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**Next Business Meeting December 6, 2017  
Our Meetings are Now at St. Catherine's  
No Mass in December, — Meeting 7:00pm**

**Grand Knight's Report**

Greetings brother knights. We have a few things going on this month. First off if anyone sees Adam Alvarez tell him to contact myself of DGK Glenn Jordon.

Secondly our Christmas party is on Saturday December 16th . It will be at the Cathoic diocese pastoral center located at 6225 E Hwy 290 Austin tx 78723. It'll start with social hr at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6pm. The council will provide ham and turkey as well as dressing and gravy. And a cake. We ask that each family attending bring a side dish. Also we will have a gift exchange for the adults attending the party we ask that the gift be valued at 15 dollars or there abouts. Also I hear Santa will be stopping by to give gifts to all the good boys and girls. Please RSVP by email to [juanrst04@gmail.com](mailto:juanrst04@gmail.com) by December 9th. Also let add in the email how many children that will be attending and ages. Thank you.

Lastly I ask if anyone would like to help me deliver poinsettias to widows it would be greatly appreciated.

God bless  
Juan Tavarez

*Advent:  
A Season  
of Hope  
and  
Anticipation*



**Our December Meeting will begin with a  
First Degree Ceremony starting at 7pm.**

## Birthdays

WILLIAM	ARMATTA
JAMES	BENAVIDES
RONALD	BUYS
EARL	CARTER
ERIC	CHURCHILL
RONALD	CRAIN
STEVEN	DAIGLE
TREVOR	DE MARTINI
BOB	GARCIA
JAMES	GERESZEK
DAVID	GOSSETT
CHRIS	GRAHMANN
ALEJANDRO	GUTIERREZ
BARRY	HAYGOOD
MICHAEL	HEJNY
KENNETH	KURZAWSKI
DOUGLAS	LYON
WILLIAM	MASTIN
STEVEN	MYERS
ERIC	NEGRON
CHRISTOPHER	NICHOLS
EFRAIN	ORTIZ
GUADALUPE	PEQUENO
ROBERT	PETERSON
GUADALUPE	RAMIREZ
PATRICK	REINHART
VICTOR	REYNA
GEORGE	REYNES
ALEXANDER	SANCHEZ
THOMAS	SAUCEDA
SAM	STEPHENS
JEFFREY	STOVALL
BEN	TRUONG

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

**Mary and I wish each of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.**

### An Ethical Responsibility

In March of 2017, the Knights of Columbus was once again named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute . This makes the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row for this distinguished honor.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world.

For starters, we were founded by a Venerable Servant of God, who, we pray, is on the path to Sainthood. How many companies can say that?

It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner.

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above everything.

But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less.

We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

Our mission remains the same 135 years later.

From our founding to the present day, we are and have been an unapologetically Catholic company.

For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

We are an organization by brother Knights, for brother Knights.

We don't worry about stock price, shareholders, or corporate takeovers. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're brother Knights too.

As agents, we are rigorously trained to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Each of us must sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," it goes on to say, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions

to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." After all, we are our brother's keeper.

That's our commitment to you. And that's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching, and in line with the vision of our holy founder.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has acknowledged that commitment.

Discover the benefits of doing business with one of the World's most ethical companies. Contact me today.

Thanks

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## Spring Raffle

At the last business meeting, I proposed that we have a spring raffle to raise extra money without too much effort. The consensus of those in attendance was they were in favor of it. So now I am starting to put this together so that, hopefully, we can start selling tickets in January.

Ideally, I would like 5 major prizes that might include a stay at a vacation rental, fishing trip, cooler of liquor, gift card, etc. If you think you might know someone who might donate something along these lines, or anything of significant value, please email or call me so we can discuss it. I have some ideas that might make it easier for someone to donate a weekend or weekdays stay of a rental unit etc.

It would be nice to get back to funding all of our charities as we did a few years ago.

Thanks

Eddie Mazurek

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## Knight of the Month

### **Knight - Jim Luhrman**

He is awesome

### **Family October— John & Marilyn O'Daniel**

John and Marilyn are extremely active in our council and auxiliary organization volunteering and participating in most of the council events. Both make significant contributions to our annual golf tournament, one of our council's major fundraisers, with John serving on the committee & Marilyn assisting with registration and both volunteer at our annual Gala. Marilyn volunteered in setup and cleanup for this year's Columbus Day Dinner. John chairs & conducts sales at the monthly BBQ and chaired the November BBQ to benefit Habit for Humanity.

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## Culture of Life— Chris Koltz

### A FEW OF THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS HELPING WOMEN (AND MEN) EXPERIENCE TRUE FREEDOM

<http://www.feministsforlife.org/> Feminists for Life of America recognizes that abortion is a reflection that our society has failed to meet the needs of women. We are dedicated to systematically eliminating the root causes that drive women to abortion — primarily lack of practical resources and support — through holistic, woman-centered solutions. Women deserve better® than abortion.

<http://www.abbyjohnson.org/> My mission - and my team's mission - is simple: We're in the fight for life because we're pro-love. We see that every life, from the child in the womb, to the elderly - and in between, including the abortion clinic worker's life, have incredible value and worth. We believe that abortion strips women of their dignity. We believe that motherhood is empowering. We believe that not conforming and giving into societal pressures when it comes to femininity is empowering. We believe that justice applies to every single human being on this earth. We believe in redefining the pro-life movement to include everyone, every age, race, gender, religion and every job.

<https://lozierinstitute.org/> The Charlotte Lozier Institute is the 501(c)(3) research and education institute of the Susan B. Anthony List, an organization dedicated to electing candidates and pursuing policies that will reduce and ultimately end abortion. <https://www.sba-list.org/about-susan-b-anthony-list> Founded in 1992, SBA List seeks to restore an authentic feminism that celebrates the equality and dignity of women in all walks of life, without diminishing the sanctity of the human lives they conceive and bear in the vocation of motherhood. SBA List's work has centered on advocacy for life and political action to draw more women into public life.

<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/> Rachel's Vineyard weekends for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in locations across the United States and Canada, with additional sites around the world. Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry of Priests for Life. The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest for all who are willing to labor there.

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/euthanasia/index.htm> Priests for Life has come to signify two distinct but related movements within the wider pro-life movement. On one level, as described below, Priests for Life refers to a very specific effort to galvanize the clergy to preach, teach, and mobilize their people more effectively in the effort to end abortion and euthanasia. On another level, Priests for Life represents a family of ministries that reach and enrich every aspect of the pro-life movement, for clergy and laity alike, in a wide variety of activities.

<https://www.nyu.edu/projects/sanger/webedition/app/documents/show.php?sangerDoc=101807.xml> and <http://www.blackgenocide.org/negro.html> Margaret Sanger, a eugenics proponent, founder of what would become Planned Parenthood, and creator of the Negro Project and the American Baby Code, said (among other things), “We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.”

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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

Please use the new Group Space Calendar

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

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