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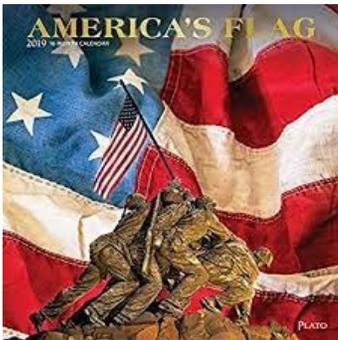
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Next Business Meeting
January 5 , 2021
In person Meeting 7:00pm
St. Catherine's Parish Center Johnson Hall

Grand Knight's Report — Darrel Vinklarek

I hope everyone had a safe and happy thanksgiving. I would like to thank all the Knights who showed up to help decorate the inside and outside of the church. A special thanks to Joe Broz for scaling the chapel in Johnson Hall to put on the star and large wreaths. The Saturday crew who helped decorate the inside of the church did a fantastic job. John Langan's templet, to use to set all the hooks, was pure genius. A number of Knights then went to donate blood outside the church afterwards. Thanks Glen Jorden for chairing the blood drive.

The pecan sales, the first 2 weekends of December, went great. We had only 2 week-ends, but we made the most of it. Chairman Bill Roberts, was at every mass. We also had plenty of Knights at each mass to work the booth. I want to thank Bill and all the Knights for all their hard work. Poinsettias for the widows went off smoothly. Thanks to all the Knights that helped delivery them and spent time with the ladies.

The Christmas party which we shared with St. Paul's was spectacular. There was great music, delicious food, games and good conversation. Santa, Juan Tavarez, was a hit when he made his appearance. Along with giving out presents, he took pictures with the children and most of the adults. I want to thank chairman Charlie Davis and all committee members for putting on a great event.

We had 2 BBQ's this month. A small group of us cooked for the St Louise House on December 16th. The monthly BBQ chaired by Jim Gamblin for the Caring Hope Charity was cold and windy but the Knights powered through and completed all the orders. Thanks to everyone who was there.

Upcoming Events

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Birthdays

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As the daylight increases through January I set my sight on the new year and what I would like to accomplish. Setting goals seems like a better idea than making the traditional New Year's resolutions. Those resolutions seem to go by the wayside pretty quickly; maybe because they always seem the same year after year.

One goal I have set for this year is to check in with every single member. Many of you filled out the Annual Survey you received at the end of last year. Thanks to those that did! It allows me to update contact information and provide service for specific needs. If you did not yet complete it, I encourage you to complete and return it. It can be done online or by return mail.

Another focus I have for goals this year is to follow the tips for everyday holiness from St. Teresa of Calcutta. I recently printed them out and posted them on my refrigerator so I see them each day. Here they are:

1. Speak as little about yourself as possible.

Tip: Ask others about their day, and take time to listen!

2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.

3. Avoid curiosity.

Tip: She's talking about being nosy—the bad kind of curiosity!

4. Accept small irritations with good humor.

5. Do not dwell on the faults of others.

Remember: When you do this, you forget the GOOD in people and that they're a child of God, too!

6. Accept censures even if unmerited.

Tip: By this, she means taking DISAPPROVAL in a humble way.

7. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.

Tip: Know when to walk away or "stop responding." This can be hard and require extra prayers.

8. Choose always the more difficult task.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was known for her simplicity. These are simple tips, but often hard to do.

Please let me know how I may be of service to you and your family!

Again, best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesu!

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The super bowl brisket committee, are finalizing and will be ready before the event. On January 22nd, the Right for Life day, will be happening. I will let everyone know of more details as they arrive. I encourage all Knights to participate.

We will be having our chocolate covered strawberries for our widows in February. We will need members to help deliver and spend a few minutes with the ladies.

Exemplification will be held at St Catherine's on February 18th from 6:30-8:30 pm. If you know of any male, age 18 or older, in good standing, please encourage them to join. Also, anyone who has a son, family member or friend who qualifies, please encourage them to become part of our brotherhood. They can contact myself or Eddie Mazurek, membership chairman. They can also go to the website kofc.org/join us to sign up.

It's still a little ways out but we will again start the Lenten meals. This year we plan on preparing plates to sell. The council is still working out the details. But we will need Knights there each Friday to prepare and distribute meals.

Knights as we enter into the Christmas season, and after we gather with our family and friends, to exchange presents and share meals, let us remember the reason we are celebrating, is the birth of Christ. From my family to yours, we wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas.

Be Safe and God Bless

Darrel Vinklerek, Grand Knight

Knights & Family of the Month

Knight: Eddie Mazurek

It is with great pride that I announce that Eddie Mazurek is Knight of the Month. Eddie is a leading member of our council. He and his family have been members of St Catherine's Parish since 1982. He has been this council's treasurer for 10 years or more. He has also been the council's insurance agent for 32 years. He has always been a member to volunteer first or sometimes without being asked. He prepared the meal for our last business meeting. He took the lead role in setting up the Christmas decorations outside the church. He also served on this year's Christmas party committee. He is someone the council can turn to when they need a job done. We are most fortunate to have him as a member. Congratulations to Eddie Mazurek as Knight of the Month

Family: Jim and Jennifer Gamblin

Jim and Jennifer Gamblin have been members of St Catherine's parish since 1998. Jim and Jennifer have been very active members of the church. Jim has been an usher since 2019. Jennifer currently works in the parish office. Just this past month they organized the RCIA hospitality luncheon. Jim, along with other Knights, prepared and set up the lunch for the candidates and staff. Jennifer organized the event. When the Knights were asked to sponsor one of the doors for the Pasanda, Jim was the first to step up and volunteer to decorate the door. He also played the role of innkeeper during the event. Leading up to the event, Jennifer was in the background organizing everything. Jennifer is currently organizing the ministries for the Christmas masses. Jim is currently the Warden for our counsel for this physical year. Please congratulate them as Family of the Month

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

Community Activities - Council 8156

The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action has four categories for program to draw us closer to our faith, our family and our community. One of the lesser known programs is the Gobar Wheelchair Mission. Beginning in 2009 the Knights of Columbus have joined with the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation to provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility. Our annual budget includes a designated amount to support this worthy program.

This Fraternal Year the Council has four remaining months, January, March, April and May for a Brother Knight to step up and support the Wheelchair Mission through a Monthly BBQ.

Our Monthly BBQ provides an opportunity for Council Members to build fraternity among Brother Knights Members. It also provides the Parishioners of St Catherine's a chance to support a charity and raises the visibility of the Council. So if you are willing to accept the challenge to be the BBQ Chairman for this charity contact Deputy Grand Knight Charlie Davis. There are many of us who have worked the Monthly BBQ who can help you have a successful experience.

Culture of Life — Respect for Life (and those defending Life) from Conception until Natural death

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE Washington, D.C.

Friday, January 21, 2022

<https://marchforlife.org/>

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The 2022 Texas Rally for Life will be held on Saturday, January 22, from 1-4 PM CT (12-3 PM MT) at the Capitol in Austin! Make plans to attend! You will find all the information you need at the official website:

TexasRallyforLife.org

Schedule

1:00 PM – Meet at 14th and San Jacinto to march to the Capitol

2:00 – 3:00 PM Rally (with guest speakers) on South Steps of Capitol

3:00-4:00 PM – Pro-Life Expo on Great Walk of Capitol Grounds

[News Release from Texas Alliance for Life](#). Washington, D.C. -- On Thursday [December 15, 2021], the FDA significantly weakened its chemical abortion safety regulations by permanently removing the "in-person dispensing requirement" and allowing distribution of the chemical abortion drugs by mail. However, in Texas, thanks to a timely new law that went into effect this month, mail-order abortion drugs are banned and will not put women at risk.

At the request of pro-life Governor Greg Abbott last summer, the Legislature passed SB 4, the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocols bill, and it went into effect on December 2. The law requires a face-to-face appointment with a doctor to dispense the abortion drugs after determining whether the pregnancy is ectopic, how far along her baby has developed, whether the woman is Rh-negative, and whether the woman is a victim of forced abortion.

SB 4 also creates a felony offense for illegally transporting the abortion-causing drugs by mail or other means so out-of-state offenders can be extradited to Texas and stand trial.

[Operation Rescue Press Release December 16, 2021](#). Washington, D.C. – Operation Rescue is pleased to announce that the recipient of its 2021 Person of the Year Malachi Award is Texas State Representative Briscoe Cain [TX Rep, District 128], who assisted in crafting the language for the Texas Heartbeat Act, which prohibits abortions after a heartbeat has been detected on a baby in the womb, which is usually around six weeks gestation. The Malachi Award is given by Operation Rescue every year to recognize individuals who sacrificially work to advance the cause of protecting the pre-born.

In 2020, before the Texas Heartbeat was enacted, there were **55,175** abortions in Texas. Thanks to Rep. Cain's work, it is estimated that the Texas Heartbeat Bill has reduced abortions in that state by **50 percent**. Rep. Cain has served as Operation Rescue's Texas attorney and in 2016, **obtained invoices** that showed four Texas universities used state tax dollars to pay Planned Parenthood for fetal body parts harvested from aborted babies. These transactions allowed Planned Parenthood to profit financially at the tax payers' expense....On December 10, 2021, the **U.S. Supreme Court ruled** that the Texas Heartbeat Act can remain in place while legal action brought by the Texas abortionists proceeds in the lower courts – a ruling considered a victory by pro-life supporters. The Supreme Court also dismissed the suit brought by **U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland**, seeking injunction on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice. suit altogether, sending a strong message that the legislation Rep. Cain helped bring about will likely survive.

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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 October 2021

10/29/21 - Please pray for Brother Knight, Jim O'Brien who is having surgery on Monday, November 1st.

11/3/21 - Our condolences to Brother Knight Bill Esker, as we just learned of his mother's passing on Monday (Nov 1st) Night.

11/4/21 - Please pray for Joanne Duffy. Joanne's husband, Brother Knight Jim Duffy, passed away nearly 8 years ago. Joanne is a KOCA member and has been active in many ministries, including the Abiding Love Food Bank, Krafty Ladies, and Grief Support.

11/5/21 - Please pray for Linda Hesselbrock, wife of Brother Knight Bob Hesselbrock. Linda will be admitted to St. David North Austin Hospital on Monday the 8th for several days of tests.

11/8/21 - We pray on the passing of Brother Knight, Dick Carbin and for Danny, son of Dick Carbin as he mourns.

11/15/21 - Please keep prayers for Isabel Cano, wife of Brother Knight, Juan Cano as she will face surgery tomorrow (11/16/21).

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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