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**Next Business Meeting May 4 2016**  
**Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's**  
**Mass 7pm, Meeting 7:30pm**

## Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

In a few months, our fraternal year will come to an end and many of our current officers will be stepping down from their responsibility. I speak for all of them when I say, that it has been an honor to serve you all.

However, the responsibility of leadership isn't one that can or should be shouldered by the same individuals, and that is why I am reaching out to you all now. We need new men to take control and forge a stronger future for the council.

Please consider, if you are a 3rd degree member or higher, taking on the great privilege of leadership. Our officer positions that are needing filled are:

Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Trustee, Recorder, Chancellor, Advocate, Warden, and the Inside and Outside Guards.

I make a special plea for a gentleman to consider being our Financial Secretary. Randy Schreiber has selflessly and faithfully served his time and now wishes to see the pleasure pass over to a new leader.

Brothers, please consider taking office and being an advocate of leadership.

Blessings, Matthew Wade



**Pentecost  
May 15**

## Knights of Columbus Night with the Round Rock Express

Mark June 13th on your calendar! The Annual Knights of Columbus Night with the Express will happen at the Dell Diamond. It is also a "Dollar Hot Dogs & Sodas" at the Diamond. If you have never been to a "Knights Night at the Dell Diamond" or a minor league game this is the time to go.

At 4:00 PM Council 8156 will gather at the Dell Diamond for its annual Tailgate Party. Later that evening at 7:05 PM the Round Rock Express, will host the New Orleans Zephyrs.

Game tickets are available to Knights and their family members for a discount. The tickets are \$10.00 each. This will cover your game ticket and help defray the cost of our Tailgate Party. Game tickets will be sold by Trustee Jim Luhrman at the May 4th and June 1st Business Meetings. Tickets must be paid for in advance either in cash or check at the meeting. If children occupy a seat they must have a ticket.

Tickets will not be available for purchase on June 13th at the reduced price.

Contact Trustee & Past Grand Knight Jim Luhrman at [onetop66@austin.rr.com](mailto:onetop66@austin.rr.com) or (512) 422-5056 for further information.



## Birthdays

James	Ankenbauer
Donald	Bergman
Dale	Boman
Garrett	Borak
Michael	Borrero
Michael	Brewer
Mark	Brockman
Rod	Campbell
Robert	Carr
Christopher	Cobb
David	Dahill
David	Dillon
Michael	Duffy
John	Duffy
Michael	Finke
Lou	Gustaferra
Jim	Hogg
Lyndon	Kirk
John	Langan
Kim	Latoszewski
Martin	Lizarraga
Stephen	Losten
James	Luhrman
Kendred	Manceaux
Michael	Marks
John	Muniz
Blake	Nedbalek
Eugene	Pace
Jeffrey	Ponder
William	Puryear
Leonel	Ramirez
Carlos	Ramirez
Ben	Svrcek
Miguel	Trevino
Robert	Vitela
Joseph	Willard

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

### REDUCING OUR TAX BURDEN

Yes, it's that time of year AGAIN! We have just shared (putting it kindly) some of our hard earned money with our beloved government. A time we despise & don't look forward to each year. A time we wish we could just skip & continue on with the rest of the year. Unfortunately that's not the case...The deadline to file your personal income taxes is April 15th each year!

This is a time of assessing how the previous year went for us. A time to analyze how much we made, how much we paid & how much we saved! A time we wonder where all the money went & how we could owe so much tax? Yes, this is the time we swear to make changes to lessen the amount of taxes owed & to save more for ourselves.

So, why then do we end up at the same point, in the same predicament the following year? It's called Life! We get busy in our careers, in raising our families, in trying to do & make as much as we can that we either forget or get over how horrible we felt writing that check to the IRS on April 15th. Our goal is to increase the amount we make, the amount we keep, the amount we save & these things can all be accomplished by paying less in taxes.

Many of us are aware of & participating in the popular programs such as 401-K's, 403b's (teachers), 457's (Gov't. employees) & Traditional IRA's, but, using these as our exclusive source of saving can be extremely detrimental to our retirements. We have been taught & told by our employers, CPA's, Advisors to contribute to these accounts now while we're working & in a higher tax bracket & then we can withdraw these funds when we retire & are in a lower tax bracket. Sounds like sound financial advice...doesn't it?

In theory this is sound advice, but, in reality this just isn't the case. The truth of the matter is our income & assets will be much higher when we're in our 50's, 60's & 70's than when we're in our 20's, 30's & 40's. What many of us fail to realize is when we contribute to our retirement plans we're not eliminating taxes, we're just delaying them. Here's a simple example of this...A 30 year old making \$30,000 contributes 4% to their retirement plan yearly (\$1,200) for 30 years (\$36,000). Being in the 20% tax bracket provides the contributor with a tax deferral of \$7,200. Well now that's not bad. We all would like to save \$7,200. But, let's not forget, that tax was never saved, just delayed. If this account does well & grows at 10% annually over the next 30 years, it will grow to approx. \$226,049. There's nothing wrong with that! What's unfortunate is the \$7,200 we received in tax deferral has ballooned into a tax liability of \$67,815 because the full account balance is taxable, not just our contributions. Would any of us really trade \$67,815 for a delay of paying a small \$7,200? Absolutely not, but, unfortunately that is exactly what millions of us are doing daily as we contribute to our tax-qualified retirement plans.

This is where the Knights of Columbus & your Field Agent Eddie Mazurek comes into play. I can assist you in turning this equation around so you are the one benefitting the most, not the government.

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## Membership - Eddie Mazurek

### NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD KNIGHTS TO COME TO THE AID OF OUR COUNCIL

It is hard to believe that our fraternal year is winding down, but it certainly is doing that. We are now  $\frac{3}{4}$  through our fraternal year and we have done a great job recruiting good quality members into our council this year.

As of today, we have recruited 4 of the 24 new members we need to meet our membership quota from Supreme. This puts us at 16.67% of our quota. Great job to all who have recruited new members this year. We need to continue recruiting good Catholic gentlemen to join us. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, says we have a MORAL obligation to ask every good Catholic man to join us in our fight against the values we hold near and dear to us as Knights of Columbus members. Just think of what we could accomplish if we doubled our membership, both in the council and as an Order.

I believe each of us knows at least ONE good Catholic man who could make an impact on our council and the Knights of Columbus. Now is the time to ask him to join us. With our Grand Knight being ill, it would be fantastic to make Star Council for him to show that we are in support of him and all that he has contributed to the Knights of Columbus and our council. Membership is one of the criteria that we need to meet to qualify as a Star Council.

Our next info meeting will be Sunday, May 15th at 7:00 PM in room 213. Please invite and bring someone to join us so that we can let him know how he can become better Catholic and father through his membership in the Knights of Columbus

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## Council Scholarships - Johnny Langan

Attending college full time next fall? Your Knights of Columbus Council 8156 has scholarships available to members of St. Catherine's and members of our Knights' council. Go to [kofc8156.org](http://kofc8156.org) for an application. Full rules are in the application.

**Applications must be received by May 5.**

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## Knight and Family of the Month

### **Knight— Paul Tiley**

Paul Tiley for many years led the blood drive, for years has been the first person contacted to serve any time there is a funeral, for years has served at Mass as a coordinator and EMOCH. Paul tends to be one to those that prefers to quietly get things done in the background. Often he is not noticed, but if he wasn't there helping out we would really notice. Blessings and many thanks Paul.

### **Family— Dennis & Susan Murff**

Dennis and Susan Murff. For many years they have been involved with the RCIA program. This past year, Susie had to lead a good portion of the program as Pam was out due to illness. This has required a significant time commitment from Dennis and Susie with the reward of bringing several people into the Catholic church. Let us honor their commitment and dedication as a council.

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## Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

### Texas Alliance for Life's 22nd Annual Walk for Life

Saturday, June 25, 2016 – 8:30-10 a.m.

This event raises funds to build a culture of life in Texas. 80% of the proceeds support Texas Alliance for Life's pro-life activities of education, defending policies in the courts, and promoting the [Choose Life license plates](#) to promote infant adoption. 20% of the proceeds help promote compassionate alternatives to abortion through [grants to pro-life social services agencies in Texas](#).

#### How can you participate?

**Register as a walker:** Get pledges and walk two miles at one of four walk sites in Central Texas, or you can walk on your own. You'll receive your own web page that can be personalized with photos, videos, and posts to Facebook and Twitter.

**Sponsor a walker:** Call Texas Alliance for Life at 512-477-1244 to register. They'll send you a pledge form to use.

**Fellow Knights!** Please get involved in this Walk for Life to protect and save the unborn—as Jesus asked

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

Matthew 25:40



## 2016 Last One Standing — Blue Jeans and Boots Gala

We have a date for our big fundraiser this fall. This year's gala will be held on Friday, September 23rd at the fabulous **Creekside Pavilion**. (This is just across the street from the Salt Lick BBQ). More details will follow, but we are needing someone or a couple of someone's to head up the silent auction portion of the gala.

Thanks to the efforts of last year's chair people, the Reinhart and Hanson families, the silent auction accounted for about one half of our income for the gala. This is a very crucial part of this fundraiser. If you are interested in chairing this, please let me know. As chair you would not be responsible for getting items, just more or less organizing them and running silent auction the night of the gala.

Please let me know if you are interested or if you want more info about this.

Also, please start asking businesses for donations for silent auction and door prizes. It takes everyone's effort to make this event the success it has been the last two years. Tickets for gala will be available at the June meeting.

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## Pending Motion

There is a pending motion made at the April Council meeting for "\$650 to redo the kneelers in the day chapel". Discussion took place and will be voted on at the May Council meeting.

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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.

## Charity, Unity & Fraternity

## From the Editor

**Submit Articles for the June Newsletter by May 20**

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3-Year Trustee – Jim Luhrman

2-Year Trustee – Jerry Guajardo

1-Year Trustee – Larry Odom

Fundraising Directors

John O'Daniel

Lloyd Monroe

Greg Nelson

Pro-Life Director—Roger Ruether

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## Important Dates for the Month

May 4	7:00pm	KOC - Mass
	7:30pm	KOC - Business Meeting
May 6	6:30pm	First Friday Devotion
May 7	8:00am	Habitat for Humanity build
	12:00pm	First Saturday Adoration
	2:30pm	First Saturday rosary and meditation
	6:30pm	Wives appreciation dinner
May 13		BBQ prep
May 15	3:00am	BBQ
	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
May 18	6:00pm	Youth pro-life rosary
	6:30pm	EIM Refresher course
	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
May 19	6:00pm	Capital Area Food Bank
May 22	9:00am	Corporate communion
May 25	7:00pm	First Degree



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