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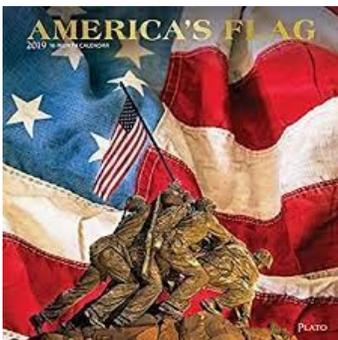
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Next Business Meeting
August 4, 2021
Virtual Meeting 7:00pm
Via the Internet

Grand Knight's Report — Darrel Vinklarek

This has been a very busy month for the council. On July 1, BBQ chicken and tenderloin were prepared and delivered to the St. Louise House. We had another successful BBQ this month on the 18th. Chris Klotz, chaired the event for the Central Texas Alliance for Life. We had a number of brother knights turn out for the event. Everything went smoothly. The major event for the month was our first annual car show which was held on July, 24. We had a wide variety of vehicles at the event. It was an amazing site looking at the field of cars and trucks. The Buda Fire and EMT department were there with their truck. The Travis County Sheriff's Department, Auto Theft unit was also there, giving out information on auto theft prevention. The turnout of families and participants, that came to support the event, was outstanding. The youngsters seem to have a good time playing on the fire truck and in the bounce house. The food truck that was run by David Lara and David Espuivel was a great success. There was a continuous line of people anxious to order food and drinks. The council was given numerous compliments on the event, by the participants. We also learned a lot on how to improve the show for next year. We hope to make this an annual event.

Upcoming events: The KC Officer installation will be held on July 31, in Johnson Hall. Members will meet before the 5 pm mass.

We will also have our annual awards banquet on August 7th at Texican Cafe.

As previously noted, we will begin having in person business and planning meetings in Johnson Hall, starting in August 2021. (*Note: We are doing a virtual meeting, instead of in person. Editor David Moore*)

We are happy to be able to begin meeting in person and getting back to normal, but we still need to be very aware of the Covid situation and vigilant about precautions

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.

GK Darrel

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Birthdays

Spencer	Allgood
Donald	Archer
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
Heath	Prince
John	Reinhart
Stephen	Roberts
Paul	Root
Cody	Ross
Christopher	Schroeder
Eric	Valdez

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!

I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy. Frankly, that doesn't seem like much of a retirement to me.

When I retire I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire.

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire "to" something, not "from" something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. *Write it down, make it happen*, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35 year old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Vivat Jesu!

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Grand Knight's Report — Continued from Page 1

Knight & Family of the Month

Knight: Chris Klotz

The Knights of Columbus Council 8156 Knight of the Month (KOM) for July 2021 is Chris Klotz. Chris was the July 2021 BBQ Chairman and he inspired brother Knights to prepare, sell, and distribute BBQ orders to many people. The July BBQ charity was the Texas Alliance for Life, a non-profit organization that provides information and help to prevent the abortion of unborn infants to women. The BBQ fundraiser was quite successful. Also, Chris is a contributor to our Council's monthly Newsletter with his "Culture of Life" article which provides information about "Pro Life" activities. In particular, the article presents national, state, and local legislative actions, pro-abortion activities, and religious concerns of the right to life and freedom for all. We are honored to have Chris as a brother Knight.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8156 Family of the Month (FOM) for June 2021 is Chris and Diane Klotz. First of all, we offer an apology to the Klotz family as a miscommunication of preparing a brief write up resulted in no FOM Newsletter article. We are sorry for this error.

Diane and Chris Klotz were honored by our Council for their passion and commitment to the "Pro Life" movement to prevent the abortion of the unborn human life in the womb of a mother-to-be. Their efforts to fundraise for the Texas Alliance for Life's 27th Annual Walk for Life held on June 19, 2021, was successful as they raised \$2,208. In addition to their "Pro Life" vocation, Diane and Chris worked on last November's annual Veteran's Day Council golf tournament as Chris was the Committee chair and Diane helped organize the door prizes, monetary and other donations. Both contributed to a successful golf tournament fundraiser. However, the faith commitment of Chris and Diane are models of a sacramental life, especially their marital commitment. Our Council appreciates their work to enhance our contributions to serve.

Family: John & Glenda Massey

The Family of the Month for August is the Masseys, John & Glenda. John & Glenda have been active members of the Church community long before joining St. Catherine's. They have served the Church in various capacities: usher, mass coordinator and eucharistic minister. It is impressive to do all that, but it is more impressive to know that they have done so in four different countries: Italy, Germany, the UK and of course here in the U.S. of A. They joined St. Catherine's in 1994. They were considering other parishes but were influenced by a good neighbor of theirs to consider St. Catherine's. It didn't take long to see the good in the community and decided to stay. Their neighbor was Deacon Ham.

Glenda helped organize the parish fair and was elected president of the committee. Most recently, she helped make the Inaugural Siena Car Show a success by coordinating the registration process throughout the day. She is also integral member of the Gala Committee and is always offering support to the council. All this while being the current president of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary and is always involved when needed.

John has been a Knight for 20 years. He's been a Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight and District Deputy. John has been a staple of the BBQ crew for many years, especially during the Super Bowl Brisket BBQ, which he has chaired or co-chaired multiple times. He was instrumental in the purchase of the two smaller smokers, oops, I mean, purchase of our current smoker. As we all know, the smoker is the reason we can support our local charities on a monthly basis. John is also involved year after year with the Golf Tournament, which is coming up in a few months.

John and Glenda's children once called them an *anomaly*. They said all their friends' parents had divorced, yet John and Glenda still stood side-by-side. They believe that as a community we should worship, volunteer, serve and support each other. As a result and without realizing it, they have become a model for us all. They are humble servants, thank you both for your service and leadership to the St. Catherine's community.

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 3rd degree, you can do this 24/7 online. All we need to know is that you would like to advance to 3rd degree. We will send you the link that you can utilize anytime, any time.

Eddie Mazurek

Inaugural Siena Car Show

Over two years ago Armand Gagnon proposed that Council 8156 organize a car show as a fundraising and family event. Over the months, progress was made in some areas and an event was scheduled for May, 2020 but the pandemic lockdowns caused a postponement of more than a year. The Committee started up again in 2021, finally found a suitable venue in May, and got the go ahead for a July show. Because of the late start, most of us were hoping to gain experience for how to do it better next year but not very much more.

Through some hard work by the core committee members, the show was ready to go on the 24th of July at Buck's Backyard in Buda (Ken and Linda Otte helped persuade Buck's to provide the space). Our expectations of 25-30 cars were blown away by 71 car entries and a couple of classics that showed up just before the trophies were awarded. The show was a huge success.

A special thank you to committee members Bob Hesselbrock, Eddie Mazurek, Charlie Davis, Josh Saldivar, Armand Gagnon, Jim Luhrman, Lee Bryant for organizing and managing the registration, advertising, logistics and kid/family attractions. David Lara and David Esquivel ran a smashingly successful food concession. Music by Glenn Jordan made it seem like a festive event. It took about 30 people to run all facets of the event, so the volunteers for event day made the car show work. To keep us on track, the backstage advice and guidance from experienced auto show exhibitors and managers Becky and Mike Jenniges and Pat and DJ Stamps was invaluable. The support and backing by the managers of Buck's Backyard played a large part in making the car show happen. The way most people found out about the car show was through the flyers designed by Nancy Druart and Greg Nelson.

Also, we had billed this as a family event. Buda/Hays County Fire and Rescue (GK Darrel Vinklerek secured them) let kids climb all over a firetruck and the turrets and spires on a bounce house seemed to waggle all morning. Very late in the day, there were also Sno-Cones. It was gratifying to see so many Parishioners of all ages enjoying the event.

Thanks to everyone not mentioned here for your help and support and for getting the word out to so many people. And thanks, Armand, for putting the idea forward.

Bill Roberts

Culture of Life — WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO END ABORTION?

NATIONAL NEWS

From the USCCB. The House Committee on Appropriations voted to push through four of the most extreme pro-abortion bills EVER. These bills take away the pro-life policies that:

- protect taxpayers from having to pay for elective abortions, both here and overseas
- protect health care providers from being forced to perform abortions or refer for abortions against their beliefs
- protect employers and insurance companies from being forced to pay for abortion.

The full US House is expected to begin voting on these bills during the week of July 26. [emphasis added]

[If you haven't called yet,] call your representative today! ... Congress needs to hear from you: tell Congress to keep the Hyde Amendment and other Hyde-related policies, and the Weldon Amendment in the appropriations bills, and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. Use this link to tell the US House of Representatives to withdraw the bills. [Action Center \(votervoice.net\)](https://www.actioncenter.org/voice)

In the Senate. Sens. Roger Wicker, R-MS, and Joe Manchin, D-WV, sent a letter to the leaders of the Senate Appropriations Committee urging them to protect the pro-life Hyde Amendment in the upcoming 2022 federal budget. "Recent public polls show almost 60% of Americans oppose or strongly oppose using taxpayer dollars to support abortion," the senators wrote. "Both Democrat and Republican presidents have signed the Hyde Amendment into law." <https://catholicvote.org/wicker-and-manchin-send-bipartisan-letter-defending-hyde/>

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Supreme Court said in a May 17 order that it will hear oral arguments during its next term on a 2018 Mississippi abortion law banning most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The case is [Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](https://www.supremecourt.gov/Docket21/21-1375.html). The court's term opens in October and a decision is expected by June 2022. Just after then-Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant signed the law March 19, 2018, a federal judge blocked it temporarily from taking effect after the state's only abortion clinic filed suit, saying it is unconstitutional. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upheld the block on the law. In commending Bryant for his signature, the state's Catholic bishops, Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz of Jackson and Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III of Biloxi, said: "(We) wish to reaffirm the sacredness of human life from conception until natural death. With Pope St. John Paul II, we recognize abortion as 'a most serious wound inflicted on society and its culture by the very people who ought to be society's promoters and defenders.'" [High court to hear major abortion case from Mississippi in its next term - Catholic Review](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/high-court-to-hear-major-abortion-case-from-mississippi-in-its-next-term-catholic-review)

Join host Father Rocky (Rev. Francis J. Hoffman – Chairman and CEO of Relevant Radio) on Relevant Radio's website, Facebook page or YouTube channel for the live, interactive Family Rosary Across America as he leads all of the listeners and callers praying the rosary nightly for your intentions and for a favorable Supreme Court decision in [Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](https://www.supremecourt.gov/Docket21/21-1375.html) [See CNN press release above] Thousands of listeners join in the rosary nightly including many young children with their parents or grandparents. www.relevantradio.com/family

TEXAS NEWS

UPDATE, 5/19/21: Governor Greg Abbott has signed the Texas Heartbeat Act into law. An email from Texas Right to Life noted, "The Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8 authored by Senator Bryan Hughes, R-Tyler, and Representative Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville) is the first **Pro-Life Priority Bill** this legislative session to pass both chambers and be signed into law. When the Texas Heartbeat Act takes effect on September 1, all elective abortions after the preborn child's heartbeat is detectable will be prohibited." By Nancy Flanders, [Texas Heartbeat Act signed into law, banning elective abortions after detectable heartbeat \(liveaction.org\)](https://www.liveaction.org/news/texas-heartbeat-act-signed-into-law-banning-elective-abortion-after-detectable-heartbeat/)

By Shannon Najmabadi Updated: Jun. 16, 2021, at 6:20 PM CDT (TEXAS TRIBUNE) - Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Wednesday signed into law a bill [HB 1280] that would almost immediately outlaw abortions in Texas if a court ruling or constitutional amendment gave states the authority to prohibit the procedure.

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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 June 2021

7/10/21 – Prayers requested for the passing of Brother Knight, Steven Boiko. Funeral arrangements were made for July 13, at 2pm, at St Catherine's church. Please keep his family in your prayers in their time of sorrow.

7/15/21 – Prayer requested for Chris Carter's brother, Jimmy. Chris's husband is Brother Knight, Rayford Carter. Jimmy was admitted today for kidney failure.

Brother Knights, please pray for our newly elected Council 8156 officers, trustees, and program directors as they are officially installed at St. Catherine church on July 31st.

Amen!

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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