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MEETING NOTICE K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: *St. Paul's Church-rooms 5&7*
When: *Monday December 4 2005*
Time: *7:00 pm*

Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

December is here at last and with it comes our busiest single month of the fraternal year. Hopefully you enjoyed a relatively relaxed November and are ready to do some good in our community with the Knights of Columbus this month. The council can definitely use your help!

First, we celebrate the start of the Christmas/Advent season with our Family Christmas party on December 4th from 2-5pm. Hopefully you and your family can attend this potluck event. It's great fun every year. Next up we have our regularly scheduled business meeting on Monday the 5th.

On Saturday the 10th we have our Men's club workday, which so far has been working out quite well. The Men's club greatly appreciates the effort we make to help them take care of some of the special tasks around the grounds of St. Paul's. Over the next couple of months we will certainly need to help the Men's club as they clean, paint, and prepare Fr. Paul's house for a new resident. More details to come but if you have some talents with home repair or maintenance your skills are needed in the December/January timeframe at St. Paul's. Also on Saturday the 10th is Adoration from 10-11pm so don't forget. In addition many of our council members will be participating in the Coats for Kids. You can register to help out with this at <http://www.jlaustin.org/>.

Our biggest week of the year so far starts with a First Degree ceremony on Thursday, December 15th in Grace Hall. We follow that up with a Casino Night fundraiser we will be performing for a company at the Marriott on IH-35 just south of Ben White Blvd on Friday the 16th. We will be dealing blackjack and running a craps and roulette tables. This was a very lucrative and fun fundraiser last year and Matt Cullen is once again heading this up for our Council. Please participate if you are available.

On Saturday the 17th we get involved in our Parish community by assisting SVDP with the holiday gift distribution. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to do something nice this holiday season for a family in need. Things start bright and early at 8am at St. Paul's so please plan on getting involved with SVDP this month.

On Sunday, the 18th we will help with Fr. Paul's retirement dinner in the main sanctuary. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar to have the opportunity to send off one of our council's best members as he begins a new chapter in his life. Our council certainly owes a great debt to Fr. Paul for his constant support and free advertisements at Mass so we want to have a good showing for him. More on Fr. Paul next month but this is certainly an event you won't want to miss!

On Monday, the 19th we finally end our string of five straight days of KofC events with an officer's meeting. Guaranteed to be short allowing plenty of time for us to hit Taco Cabana for some socializing. See you there!

After all these activities hopefully you will enjoy a nice relaxing last week of the year. You will have certainly earned it! Wishing you and your family a joyous Christmas season!

**Fraternally,
GK Sean McGee**

Chaplin's Report

My Fellow Knights,

I just want to thank you for all you do for St. Paul's. If you read my bulletin this Sunday, Dec. 4, you know that I am retiring from being Pastor of St. Paul's the beginning of January. I will still celebrate Mass, and administer the sacraments; I am just retiring from all the responsibilities of being a Pastor. I will come back from time to time to hear confessions, do Masses and if you would like me to come to one of your meetings on Monday nights, just let me know.

I'm sure you will work with and support the new Pastor as you have worked with and supported me in taking care of the needs of St. Paul's. I also want you to take care of our Youth here at St. Paul's because they are our future leaders of our church. We all know they are planning an enlargement of the Youth building, which I feel is a good project. You need to work with them, especially in the planning stages.

I hope your Advent Season, Christmas, and New Year's is the best ever. May God continue to bless you and your families.

With Love,
Father Paul

Prayer Box

Please Pray for:

Pope Benedict XVI, Fr. Paul, Deacon Kent Parks and his wife Betty Parks, For Fr. Paul's Brother Robert McCallum and his Family, Joe Lopez and his Family, for Le Baker the Aunt of Bobby Rancour, Fr. Hal Zink, Paul Palmer, for all the victims and their families of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, For all the troops serving abroad, for abortion, for the unemployed. Anna Jackoskie, Art Aguirre, Betty Paine, Roy and Pat Ramirez family, Cecil Middleton

Monthly Awards

This month we would like to recognize the Knight of the Month and Family of the month for November. The contributions that they made to the Knights of Columbus the parish community has earned them this honor.

Knight of the Month: Robert Calles for his outstanding work organizing and managing our Sam's club sausage wrap sale last month. Robert it is great to have you back as an active member. Keep up the great work!

Families of the Month: The Natoli Family: Tom and Emmy helped out at Sam's in November. Tom is also playing the part of Santa this year for our photos and Christmas party and the Natoli clan will be loaning us much of their decoration collection to make this event happen. Thank you Natoli's!

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights: First of all I would like to wish all of you and your families a joyous Christmas. I hope to see a lot of you at our Christmas party Sunday Dec. 4th, beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon. It is going to be held at Grace Hall. Lots of activities for young and older so come join the fun.

I would like to thank all the knights who took part in our fall fundraiser on Nov. 19th at Sam's Club. We had very good weather and it was a successful event. Thank you to all the families who took part in the lighting of the advent wreath before Mass on the beginning of the advent season.

We do have a few events going on in December so keep up with our monthly calendar. We will be hosting a casino night for a private party; we have coats for kids just to name a couple. Thanks and God Bless

DGK Louis R. Palacios

Financial Secretary Report

First and foremost, I want to wish all brother Knights and your families a most blessed and happy holiday season. I hope all of us are able to retreat from some of the frenetic activity that characterizes this time of year to reflect upon and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas and the unparalleled gift that has been presented to us in our savior Jesus Christ.

As your Financial Secretary, it is my less-than-pleasant responsibility to remind you that this is the season for something considerably less savory as well. I'm referring to membership dues, of course. Billing notices are set to go out sometime around the middle of December. I ask that you try to take care of your dues obligation in a timely manner. The more of you who pay your dues promptly means less work for me, to be sure, but more importantly it means less expense to the council and allows for a more streamlined operation of the council's budgetary functions and our fiscal obligations to the state council and to Supreme.

If you have compelling circumstances that prevent you from paying your dues, or if you would like to pay in installments, please let me know so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your particular situation. I must emphasize that it is important for you to take the initiative if you have a problem in paying your dues. We do have some flexibility to deal with individual circumstances, but I need to hear from

you.

I am planning to include a Survey of Fraternal Activities in the billing notices as well. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to me as quickly as possible. The surveys can be mailed back to me with your dues payment or you can leave them in our box at church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

As always, I serve on your behalf. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. My phone number is listed on the front of the newsletter.

F.S. SK Ken Moore

First Degree

There is a First Degree this month on December 15, 2005 at St. Paul's Grace Hall. All candidates should be there by 7:30pm and the Degree start by 8:00pm.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday December 2 from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday December 10 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.

Coats For Kids

Saturday, 10 December 2005 10 am – 1 pm, Palmer Events Center (Go to the www.jlaustin.org website to sign up or to see other available times.)

SVDP Food & Gift Distribution

Saturday, 17 December 2005 8 am – 12 noon, St Paul's

Capital Area Food Bank

Saturday, 17 December 2005 9am – 12 noon, Food Bank Center on South Congress

Future Community service project beginning Jan 2006:

Adopt-a-Street (no more than half a mile) within the city limits:

(Keep Austin Beautiful - cleaning both sides of a street four times a year)

Rene Gaytan will register our council and adopt David Moore Road in December and notify the council when accepted.

RENE GAYTAN wk 782-5043; cell 659-8255; hm 280-0045

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

There are many fine insurance companies in the marketplace. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family, to the Knights of Columbus?

Three reasons:

First, the order itself. Over the years, whole so many companies have "remade" themselves, the Knights of Columbus has stayed true to its mission, stayed expert at its core business. We have been so well managed that we annually receive the highest possible ratings from both A.M Best and Standard & Poor's; two highly respected independent ratings services. We've also received multiple "Best Practices" citations from the Insurance Marketplace Standard's Associations, which represents the "Good Housekeeping seal of approval" in the financial services industry.

In 2004, we once again returned more money to our insured in dividends then we paid in claims and we have never missed a claim payment! While dividends aren't guaranteed, we expect to do the same in 2005.

Second, Our Products

Knights of Columbus Insurance is good as any, and better than most. We are specialists: we sell life insurance, long-term care insurance, and annuities and we are good at what we do.

Third Your Knights of Columbus Agent.

I am Life insurance specialist. I have received extensive training not only at the Supreme Office, but also from independent professional at the top of their field in the financial services industry. I know what information you'll need to make an informed decision, and I understand the emotions involved

in the buying decision. I am well positioned to help you secure the coverage you need at a price that's within your budget.

I am also a brother Knight. I share the same faith and hopes for my family as you do for yours. I am keenly aware of the Order's mission, passed to us from Father McGivney: to protect widows and orphans against financial disaster. I want to do that for you and that's why I'll be available, at your convenience to review your family's needs, goals and budget.

SK Michael Glenn
280-6625

Casino Fundraiser

Brother Knights,

Our Council is scheduled to conduct a Casino Christmas party on December 16th as a fundraiser. The party will be held at the Marriot at I-35 and Ben White from 7 to 10 pm. I will need several Black Jack, Roulette and Craps dealers in addition to some set-up/break down help. If you can help out, set the date aside on your calendar and give me a call to let me know.

I appreciate your assistance in helping our Council raise a good sum of money in a very fun way.

Thanks for your help.
SK Matt Cullen

Entertainment Passbook Sales

I'm in the process of closing up our passbook sales for the year. I have approximately 50 books left so if you have anyone who may be interested please let me know. I'm anticipating sending back 40 books for a refund but I would like to sell the final 10 at least. I will have one last weekend selling at St. Paul's so you can get them there and repay once you collect on your end.

If you have taken some books and have yet to get your money in please do so as soon as possible. We will be making our final payment in December. Thanks again for your support of this council fundraiser.

-Sean McGee-

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by December 26. Submit your articles to Robert Rancour at robertrancour@msn.com or by calling him at 282-4355.