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## Next Business Meeting

**October 6, 2021**

**In person Meeting 7:00pm**

**At 3300 Doe Run Shady Hollow Neighborhood**

## Grand Knight's Report — Darrel Vinklarek

I first want to thank all the Brother Knights that were at our numerous events this past month. The first in person business meeting was really special after doing virtual meetings for the past 18 months or so. We were able to cover a large number of issues. Father Ray gave us an update and general overview of his missions. Please go to the council website to look at all the worthy charities that you are able to donate to. Please strongly consider choosing one or more and begin the donation process. We followed up the meeting with a meal and conversation.

Thanks to all the members who were there to help move and assemble the tables for the church donut social. It does give the church a welcoming appearance when you walk up. Brother Knight Rick Wempe chaired the monthly barbeque for the special Olympics. We had numerous knights there to cook and distribute the orders and clean up.

Worthy Trustee Glenn Jorden was very busy this past month chairing the Abiding Love food drive, and blood drive. The food drive collected over 6500 pounds of food, over 350 pounds of non-food items, and over \$500 in cash donations. The blood drive had a steady stream of donors. Both events were extremely successful.

The eight annual Blue Jeans and Boot Gala was spectacular. We cannot thank the Gala committee enough for putting on this outstanding event. It seemed people were eager to get together and have a good time. I did not see an empty seat in the house. There was great food and numerous prizes awarded though out the evening. Eddie Mazurek did a great job as MC. We look forward to next year's event.

### Upcoming Events

On October 9, at 10 am we need as many members as possible to help clean and organize the garage in the back parking lot of the church. This is a great opportunity for members who are unable to assist during the week to come out and support the council and spent time with fellow Knights. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs and refreshments after the cleanup.

On October 16, the day of prayer will be held at 201 East Ben White, at Planned Parenthood facility. Prayer shifts are one hour. Go to [Centraltexascoalition.com](http://Centraltexascoalition.com) for more information.

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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

We live in a culture that tends to promote spending over savings. So it shouldn't come as a surprise to learn that, as a whole, the baby boom generation is not saving adequately for retirement – and, in some cases, not saving at all. In fact, in a recent survey, 63% of baby boomers say they are not currently saving for retirement, yet aren't concerned about it. Nearly one third are counting on money from employer-funded pension or retirement plans to get by.

But Knights of Columbus members seem to be ahead of this curve. As a whole, K of C members are hard working, thrifty folk who know the importance of family and the importance of saving for the future. Our heritage has taught us to follow the fundamental value of providing for our families.

So you'll want to be aware of a piece of your financial protection puzzle that may still be missing. You may have life insurance, health insurance, and a significant retirement plan in place – but did you know there is still a serious threat to your family's financial security? One that would wipe out that nest egg you've worked so hard to build before you ever have a chance to use it.

Knights of Columbus **Long-Term Care** insurance is designed to ensure you don't run that risk. It's protection that allows you a choice of skilled nursing care if you need it – home health care, assisted living facilities, or nursing home care – without depriving your wife and children of the money you have saved or them. Give me a call to learn more about this important protection.

Also, if you haven't reviewed your life insurance lately, now is a great time to do that. Call me to find out why. If you are changing jobs, or have recently changed jobs, or about to retire, you can rollover your 401K or other retirement plans to a safe, guaranteed, tax-deferred IRA with the Knights of Columbus.

As summer unwinds this year, I hope you take some time to really enjoy your family. And, as always, if there is anything I can do to help with your financial planning or protection needs, please give me a call anytime – I am here to serve the members and families of my councils.

Vivat Jesu!

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

On October 19, the council will participate in a combined Exemplification at St Ignatius Church, at 7 pm. We're asking all members who need to complete the first, second, or third degree, to attend. This is your chance to become full Knights of Columbus. We need you to provide support and new ideas to our council and community. As always, we need all members to provide new and fresh ideas to present to the council.

The next major event we are having is the council golf tournament on November 6. It always turns out to be a great event and outstanding fundraiser. Please go to the council website to sign up.

As I have noted in the report, to check the council website. The website has been designed to provide all information on upcoming council events.

I encourage Brother Knights to continue to present fresh new ideas for events and make this a great year.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Darrel Vinklarek, Grand Knight

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## Knight & Family of the Month

### **Knight: Gordon Mead**

It is my great pleasure to announce that Gordon Mead is Knight of the Month. Gordon is a very active member of St Catherine's parish. He is there when something needs to be repaired, moved, replaced or installed. He was there to set up the Christmas display in our church. Most recently, when asked to assist the Knights, Gordon was there to set up and assemble the tables for the donut social. He was there to help move the food donations from the church to Abiding Love and assist in collecting at the drop off for the food drive. He just always seems to be where assistance is required. Gordon is an outstanding member of the council and we are lucky to have him there to count on. Congratulations to Gordon as Knight of the Month

### **Family: Bill and Sue Roberts**

I'm pleased to announce that Bill and Sue Roberts have been chosen for Family of the Month for October. Sue is an active member of the KOCA providing support and donations to the Abiding Love Food Pantry and the annual Blue Jeans and Boot Gala. She is also active in the Ladies Club and Crafty ladies at St. Catherine's. She is a dedicated Catholic who visits the homebound and helps with their needs. She is a kind and helpful person (I think that's where Bill gets it from) who is willing to help anytime. Bill is a past Grand Knight who has been with Council 8156 for over 10 years. I won't repeat all his accomplishments and activities (not enough space), but recent activities are the Inaugural Car Show, Knights BBQ, Abiding Love Food Pantry, Assembly 1099 (fourth degree), and serves as the 3 year trustee for our council. Bill and Sue both exemplify what it means to be good practicing Catholics through their selfless service to our community. Our sincerest thanks to Bill and Sue for everything they do!

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## Membership

This has been a very frustrating year in many ways and recruitment efforts is certainly one of them. I just want to remind all of you that, despite not getting together in person, we can still recruit Catholic men into our great organization.

As of gentle reminder, a person can join online via Knights.net . All they have to do is go to nights.net and fill out the form electronically. If they use the code MAZUREK2020, they will not even have to pay their first year's dues.

Also, all of you who are still first degree members, if you would like to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, you can do this 24/7 online. All we need to know is that you would like to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. We will send you the link that you can utilize anytime, any time.

Eddie Mazurek

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## Culture of Life — Abortion is Murder

### **INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL NEWS**

"Abortion is murder: the church cannot change its position," the pope [Pope Francis] said. He added, "Whoever has an abortion, kills. No mincing words."

"Take any book on embryology for medical students," he said. "The third week after conception, all the organs are already there, even the DNA. ... it is a human life, this human life must be respected, this principle is so clear! To those who cannot understand, I would ask this question: Is it right to kill a human life to solve a problem? Is it right to hire a hitman to kill a human life? Scientifically, it is a human life. Is it right to take it out to solve a problem? That is why the church is so harsh on this issue, because if it accepts this, it is as if it accepts daily murder."

The U.S. Supreme Court has set the date of December 1 to begin hearing arguments in a case that directly challenges the constitutionality of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion in all 50 states. The case, called *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, will decide the validity of a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. In December, attorneys will begin presenting arguments against a lower court ruling which stopped the Mississippi pro-life law from being enforced.

Leaders of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) denounced the Biden administration for attempting to massively fund abortions with taxpayer dollars through the Build Back Better Act, the Democrats' proposed \$3.5 reconciliation bill. The text of the bill "funds abortion, the deliberate destruction of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters – those in the womb," wrote Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Archbishop Paul Coakley, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development in a statement Friday [September 17, 2021].

### **STATE AND LOCAL NEWS**

Passed and signed into Texas law for 2021:

**SB 1** – Included a 25% increase in funding for the Alternatives to Abortion program.

**SB 4** – Bans mail order abortions and establishes safety protocols for chemical abortions

**SB 8** – Texas Heartbeat Act – protects a baby with a heartbeat from abortion (Preliminary injunction filed by PPH to the US Supreme Court. By a 5 to 4 vote the Court denied the injunction.)

"Today [September 1, 2021], Texas law SB8 went into effect. This extreme Texas law blatantly violates the constitutional right established under Roe v. Wade and upheld as precedent for nearly half a century. The Texas law will significantly impair women's access to the health care they need, particularly for communities of color and individuals with low incomes," Biden said.

In a one-page opinion released Thursday [September 16, 2021], U.S. District Judge Robert Pittman rejected the request of the U.S. Department of Justice to issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction against Texas' Senate Bill 8. The law, which went into effect Sept. 1, bans abortion after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, usually around six weeks gestation. It also allows private citizens to sue individuals who perform abortions and those who help women obtain illegal abortions.

**HB 1280** – Human Life Protection Act is triggered if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

### **40 Days for Life/Central Texas Coalition for Life Fall Prayer campaign September 22 through October 31**

On October 16, 2021, from 7AM until 7PM as a Knights of Columbus Council (Knights and Ladies), we will unite in prayer to stop the killing of unborn babies. Sign up to commit some time at the South Austin PPH facility at E. Ben White or at your home or at an Adoration Chapel praying for an end to abortion. Look for an email from our GK with a link to the signup app.

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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.

## Prayer List September 2021

9/7/21 - Urgent prayers for healing are needed for several members of Wilma Martinez's family!

- Wilma's niece, Rosanne Moreno, has been in the hospital with COVID for a few days and is getting worse.
- Three of Rosanne's children also have COVID; however, they are recovering at home (thank you, Jesus!).
- Rosanne's father (Wilma's brother, Alex) has had several strokes and two open-heart surgeries; his health is precarious.
- Alex's wife (Wilma's sister-in-law, Beatrice) has Alzheimer's.
- Alex and Beatrice are being cared for by their second daughter, Diane (Rosanne's only sibling) who is doing everything possible to manage everyone's needs. She is very afraid she will lose her only sister.

9/7/21 – Prayer request for Chris Carter, our KOCA Secretary, who is having a medical tests. Please ask Jesus for good results; that there will be a quick and easy fix for Chris.

9/13/21 – Prayer request for Brother Knight, Don Archer's grandson, Joshua Archer, who tested positive for Covid with high fever. Joshua resides in Marietta, Georgia

9/20/21 – Prayer request for Brother Knight, Juan Cano's cousin Fred, who experienced a major stroke recently and he's in dire need of your prayers

Worthy Chancellor, Craig O'Brien offered a prayer for all.

**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>**

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