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**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 19**

**Next Business Meeting  
June 3 2020  
Virtual Meeting 7:00pm  
Via the Internet**

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

During this past month:

So far, we've survived the stay-at-home requirement, we've dealt with the tentative reopening, now we will venture out for the second phase being implemented across the state on Friday, May 23. The Diocese is also allowing a higher level of attendance at Masses. St. Catherine expects to continue with the three Masses currently being conducted at 5:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM and 1:15 PM Sunday and will just about double the allowed attendance. The actual attendance seems to have been light, with no need to open the Parish Center for overflow.

The Parish Center is still not open for meetings, so we will continue conduct our meetings using Webex. Our attendance has been good, although it is lower than our in-person meetings have been before the Parish Center was closed. If you are having trouble logging in to the meetings you can contact me or you can contact Glenn Jorden for correct answers.

In response to Supreme's No Neighbor Left Behind initiative, Paul Root started a Brothers Helping Brothers program to identify and provide assistance to any members experiencing difficulties. The continuation of scheduled blood donations managed by PGK Glenn Jorden also responds to the call. Last week we started a special effort to encourage donations for the Abiding Love Food Pantry to answer increased demand. Many of you who are in the various ministries have responded to the call for volunteers to support the recently reinstated Masses. All of these things prove that we can still support our Knights of Columbus family, our Parish community and the community at large. You may not be doing all of the good things that you normally do but you aren't prevented from doing at least some of them.

So, Thanks to all of you who are participating in the activities. Glenn said that all of the appointments were completely filled ahead of time (no walk-ins) for the blood drive. As of this writing, you have donated \$1,275 to Abiding Love Food pantry.

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## Birthdays

Raymond	Arriaga
Douglas	Beckett
Robert	Campos
Eric	Contreras
Kevin	Hernandez
Steve	Darilek
Edward	Empero
Joseph	Hotz
Gregory	Kaskie
Ira	Moore
Richard	Munoz
Matthew	Muras
James	O'Brien
Darrel	Richards
Bogner	Stubbs
Gilbert	Tello
Jeremy	Tome

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

### The Knights of Columbus Guarantees Eight guarantees when you do business with the Knights

These days, in the midst of a volatile market and an unsettled economy, there's much left to chance. Nothing seems to come with clear-cut guarantees. Life is full of surprises. Guarantees are, quite simply, hard to come by. But not for the Knights of Columbus. Here are eight guarantees from the Knights of Columbus that you and your family can count on.



**1. We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance.**

The beauty of whole life — or permanent — insurance is that it is truly permanent. It's a way to insure your life for life. That's true not only of the death benefit but also of the cash value, which is guaranteed, provided that you continue to pay premiums according to the contract.

**2. We guarantee the rates on your level term insurance.**

Our level term policies are predictable. Your rates as laid out in your contract will not change. No surprises — just reliable, affordable coverage.

**3. We guarantee a minimum interest rate on your retirement annuity.**

Your retirement is not something worth leaving up to chance. And a Knights of Columbus annuity can help remove some of the uncertainty. Your contract includes a guaranteed interest rate that you will continue to earn for the life of the contract. Based on the interest rate environment, and, if approved by the Board of Directors, your annuity may pay more than the minimum.

**4. We guarantee the principal on your retirement annuity.**

Not only will the rate on your Knights of Columbus retirement annuity never fall below your guaranteed minimum, the principal in your Knights of Columbus annuity will never decrease, guaranteed. If you put \$10,000 into your annuity, the value in your account — before you begin to withdraw funds — will never drop below \$10,000. If you put \$20,000 in, it will never drop below \$20,000. Quite simply, unless you execute an early surrender or withdrawal, you will never lose money on a Knights of Columbus annuity.

**5. We guarantee an income stream for life.**

With a properly structured Knights of Columbus annuity, you can be assured of a guaranteed income stream for as long as you live. Whether you live five years, 15 years or 25 years into retirement, by working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you can be assured that you will have guaranteed income during each of those years.

**6. We guarantee high-quality, professional services.**

We're not just an insurance company — we're an insurance company for brother Knights, run by brother Knights. We pride ourselves on the quality of service that we provide to members and their families. Our dedicated, full-time professional agents will be there for you and your family whenever you call on them.

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## Insurance Agent Report - Continued

### 7. We guarantee not to purchase “junk” bonds or derivatives.

We do not take our brother Knights’ financial futures lightly. We invest carefully and make business decisions motivated not by profit or greed, but by service and commitment. Our safety, security and fiscal responsibility have helped us earn recognition for our unmatched financial strength among fellow life insurers. According to S&P Global Ratings, the Knights of Columbus is tied for first for financial strength among all rated life insurers in North America.

### 8. We guarantee not to invest in companies that directly deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

The Knights of Columbus is Catholic both professionally and fraternally. Our faith informs our work at every level, including the evaluation of each investment we make. Our founder, Father Michael McGivney, wouldn’t have wanted it any other way. The Knights of Columbus should be different than all other insurance companies — and we are. We are looking out for you in a way that no other company can because we’re your brothers.

So join the hundreds of thousands of brother Knights who have chosen to help protect their future with the Knights of Columbus. Talk to your agent and see what options are available to you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Knight & Family of the Month

### Knight: Father Lou

Having joined the Knights of Columbus and our council only about 2 years ago, this month’s Knight of the month is no stranger to any of us. Seems as if he is always around and we see him weekly, well at least until the virus hit us. Please help me congratulate Fr. Lou Brusatti as our Knight of the Month.

Although he spent most of his priesthood teaching at St. Edward University, we have been blessed to have him saying weekend and week day masses for a few years now. I think we all enjoy his sense of humor at the end of mass.

Fr. Lou has been a big supporter of our golf tournament and gala even before joining the Knights. He has donated many meals for these events to help us raise money to support our many charitable works. Several times he has offered two meals for these events so that could raise more money. In talking with the various winners of these dinners, all have been extremely happy spending one on one time with him and getting to know him.

Fr. Lou has shown up at many of our activities and we are always excited to have him there. He has hosted a variety of presentations for St. Catherine’s now that the new hall opened. (well at least up until the virus hit us...)

Next time you see Fr. Lou, please be sure to congratulate him on being selected as our Knight of the month.

### Family: Jim & Jennifer Gamblin

Please congratulate Jim and Jennifer Gamblin, our Family of the Month for June. Jim and Jennifer are involved in many activities in the Parish and can be seen at most of the activities and events even when they are not part of the supporting crew. When it was time to start up Masses again, Jim and Jennifer were two of the first to volunteer.

Jennifer is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Jim is an Usher. The initial schedule is one month long. Jim and Jennifer are scheduled to serve every Saturday of that schedule. Before the stay home order,

Jim was leading the Lenten Meals, and as the Church Director, he keeping us informed of the activities that are of interest to the Council; he helps us coordinate our activities with the Church. As a member of the Administrative Staff for the Church, Jennifer assists with Liturgy, Education programs and performs many other tasks supporting the admin staff.

Jim and Jennifer are involved Catholics and are a great asset to St. Catherine Parish and Knights of Columbus Family. Thank you both for serving the people of St. Catherine of Siena.

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

I failed to set an end date for donations in the announcement asking for donations to the Food Pantry – please send your checks to arrive by Friday, May 29.

Remember:

Continue to contact our Worthy Chancellor, Greg, if you or your loved ones are in need of our supporting prayers.

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.

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.

I pray (again) that we will soon be back doing all of the good things that you do.

Bill Roberts

Grand Knight

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## Membership—Eddie Mazurek

Just a quick word about membership growth. This year has not been our most successful year recruiting new members into our council. I believe there are many reasons, but when the virus hit us and shut everything down, that was the nail in the coffin for this year.

So here is what I am asking of you. Our new fraternal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. I am hoping and praying that by that time, we will be able to resume our monthly meetings and activities. Now that we are now allowed to attend mass in person, please start asking those 6' away to join the Knights. They can still join by using the [Knights.net](http://Knights.net) website and thus be able to attend our meetings etc. While we were not able to hold our degree ceremony in May, my hope is that we will be able to hold a degree ceremony in July. Only time will tell, but please recruit other Catholic men into the Knights via the web. We will then get them in our council at a future degree ceremony.

If you have any questions or know someone who might want to join, please let me know if you want me to help you recruit them.

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## 2020 Blue Jean and Boots Gala —Eddie Mazurek

Many of you have asked if we intend to have our Blue Jeans and Boots Gala this year in light of the virus being around. As of now, YES, we plan on having the gala on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Creekside Pavilion. The reason we would not have it would be if the venue does not allow any events. I have not heard from them about our September event.

We will proceed as if we will be able to hold the gala. It could be a different feel to it as we don't know what the rules may be, but I will keep you posted. Please reserve the date, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## Culture of Life— Criston Klotz

Abortion is the ending of a pregnancy by removal or expulsion of an embryo or fetus before it can survive outside the uterus. Wikipedia Definition

As a Knight, Father, husband, man and a Catholic where do you stand? Is a child less than a child because he or she lives inside a placenta? Have you bought into or ignored the lie that abortion is a woman's right so often espoused by our media and many public figures in our society?

The information below was taken from the [centraltexascoalition.com](http://centraltexascoalition.com) website where it was providing advice to Pastors about how to preach and talk about abortion to their parishioners. I edited the information for you and me.

### Tips for ~~preaching~~ talking about abortion

There is a lot of pain in our midst...pain regarding the tragedy of abortion. We as ~~pastors~~ Knights, Fathers, Husbands, men, and Catholics share in that pain. We are also called to address it. Dealing with it is an essential aspect of our call to serve the needs of ~~our people~~ others.

Some of the pain of abortion comes from having been involved in one.

Some of the pain, on the other hand, comes from simply knowing it happens. Most people understand abortion is wrong. But because they know that doing something to stop it will involve sacrifices they would rather not make, they don't really make an effort to learn more about it. Facing abortion directly, after all, will make them feel worse about not doing something about it.

In the midst of this dilemma, we are called ~~and sent as pastors~~ We are called to bring hope, reconciliation, and healing to those who have procured or cooperated in abortions. We are also called to encourage and equip ~~our people~~ others to make positive changes in society, so that respect and protection for the lives of our unborn brothers and sisters will flourish.

As a Knight, Father, husband, man and a Catholic you serve as ~~A pastor~~ is a minister of truth and compassion, two realities which, far from being contrary to each other, are essential aspects of each other.

God, after all, is both Truth and Compassion itself, and He is One.

### From a former Planned Parenthood Director...

Abby Johnson – author of the best-selling book [unPlanned](#), public speaker, and former Planned Parenthood Director, has this to say:

**Abby:** I grew up in a pro-life Christian home, but I never once heard my preacher talk about abortion.

**Pastor Us:** I ~~preach about~~ think about abortion every year during the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

**Abby:** It's not enough. [About 55% of women who have abortions claim to be Christian.](#)

**Pastor Us:** Abby, how often do you think I should be ~~preaching~~ talking about abortion [to my family, friends and other people I meet]?

**Abby:** I don't know, but I will say that when I worked at Planned Parenthood, it was not uncommon for a woman to be holding a rosary or Bible in her hands while she laid on the abortion table. *So you tell me, how often should you ~~preach about~~ discuss abortion?*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law" (No. 2271).

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## Important Dates

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

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