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**Next Business Meeting June 7, 2017
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's
Mass 6:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm**

Grand Knight's Report

It's almost Memorial Day! Summer's almost here. Now is the season of graduations and those with children are planning their summers without school. It is also getting near to the end of our Fraternal Year. We still have May and June but then we will begin a new Fraternal year with a new slate of officers and directors leading our Council. We still have two months to work towards the Columbian Award and achieving Star Council. To achieve Star Council, however, we will need to add several new members. I ask each of you to invite someone to join our order. In addition to helping our Council, we will help the State of Texas remain in the "Ring Of Honor" for the Order.

My EIM Training had to be renewed this week. I spent 2 hours on Saturday at and Ethics & Integrity in Ministry Workshop. This is the third time I've had to renew this training. The training material has changed over the years, and I was very impressed with the training. I know there are some who question why we are asked to take this training if we are not involved with Youth Ministry. The training is not just for those who work in Youth Ministry or Ministry with the vulnerable. Part of the training shows how to recognize the signs of abuse and how to recognize "grooming" activity. There are times when any one of us may be in a position to recognize such activity and have the opportunity to make a positive difference in a victim's life by helping to stop or prevent abuse. In previous versions of this training, some attendees were made very uncomfortable by the stories and the dramatizations that were shown. The new version still has a couple of disturbing stories, but the people discussing them are kept in shadow and there are no dramatizations. I believe it to be more effective in communicating the importance of the issue, as well as showing that we do need to be vigilant to watch for the signs of abuse and possible "grooming" activity. The updated training also includes guidelines for Social Media and online communication. The first 10 men who send a text or e-mail to our Grand Knight with the phrase, "I am EIM Certified" or "I will be EIM Certified" will receive a 50/50 ticket at the June Business Meeting. I ask any of you who are not yet EIM Certified to please start the process to become certified. It is the children of our community who will benefit.

Vivat Jesu,

Larry Odom



June 18
Solemnity of the Most
Holy Body and
Blood of Christ



Birthdays

RAYMOND	ARRIAGA
DOUGLAS	BECKETT
CHARLIE	BLUM
ROBERT	CAMPOS
ERIC	CONTRERAS
STEVE	DARILEK
DARRELL	DEBISH
ROBERT	DONLEY
EDWARD	EMPERO
DARREN	FEHLINGER
TIM	GROSS
JOSEPH	HOTZ
GREGORY	KASKIE
SETH	MCKEITHEN
GARY	MOORE
IRA	MOORE
RICHARD	MUNOZ
MATTHEW	MURAS
JAMES	O BRIEN
DAVID	PIETRUSZYN-SKI
DARREL	RICHARDS
BOGNER	STUBBS
GILBERT	TELLO
PAUL	TILEY
JEREMY	TOME
MIGUEL	TORRES
UFOT	UMANA
KOURI	WINTERS

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Value of Life Insurance for Children

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, I thought this would be a great article for all of us fathers.

There are just a handful of insurance companies with over \$100 BILLION of coverage in force.. There is only one that is Catholic! Any ideas on which one???



Contact me today.

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Budget for 2017—2018

The proposed budget for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year was presented at the May Business meeting. Any proposed updates were to be presented at the May 17 planning meeting.

The Final Proposed budget will be presented at the June Business Meeting and will be voted on for final approval per the Supreme Laws of the Order.

Gala 2017

All:

I know we are all thinking of end of school, graduations, vacations etc, but just wanted to get this out to all of you so you can mark your calendars for **Friday, September 22nd for this year's gala.**

It will be our 4th one and will once again return to Creekside Pavillion in downtown Driftwood.. If all goes right, I should have tickets and brochures the July meeting. For now, I am asking that you start looking for silent auction and door prize items.

Although it may seem in the distance time wise, September will be here before we know it. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks

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How Do We Make Up a Budget Shortfall ?

In the March 2017 Newsletter I wrote an opinion on the need for Monthly BBQs. As we approach our 2017-2018 Budget the need for Monthly BBQs is very apparent. We worked on our upcoming budget for two week-ends. Almost every program we have supported in the past was reduced in the amount of funds the charity will receive. We will publish the Annual BBQ Schedule. You may ask why go to the trouble to work on that schedule? If you look at the 2017-2018 Budget you will be able to see how your Charity has been affected. How can you support your Charity? Chair a BBQ!

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Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— David Lara

If you drive down Convict Hill road between St. Catherine's and Brodie lane in January and February, you have probably seen a sign for Boy Scout mulch sales. That is just one indicator of the level of support our Knight of the Month for May 2017 has for our youth. David Lara has been a supporter of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for many years. David also works on the irrigation system at the Church and has volunteered to chair BBQs on occasion. So the next time you see David Lara, thank him for his support of our youth and Parish and congratulate him for being recognized as Knight of the Month for May 2017.

Family— Jim & Kathy Luhrman

Jim and Kathy Luhrman both serve as Eucharistic Ministers and have been active with the Church and our Council for many years. Jim is a past Grand Knight and current Trustee. Jim is at every BBQ and works tirelessly helping to sell after the morning Masses. Jim is a Lector, is on our Scholarship Committee, and the Golf Committee. We are blessed to have them in our Parish and our Council. Thank them when you see them.

Culture of Life— Roger Ruether



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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](#).

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, GIVER OF LIFE

Come Holy Spirit, Creator of all things...You who breathed over the waters at the dawn of creation and brought forth all living beings...You who filled the apostles when the Risen Lord breathed on them on the first Easter night, giving them the power to restore life to those dead in sin...You who, on the last day, will breathe again over all the dead and raise them from the grave--Come! Come and breathe on our world again, immersed as it is in the Culture of Death! Come, O Lord and Giver of Life! Defeat the works of death in our midst, that abortion may no longer stain our land.

We worship You, O Holy Spirit, and we rejoice in You. We know that no matter how strong the forces of death may be we can still find in You the endless source of life. Renew that life in each of us, and make us worthy apostles of the Culture of Life in our day! Amen.

[PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY](#) (PDF)

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Budget Shortfall Continued

I know that many Brothers are reluctant to tackle one. Organizing a Monthly Council BBQ is not a one man – one-day show. A BBQ is a very hands-on activity. Over the past few years we have developed a group of Brothers who are there to help every month. Preparations begin immediately after the Business Meeting with a guide that we have worked out. Two days are the busiest; Friday when sausage and chicken are delivered and Sunday from 3:00 in the morning until the finish.

The designated charity receives a minimum contribution from the Council. In addition to the minimum funding, freewill donations are accepted for the Charity on the Sunday of the BBQ.

It also builds fraternity and a BBQ Chairman learns Chairman learns to work with the Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight, to identify council members who will be assisting the Chairman.

So what do parishioners of St Catherine's gain from our Monthly BBQ's? Parishioners support a charity when they buy the BBQ prepared by the Council. It can raise awareness for the charity and raises the visibility of the Council.

Jim Luhrman
Trustee and Past Grand Knight

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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 July Newsletter
by June 20, 2017

Important Dates for the Month

Please use the new Group Space Calendar

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