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### MEETING NOTICE

#### K of C Council # 10209 Meets

**Where:** *St. Paul's Church-rooms 5&7*

**When:** *Monday July 18 2005*

**Time:** *7:00 pm*

### Grand Knight's Report

## Meeting Change Notice

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday falling on the first Monday of July we will postpone our July business meeting to Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the installation of Officers ceremony will take place at 7pm on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> in the upper room at St. Paul's followed by a small reception at 7:30pm in the kitchen. All members and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony and reception. The July business meeting will follow the reception at 8pm in Rooms 5&7.

### Dear Brother Knights,

I want to thank you all for trusting me to lead the council for the 2005-2006 fraternal year. I look forward to the challenges this year and I hope that we can all do our best to work together to achieve the goals we set for ourselves. We have an excellent group of officer's and trustees to work with. I would like to thank them all for stepping up and agreeing to take an active role in the leadership of the council.

I also want to thank the outgoing officers and especially GK Gary Olivares for his hard work and dedication to the council this last year. We achieved a lot in the last year and I feel we especially finished off the year with a lot of momentum. With your help we can build on this momentum together.

I briefly wanted to outline some of the near term goals that the trustees, officers and I have discussed already at the June officer's meeting and a little bit about where we want to go this fraternal year. Our first priority in the month of July is to staff our committees and determine our budget for the fraternal year. On the committee front, very simply I am asking every active member of our council to sign up for a committee. The "Surge with Service" handbook at [http://www.kofc.org/un/rc/en/officers/programs/materials/surgewithservice\\_en.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/rc/en/officers/programs/materials/surgewithservice_en.pdf) has an excellent description of the committees as well as some examples of the activities that each committee covers. I would encourage every member to take a

look at this document and over the next few weeks take some time for thoughtful consideration of which committee you would like to be a part of. My goal would be to have at least 3-5 members of each committee and we would take volunteers for committee chairperson from this pool of candidates. Each committee member would be expected to play some kind of leadership role with the planning or execution of one event this fraternal year. I think you would agree that if we can involve all the active members in the committees, empower the committees to plan and execute our activities, and ensure they are properly supported by the officer's and leadership of the council, we can spread the burden of the work that we do as a council across many shoulders. So please take this request seriously since our success this year hinges on ensuring that we have sufficient involvement in the committees from the start of the year. It is my hope that if we have 30 members at our July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, that at the end of the meeting we will have 30 people's names under the list of committees with several volunteering to lead their respective committee.

On the budget front, our trustee Matt Cullen has begun preparing a budget proposal that will be based on what we've done in the recent past. I would ask that if you have an activity you think we should or should not do this year, you be prepared to discuss it at the July 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting. If you think our council should be dedicating some financial resources to something this is the time to bring it up. Procedurally it is much easier to get things in the budget and approved than it is to amend the budget later in the year so please while you are thinking about which committee you will join, also think about ideas you have on where we should be putting our money this fraternal year. My goal is to have an approved budget by the end of the August business meeting that will require that the proposed budget be published in the August newsletter. So start thinking!

With regards to longer-term goals of the council I have recommended to Matt that we scale back our financial commitments as a council this fraternal year. I feel that our council has always been very focused on Charity. In the past we've raised a lot of money that we routinely donate back to worthy causes in our parish and in our community. In the last several years we've put a lot of pressure on ourselves to raise enough money to match or exceed the financial achievements of past years. One consequence of focusing so much on Charity and the fundraising that goes with it is that we've forgotten a bit about Unity and especially Fraternity.

So this year I would like to see us through the council and family committees have a monthly social event that at times will involve the families. It is my hope by getting together on a monthly basis to play cards, go bowling, watch football, see a movie, or have a corporate communion with a dinner afterwards, that we will grow our *active membership* in our council and in doing so increase the power and effectiveness of the activities we choose to pursue this year. In addition I would like us to focus on fundraising activities that bring us together as a group with our families rather than those that may be more lucrative but have us working individually separate from the group. In getting together on a monthly basis for something as simple as a breakfast taco sale with a focus on having fun we can work on Unity, Fraternity and Charity at the same time!

These are some of the ideas that I have for the near term but I would like to finish by emphasizing that this is *your* council. The officers, trustees, and I are here ultimately to serve the membership. We can best do that if we routinely get open and honest feedback as well as involvement from the members at large. I feel this will happen if we get a large membership participation in the committees and let the committees direct where we go as a council. In addition I am always available to you should you like to discuss anything via email at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or on my cell phone at 680-0367. I look forward to working with the officers, trustees, and all of you this fraternal year!

**Fraternaly,  
GK Sean McGee**

## Chaplin's Report

My Fellow Knights,

One of the best things about the summer is vacation. We go to amusement parks with our children, or zoos to enjoy seeing the animals, or go to the ocean, or we travel to another country. It is very important to do things with our families especially while the children are out of school. In regards to this, I would like to share with you a really wonderful family trip that the Knights of Columbus sponsor every year in the summer to see the Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers baseball games at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

The Knights make all the arrangements for transportation, tickets, and food for the trips. This year Sean McGee, and other Knights helped schedule two busses for the trip. The busses parked at Bilbrook Place and everyone going on the trip Sunday morning gathered at Spark (the Youth center) for a lovely breakfast served by our youth group. Snacks were provided on the bus during the trip. Once they got to the stadium in Houston, tickets were available at the will call office. Everyone had such a great time. On the trip back from the game, a stop at a restaurant for dinner was in order.

I was not able to go on this particular trip, but I was privileged to give a blessing for safety for everyone on the trip. I was edified that so many children were with their parents, which made this trip very much a family event. This was a great trip and I thank the Knights of Columbus for doing this each year.

"The family that plays and prays together stays together."

With Love,  
Father Paul

## Prayer Box

Please Pray for:

The Pope Benedict 16<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Paul, Fr. Hal Zink, Deacon Kent Parks and his wife Betty Parks, Herman Bunn, Agnes Bunn and her Mother who is sick, My Aunt Le Baker who is very ill, for Joe and Celia Lopez and family. The Repose of the soul's of our Past Pope John Paul II, Terri Schiavo. Tom Natoli and his Family who's' Grandmother had past away this past weekend. For the unemployed, for all the troops serving their country abroad, for peace, for the end of Abortion.

## Monthly Awards

This month we would like to recognize the Knight of the Month and Family of the month for May. The contributions that they

made to the Knights of Columbus the parish community has earned them this honor.

**Knight of the Month:** Fr. Paul Mc Callum – For his years of service to and for being Pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

**Family of the Month:** The Stephen Boehm Family – For their help with R.C.I.A. and Religious Education.

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights, our new fraternal year has begun. I am looking forward to serving our council as DGK. Let us make this year one for the books. I am extending an open invitation to all my brother Knights to attend our upcoming installation of officers on July 18th. It will be held in the upper room at St. Paul's Church. Time will be 7 pm with a small reception following the ceremony. We will follow this with our regular monthly meeting. I want to make myself readily available to all of you. My home number is 280-1158, E-mail address is: [lopalrey@hotmail.com](mailto:lopalrey@hotmail.com). I will be working with SK Ron Woods on a membership committee. CAFB as usual is the last Saturday of every month. This is a good way to get our kids involved that need service hours for school, clubs, or youth organizations that require service hours. God Bless.

DGK Louis R. Palacios

## Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> after the 5 PM Mass until 11 PM. Knights will normally take the 10 to 11 PM time but the main thing is to spend some time at adoration. Please plan to spend a little time with our Lord.

## First Degree

## Community Service

### Capital Area Food Bank

The Knights are scheduled to help at CAFB the last Saturday of the month from 8:00am until noon. Please participate if you can by arriving at the CAFB and letting the staff know you are there to help; wear your KC shirt or cap, if you do not have one, come anyway – let's make a difference.

## Knights Insurance Agent Report

Where do you think Dell Computers get their computers that they use for business? How about Intel, where do you think

they get their chips for the computers they use? What about the city of Austin, where do you suppose they get their electricity for their buildings? Do you think Motorola buys their cell phones for business from someone other than themselves?

What do all these questions have to do with the Knights of Columbus? Where do you purchase your life insurance, annuities and long-term care from? Some of you know the value you receive from the Knights and purchase exclusively from your own organization. Doesn't it make sense to do this? Do you suppose HEB goes to a competitor to buy its groceries? I bet not! Why then do we look outside our own, your, organization to buy the products we need to protect our family. Don't you believe that, because we are all brother Knights, from the Supreme Knight on down, that we would have your best interest in mind?

There are many companies in which you can provide protection for your family, but as a brother Knight, you have an opportunity that non-Knights don't have. You have the opportunity to by from your own company. Not many people have this luxury.

Remember, this is an organization for brother Knights, by brother Knights! Give me a call and let's see how YOUR organization can help secure your family's future.

SK Michael Glenn  
280-6625

### Budget Proposal

Brother Knights of Council 10209,

Thank you,  
Matt Cullen, Trustee"

### Phone List

Brother Knights,

As you are probably aware, we have been making an attempt over the last 6 months or so to improve the communication within the Council. In order to do that, one of the first things we need are good phone numbers for each of our brother knights. So, I have included below a list of members whose numbers that we have on file do not work. If you know the correct number or see these knights, please have them give me a call so we can update their information and keep them informed of Council activities.

Name	Last number on record
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David Andrus	282-8326
Rick Gonzalez	891-9265
John Lowery	891-0326
Rene Martinez	280-7331
Albert Miller	755-0466

Thanks for your help.  
SK Matt Cullen

### Youth

### KofC Poker Night

Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our first social event of the fraternal year will be your opportunity to learn poker from some of the card masters of our council at the First Annual 10209 Poker Tournament to be held Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm at the McGee Residence. Admission to the tournament is free (and legal) and open to members of the council only! Come learn the game from Ron "Aces High" Woods and others as we play a variety of styles of poker. Winners will be competing for door prizes and recognition as our council's true card sharks. Attendees should plan on bringing some beverages or snack items to be shared. If you have some nice poker chips that can be used for a table at the event that would be helpful. RSVP to Sean "the flop" McGee by July 18<sup>th</sup> at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or 680-0367 or signup at the July business meeting.

### Annual Baseball Trip Wrap-up

Brother Knights,

We had a great trip to Houston and saw an exciting if at times not particularly well played game between the Astros and the Texas Rangers. The Astros pulled out a victory in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning 3-2 with an exciting rally. We had 80 people traveling with us on two beautiful clean and comfortable buses. I would like to thank all the Knights who participated in the event by donating food items, helping to organize the buses, assisting with cleanup and in general just doing the things necessary to make this happen. I would especially like to recognize co-chair Ken Moore for his involvement in the organization of the event, as well as Tom Natoli for being host/emcee on bus #2. I hope that next year we will see everyone back and even more participation from the council as this is really a great way to

spend the day with your brother Knights and fellow parishioners!

Thanks again for all the help!

Sean McGee

### **Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter Articles are due by July 25<sup>th</sup>. Submit your articles to Robert Rancour at [robertrancour@msn.com](mailto:robertrancour@msn.com) or by calling him at 282-4355.