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**Next Business Meeting July 6, 2016**  
**Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's**  
**Mass 7pm, Meeting 7:30pm**

## Grand Knight's Report

And so begins another Fraternal Year. Vivat Jesu! I want to thank you all for your support as we begin anew again.

When I asked Father Pat for his thoughts regarding my running for Grand Knight again, he asked with a smile, "Will you do better than you did last time?". I responded, "Oh good, low expectations, that won't be hard." In all seriousness though, we have some difficulties to overcome over the next years. A reduced budget, apathy within the council, having a location for our meetings and events, increasing our visibility within the Parish.

Of course, the flipside to every difficulty, is opportunity. We have many opportunities as well. We need to take advantage of these.

We have the opportunity to offer the benefits of membership in the Knights. Please do not hesitate to ask other faithful Catholic men to join us. Many do not join because they are never asked.

We have an opportunity to discover more methods for fundraising and increasing Council visibility as well. If you have an idea for a fundraiser for the Council, please mention it to one of our officers; or better yet, attend the planning meeting on the third Wednesday of the month and discuss it there.

We have the opportunity to increase excitement for and within our Council through improved communications and Public Relations. I would like to see additional focus on documenting our events through photographs and articles. Our Council does a lot of good. We should let it be known.

We can continue the work of our previous Grand Knight to provide more focus on our spirituality and Catholicity. Additional Prayer is always good.

Difficulties, opportunities, challenges... It is a target rich environment and we should aim high. (If you tell me to "aim high" at the meeting in July, I will give you a ticket to the 50/50 drawing).

When Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, one of his major purposes was to provide support for widows and orphans of his Parish and ultimately for all Parishes. This is done through the fraternity of Knights and their families and through a tremendous insurance program.

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## Birthdays

JERRY	AHRENS
MICHAEL	BIENEK
PAUL	BOYD
JOSEPH	BROZ
DAVID	CALDWELL
DANIEL	CASTILLO
RYAN	COLACO
BILLY	CRAFT
GEORGE	DEBUS
RICARDO	DIAZ
BRADLEY	EILERS
LOUIS	GIOIA
JERRY	GODDARD
MARK	GORDON
MICHAEL	HARRISON
LELAND	LESTER
EDWIN	MANGALINDAN
ALBERT	MARTINEZ
JOHN	MASSEY
JACOB	MEAD
LLOYD	MONROE
JAVIER	MONTOYA
MICHAEL	MORENO
JOHN	MURAIDA
PATRICK	PALMER
HENRY	PERRY
JOE	PETER
H	PUTNEY
LORIMER	SANCHEZ
JASON	SCHNEIDER
ROBERT	STUIFBERGEN
FRANK	TOLIC
JASON	WILDE

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

Eddie Mazurek

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## Supreme Convention in Austin—August 2

**134<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention Toronto, Canada August 2-4, 2016**

Have you ever been to a Supreme Convention? This year's Supreme Convention is in Toronto, Canada Can't afford a trip and hotel to Toronto?

**Join your Brother Knights from the Council and other Austin Area Knights at the Norris Conference on August 2, 2016 for a simulcast of the Supreme Convention.**

To learn how to attend the Austin Area Simulcast contact Trustee & Past Grand Knight Jim Luhrman, 512-422-5056 / [onetop66@austin.rr.com](mailto:onetop66@austin.rr.com)

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

As I write this, we are **about 90 days away from the council's largest fundraiser** – the third annual gala. I am asking that we start immediately selling tickets and gathering donations for our silent auction and door prizes. Because of the change of venue this year, we will need to sell no less than 200 tickets to make up the difference. I have tickets and brochures available. Also, now is the time to start asking for donations to our silent auction and door prizes. This is such a huge part of our gala being successful. Gift card, gift certificates etc. are great! Also, we need donations of various types of liquor and wine. We will have our raffle for the ice chest full of liquor like last year and this year we want to add a raffle for a basket of various wines.

Also, if I can work out details, we will have a special collection that night, and if enough is collected (and I promise there will be enough collected) we will have a very popular member of our council kiss a pig.....

Please start asking for donations for auction items and door prizes. If you need tickets, please let me know. I will be sending out a list of requested items soon, but for now, start asking your favorite restaurant, home improvement store, liquor store, etc for a donation.

Just a reminder, this year's event is Friday, September 23rd at the Creekside Pavillion (right across street from Salt Lick BBQ) on Hwy 1826. Starts at 6:00 PM.

Thanks

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## Knigh and Family of the Month

### Knigh— Albert Pina

A few years ago we noted that our Bingo income was beginning to decrease and options were discussed for new fundraising ideas. The idea of a Golf Tournament was discussed and approved. Albert Pina stepped up as the chairman. The council held Its third annual Golf Tournament in June thanks in large part to Albert's Leadership. With a large cast of volunteers, Albert helped to oversee this successful fundraiser. We thank Albert for his hard work and congratulate him for earning recognition as Council 8156 Knigh of the Month for June 2016

### Family— Randy & Kathy Schreiber

Randy Schreiber has faithfully served the council as Financial Secretary for several years. When he resigned as Financial Secretary, Randy let everyone know that he wasn't going anywhere and would still be available to help in other capacities. Randy proved that in June as Chairman of the Awards Banquet. Randy found an excellent location and organized the banquet and program. With the help of Kathy, Randy made sure that this year's event was a successful one. When you see Randy or Kathy, thank them for their hard work, and congratulate them for earning this recognition as Council 8156 Family of the Month for June 2016.

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## Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

### Actor, Catholic, and Advocate for Life—Jim Caviezel

SPAIN, December 20, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Actor James Caviezel, who played Jesus Christ in Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ," said in a recent interview in Spain that he regards abortion as "the greatest moral defect of the western world."

Caviezel was in the country to promote his latest movie "The Stoning of Soraya M.," which has just been released there. He was asked by the publication Sembrar, "in your judgment, what is the greatest moral defect of the western world?"

"Abortion, without any doubt," answered Caviezel. "As Mother Theresa said, 'abortion will end up bringing the world to nuclear war'. When a man kills a man in a war situation, it is bad, very sad. Attila [the Hun] went further. He said 'not only am I going to kill men, but also women and children.' He raised the bar to another level."

However, added Caviezel, "abortion goes much further: when the mother herself kills her son she goes against her own nature, against her own instinct. People talk about 'choice', but when a woman does that, when she destroys the life of her unborn child, then we have arrived at the limit. The level cannot go higher regarding evil."

"In the United States, there have been 50 million abortions since 1973," said the actor, observing that the number is equal to the total number of deaths in World War II, and "one-fifth of our population."

"The demographic triangle is being inverted. The base keeps shrinking, until there aren't young people to maintain the population. So, what happens? The next stage is the so-called 'right to die,' euthanasia," he said.

Caviezel, a committed Catholic who has starred in numerous major motion pictures, has been led by his pro-life convictions to adopt two handicapped Chinese children. His role in the Passion of the Christ has earned him worldwide acclaim.




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Hoffman, Matthew, C. "Jim Caviezel: abortion is 'the greatest moral defect of the western world'." [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com). 20 December 2010- 10:54 am EST. Web. 12 June 2016.

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I'm a quality engineer by trade and as such, in addition to responding to problems, we try to do what we can to prevent problems. I see that a great way to help widows and orphans would be to prevent them from becoming widows and orphans. No, we cannot prevent death, but we can take actions to delay the inevitable. I would like our Council to include within its activities some opportunities to help our brother knights and their families improve our health. Perhaps we could offer health screenings in conjunction with a blood drive. We should always be sure to have plenty of water and sunscreen at any outdoor activity. I would like to see Council 8156 field a team in the Cap-10K or some other 5K or 10K race in the area. Perhaps we could even sponsor a 5K or 10K race as a fundraiser. If we can help a brother Knight identify a health issue earlier; or start some habits that can help to improve his health, we give their insurance more time to grow, and more importantly, give his family more time with him.

So Brothers, let us improve our Council's Health: Spiritually, Fraternally, Financially, and even Physically.

I look forward to the opportunities that are before us disguised as challenges; and I ask for your help in meeting each of them head on. Invite more families to join us. Volunteer to help at Council events. Work to improve our Council's health spiritually, fraternally, financially, and physically. When we do this, we will raise those expectations for ourselves and for future councils.

Vivat Jesu,

Larry Odom

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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.

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## From the Editor

### Submit Articles for the August Newsletter by July 22, 2016

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## Important Dates for the Month

July 1	6:30pm	First Friday Devotion
July 2		First Saturday Adoration
	2:30pm	First Saturday rosary and meditation
July 6	7:00pm	KOC - Mass
	7:30pm	KOC - Business Meeting
July 15		BBQ prep
July 17	3:00am	BBQ
	7:00pm	Member Info Mtg
July 20	7:00pm	Planning Mtg
July 24	9:00am	Corporate Communion



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