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**Next Business Meeting
August 3rd, 2022
In-Person Meeting 7:00pm
St. Catherine's Parish Hall 2nd Floor**

Grand Knight's Report — Darrel Vinklarek

Hello fellow Knights, we had a very busy July Month. We started the month BBQing chickens for the St Louise house. This took a small number of Knight's to do the cooking, but it was a very big thing for the ladies and children. We were told this small act of kindness means so much to them.

There was a blood drive on July 9th The Council cannot thank Trustee Glenn Jordan enough for his continued commitment to this charity. Brother Jordan stated that the bank collected around 20 pints of blood of life saving donations. The next blood drive will be on September 10th, at St Catherine's. If you have yet to give to this life saving event, please consider signing up for the next event.

The monthly BBQ was chaired by Brother Knight Arnold Auzenne for the Schoenstatt movement went off great. We had 15 Knight's sign in the day of the event. Brother's this was the first time in over two years we had a full pit of BBQ to sell. I'm proud to say the Council sold out of everything except 3 chickens. This is very exciting to know that the monthly BBQ is back in full swing. I also understand that three Knights have signed up for the BBQing with the Grand Knight so far this year. The first one will be in September. Knights I cannot say it enough, that if you want to get involved in the Council simply come out to help us with the monthly BBQ. If you are concerned about waking up early just be at the church at 7:00am for the sales and clean up.

The main event for July was the 2nd Annual car show chaired by Trustee Bill Roberts. We had numerous green shirt volunteers there throughout the day. We had 104 automobile register for the show at the end of the day. The vendors stated that they had steady business throughout the morning. The bounce house and Buda Fire Department was a great success with the children and a few of the adults. I know that speaking with the firefighters they stated they really enjoyed having the children stop by. The food truck did a great job preparing very delicious food. I was also very impressed by the number of families that attended the event. We wanted to make this a family event, and it certainly turned out to be. Thank you everyone.

Thanks to the five brave Knights who trimmed the haunted tree in the West parking lot. It took about 20 minutes to trim tree and move the brush down the hill. A special thanks to David Lara for letting us use his tree trimming extension saw. It took a lot of time off the job.

I want to back up and thank the Knights who on June 29th helped set up the sandbox at the St Catherine playground. I am sure the children will enjoy it...[Continued on Page 3](#)

Birthdays

Spencer	Allgood
Donald	Archer
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
Paul	Root
Cody	Ross
Christopher	Schroeder
Jose	Tovar
Eric	Valdez

Insurance Rep - Eddie Mazurek, FICF LUTCF

Let the Knights of Columbus help you simplify your life!

That is probably the exact opposite of what you may think happens when a representative of a life insurance insurer comes to your home. Most people, inundated by too much information, think that a discussion about their financial future with a professional advisor leaves them with more questions than answers. That may be true under some circumstances, but not with the Knights of Columbus.

We made a decision some time ago that we could not and would not be all things to all people. We decided to focus on what we can do best. We offer life insurance (whole life and term life), fixed annuities, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance. We will not be discussing 20 or 30 ways you can take action to prepare for the future. We will sit with you and your wife, gather some very basic information, draw a conclusion with you, and propose a solution for you that fits within your budget. This can all be accomplished in a couple of appointments in your home (yes, we still make house calls) that should not take all that long.

The cynics may say that our offerings simply cannot solve every situation. Well, if you are investing money in equity-based offerings such as variable life insurance or mutual funds, that is true. We do not sell those products. But I am hard-pressed to find a situation where the products we do have cannot help you. Whole life insurance, for example, is a beautiful product that has to be seen to be believed. Once seen, you will agree. There really is not much it cannot do.

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There are now only two companies in North America with the highest rating from AM Best and Standard and Poors and have the IMSA certification. We are still one of them

If you want help simplifying your life, please call or email me.

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Grand Knight's Report — Continued from Page 11

Upcoming events:

On August 4th, the Knights will be hosting an ice cream social following the Blessing of the backpacks. We will need Knights to come out to help scoop ice cream and greet the guest.

The monthly BBQ on August 16th is for the Central Texas Coalition for Life. John Filion our Life Program Director will be chairing the BBQ with yours truly. This will start off the BBQ with the Grand Knight program. We ask that the Brother's come out to help especially since we will be cooking a full pit. As I said before we really need members there from 7:00am till 11:00am to help sell the BBQ and clean up afterwards.

We will be holding our Blue Jeans and Boots Gala on September 16th. This is the biggest fund raiser event of the year, and we want it to be one of the best Gala's ever. Chairman Eddie Mazurek and the committee will be sending out more information as it gets closer. We all should have received the event's raffle tickets. Please return all sold ticket stubs by September 10th. I plan on returning mine at the August meeting and getting more to sale. The Gala tickets are also currently online for purchase on the Council website. Please keep an eye out for more information coming out on the Gala.

Please remember the Councils themes for this year are membership and family. We will need your assistance with both. So, if you know of a catholic gentleman, 18 years or older in our parish asking about joining us, have them enroll on Knights.net. They should type in Emazurek and their first year of membership is free. They are also welcomed to call me or Eddie to obtain more information. The Council has a number of family events planned in the upcoming year. We ask that if you have any fresh new ideas to contact me or one of the Program Directors, so we can bring it forth in front of the Council. So please keep the ideas coming. Be safe and God Bless. - Darrel Vinklarek, Grand Knight

Knight & Family of the Month

Knight: Jose Rodriguez: This month's Knight of the Month should be no stranger to anyone who has been involved with the Council's activities over the last year. Joe, as he is known to his Brother Knights, has been very active in a very noticeable way since joining Council 8156. Because of his involvement in so many ways please congratulate Jose Rodriguez as our Knight of the Month. Since joining the Council several years ago Joe has been present at most all the monthly Council barbecues. He was also present to help with the Super Bowl Brisket event. He has been present to help cook and has remained afterwards to help sell and distribute food to parishioners. Joe was present at all this year's Lenten fish fry events, helping each time to bread the quantities of fish fried and served to parishioners. One of the other most notable things that Joe has chosen to involve himself with is the Abiding Love Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Joe volunteers most every Monday at the pantry helping to unload and sort the quantities of food that are received in the early morning. He then remains to help load those bags of food that are given out into the cars of food pantry customers. He has also helped at the food drives that are held twice yearly by St Catherine's in support of the pantry. Joe recently served as a member of the Car Show Committee and is currently serving as the Council Inside Guard. Joe faithfully attends most monthly Council business meetings. Joe is a very friendly individual, a stranger to no one who is always willing to lend a hand. He is dedicated to his family and parish. He is a blessing to Council 8156.

Family: Greg and Anh Thomas

It is a pleasure and honor to announce Greg and Anh Thomas as this month's Family of the Month. Greg and Anh have been married for 29 years. They have been parishioners of St Catherine parish since 1999. Greg is in his second year as Faith Director of our Council. He is also a member of the parish Council. Anh is in her second year as of Spiritual Director for the Diocese. She has just stepped down as the Finance Council in February. They both are heavily involved in the marriage ministry. They participated in Marriage Prep retreat team at St Paul's parish. They are currently facilitating a Marriage enrichment program at St Catherine this July and August. They also are in Teams of Our Lady and Worldwide Marriage Encounter as well. Greg and Anh are both involved in the ACTS Program. Anh has been a member of the ACTS program since 2010. Greg is in his Practicum year for ACTS spiritual companion and is preparing for the October mission retreat for St Paul's. They are also there for many of the Knight's events. They were at the Knight's joint Christmas party with St Paul's. They participated in the Lenten fish fry. They have attended our Corporate Communion events and the Officer's installation with past month. It seems almost impossible to keep up with their Church community involvement. Please join me in congratulating Greg and Anh as our Family of the month.

Council 8156 Community Director - Jim Luhrman

For the past few years I have served Council 8156 as the Community Director. The Community Director is one of four Directors in a Council. The Community Director is responsible to motivate our Council to improve our community.

One of the ways we have found to improve our community is with our Monthly BBQ. The Council Monthly BBQ is a two-fold fundraiser, both the Council and a local charity, selected by the Council, earns money as well.

In 2015 our Deputy Grand Knight started tracking the charities we supported each month. When Bill Roberts became Grand Knight I worked with him in improving a way to encourage our Brother Knights to support charities through the BBQ.

At the Monthly Business Meeting the Council selects a charity subject to the approval of the members present. In our annual budget we designate an monthly amount for the charity. On BBQ Sunday we place our "Donation Cans" for free will donations to be made to the Charity.

So if you have a favorite charity contact Deputy Grand Knight Jim Gamblin and ask that you be considered for BBQ Chairman for your favorite charity.

Since we started up our BBQ Again in September 2020 we have supported these charities:

Fraternal Year 2020-2021

St Catherine of Siena ACTS Community	Little Angels Service Team
Kurnool Catholic Support Team	Abiding Love Food Pantry
Habitat for Humanity	Warrior Support Center of Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
Scout Troop 448	St Louise House

Fraternal Year 2020-2021

Central Texas Coalition for Life	Jennifer Wilkes Cancer Foundation
Special Olympics	Coats for Kids
Little Angels Service Team	Backpacks for Kids
Habitat for Humanity	St Louise House
St Catherine of Siena ACTS Community	Scout Troop 448

Yes, getting up early on a Sunday is not a fun thing and the weather is not always cheery but do it anyway. Do not worry if you have never done it before, there are plenty of Brother Knights to help teach you. Take the opportunity to develop friendships with other members of the Council that can last a life time.

Jim Luhrman
Community Director & Past Grand Knight

Council 8156 Culture of Life - John Filion

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Culture of Life

International/National News

Following the failure of the “Women’s Health Protection Bill”, S4132, to pass through the Senate in May and the overturning of Roe v Wade by the Supreme Court in June, pro-choice legislators are attempting to push another bill to legalize abortions through Congress. The “Women’s Health Protection Bill” was re-introduced into Congress as HR8296, where it was passed through the House of Representatives by a vote of 219 to 210 on July 12.

The bill with the purposely misleading name would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy and would eliminate pro-life laws at every level of government -- including parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health and safety protections specific to abortion facilities. Fortunately, the bill is not expected to pass through the Senate. Nevertheless, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement regarding this unfortunate legislation, which can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2022/us-bishops-pro-life-chairman-passage-house-bill-imposing-abortion-demand-nationwide>

State and Local News

Although abortions are now illegal in the state of Texas, the Austin city council approved a resolution called the “Guarding the Right to Abortion Care for Everyone (GRACE)” Act. The act “does not directly halt enforcement, but it severely limits the ability of the city or any staff to collect or provide evidence for prosecutions”, according to City Councilman José Vela.

Meanwhile in Austin, the abortion clinics in the area remain open for services besides abortions, and referrals to abortion services outside of the state. However, the Whole Women’s Health clinic in North Austin recently announced that they will be moving their services to New Mexico.

The focus of pro-life efforts now needs to shift to providing more services for women with crisis pregnancies. One organization that leads the way in this effort in Austin is the John Paul II Life Center. In addition to providing free pregnancy resources, the John Paul II Life Center works with the Vitae Clinic to provide reproductive medical care and fertility consulting services. You can check out what they do on their website:

<https://www.jpilifecenter.org/>

The John Paul II Life Center will be holding its annual Gala this year on October 30, and will feature guest speaker Dr. Haywood Robinson, a former abortionist turned pro-life OB/GYN. In addition, Dr. Ben and Candy Carson, Dignity in Life Award recipients, will speak. Save the date.

Council 8156 Family Director - Al Fulkerson

Ice Cream Social!

Aug. 4th. after noon mass!

Brother Knights,

In preparation for the return to school, St Catherine will have a special blessing and prayer on Thursday August 4th during Noon Mass for students, teachers and school staff. Students are welcome to bring their backpacks or simply be present to receive the blessing. At the conclusion of mass the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will serve ice cream to all students, teachers and school staff in the Café of the Parish Center.

To help support this event we are requesting a few volunteers who like to eat ice cream. We will begin prepping this event at 12 while the others attend mass.

Thanks,
Al Fulkerson, Family Director



Breakfast with the Brothers! - Paul Root

On Wed. Aug. 10th at 9 A.M. at Casa Garcia

The next "Breakfast With the Brothers" is scheduled for Wednesday, 08/10/22, 9:00 AM at Casa Garcia's, our usual gathering place. If you can attend, please RSVP to my email: root_paul@att.net or text me at (512) 963-9431, so that I can reserve seating. I look forward to visiting with you. Please invite any gentleman who wants to gather with other gentlemen.

Blessings ... Paul Root



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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 May 20, 2022 to June 24, 2022

6/14/22 - Brother Knight, Vidal Maldonado who is currently hospitalized with an intestinal blockage. This has happened before, unfortunately. Extensive scarring from different surgeries have complicated matters. Surgeon ordered a tube inserted into his nose to suction out his stomach and hoping other methods used will help his intestines get back to normal. He did remarkably well with the use of the NGtube. He is now home. Prayers answered. No surgery needed.

6/20/22 - Robert Bocanegra who is back in the hospital for treatment. Recall, Robert was in the hospital in the middle of last December due to pneumonia and again in late February and April.

6/23/22 Joanne Duffy's great granddaughter was diagnosed with RSV, a respiratory virus.

6/24/22 - Jim O'Brien's nephew, Michael O'Brien, left us for heaven. He was a dear & funny person, made whomever he was talking with feel they were the only ones in the room. It was just this past St. Patrick's Day that Michael's Dad, Gene (Jim's only sibling), went to heaven. Please Prayer Warriors pray for the souls of Michael & Gene and the family who are heartbroken.

7/8/22 - John Massey's sister Carolyn suffered a heat stroke and skin burns. She has been admitted to South Austin Hospital for treatment. Update: 7/15/22; I ask for continued prayers for my sister Carolyn. She has been treated for the effects of heat stroke and has been transferred to The Brooks Burn Treatment Center in San Antonio. Carolyn has 2 and 3rd degree burns on 29 percent of her body. Her kidneys are looking better but she is not out of the woods yet. She is up and PT is working with her, she has walked and is sitting in a chair.

7/8/22 - Bill Diaz has tested positive for COVID-19. His wife has tested negative, so far.

7/10/22 Former DGK David Moore passed away in his home in Copperas Cove. He had worked on our monthly newsletter for a few years. Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 11am on Tuesday July12 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove, Texas.

7/11/22 - Please pray for Ann Wilson who is now hospitalized with COVID. Ann is fully vaccinated, but after suspicious symptoms, a COVID Rapid Test was "NEGATIVE". Symptoms worsened, and a hospital exam found COVID-positive, and she was released in the expectation that prescribed treatment would work. Symptom instead worsened -- especially lowered blood oxygen saturation measured by a pulse oximeter. Ann has an additional age-related problem that COVID apparently interacted with, symptoms got worse, and she was re-admitted. With provided oxygen and the prescribed medications. She IS responding. She was indeed very physically healthy, going to the gym 4 days a week -- so the meds are indeed expected to work. Please pray for her continued healing. Update 7/25/22: Ann Wilson, beloved wife of Ray Wilson, is improving from Covid and other health complications. She may be discharged from the hospital either today or tomorrow. Both thank all of us for our prayers. Ray has also been isolated from Covid at home and tomorrow ends his isolation period.

7/14/22 - Hayden Ruffner, nephew of David and Michelle Esquivel had surgery to remove nodules and lesions in one lung, other lung surgery to follow.

7/14/22 - Penny Lichinstein mother is a hospital in Houston for a medical procedure.

7/18/22 - Wilfredo Lopez tested positive for Covid-19.

7/22/22 - 4-day old Lucas James Colmenero who is in the hospital with a major heart problem (only 1/2 of his heart is functioning) and Lucas is not expected to live more than a few days. Lucas James is the son of parishioners Angela and Jaime Colmenero and the grandson of parishioners Orlando and Connie Colmenero. Please pray for Lucas, his parents, and his grandparents. Update 2/25/22: Infant Lucas James Colmenero continues to live with 1/2 his heart functional. Lucas' parents are Angela and Jaime Colmenero and grandparents Brother Knight Orlando and Connie Colmenero. This morning Orlando reported that Lucas continues to live, but the family will know soon if Lucas may survive awhile longer from his critical heart situation. Orlando said the family can hold infant Lucas for a while and appreciate the time they have with him. Update 7/26/22 - Infant, Lucas James Colmenero, was taken off life support earlier today and he passed away early this afternoon.

5/24/22 - Please continue praying for Uvalde, TX

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

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