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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

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

When: Monday, December 4th 2006

Time: 7:30 pm

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers:

Merry Christmas to all my brother knights and their families. Two words that we as Catholics understand its true meaning. I hope everyone has a joyous and fulfilling Christmas. If you are traveling to visit relatives or just staying home be safe and enjoy the time spent with family.

Our council Christmas party is scheduled for December 17th in Grace Hall. An E-Vite will be sent out soon. Please respond to the E-Vite as soon as possible. I would truly like to see this event well attended by our brother knights and their families. After all it is a time for all of us to come together. I can tell you that from past social events this one means more to me than all the others. Come join us.

The council activities continue to move right along. Next in line is our fundraiser in Round Rock. AS Knights of Columbus our work as always is voluntary. The time you give is the most precious commodity you give to the council. To be successful depends completely on your willingness to come to the aid of your council. Our pancake breakfast will be back in full swing soon. Brother Lee Jan and brother Robby Jan have taken on the challenge of putting on a golf tournament. This event will be successful and I certainly hope we can all come together to see it through.

As a knight you are part of the largest Fraternal Catholic men's organization. Upon becoming a knight you were afforded all the opportunities of Knighthood. Also at the council level you have the advancement into the 2nd and 3rd Degree. In order to fully participate in all aspects of the council you should make your Major Degree. That

opportunity is coming up on January 13, 2007. The degree will be hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. Stay active, get involved. Make you Major Degree.

Our next Business meeting will be on December 4th at 7:30pm in room 5 and 7. We will have our social hour after the meeting. I will be bringing tamales to snack on. See you all their.

Fraternally:
GK SK Louis R. Palacios

Prayer Box

Please Pray for:

Ken Moore, Pete Cantu, Art Aguirre, Katie Rancour, Fr. Paul, Fr. Hal Zink, Fr. Barry Cabell, Fr. Jim Evans, Fr. Jim Chamberlain, Betty Parks, Herman Bunn, Marilyn Pickwell

Monthly Awards

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: Carlos Mendoza for his hard work designing, ordering and managing our new shirts!

Family of the Month: The Ken Moore family for their dedication to the parish. They are our right to life couple and they help train the eucharistic ministers!

Financial Secretary's Report

Brother Knights,

As we enter into the holy season of Advent, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families as most blessed and joyous holiday season. Despite the sometimes overwhelming pressures to get caught up in the secular and commercial aspects of the season, let us always strive to remember the true meaning of Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Alas, this is also the time of year when I am obligated to do billing for dues for the upcoming year. I anticipate that the dues statements will go in the mail about one week before Christmas. I understand that this might not be the most desirable time to have yet another financial obligation, but this is the time that has been established. Of course, I prefer that you take care of your dues obligation promptly. However, if you have circumstances that prevent the prompt payment of your dues, please let me know so that individualized arrangements can be made.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation. Again, I send each of you my heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday season and may God continue to bless you throughout the New Year and beyond. Fraternaly Yours, Ken Moore

November Fundraisers

2007 Passbook Sale time to finish up! – We need to complete our passbook sales and turn in any money you have to the council. I have a small number of books (less than 20) left if you have any more sales. I appreciate any help clearing out our inventory!

Books are once again \$20 (down from \$25 last year) and there are some great savings to be had in our area. If you'd like to give one as a gift or get one for a relative in another city simply go to www.entertainment.com and use our Group ID of 686706 and our council will get the credit for the sale!

As always see me after Mass or contact me at sean@mcgeeclan.us for more info.

Casino Party Fundraiser

Fellow Knights,

Our Council will be dealing at a private party on December 31st as a fundraiser. This fundraiser is particularly important given the loss of our regular Casino Night with St. Ignatius. So far I have three knights signed up to help. I need a few more to make this happen. We will be dealing blackjack, poker and craps. Please let me know if you can commit to helping out that evening. Dealing time will be 9 to midnight. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 791-4964.

-SK Matt Cullen

Community Service Corner

The 2006 Coats for Kids online registration is now active!

We hope you will join us in this invaluable opportunity to help Austin-area children. The Junior League of Austin, Jack Brown Cleaners, KASE 101 and KVUE are proud to host Coats for Kids again this year. Now in our 20th year, we are guaranteed to have another successful year with the help of volunteers such as you.

The Coats for Kids community coat drive will kick off on Monday, November 20th and continue through Wednesday, December 6th, while coat sorting week will occur December 4th – December 8th. Coats will be distributed on December 9th with volunteer shifts starting at 7.30am. All volunteer opportunities will be at Palmer Events Center.

Please visit our website at <http://www.jlaustin.org/coats> to register online as a volunteer and to receive information about the annual coat drives. Volunteer positions fill up quickly so be sure to sign up early!

All Coats for Kids volunteers must be pre-registered. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age for Distribution Day. For sorting week, volunteers must be 15 years of age and be accompanied by an adult if between the ages of 15 and 18. Group volunteer registration is available.

If you have any questions, please call (512) 467-8982, ext. 292 or email us at cfkvolunteers@jlaustin.org. We thank you for your commitment to the success of Coats for Kids! Please forward this to anyone and everyone you think might enjoy being involved in this great event.

Sincerely,
Kelly Breeden, Kirsten Moody and Sarah Williams
Volunteer Coordinators, Coats for Kids 2006
The Junior League of Austin

Knights Soccer Challenge Update



We had one State Champion for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge! Rachel Jones was our ten-year old winner

and won vs. 4 other Texas regional winners in San Antonio last weekend.

The Soccer club made a trophy presentation to Rachel in front of about 70 girls. You can imagine the applause and shock when they saw a trophy about the size of Rachel!

I will bring pictures of Rachel, in San Antonio, to our next meeting to show everyone.

I spoke with the soccer club and they said they will work with The Knights as long as we want them. They also said they would schedule all teams (Boys and Girls) at the field the night that we agreed to have the contest next year.

Thanks again to the Knights that volunteered what a great first year !

-Tom Natoli

KofC Shirts in stock!

Dear Brother Knights,

I just wanted to let all of you know that the [New SK Gerry Gauthier Council 10209 shirts are in](#) and can be picked up anytime, i.e. KC meeting, before or after mass, or by calling me. I will meet you anywhere you want your shirt delivered. You can also pick them up here at my home at 513 Mulberry Drive, which is 1 block south of Bedichek Middle School off of South 1st. My home number is 416-7555 or it is best to call me on my cell phone 293-7262 to coordinate the transaction.

[The cost for the shirts are \\$30 each.](#) I have the names of the people that ordered shirts and for those of you that didn't order, we ordered extra shirts to accommodate everyone.

[The shirts can also be picked up at our next meeting on December 4Th.](#)

Thank you for your time and support.

Carlos T. Mendoza
Brother Knight

Photos with Santa

This year we have decided against having a Photo with Santa fundraiser in order to help maintain focus on the religious aspects of the Lenten season. Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas!"

We will still need a volunteer Santa for our Council Christmas party on the 17th so if you are interested in being the big guy please get in touch with Sean McGee.

Calendar Review

December 2006

Monday, December 4th – Council meeting
7:30pm

Saturday, December 9th – Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 15th – Bishop Reicher
Assembly Christmas Party \$16/person RSVP by
12/8

Sunday, December 17th – Christmas Party in
Grace Hall – potluck, bring a side dish or dessert
item

Monday, December 18th – Officer's Meeting in
5&7 at 7:30pm

Thursday, December 21st – First Degree
Ceremony in Grace Hall – TBD

Sunday, December 31st – Casino Fundraiser,
private party event, help needed 9pm-midnight.
Contact Matt Cullen for more info or to signup.

January 2007

Monday, January 1st – Council Meeting (TBD if
this will be moved due to holiday)

February 2007

Saturday, February 17th – Bus trip to Deaconate
Ordination at St. Joseph's in Bryan, TX

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, December
25th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at
sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.

Meeting minutes for November attached separately.