



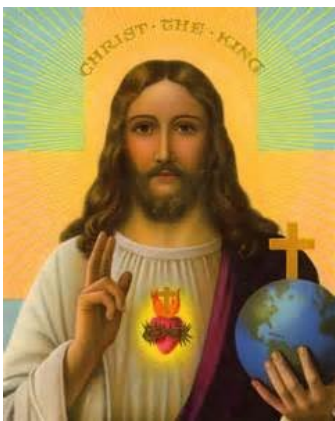
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**Christ the King
November 20**



**Next Business Meeting November 2, 2016
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's
Mass 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**

Grand Knight's Report

Election 2016 is happening whether we like it or not. Hyperbole seems to be the rule on all sides. We should all remember that no matter what happens, God is still in charge. Please also remember, that there is no place for partisan politics in our order. We are called to participate in the Political Process with a well-formed conscience. Our options for president from the two major parties offer stark contrast. Some may believe that cannot in good conscience vote for either one; and others believe that failing to do so is abdicating our responsibility as citizens. I would ask that whatever you do, you do so with an informed intellect and a well-formed conscience. Whatever happens on November 8th, We are still fortunate to be in the United States of America and we still have a responsibility to serve our Parish, our Community, and our Nation with humility and integrity.

Before we know it, the Holiday season will be upon us. Halloween happens in just a few days. The weather is starting to cool. We look forward to Family Gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas. During this time, please remember, think of, pray, and if you can, visit those who may be struggling with issues of health and/or loneliness. The Holiday Season should be a joyful time; let's do what we can to make it so for everyone we can. Keep an eye and ear open for news about our upcoming Christmas Party. We will also have an opportunity to participate in the Parish "Christmas Fair" again. Let's fill the Altar with singing Knights and Families. This will be a great opportunity to show the Parish the Joy of Knighthood by singing Loud and Proud at this event. And if you e-mail or text our Grand Knight with the words "Loud & Proud" you will receive one free fifty-fifty ticket at our Council Meeting in November. (Remember though, you must be present to win the 50-50.)

Thank you all for your service to your Families, Your Parish, and Your Community. I am often awed by the level of love and support reflected in this community.

Vivat Jesu,
Larry Odom
Grand Knight

Birthdays

GEORGE	CASAREZ
JESUS	CHAVEZ III
KEVIN	DE MARTINI
PATRICK	DILLON
JOHN	DWORACZYK
JAIME	GONZALEZ
JOHN	HALLETT
MICHAEL	HAMILTON
MACK	HARPER
JOHN	HARRISON II
CARL	JACQUIN
DIETER	KAUPP
DAVID	LIDDY
WILFREDO	LOPEZ
STEPHEN	MC COWN
GORDON	MEAD
PETER	NELSON
CRAIG	O BRIEN
ROBERT	PAUL
BILLY	ROBERTS
ROGER	RUETHER
KENNETH	SERRANO
TYLER	SUGGS
PATRICK	THOMPSON
WALTER	TRYBULA
RUBEN	VILLARREAL
DEAN	WOODWORTH

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two, a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services.¹ Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

Who Should I Get It From?

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

Today, our insurance program protects hundreds of thousands of families, with more than \$100 billion in force. Last year alone, Knights of Columbus families received more than \$800 million in insurance benefits.

Being your insurance company also means that we have to be ethical, responsible, Catholic and charitable — just as you would expect.

Recently we received our third consecutive "World's Most Ethical" company designation by the Ethisphere Institute, and since 1975, the Knights of Columbus has been among the most highly rated life insurers in North America.² We refuse to invest in companies who deal in lines of business that run contrary to church teaching. We also use proceeds from our insurance business to donate to Catholic and charitable causes around the world. The insurance business and local councils are the two primary sources for the more than \$1.55 billion the Knights of Columbus has donated to charity in the past decade.

Our strength cannot be beaten. Our ethical pedigree cannot be questioned. And our Catholic commitment is never compromised.

Not every life insurance company can say that.

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Father Manickam Coming to Austin in November

Father Manickam will be in the Austin Area and the Nelson's are hosting an open house on November 19 from 1pm to 5pm. Stop by if you want to say hello.

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Thanks to all who have helped in building of the Church for his parishioners, Our Lady of Good Health. He has pictures to share.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The October 16th ACTS - Knights BBQ and the Cotton Candy fundraiser was a huge success. Adam Alvarez, the BBQ Chair, and many men from the ACTS team and our ACTS sisters and brothers, along with our Brother Knights gathered to help with the many tasks. Carol Ramirez and Herm Hebert made the best "cotton candy" and their donation is appreciated. Not only did we have fun in a communal activity, but we made some money to help finance ACTS scholarships and retreat expenses. Specifically, we earned \$300 from the BBQ and the combined donations from the BBQ and Cotton Candy was \$281. A total of \$581. A special "Thank You to Everyone Who Helped or Contributed." Oh Yes, lets us not forget to recognize our dear God as we shout out our ACTS traditional GRITO ...

"God is Good, All the Time!; All the Time, God is Good! ... Amen! Amen! Amen"

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Bill Roberts

Bill Roberts currently serves as Faithful Captain of 4th Degree Assembly 1099. Bill also serves as an Usher for St. Catherine's Parish. When the Council was in need of someone to lead a project to split wood and clean the area behind the shed, Bill Roberts stepped forward to do so. Bill then followed up the next weekend by working to make sure our smoker was cleaned. Bill is always ready to serve his Brother Knights, his Parish, and his community. When you see Bill, please thank him for his service and congratulate him for being recognized as Council 8156 Knight of the Month for October 2016.

Family— Dirk VanderPloeg & Family

Dirk VanderPloeg joined our Council just a few years ago while helping the Council with repairs to a widow's home which had been damaged by flood and neglect. Dirk's selfless behavior did not end then. Dirk and his family have continued to serve their community. Dirk and his family ensured a successful Columbus Day Lasagna Dinner this year on relatively short notice. For stepping up and serving their Community and Council, we are pleased to recognize the VanderPloeg family as Family of the Month for October 2016.

Culture of Life— Roger Ruether

Voting Your Faith as a Catholic — Composed by a brother Knight

My belief on the penultimate issue, the sacredness of life, facing us as we enter the voting booth on November 8, persuades me that as a Catholic, I can only vote for a candidate who is governed by a party platform supporting the religious and moral beliefs of the Catholic Church; specifically, the sanctity of life, marriage between one man and one woman, and religious liberty. Below, I have provided some thoughts from others much wiser than me for your reflection as you prepare to vote. I hope you enjoy reading them.

“Pope Francis has emphasized how important it is for Catholics to be engaged in the political process.... His words regarding the importance of Catholics being faithful citizens are especially important for us.... We need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates.... It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people with abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians.... Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale.... Abortion has killed more than 40 million people.... The entire population of the 25 largest cities in the United States and Canada....” *Quotes from a speech by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the 134th Supreme Convention in Toronto, August 2-4, 2016*

“America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.” *St. Pope John Paul II*

“Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts --a child-- as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience.... Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign.” *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in a 1994 letter to the US Supreme Court*

“We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, killings, of wars, or of hatred...If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?” — *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

"Human life is sacred and inviolable. Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature." *Pope Francis during an address to the Italian Movement for Life in April 2014*

“The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right — it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

"For you deal here above all with human life, and human life is sacred; no one may dare make an attempt upon it. Respect for life, even with regard to the great problem of the birth rate, must find here in your Assembly its highest affirmation and its most rational defense. Your task is to ensure that there is enough bread on the tables of mankind, and not to encourage an artificial control of births, which would be irrational, in order to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life." *Pope Paul VI to the UN General Assembly, October 4, 1965*

“[I]s it surprising that today we have become so morally blind (for wickedness blinds) that we save the baby whales at great cost, and murder millions of unborn children?” *Alice von Hildebrand, The Privilege of Being a Woman*

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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 December Newsletter
by November 25, 2016**

Important Dates for the Month

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