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Next Business Meeting

April 6, 2022

In-Person Meeting 7:00pm

St. Catherine's Parish Center Johnson Hall 2nd Floor

Grand Knight's Report — Darrel Vinklarek

Hello Brother Knights, it was great to see so many of our members at the last business meeting. We started the month by holding an exemplification at St Paul's Parish. We added a new third degree member while our own Council team preformed the ceremony. Thanks to all the Knights who showed up to support the candidates and council team.

Thanks to all our brother Knights who switched the cross behind the church alter. It is an honor that the church selected the Council to perform this solemn task. We will be moving the crosses back after Easter.

We are in our third week of the Lenten meals as of this report. The number of people showing up each week to purchase the meals has been impressive. I want to thank all the Knights and ladies who are there each week to pull off the event. Chairman Jim Gamblin has been doing a fantastic job organizing and running the event. A special thank you, to all the Knights who are outside each week preparing the fish, fries, and hushpuppies in formidable weather.

The church selected us to start the coffee and donut social this month after the 9:30am and 11:30am masses on March 9th. Thanks to Knights Bob Stuijbergen and Greg Nelson who showed up early to bag all the donuts. Thanks to all the members also who were there after each mass to help serve the parish members.

Trustee Armand Gagnon took on the task of cleaning and refurbishing the Lady of Guadalupe statue in the small chapel. When the call for volunteers went out to move the statue, numerous Knights showed up to help. It was decided by the church to leave the statue up on the wall while the work is performed. Please go by the small chapel and see the outstanding work Brother Gagnon did.

Upcoming events:

We will holding a bowling social on March 27th at Westgate Lanes from 2pm till 4pm. We encourage knights and their families to join us for the fun event.

Please come out to the church garage sale on April 2nd. The Knights have rented out a space and have large amounts of merchandise available to buy.

We will be hosting a food drive on the weekends of April 2nd and 3rd and April 9th and 10th. Trustee Glenn Jorden and Knight Ken Kurzawski will chair the drive. . Please drop off your food donations after masses at St Catherine. You can also drop off donations at Abiding Love on the 3rd and 10th at Abiding Love from 1:00pm till 3:00pm. Knights will be there to collect your donations. This would a wonderful time to come out, help your community, and spend time with your fellow...**Continued on Page 3**



Birthdays

Frank	Avillar
Jeremy	Baran
Daniel	Bisone
Thomas	Bohuslav
Robert	Bradfute
Guy	Desrochers
Gerald	Garcia
Michael	Krisan
Glenn	Mayhugh
Edwin	Mazurek
Michael	Mazurek
Reymundo	Moreno
Jorge	Rios
Philip	Rocha
Roy	Sanders
Joseph	Spencer
Dirk	Vanderploeg
Darrel	Vinklarek
Gregory	Waleke
Raymond	Wilson
Francis	Yorke

Insurance Agent Rep

WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM IF YOU CAN'T CARE FOR YOURSELF?

Raising a family is costly. For many of us, there is not much left over for long term goals. Such as saving for our children's education or our retirement.

Ideally, caring for a sick parent would not have to be a part of that equation. Yet as with so many things in life, the reality is quite different. Today, many people start families in their thirties and forties – while their parents live well into their seventies, eighties and even nineties.

If one day you require nursing care, you might have to ask your children for help just when they are ready to send their own sons or daughters off to college. This is, in fact, a common dilemma among middle-aged people today. Experts have even coined a term – “the sandwich generation” – to describe those who are squeezed between these conflicting obligations.

Knights of Columbus Care – a long-term care insurance plan – is one of the most popular additions to the Knights of Columbus portfolio of insurance plans. It is available to members and their spouses ages 18 – 85, subject to underwriting requirements. You have a choice of nursing home only coverage or comprehensive coverage, which also covers at-home, hospice, and assisted living care.

In addition, you choose your daily benefit amount, benefit duration, and elimination period. This flexibility allows you to determine both your coverage and premium you will pay. I can furnish details. Nursing home care can cost upwards of \$60,000 per year (Source: HCIA Inc./Arthur Andersen LLP, The guide to the Nursing Home Industry, c. 2019) That cost could easily force you to deplete assets or to rely on your family for help.

Contact me to find out how long-term insurance can give you a piece of mind.

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Membership - Eddie Mazurek

Why do you belong to Knights of Columbus?

Believe it or not, this is one of the major reasons men join the Knights of Columbus. We have grown so big and do so many things throughout the world, it would be almost impossible to tell a prospective member all the things the Knight of Columbus do.

So instead of trying to think of all the great things we do as an organization, just let the prospective member know why YOU belong to the Knights. Once they are in, they will be able to see all the great things we do, the only downside would be if, at a later date, they asked you why you didn't tell them all of the activities we do as an organization...

Asking good Catholic men to join does not have to be hard, just let them know why you are in the Knights of Columbus.

Don't forget, they can join for free by going to Knights.net and use the code **EMAZUREK** (has to be all capital letters) and they can check us out for free! -Eddie

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fellow Knights. Brother Knight Greg Thomas will chair a men's retreat at St Catherine's on April 9th from 9:00am till 1:00pm. The retreat is open to all men wishing to attend. Please consider joining us for this outstanding event. If interested, please contact Greg or sign up on the church website.

The knights will be hosting the church Easter Egg hunt on April 16th at 10:00am. Please come out to help assist in putting together the event. It should be fun when the Easter Bunny shows up to celebrate Easter with the children.

We will be having other future events in the months to come. The Wives appreciation dinner will be held on May 7th at 6:00pm. We will be holding our next exemplification on May 24th at St Catherine Parish. The second annual Car Show will be held on July 24th. The show is still in the planning stages. We estimate the turnout to be twice as large as last year.

As you can see the Council is coming back stronger than ever. This is a wonderful time to get involved and reunite with your fellow Brother Knights. See you all at the next business meeting.

Be safe and God Bless

Darrel Vinklerek Grand Knight

Knight & Family of the Month

Knight: Ken Kurzawski

This month's Knight of Month is certainly not a stranger to our council. He joined the Knights in April 2012 and has been active since then. While Covid and preretirement has kept him slowed down the last couple of years, he is again going full steam ahead and getting involved once more.

Please congratulate Ken Kurzawski as our Knight of the Month. As mentioned, covid slowed him down the last couple of years, but most recently he has served on the golf tournament committee for many years, has helped with our pecan sales, coordinated the Monday evening golf group (I believe it was his idea originally), is helping with Friday fish fries, and our monthly BBQ's. Prior to Covid, you would see him and his wife helping, if not completely running the monthly donuts and coffee for our parish.

He has just stepped up to take over coordinating our quarterly food drives for Abiding Love Food Pantry and he and his wife, Anne, are also engaged couples' sponsors.

If you see Ken, please congratulate him on being chosen as our Knight of the Month. If you see Anne, please tell her thank you for allowing Ken to do so much for our council over the years.

Family: Dennis & Susie Murff

KoC Council 8156 congratulates Dennis and Susie Murff as the Family of the Month. Dennis is a fourth-degree knight. They are both highly active in helping our faith community to grow and thrive.

As a couple, they have both been on the RCIA team for several years to welcome new Catholics. Last month they both acted as facilitators in the Synod Listening sessions at St Catherine of Siena to help us understand the joys and concerns of our parish and the Catholic church. Susie also continues to help with Spiritual Direction for our parish.

Please congratulate the Murff's when you see them around!

Communities Activities - Jim Luhrman

Baseball Fan Brother Knights

Knights at the Diamond return this year! On Wednesday, June 29, the Round Rock Express will meet the Las Vegas Aviators at the Dell Diamond at 7:05 PM. Tickets will be available at a reduced price directly from the Express. If you are interested contact Jim Luhrman, Community Director and Past Grand Knight.



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Knights of Columbus: March BBQ

To all St. Catherine Parishioners,

Your Knights of Columbus Council is continuing our monthly BBQ on every 3rd Sunday of the month. We will smoke chickens, turkey legs, pork tenderloin, pork ribs, and sausage.



**** If you wish to make a direct donation you may do so by leaving a tip when you pay. Cash donations are always accepted during pick up as well.**

*****ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHARITY!**

Order BBQ Here: <https://kofc8156.org/bbq>

You can also call either: Bill Roberts - 512.940.4800 or Charlie Davis 210.912.6692

Please share this with everyone!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

****** Want to get involved? BECOME A KNIGHT: <https://kofc8156.org/> ******

Culture of Life— Criston Klotz

A true story from John Paul II Life Center on their life-affirming efforts based on the support they receive from individuals and organizations. This is why we donate to JPPII and encourage all of you to support its work. Saving lives one baby at a time puts a smile on the Lord's face and joy from Mother Mary.

When Deborah (name changed for privacy) found herself pregnant, she was immediately consumed with worry. She and her boyfriend were overwhelmed with finances, she didn't have a job, and she already had two very young children. Given these circumstances, she decided to have an abortion. Since she was early in her pregnancy, Deborah sought a **chemical abortion**, a two-step procedure that involves taking two separate pills over a couple of days.

But Deborah wasn't sure if that's what she really wanted. She wondered if abortion was the right choice. Reluctantly, she still went forward and took the first pill.

When she was about to take the second pill, Deborah's mother visited her unexpectedly and stayed for longer than usual. She ended up sharing her plans to abort with her mom, who then advised against the abortion. **This response was the sign Deborah needed to call the Abortion Pill Reversal hotline.**

The hotline connected Deborah to **Dr. Kalamarides** at the Vitae Clinic, who prescribed her progesterone to reverse the effects of the first pill. She picked up her prescription, took her first dose of progesterone, and secured an ultrasound appointment at JPPII Life Center that same day. **During her ultrasound, she witnessed her 11-week old baby kicking in her womb.** Deborah was moved to tears at the sight of her child.

Our Free Pregnancy Help Client Advocates gave Deborah diapers and wipes to take home, and reassured her that we'll support her after her baby is born.

Now, Deborah is preparing to welcome a beautiful baby into the world with the help of JPPII Life Center. What could have been a lifetime of regret is now a promising future of joy, love, and support.

THE TEXAS HEARTBEAT ACT survives another lawsuit; this time from the abortion practitioners. The Texas Supreme Court shot down the complaint and realistically left no room for further appeals from PPH. Two other States have authored similar bills with strong support from their politicians. Both Bills are expected to pass probably before you read this newsletter.

Remember the quote below as you question why violence in homes, neighborhoods, cities, countries throughout the world persist. How many of you or those you know jumped to help the Ukrainian refugees, but didn't blink an eye when someone mentions they support abortion (or have had an abortion)?

“The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.” -Mother Teresa

Ladies Appreciation Dinner - Eddie Mazurek



LADIES – SAVE THE DATE

Just want to let ALL the wives of our Knights know that the annual LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at St. Catherine's. More detail will follow in a mailed invitation, but please put it on your calendar now. Having skipped the last two years because of Covid, we are looking forward to making it up to all of you this year.

Hope to see you there.

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Lenten Meal Friday Fish Fry - Jim Gamblin

Brother Knights:

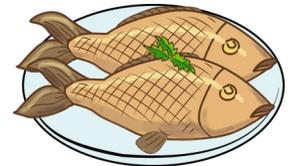
The Knights of Columbus will prepare a Lenten Meal (Fish Fry) **each Friday from March 4nd through April 8th**. The Lenten Meal will support St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center Building Fund.

You can pre-order your meal at <https://www.kofc8156.org/lent>, All pre-orders are \$9 per plate. The price will be \$10 at-the-door. Purchasing meals on the day of the event will be limited.

We are also in need of volunteers to assist with preparing this meal. Please consider volunteering for this event as many members of the parish are anxiously awaiting the return of our Lenten Meals. Volunteers will receive a **free** meal for their services and the company of our always entertaining Offices of Council 8156.

You can volunteer for this event using the link below.

[Knights of Columbus: Lenten Meal \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.kofc8156.org/lent)



Or you can contact: Jim Gamblin at 512-925-8365 or jdgamblin@austin.rr.com to volunteer for this event.

Thanks, Jim

JPII Life Center's Lent for Life 40-Day Challenge

The JPII Life center offers a plan to help us on our Lenten journey. Sign up for the email-newsletter to receive an email link to download the **Lent for Life 40-Day Challenge** ! - <https://www.jpilifecenter.org/>

Chris



40 Days for Life Campaign - Sat. April 2nd; 7am - 7pm

St. Catherine of Siena's adopted day for the 40 Days For Life campaign is this Saturday, April 2 from 7AM to 7PM. We are in need of people to commit to one (or more) hours of peaceful prayer on the sidewalk in front of the Austin Women's Health clinic on South I-35.

It only takes a minute to sign up by clicking this sign-up link.

To get to the clinic from St. Catherine's, take 290 East to SI-35 North. Then take the Woodland exit and make a U-turn to get on the south-bound I-35 feeder. The clinic is not marked, but the address of 1902 is clearly marked. To park, drive past the clinic and take a right on Mariposa Dr. Then park on the South (Left) side. All of the location and parking details can be found on the Central Texas Coalition for Life website.

Prayer is powerful, and we know of more than 300 children who are alive today as a result of the prayers and sacrifices that have been made since the start of the 40 Days For Life vigil that started on March 2.

Thanks,
John

Stations of the Cross during Lent - Fridays at 7pm

Join the Parish in praying the Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent.



Holy Mass during Lent - Fridays at 7:30 pm

Spiritual mass on Fridays of Lent.



Food Drive - Sun. April 3rd; 1pm - 3pm

The food drive will begin this weekend. Remember to begin your food donations to the church before mass. The Knights will be collecting donations on Sunday April 3rd from 1:pm till 3:00pm in Abiding Love drive through. If you have not had the privilege of helping please consider coming out for a few hours and help out the community and spend time with your Brother Knights.

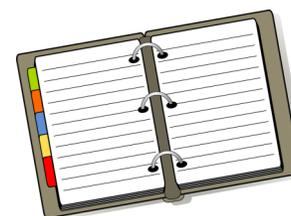


-Darrel

Upcoming Budget Meetings - Eddie Mazurek

It is hard to believe that our fraternal year is coming to a close soon, and that means it

will begin at 6:30 PM. As you know, we have not brought in as much income this year as we had planned, so budget for next year will indicate this. If you have a favorite charity that you would like to see included in next year's budget, it is imperative that you attend these budget meetings.



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Knights of Columbus Charities: Ukraine Solidarity Fund



- CHARITY:** UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND
- PROVIDES:** TEMPORARY SHELTER, FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, CLOTHING, ETC.
- DONATION:** 100% WILL GO TO HELPING DISPLACED PEOPLE.
- MATCH:** KOC SUPREME COUNCIL WILL MATCH UP TO \$500,000 FOR EVERY DOLLAR DONATED

Brother Knights,

The situation in Ukraine is dire and worsening. The people of Ukraine, and our brother Knights and their families in that nation, need our help.

I call upon all Knights to join me in praying for peace in Ukraine, and especially for the safety of our more than 1,800 brother Knights and their families who suddenly face the danger of war. Please also join me in responding to the recent [appeal](#) of Pope Francis to join him in prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance. Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please visit [here](#):

Let me conclude with the words I addressed to our brother Knights in Ukraine in a video message to them: “In this time of intense danger, know that your brother Knights of Columbus around the world are praying for you, your families and all the people of Ukraine. We ask that our Lord protect you and your loved ones and restore peace in your land. We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere.” You can view the entire video message [here](#).

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly
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Prayer List Mar. 1, 2022 to Mar. 24, 2022

3/13/22 - Please keep prayers for Brother Knight, Gene Rodriguez's father who has been in and out of the hospital. He's currently in a recovery center getting daily physical therapy and getting stronger. Gene will be traveling to San Jose, California to help his mother and give support.

3/13/22 - Announced with a broken heart the death of our Brother Knight, Patrick Palmer, who passed away suddenly.

2/24/22 - Please continue praying for all Ukrainian people suffering from war.

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.

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

**Visit Our Online Calendar for the Lat-
est Updates**

<http://kofc8156.org/calendar>

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