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**Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8**

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

Grand Knight's Report

Brother nights this month is one of our big fundraisers. The annual galla. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet you should it's a great event. Also we are trying a gun raffle / Academy gift card. I know we all like to see Eddie sweat however buy your tickets now before they run out and consider selling to your friends and family or neighbors you can even try your enemy's. We need to bring in new funds to the council besides just us Knights buying. Finally as many of you have seen we are spending our extra funds as we get them in. I would like to see more brothers chair a monthly BBQ rather than make a motion for funds. You can make so much more money towards your cause and you can bring attention to a worthy cause as well. Not only bringing them our funds but others too and some attention that can lead to more volunteers and help for those causes. Thank you and God Bless.

40 Days for Life

It is time to contribute 1 hour of your week to support the Unborn by Praying for Life at the Ben White Abortion Center. From September 27 to November 5, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

[Click here to select the day and time you can pray with us.](#)

Birthdays

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

Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

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Budget Fraternal Year 2017-2018

In June of each Fraternal Year the Council adopts the Budget for the upcoming Fraternal Year. This year we will support twenty-two Community Activities and seven Youth Activities. The charities supported by the Council for the upcoming year are on the budget for each Member of the Council to see. Looking at the budget each member knows how his Charity has been affected. This year almost every program we have supported in than past years was reduced in the amount of funds the charity will receive.

At our first Business Meeting this year it was proposed to contribute to a charity not in the budget. Fortunately our June Golf Tournament made a higher profit from made it possible to support the charity.

So how do we support a charity worthy of our support but not in the budget? When I first became a Knight I learned that we had a method to accomplish that mission – the Monthly BBQ. Over the years I have been a Knight we face a challenge almost every month. How are we going to carry out the Monthly BBQ? Who is going to be the Chair for the BBQ?

Consider how can we support your Charity when it is not in the budget? The first thing I can say to my Brother Knights is don't give up your charity, don't complain, Chair a BBQ. Many Parishioners at St Catherine's think that the only thing we do is BBQ. We need to show them we have others thing we help with anew the BBQ if simply a tool to carry out our mission. If you have an idea for supporting a Charity contact the Deputy Grand Knight with your idea. I can tell you that no matter who is wearing the Deputy Grand Knight hat will move on your idea. There are many Brother Knights who will help getting this done.

Jim Luhrman
Trustee and Past Grand Knight

Knight and Family of the Month

Knight— Ken Kurzawski

The Knight of the Month is Ken Kurzawski. Ken has been involved with BBQ activities as well as helping out with the K of C Golf Tournament. He's also taken on the fun activity of arranging our K of C Monday Golf Outings. His willingness to plan and organize these get-togethers demonstrates his commitment to our councils' fraternal activities.

Family— Aarons Family

This month we like to recognize as family of the month the Aarons family Jerry and Abigail and their children.

Their family demonstrates service and fellowship to their church community here at St Catherine's. We'd like to recognize them for their representation of a strong Christian family that takes part in the divine services that are needed by the church. We applaud them and thank them for their generous services.

Culture of Life— Chris Koltz

Invitation. Texas Alliance for Life Benefit Dinner on October 5, at the Hilton Austin. Keynote speaker is Amy McElhinney, journalist and documentary film director, who co-authored the book, Gosnell and raised almost \$2.5 million at Indiegogo to produce a documentary movie based on the book.

State Pro-Life News: Governor Abbott signed House Bills 13 and 214 from the 85th Special Session. HB 13 enacts stricter reporting requirements and record keeping by abortion providers for medical complications resulting from abortion procedures. HB 214 proscribes coverage for elective abortions in general insurance policies, but permits insurers to offer women supplemental abortion coverage.

Did you know: Houston/Harris County is, “America's sex trafficking capital”, according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, and it also has the largest (78,000 sq. ft.) PPH abortion center in the US.

On the Federal Pro-Life front: With the vote of Senator McCain cast, a modified version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) was defeated. As a result Planned Parenthood (PPH) continues to receive your federal tax dollars to pay for abortions while selling the body parts of aborted children for profit. David Daleiden appealed to the US Supreme Court to reverse a decision from a Federal judge in San Francisco effectively ordering him to desist undercover reporting. The California Attorney General, a PPH supporter, re-filed multiple criminal charges against Daleiden regarding his video recordings.

Newly released statistics about PPH (PPH claims the women’s health services it provides are “irreplaceable” and “lifesaving” while receiving annually almost 500 million federal tax dollars):

- Performs 35.4% of the induced abortions in the US

- Performs 1.4% of HIV tests

- Performs less than 1% of Pap tests

- From 2011 - 2016 - PPH increased contraceptive services 2.1%, STI tests (required for some abortions and IUD placements) 19%, abortions 25%, while breast exams and Pap tests each decreased 37%

- There are 14,878 Community Health Centers to 639 PPH Centers in the United States

- <https://lozierinstitute.org/planned-parenthood-irreplaceable-and-lifesaving-infographic/>

International news. On July 28, 2017, Charlie Gard died after his parents agreed to discontinue their court battle. Their decision came after a delay of several months, due to legal wrangling, prevented his timely receipt of the experimental treatment arranged by his parents, but denied by the hospital and the courts.

My comments: The critical question for you and me as Catholics and Knights concerning the Charlie Gard case and similar administrative, legislative and judicial decisions in the United States; ‘Who possesses the right to decide the proper treatment for someone and determines how long to pursue that treatment’.

Charlie’s case raises questions about whether the life support he is receiving should be considered disproportionate (extraordinary) or not, and whether further therapy, even in an experimental form, might be reasonable and worth pursuing. It also raises issues about who should be making the decisions about Charlie’s care: the hospital, the courts, or the parents.

- <https://www.ncbcenter.org/resources/news/statement-national-catholic-bioethics-center-charlie-gard-case/>

I encourage you to read the entire Summary Statement from July 7, 2017, by the National Catholic Bioethics Center, (three weeks before Charlie died) to help you understand the issues and how those issues may impact end-of-life decisions for you, a loved one or a friend. This article from the National Catholic Register goes into greater detail explaining what the Catholic Church teaches about end-of-life decisions raised by cases like the Charlie Gard case. <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/charlie-gard-is-our-child>.

Blue Jeans and Boots Gala

BLUE JEANS AND BOOTS GALA

As you should be aware of by now, we are having a major fund-raiser on Friday, September 29th. We are hoping to sell 200 tickets (no more than 200) at \$100 each. This ticket gets the purchaser **dinner for two**, drinks, dancing, and a shot at many door prizes. The top door prizes are \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. There will be many other door prizes throughout the evening.

We will also have a silent auction. We are starting to get some good items in but we need more. . I am looking for a stay at a lake house or beach, sports tickets, hotel room, etc. The silent auction is a crucial part of our earnings and we need to have items to offer. We are not too picky. If you have something you would like to donate, please let me know and I will make arrangements to get it from you.

We could use your help in getting door prizes. They don't have to be of great value. The more door prizes we collect, the better the odds are of winning a door prize. If you know of a company that you think might donate an item or a gift certificate. Be creative, oil changes, cleaners, gift cards or certificates from restaurants are great. Pretty much any gift card, \$25 value or higher, can be used.

We also need donations of liquor, wine and beer. Please consider donating a bottle or two to help us raise money for all the great charities that the council supports.

Also, this year we are selling separate raffle tickets for an Academy gift card that could be used to purchase one of two guns. Although this is advertised as a gun raffle, the gift cards could be used to purchase anything from Academy if you choose not to get guns. The value of the gift cards will be ~\$450 and ~\$850. These raffle tickets are \$20 each and no more than 300 will be sold. Winner need not be present to win Academy gift card.

We also need help selling tickets. If you would like tickets to buy yourself or to sell, just let me know and I will get them to you. Those who have already sold tickets are finding it very easy to sell just by asking other parishioners, neighbors, co-workers and family members. You need not be present to win the top 3 door prizes. The success of this event depends on us selling all 200 tickets. Please consider buying one yourself or taking some to sell to others.

Thank you

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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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Important Dates for the Month

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