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**Next Business Meeting**  
**May 5, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting 7:00pm**  
**Via the Internet**

**Grand Knight's Report — Bill Roberts**

From Saint Catherine Admin, the number of parishioners attending Mass continues to increase with some Masses spilling over into Johnson Hall. Johnson Hall is nowhere near capacity. No date to move back into the Center is given and we will not be doing any meetings or meals in the Center for the foreseeable future. So, this is shaping up to be a complete Fraternal Year without an in-person Council meeting.

With the current Fraternal Year in the last quarter there is a need for volunteers and nominations for Knights to fill the officer positions for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. You can take the opportunity to learn more about how the Council and the hierarchy in the State and Supreme levels operate. This is a chance to influence how the Council responds to the Parish and community and to grow as a leader in the Council. Please consider applying some of your time to making our Council a better organization.

Thanks go to Larry Odom and Cruz Munoz for chairing the April BBQ and to their Troop of Scouts for providing a lot of help and much appreciated enthusiasm throughout the event. David Sykora gets kudos for his first time managing the smoker. The whole event went off well from the start through sales/pickup and cleanup.

From Jim Luhman, the cemetery cleanup crew was a little smaller than last time but the volunteers brought mowers and other tools this time that allowed a larger area to be cleaned, mowed and trimmed. Thanks to all of the Knights and spouses who volunteered for the task. And to Charlie Davis for bringing along some really good breakfast tacos.

**Upcoming Events**

By the time that you read this we will be past the first weekend of the food drive for Abiding Love Food Pantry. The next opportunity to donate food items will be on Sunday, May 2, between the hours of 1:00-3:00 PM at the Abiding Love parking lot at the corner of Convict Hill Road and Brush Country Road. The items most in need are cereal, soup, canned vegetables, canned beans and peanut butter. You can make a cash donation anytime by visiting the [kofc8156.org](http://kofc8156.org) website, then click on the "Donate to Abiding Love Food Bank" bar at the top of the page.

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## Birthdays

Miguel	Alvarez
James	Ankenbauer
Donald	Bergman
Dale	Boman
Michael	Borrero
Michael	Brewer
Mark	Brockman
Louis	Brusatti
Rod	Campbell
David	Dahill
David	Dillon
Michael	Duffy
Ramon	Fouse
Crespin	Guzman
Jim	Hogg
Lyndon	Kirk
John	Langan
Kim	Latoszewski
Martin	Lizarraga
Stephen	Losten
James	Luhrman
John	Muniz
Blake	Nedbalek
Jorge	Ochoa
Eugene	Pace
Carlos	Ramirez
Leonel	Ramirez
Ben	Svrcek
Gregory	Thomas
Dillon	Vinklarek
Robert	Vitela
Brian	Walsh
Joseph	Willard

## Insurance Agent Report - Eddie Mazurek FICF LUTCF

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Easter-tide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and the break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine... at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows.

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please, please be careful! I'm reminded of two acquaintances who were up on ladders in the spring. In both cases, the ladder slipped, and each gentleman sustained two broken arms! Out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35 year old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years....if he never gets another raise! So you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something simple like the gents above...a set of broken arms. But one of my members laid his motorcycle down on his leg...off from work for two years! That's a lot of house payments to miss. Luckily, his disability income policy came to the rescue. It can happen to any one of us.

And disability does not discriminate; man or woman; Black, white, Hispanic or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had a number of notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Let me suggest you put your mind and your family's mind at ease. Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, I'm here to help you plan for the unexpected. Let's make sure that if you or your spouse are sick or hurt and can't work, that your family can stay in the home you've provided, pay the utilities, buy groceries...make sure the basics are covered.

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