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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**K of C Council # 10209 Meets**

**Where: St. Paul's Church-rooms 5&7**  
**When: Monday September 19 2005**  
**Time: 7:00 pm**

### Grand Knight's Report

#### Meeting Change Notice

Due to the Labor Day holiday our business meeting that is scheduled for Monday, September 5th will be postponed until the officer's meeting on Monday, September 19th.

#### Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,  
So far so good! Already two months into the fraternal year and we've had a successful first taco sale, we've started our monthly assistance dates with the Men's club, we've had two great social events, a successful audit and a passed budget, and we're well poised to capitalize on our momentum going forward. I would thank all of those involved with these many projects for their efforts and especially those Brother Knights who stepped up to man our committees.

I'm pleased to announce that the council has a website at [www.kofc10209.org](http://www.kofc10209.org) that is will hopefully provide a repository for useful council information on upcoming events and contact information. Already, the last two newsletters have been posted along with a lot of administrative information and more is coming. Please contact me if you have any ideas as to what we should make available on the council website.

I would like to thank the Jistel family on behalf of all the Knights who were fortunate enough to attend the family picnic in Kingsland on Lake LBJ. Great fun was had by all on both water and land and the Jistel's were gracious hosts. If you missed the family picnic you really missed out on a great event. Tubing on Lake LBJ is an experience everyone should get to experience preferably without your glasses though, just ask Ken Moore!

Our obvious choice for Family of the Month is the Jistel family. Chris, Deborah, and Thomas made us all feel most welcome and we appreciate their sharing of the family Lakehouse with the council. Congratulations and thanks!

I'd like to congratulate Bob Meny on winning the Knight of the Month for August 2005 due to his leadership and organization of our Men's club help-out day. Bob originally had the idea to help out the Men's club in the late spring of 2005 and has taken the idea to fruition, as it will now be a monthly event for our council. We had over 8 KofC's at the August workday and the Men's club was most appreciative. Thanks to Bob and all the Knights who participated and we look forward to seeing you again at our workday in late September.

In September we have a couple of events, which occur, before our monthly meeting due to the holiday weekend. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September we will be hosting a Deaconate council for our very own Deacon John. This event will consist of some food preparation (breakfast tacos, donuts, coffee, etc.) for about 10 people and well as the preparation of a lunch for the Deacons. At the same time our council will be supporting the Right to Life Vigil occurring at St. Paul's on the same morning. There is also a reception for attendees after the march and I'm sure the KofC's will be involved in preparing some food for that brunch reception. So please help out with these events if you can. This will probably start around 8:30am and we should be wrapped up by 1pm at the latest so if you can give an hour or two on the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> please contact me.

The Knights of Columbus diocesan meeting occurred last week and many in attendance threw out an interesting statistic about the 80/20 rule. Basically this rule of thumb states that 20% of the members a council will do 80-90 percent of the work of the council each year. I think going by our meeting attendance that this figure is in the ballpark since we usually get about 20-25 members out of 105. An interesting angle on this statistic is that if we can up the active participation of our membership by a relatively small 10% each of the currently active 20% will see their share of the workload cut by a third. Wouldn't that be nice? I can certainly see the benefits of having 1.5 times the number of Knights showing up for events each month.

So if you are active, please continue to be active without getting burned out. And if you see a member who hasn't been very active lately, greet them, talk to them about some of the things we've been doing, and encourage them to get involved a bit more. If you are a member who hasn't been very active lately, please think about attending a meeting and signing up to participate in a social or work event. If our Council is not providing you with much of a reason to be an active member I would be interested in hearing what we could do to give you that reason. You joined the Knights of Columbus for a reason and I'd like to be sure that we are serving all our members and their interests. This council should give you a good reason to be an active member be it opportunities for charitable works, social fellowship, or just the support that comes from spending time with other men who share the same faith. Most of all,

being a member of our council should be fun! If it isn't fun for you, I need to know about it.

See you on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the business meeting!

**Fraternally,  
GK Sean McGee**

## Chaplin's Report

My Fellow Knights,

Last week the World Youth Day was held in Cologne, Germany. This was the first foreign trip that Pope Benedict XIV attended. Our Bishop, Gregory Aymond also attended this Youth gathering to represent our diocese. We had a young adult, Rita Garcia, one of our parishioners attend. This was her second World Youth Day. There was also a number of Youth from Santa Cruz in Buda that attended with their associate Pastor.

I would like to share with you excerpts from an article that I read in the Austin American Statesman about World Youth Day: "Pope Benedict urged the participants to be guided by Church doctrine as they exercise their freedom. 'Freedom is not simply about enjoying life in total autonomy, by rather about living by the measure of truth and goodness so that we ourselves can become true and good,' he said. He urged the young people to follow the teachings of the church. ...'Religion that is constructed on a 'do-it yourself' basis cannot ultimately help us.' The enthusiasm indicated that the new pope might be winning over some young people who grew up knowing only John Paul II, a charismatic former actor who began World Youth Day 20 years ago. Benedict, 78, seemed to respond to the energy of the younger generation of Catholics as the week progress. Though he did not appear to exhibit the same exuberance of his predecessor, Benedict deftly handled difficult issues, among them meetings with Jew and Muslims that were both symbolic and substantive."

It is imperative that we teach our young people how important our faith is in their life. As I have said many times, "Young people are the future leaders of our church, future priests and future lay ministers. Being involved in our church begins now, while they are young.

Please give a donation to the expansion of our youth building through the silent auction that we will have in rooms 5&7 this weekend after all the Masses and also attend the Youth Dinner Talent Show at 7:30PM on September 24. It is so important to support our young people.

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. For Albert Villegas, SK Paul Palmer. 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 August. The contributions that they made to the Knights of Columbus the parish community has earned them this honor.

**Knight of the Month:** Bob Meny - leadership and organization of our Men's club help-out day.

**Families of the Month:** Jistel family - Chris, Deborah, and Thomas made us all feel most welcome and we appreciate their sharing of the family lakehouse with the council.

## Office of Respect Life

My name is Ken Moore, and many of you know me as the council's Financial Secretary. My wife Maria and I have accepted the position as Respect Life couple for the parish. Fr. Paul wanted the husband of this couple to be a Knight, and that's certainly logical since our brotherhood has long been a strong advocate of the church's position on Right to Life issues.

All of us owe a big "Thank you" to Paul & Anna Hilt, who are stepping down after several years of outstanding service. I have already turned to Paul for counsel, and I expect I will be doing so again. I am looking for someone to assist us in this ministry, so anyone who feels they might be interested is encouraged to contact me. I can assure you that it would not entail a great deal of time or work.

There will be an opportunity for the Knights and their families to get involved in this important, lifesaving effort very soon. On September 17, St. Paul's will serve as the host parish for a Mass, which will be offered up for an end to abortion. Fr. Paul will celebrate the Mass at 7 a.m. Following the Mass, some folks will stay at church to pray, and others will proceed to the new abortion clinic on Ben White

Boulevard, where they will pray the rosary. After the rosary, those that desire will return to St. Paul's for a brief reception.

This event is being advertised and promoted throughout the diocese, so we can expect participants from all around the Austin area. I hope we are able to get great participation and involvement from our council. I urge you come out with your families to show our solidarity with our Holy Father, Bishop Aymond, and Fr. Paul in praying that the atrocity of abortion will soon become a horrific memory rather than a tragic reality. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the events of September 17, or anything else concerning Right to Life issues. Thanks to all of you for supporting the church's teachings. I am looking forward to hearing your ideas and receiving your input.

SK Ken Moore

## Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Saturday September 10<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.

## 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.

## 2005-2006 Council Committees

Here are the committees as they are currently staffed. If you have not joined a committee and wish to do so please contact the committee chairperson or the GK. Rest assured no one will be refused membership on a committee! Also, if you have ideas for events, activities, fundraisers, etc. please start a dialogue with the appropriate committee members. This is the quickest way to see any new activities come to fruition and really gets the information to the people who can act on it best.

### Church Committee

- Committee Chair: Henry Casas
- Vocations Chair: Deacon John Pickwell
- Ishmael Gonzalez
- Ken Moore
- Bobby Rancour
- Bob Meny (Men's club Liaison)

### Community Committee

- Committee Chair: Rene Gaytan
- Pro-Life Couple: Ken and Maria Moore
- Mike Flieller

### Council Committee

- Committee Chair: Lee Jan
- Public Relations: Ken Moore 280-2190
- Sean McGee (Chapter Delegate)

### Family Committee

- Committee Chair: Albert Villegas 282-9330
- Matt Cullen
- Chris Jistel
- Gayle Ferguson

### Youth Committee

- Committee Chair: Tom Natoli 301-0215
- Albert Villegas
- Mike Flieller
- Tony Elizondo
- Paul Hilt (Scouts Liaison)

### Membership Committee

- Membership Director: Ron Woods
- Retention Chairman: Gary Olivares
- Insurance: Mike Glenn
- Ken Moore
- Louis Palacios
- Tony Elizondo

## Knights Insurance Agent Report

**Our Beginnings; A Sanctuary:** In the late 19th century, North America was experiencing an influx of people from all over the world, particularly Europe. Many people were relegated to living in unsanitary conditions, and performing hazardous jobs for poor pay. Such was life for Catholics in New Haven, Connecticut.

The untimely death of the family breadwinner often devastated a family. In 1882, a young Catholic priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, envisioned an organization to help Catholic families deal with this crisis. Out of his vision the Knights of Columbus was founded. We are currently the largest Catholic, family, fraternal organization in the world, and boast a members-only insurance program that is among the strongest in the industry.

### Our Evolution

When our organization began, in order to help each other, our members "passed the hat" to assist families of deceased members. Soon, however, this became impossible, as the number of our members grew.

Out of this simple process, we've evolved into a modern, dynamic insurance organization, and offer a wide variety of products to suit virtually everyone's needs.

- **Permanent Plans** - Policy lasts as long as you live, premium stays the same.
- **Term Plans** - Policy ends at end of specified term: renewable or convertible.
- **Annuities** - Provides an income that is guaranteed for life.
- **Long Term Care** - Provides funds for long-term, out-of-hospital care.

### Your Choice

"Insurance with our order is voluntary, but death is not voluntary it comes to each of us: we know not when, or where, or how." Now is the time to take advantage of this fraternal benefit.

SK Michael Glenn  
280-6625

## Entertainment Passbook Sales

It's that time of year again; time to sell the 2005-2006 Entertainment Passbooks. They are in stock and will be distributed at the 8/1-business meeting. Our council's goal is to sell 180 books at \$25 each (note: price has increased from last year). If we can do that we should raise over \$900!

Selling these books is very easy. First and foremost you should buy at least one for your own family. Use 2-3 coupons from the book and it has paid for itself already. Bring a couple of books into work and simply send out an email letting people know you have them available. Many people are familiar with the books and their great value and more often than not they will sell themselves. If you would like some promotional materials I have them available for you to display in your office.

We need to get the jump on the schools and other organizations by getting these books out in the market as early as possible. So take some for the month of August and we can hopefully finish our passbook sales by the end of September. Your help is greatly appreciated! -Sean McGee-

## Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by September 26<sup>th</sup>. Submit your articles to Robert Rancour at [robertrancour@msn.com](mailto:robertrancour@msn.com) or by calling him at 282-4355.