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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
September 8



**Next Business Meeting September 7, 2016**  
**Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's**  
**Mass 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**

## Grand Knight's Report

It's late August, it's still hot, but the signs of upcoming Autumn are here. The first NCAA Football game of the season has already been played. School has started. Traffic has picked up. Life is back to "normal". This also means that activities will soon pick up at the Parish. RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children during Masses. Catechism for the youth. First Communion classes, Confirmation Classes. Youth nights. The opportunities for Knights to help at the Church with Catechesis for our youth and adults abound. Many of our members are already active in these Ministries and are preparing for another year. If you have considered helping with the Religious Education Ministry, now would be an excellent time to find out more about it. In addition to Catechists, the Ministry can use help with Discussion leaders and hospitality. Please contact the Church Office to see when and where you could be the most help.

The Austin Diocese Knights of Columbus bi-annual meeting was held recently. We heard from our new State Deputy Doug Oldmixon. Doug has chosen the slogan "Freedom to Serve" for the focus of the State Council for the next 2 years. Call or e-mail our Grand Knight with the phrase "Freedom to Serve" to receive a 50/50 ticket at our next Council Meeting. With the challenges that have been seen against freedom of conscience recently, it is important that we protect and exercise our Religious Freedom and Freedom to Serve. As you consider this election season, recall that Freedom of Religion was one of the reasons for Declaring our Independence, and a foundation Principle of our Republic as noted in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, **or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;**" That word, "respecting", as used in the 18th Century, indicated that Congress was not to create a "State" religion. It did not prevent laws that supported religion or religious practices, only to prevent the assigning of a specific religion as "THE" religion of the United States of America. This interpretation of our Constitution has been slowly whittled away to the point that we have communities of nuns who are being required by government to subsidize contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs. We have business owners who are being required by law to help in the celebration of immorality or risk losing their business and livelihood. This progressive reduction in true religious Liberty cannot be allowed to continue. In our vocations, our advocacy, and most importantly, our prayer, let us never waver in support of the principle of true religious freedom so we can continue to have the Freedom to Serve.

Vivat Jesu,  
Larry Odom

## Birthdays

ACHILLE	ALONZI
ARNOLD	AUZENNE
FELIPE	BARRERA
ROBERT	BOCANEGRA
RAYFORD	CARTER
ORLANDO	COLMENERO
EFRAIN	DE LA FUENTE
WILLIAM	DIAZ
GLENN	DOBMEIER
DYLAN	GAMBLIN
WILLIAM	HARRIS
MICHAEL	LEMONDS
PATRICK	LEONHARDT
SALVADOR	MACIAS
CARLOS	MEDINA
MICHAEL	MEYER
DANIEL	MICHULKA
MICHAEL	MONTEMURRO
ASHLEY	MOSTOFI
PEDRO	MUDARRA
AMADOR	MUNOZ
JEFF	PATTERSON
CHRISTOPHER	SHULEY
ROBERT	SKROBARCZYK
JUAN RAMON	TAVAREZ
TOMMY	TEYKL
DENNIS	WHITE
FILIBERTO	ZAZUETA

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

### Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

Give me a call and let's talk it out..

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

All:

We are less than 4 weeks out from our Blue Jeans and Boots Gala. Here are some key issues regarding this fund-raiser.

1. We have about 130 tickets out for sale or sold. If you have tickets to sale please do so soon. If you have money and stubs to turn in, please let me know. I will make arrangements to pick them up from you.
2. We need a STRONG push to get all of the tickets (225) sold. Please consider talking to your neighbors, co-workers, friends, fellow parishioners to purchase a ticket. If you need tickets to sell, just let me know and I will get them to you.
3. I realize a lot of you are not able to be real active in the K of C because of work or family commitments. A great way to help your council would be to purchase a ticket for this event. Even if you can't attend, you are still eligible to win one of the top 3 prizes. Remember no more than 225 tickets will be sold, so the odds of you winning are pretty significant.
4. We need more door prizes and silent auction items. Would you PLEASE consider asking your favorite restaurant, dry cleaner, coffee shop etc for a donation? Gift certificates (\$25 or so) would be great! The ones I have asked have been very accommodating.
5. There are a lot of members and wives working behind the scenes to make this event a successful fund-raiser. We need the entire council to help. Remember, many of the groups you are associated with have been helped by our council's financial support. The reason we are having this fund-raiser is to be able to continue helping these many groups and charities.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need tickets or brochures about this event.

Eddie Mazurek

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## Knight and Family of the Month

### **Knight— Steve Muras**

Steve Muras is a long time member of Council 8156 who doesn't call attention to himself, but is always ready and willing to serve. Steve has been a Day Captain for 40 Days For Life campaigns in Austin for several years. Steve participates in Mission to Mexico and is always available to help with Knights of Columbus functions. Steve was a tremendous help in our recent movement of barbecue items to a new shed. Steve has also volunteered to lead the sale of Football Sweepstakes tickets. Steve is a selfless giver and truly embodies the attitude of service that is so important to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. When you see Steve, thank him for his service and congratulate him for being selected as Knight of the Month for August 2016.

### **Family— Greg & Anh Thomas**

We are pleased to announce Greg & Anh Thomas as Family of the Month for August. Greg recently joined our Council and was very active within the Parish even before joining the Knights of Columbus. Greg and Anh are active with Worldwide Marriage Encounter; helping couples improve their relationships through better communication. They are also members of Small Christian Communities and Teams of Our Lady. Greg and Anh are also very active in ACTS Ministries, Greg having served as Retreat Director in 2015. The Thomas family is an asset to their community and to our Council. When you see Greg and Anh, thank them for their service and congratulate them for being selected as Council 8156 Family of the Month for August 2016.

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## Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

Join the 40 Days for Life, fall 2016 Campaign!

Sept. 28–Nov. 6

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion through:

- Prayer and fasting
- Community outreach

Peaceful vigil



*You can save an unborn baby's life! You can make a difference!*

Volunteer to pray one hour each week in front of one of the abortion facilities in south Austin. [Sign up on the Central Texas Coalition for Life \(CTCL\) website](#). There you will find more information about the 40 Days for Life campaign and the ongoing services CTCL provides for our community.

*"I am in this movement today because of ordinary people who took on an extraordinary task. My former abortion clinic is closed because of their sacrifice. Babies are alive because of them. Women are no longer being hurt by abortion in their community. You can do this. You can save a life. I now stand alongside you in this 40 Days for Life movement."*

**Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director**

40 Days for Life—The Beginning of the End of Abortion "WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING"

[40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) Web. 26 August 2016.

## Have You Been Saved? — Paul Root

Brother Knights ... The question of *"Have You Been Saved?"* often helps us mentally respond, *"Yes, Of Course."* However, our mind also begins the reality check of saying, *"Well, I am a little weak in some faith areas, but no problem. I will eventually be saved."* So, *"Will You?"* Doubt in our faith is a process that first asks a "doubt" question, followed by another question, *"I wonder what is the answer?"* As we know, our faith journey is not easy because practicing our faith requires prayer, study, and action. God asks us and wants us to build a loving relationship with Him.

How can we do this? One way is to take the time to know God. That is, to go to the desert like Jesus often did to pray to His Father and be refreshed to continue and teach the New Covenant to "all God's people." At St. Catherine of Siena, men of the parish and many are Knights have found a way to personally explore their faith and seek growth in understanding their faith. It is with these *"Faith Seeking Understanding"* notions that you are invited to attend the St. Catherine of Siena Men's ACTS Retreat beginning the evening of October 20 thru the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, October 23, 2016. The ACTS acronym stands for A = Adoration/Prayer, C = Community, T = Theology (Study of God), and S = Service (Helping Others). The retreat invitation is a great opportunity to give yourself a *"gift."* A gift that benefits not only you as a Knight, but your family, friends, and others.

Please seriously consider attending the October 2016 Men's ACTS retreat. For more information, please contact Knights Brothers, [Mario Chavez](#) or [Paul R. Root](#).

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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 October Newsletter  
by September 23, 2016**

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## Important Dates for the Month

Please use the new Group Space Calendar

[Click for the Council Calendar of Events](#)



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