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**Next Business Meeting October 5, 2016
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's
Mass 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**

Grand Knight's Report

I want to start this month's Grand Knight's report with a hearty THANK YOU to Eddie Mazurek, Glenn Jordan and their families and everyone who made this year's Blue Jeans & Boots Gala a resounding success. I received nothing but positive feedback about the entire event. Look for upcoming evidence that our current and immediate past Grand Knights did in fact kiss a goat. Thank you to Juan Tavarez for providing the goat. Thanks also to Father Lou for raising an additional \$300 to kiss the goat himself. I saw many cameras out, so look for evidence in your friendly neighborhood Facebook feed.

Eddie Mazurek deserves extra thanks for this event. Eddie brought the idea to the Council over 3 years ago and he has spent countless hours planning, preparing, and putting on this very successful fundraiser for the Council. It is time, however, to give Eddie a break. We are looking for someone else to step up and serve as the Chairman for next year's gala. Planning needs to start sooner rather than later. The Silent Auction is a subset of the event that requires a separate Chairman to organize. The sooner we start planning, the more successful next year's event will be. If you would be interested in serving as Chairman for next year's gala, or for next year's Silent Auction, please contact our Grand Knight or Eddie Mazurek. Once again, thank you Eddie for this event, your hard work has ensured its success and gained several thousand dollars for our Council to use for the support of many deserving charities. The first 10 people who call, text, or e-mail me with the words, "Thank you, Eddie Mazurek" will receive a free ticket to the 50/50 drawing in October's business meeting.

I want to encourage you to sign up for "40 Days For Life". Spend an hour a week between September 28 and November 6th. 6 Hours to support and end to abortion. David Bereit, one of the Founders and the current CEO of "Forty Days For Life", will be in Austin for the annual Texas Alliance For Life banquet. It would be great if David could see that every hour is filled with prayer volunteers in Austin for this 40 Days for Life campaign. All that is requested is a silent, prayerful presence on the sidewalk outside these abortion facilities from 7 am to 7 pm for 40 days. Just the presence of people praying on the sidewalk has been proven statistically to reduce the number of abortions during these campaigns.

We are still looking for volunteers to chair upcoming events for the Council. If you would like to ensure the success of some family events, or if you have an idea for a new event or ministry for the Council to support, please contact our Grand Knight, or bring it to the officers at our next Planning Meeting. Planning Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Vivat Jesu,
Larry Odom
Grand Knight



**Our Lady of the Rosary
October 7**



Birthdays

HUGH	BRYARS Jr.
RICHARD	CARBIN
THOMAS	CHAVANNE
ALBERTO	CHIQUILLO
Rev. PAT	COAKLEY
GERALD	DESMARAIS
JOHN	HENRY
GERARD	HIGGINS
MILTON	LUTZ Jr.
OSCAR	MARTINEZ
GEORGE	MC GOWAN
Rev. GERALD	MENDOZA
JOE	MENDOZA
JAMES	MIRABAL
KELBY	MOORE
KEVIN	MORGAN
CRUZ	MUNOZ
ALLAN	NOONAN
JOHN	PEMBE
HJALMAR	PEREZ
DAVID	RAMOS
KENNETH	RODRIGUEZ
RANDY	SCHREIBER
KARL	THOMASON
MATTHEW	WADE
JASON	WAGNER
MARTIN	WALSH
JACOB	WEMPE
WARREN	WIEDENFELD
JUSTIN	WITTSCHKE

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.

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

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2016 Gala Thank You - Eddie Mazurek

Just wanted to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our 3rd annual gala a huge success. This was the largest crowd that we have had thus far. With the new venue, the night went a lot smoother for everyone. Still tallying numbers at press time, but it would appear that we did great financially, which is important, but more importantly, everyone had a great time.

Now is the time to start thinking about next year's event. Is there someone out there who will step up and chair it? I will be glad to help them in any way I can.

Thanks again to all who supported this year's event. Also a great big thank you to my committee listed on [page 5](#) and also, Rachel & Matthew Schreiber for helping Randy all night with ticket pulling and keeping us straight on the numbers.

Holy Mackerel

HOLY MACKEREL ! You can be one (and there's nothing fishy about it)

Fully an innovation of Council 8156, The Holy Mackerels Catholic Toastmasters of Central Texas was chartered by Toastmasters international in 2013 to:

“provide Catholic faithful (men and women) with training and support in communications skill development, and to facilitate their articulate proclamation and defense of the Faith as well as productive contributions to discussions within the Catholic community.”

Statistically, the fear of public speaking is the most prevalent of all fears, beyond even fear of death. Yet Toastmasters makes it both easy and fun to not only overcome the fear, but to become a good speaker. If you're already good, it provides the training and the arena to become great. There are even competitive paths to world championships.

In the secular world alone, Toastmasters provides obviously valuable tools for career and business success. What makes this club -- The Holy Mackerels -- different is that its express purpose is to put those tools into the hands of those who hear the call to all Catholics to explain, proclaim and defend the Faith! For some that means to publically evangelize; for others to simply be ready to answer when the questions or challenges arise. If your words could stop one abortion, save one marriage, correct one wrong view of who and what Catholics are, convince one broken soul of the love of God...

Meetings are Tuesdays at the South Austin Ihop on Mopac at 6:30 am. Some joke of the irony of The Holy Mackerels meeting at an ungodly hour – but it actually turns out to be a great way to kickstart the day with a good Ihop breakfast and enjoyable social interaction. Morning meetings are best because the evenings of people of faith are often tied up with parishes, ministries and families. Few of them need “something else to do,” but they know that doing this has value to everything else.

You can just visit, and you don't have to eat. “On time” is the one strict rule, so speakers are not interrupted. Bring a friend, or your spouse

Information: Brother Ray Wilson at rwilson@cognabooks.com

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Steve Dillon

Steve Dillon has been a loyal, hardworking member of Council 8156 for many years. Steve has been an invaluable help to the Council and to the Grand Knight. Until this year, Steve served as the Charter Representative for the Boy Scouts Troop, Team, and Crew 448.

Steve continues to serve as the Committee Chair for the Troop and keeps the Council apprised of what the Scouts are doing and how the Council might be able to help. Steve continues to humbly serve our Council, Church, and Community. I am pleased to announce his selection as Knight of the Month for September 2016. Please be sure to congratulate him when you see him.

Family— Glenn & Carolyn Jorden

Glenn & Carolyn Jorden continue to serve St. Catherine's Parish and the Knights of Columbus with enthusiasm. Carolyn helps to train and lead Altar Servers. Glenn assists with RCIA. Glenn is the recorder for our Council and has served very well in that role. When it came time for running the silent auction segment of the Blue Jeans and Boots Gala, Glenn and Carolyn again stepped forward. They have both been working diligently for months to gather, organize, and prepare silent auction items for our annual benefit gala. This is a major source of income for the Council and it is critical that it be managed well. Glenn & Carolyn have offered their time, their efforts, and even their home for the success of the gala and the Council. Please join me in thanking them for their efforts and congratulate them as our Family of the Month for September 2016.

Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

Join the 40 Days for Life, Fall 2016 Campaign | Sept. 28–Nov. 6

Can you help? Volunteers are needed to commit to pray for one or more hours each week during the 40-day vigil in front of one of the abortion facilities in south Austin. You can read more information about the campaign and sign up at [Central Texas Coalition for Life](#). Thank you!



A Prayer for Life for Pro-Life Volunteers

Loving God, Creator of all, we recognize
that life is a gift from you.

Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit and renew in us
a deep respect for all persons:
the family, the unborn, the young, the adult,
the sick, the disabled, the abused, the imprisoned,
the aged, the dying, the homeless, the unemployed,
and the oppressed in any way.

Bless all of us in our diocese and instill in us
a deep love for your gift of life.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mother and Patroness of the Unborn,
may all our words and actions foster
reverence for human life.

May we be true witnesses to the truth
that all life is precious and has sublime dignity.
Lead our nation and our world to this understanding
so that we may be a people dedicated
to the protection of all your sons and daughters.

We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ,
the Word who became flesh and lived among us.

Amen.

National Institutes of Health posted a notice August 4, 2016 requesting public comment on:

Proposed Changes to the NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and the Proposed Scope of an NIH Steering Committee's Consideration of Certain Human-Animal Chimera Research [Read the notice...](#)

St. Pope John Paul II said the following in 2001:

I am speaking of a tragic spiral of death which includes murder, suicide, abortion, euthanasia. To this list we must add irresponsible practices of genetic engineering, such as the cloning and use of human embryos for research, which are justified by an illegitimate appeal to freedom, to cultural progress, to the advancement of mankind. When the weakest and most vulnerable members of society are subjected to such atrocities, the very idea of the human family, built on the value of the person, on trust, respect and mutual support, is dangerously eroded. A civilization based on love and peace must oppose these experiments, which are unworthy of man.

St. Pope John Paul II, Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace (2001), no. 19

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Submit Articles for the November Newsletter by October 21, 2016

Important Dates for the Month

Please use the new Group Space Calendar

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

2016 Gala Banquet Committee:

- ◇ Glenn & Carolyn Jordan
- ◇ Tony and Cherie Hanson
- ◇ Abigail Arhens
- ◇ Yoli Muniz
- ◇ Joe & Trish Broz
- ◇ Matthew Wade
- ◇ Bob & Alexa Stuijbergen
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