen	Boiko
Ruben	Calvino
Juan	Cano
Robert	Castillo
Tad	Druart
Derek	Edward
Jesus	Gonzales
Kyle	Hemmi
Kevin	Jackson
Jason	Jaynes
Glenn	Jorden
Edward	Ledesma
Christopher	Lewis
Mario	Martinez
Michael	Mauel
Robert	Moreno
Samuel	Murff
Gregory	Nelson
Rayapureddy	Pothireddy
John	Reinhart
Stephen	Roberts
Paul	Root
Cody	Ross
Christopher	Schroeder
Eric	Valdez

## 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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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## Membership

Twenty two..... Our membership goal this fraternal year. Can we meet or exceed it? St. Catherine's has about 3500 families. Council has about 350 members. A lot of our Catholic men have not been asked to join the Knights. Why they should be asked:

1. SK Carl Anderson has said: we have a MORAL obligation to ask every good Catholic man to join the Knights.
2. Some of us are getting old. We need younger men to take our place to carry out the mission of Fr. McGivney.
3. The Knights are a great organization! Everyone of you joined for a reason.
4. We, as Catholic men, have been asked by our church to right the wrong that is going on in the nation and world.
5. Where else can you go to a dinner or social activity and know for a fact that the person next to you has the SAME values and ethics you have?

We don't need just any 22 men. We need GOOD Catholic men to join us so we can continue our legacy as the best council in Austin and central Texas.

Surely we all know one good Catholic gentleman who is not a member of our great organization. Don't worry if you don't know everything about the Knights, none of us do, just get him to go to [Knights.net](http://Knights.net) and sign up, we will take it from there. Share with him why YOU are a member and what YOU get out of being a Knight.

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## Knight & Family of the Month

### **Knight: Chad Larson**

Our KOM for Council 8156 is Chad Larson. One of the many brother Knights that work behind the scene. Working the BBQ cooking team, moving the play ground equipment, playing in golf tournament, car show committee member are just examples of the kind of work he does for the Council. He has responded to others call for help without any questions. Chad is very active in the ACTS ministry of St. Catherine of Serena community.

### **Family: Randy & Cathy Schreiber**

This month we are proud to announce that the Schreiber family has been selected as or family of the month. Randy and Cathy have been long time parishioners of St. Catherine's and have raised their children here as well. Although a couple of the children have grown up and moved away, you can catch the entire family attending mass throughout the year. Their oldest son, Matthew, joined our council last year and their youngest son, Mark, is anxiously awaiting his 18th birthday to join.

Their daughters, Rebecca, Rachel, and Regina have also grown up with the Knights of Columbus and still attend functions as time allows.

Randy is an usher and a past Financial Secretary of our council and Cathy has served as an Eucharistic minister over the years.

Most recently, Randy and Cathy helped tremendously organizing our annual awards banquet. They did all the tedious jobs that ensured the night went well and that the attendees had a good time.

If you see Randy, Cathy or any of their children, please be sure to congratulate them on being named Family of the Month.

## GK Report Continued

### Ministry Fair

The Council will have a table along with the dozens of Ministries at St Catherine. We will use this as a quest for new members. Our focus will be on men that we think will make active, participating Knights. Volunteers will be needed after each Mass to be available for those interested in our organization. We will especially focus on younger men in the parish in response to the overall push throughout the Knights of Columbus to appeal to young men and families. Additionally, we will be putting out a special invitation to selected Knights to participate in this event.

I spoke briefly with Father Pat and later, Sue, about the coming year and I expect that we will have a very good relationship with Admin this year.

Bill Roberts, Grand Knight

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## New Member

We held a first degree ceremony on July 24<sup>th</sup> and brought in our first new member of the 2019-20 fraternal year. Congratulations and welcome to Andrew Druart for joining us.

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## Blue Jeans and Boots Gala - October 4, 2019

### BLUE JEANS AND BOOTS GALA

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Jeans and Boots gala will be held on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be returning to Creekside Pavilion again this year. 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 \$1000, \$500, and \$250. There will be many other door prizes throughout the evening.

We will also have a silent auction. We are starting to get some good items in but we need more. . I am looking for a stay at a lakehouse or beach, sports tickets, hotel room, etc. The silent auction is a crucial part of our earnings and we need to have items to offer. We are not too picky. If you have something you would like to donate, please let me know and I will make arrangements to get it from you.

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. Be creative, oil changes, cleaners, gift cards or certificates from restaurants are great. Pretty much any gift card, \$20 value or higher, can be used.

We also need donations of liquor, wine and beer. Please consider donating a bottle or two to help us raise money for all the great charities that the council supports.

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.

This year, we are raffling off two Visa gift cards in the amount of \$500 and \$250. We have reduced the price on the raffle tickets to \$10 each or 3 for \$25. We will only sell a total of 300 tickets for these gift cards.

If you need gala tickets or raffle tickets, please let me know and I will get them to you.

Thanks!

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## Culture of Life— Criston Klotz

“America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance - it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded.” Quote from Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

### WORLD NEWS

The miracle that led to Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s beatification:

“James Fulton Engstrom was cured through Venerable Fulton Sheen’s intercession in a miracle that has been approved by the Vatican and is leading to his upcoming beatification. Bonnie Engstrom, mother of James, joined Morning Air® on Relevant Radio® to tell the [unbelievable story](#) of her stillborn son’s restoration to perfect health.

“This was almost nine years ago now, but we had a planned home birth. Everything was going well – I was healthy, the baby was healthy - it was my third planned home birth and we just felt such peace. It was going to be beautiful, right?” said Engstrom. Quickly, things changed. “We didn’t know there was a knot in our son’s umbilical cord so that as I was delivering him, that knot tightened. And it tightened so tightly that he was a stillborn. And then everything changed; what was supposed to be this beautiful moment just shifted. My midwife and her assistant immediately started CPR, I just started shutting down and going into a state of shock, but my husband, thankfully, had the wherewithal to grab some water and do an emergency baptism on our son. ... He didn’t have a pulse, he was completely lifeless so we just waited for the paramedics to come. I have this memory of while we were waiting for the paramedics of me sitting and looking at my son and repeating Fulton Sheen’s name over and over again in my head. *Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen, Fulton Sheen*. And I really think that was - didn’t have the ability to really pray anything. I was exhausted, I didn’t know what was happening and so I kind of just relied on Fulton Sheen to pray for us. James was taken in an ambulance to the hospital and in the ambulance and in the emergency room he continued to not have a pulse and they were working on him, working on him, and nothing was happening - he was not responding to any of the medications or anything like that,” explained Engstrom. “So finally the doctor said, okay hands off, it’s time to call time of death. And as soon as they did that, **his heart started to beat**; it just shot right up to a healthy heart rate and it never stopped again. Even though he had been without a pulse for 61 minutes.... The doctors expected massive organ failure, they expected James to die ... but he started breathing above the machine, he started looking at us with his eyes and so we knew, okay he’s not blind. Just over and over again something would happen and he would hit a milestone and he was just acting like a normal baby,” said Engstrom. “It was amazing to see how God was showing us how great he is.” <https://relevantradio.com/2019/07/the-unbelievable-miracle-leading-to-fulton-sheens-beatification/>

Order the book: <https://www.osvatholicbookstore.com/product/61-minutes-to-a-miracle-the-true-story-of-a-family-s-devotion>

WATCH: Venerable Fulton Sheen on Abortion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDewCi4oRYg> (contains a few graphic images of aborted babies and emaciated dead Jews) **and** Birth Control: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEqw6X1kiLc>

### NATIONAL NEWS

[Becerra v. HHS – Order Granting Stay of Title X Injunction – Ninth Circuit – 6-20-19](#) upholds President Trump’s HHS rescission of the Obama administration’s illegal regulations, replacing them with regulations authorized by and complying with the law passed by the U.S. Congress known as “Title X”. According to the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), “Pursuant to Congressional mandate, family participation is to be encouraged, particularly in services involving adolescents. And, from the start, Congress was clear that Title X funds cannot be used to support abortion.” The three West Coast states and abortion providers filed lawsuits to stop the enforcement of the regulations. Federal judges in all three states ordered injunctions prohibiting HHS from enforcing the regulations. HHS appealed to the Ninth Circuit, which consolidated and reversed all three lower court decisions. Excerpts from <https://www.thomasmoresociety.org/thomas-more-society-and-susan-b-anthony-list-help-win-title-x-lawsuit/>Last week Planned Parenthood of America in a secret meeting, called without the knowledge of their President, Dr. Leana Wen, voted to fire Wen. She served only eight months. Dr. Wen in discussing her firing told the New York Times, “[T]here was immediate criticism that I did not prioritize abortion enough....Another area of contention was my attempt to depoliticize Planned Parenthood.... There was even more criticism as we worked to change the perception that Planned Parenthood was just a progressive political entity...” *Quoted comments of Dr. Wen provided by Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life*

**STATE AND LOCAL NEWS** Excerpts from <https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/the-86th-texas-legislature-completes-a-successful-session/>  
**SB 22**, by **Sen. Campbell** (R-New Braunfels) and **Rep. Noble** (R-Lucas), [**passed**], bans contracts between a governmental entity and abortion providers/affiliates. In anticipation of passage, the City of Austin renewed a Planned Parenthood contract to rent a city-owned building for \$1/yr., for 20 years, with an option for an additional 20 years. The FMV of the lease is \$100,000/yr.

**HB 16** by **Rep. Leach** (R-Plano) and **Sen. Kolkhorst** (R-Brenham), [**passed**], requires appropriate medical treatment for infants born alive after an abortion by establishing civil and criminal penalties if an abortion doctor fails to attempt to save the life of a baby born alive.

**HB 902**, by **Rep. Landgraf** (R-Odessa) and **Sen. Huffman** (R-Houston) (**passed unanimously**) in both Texas chambers, protects pregnant women from assault, by increasing the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a third-degree felony.

**HB 1**, by **Sen. Nelson** (R-Flower Mound) and **Rep. Zerwas** (R-Richmond) [**passed**], doubled funding to \$80 million for the highly successful Alternatives to Abortion program. **Rep. Krause** (R-Fort Worth) authored the amendment in the House. The program is expected to serve more than 100,000 clients per year at more than 130 pregnancy resource centers.

**SB 2160** by **Sen. Paxton** (R-McKinney) and **HB 2350** by **Rep. Giovanni Capriglione** (R-Southlake), trigger ban on abortions, [**did not pass**]. The House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee considered it, but it was not voted out.

**HB 4199** by **Rep. Flynn** (R-Van), a bill to ban wrongful birth lawsuits, [**did not pass**]. It was voted favorably from the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee. However, it was not set on the House calendar for consideration.

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## Important Dates for the Month

Please use the new Group Space Calendar

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July 27, 2019**

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