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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

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

When: Monday, August 6th 2007

Time: 7:30 pm

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

Our fraternal year started with the installation of new Knights accepting different officer's positions that showed many of us wanted to share some of our knowledge and the responsibility in leading our council. I was one that welcomes the challenge to share the responsibility as I was elected as Deputy Grand Knight and immediately offered my expertise to our Grand Knight. As we prepared to develop our proposed budget, setting our program schedule and confirming our Committee Chair positions we were hit with sudden news that our hard working and newly elected Grand Knight Bruce Hirsch and his wife Debbie had to relocate back to Houston. I had the opportunity to assist Bruce and Debbie with preparing their move and the chance to talk to Bruce about some of his ideas for our fraternal year.

As Deputy Grand Knight I have the responsibility to step in absence of our Grand Knight and I accept that responsibility. I will be reaching out to many of you in order to accomplish many of our programs and the council responsibility to support St. Paul's programs of evangelization and Catholic education, community involvement and aid to those in need.

Remember that we are called as "the strong right arm of

the Church” and I would like to continue to build on that expectation.

I am asking all of you Brother Knights to really look at your lives and see if you have some spare time to come and join your fellow brother Knights as we gather for our monthly meetings, monthly events, fundraisers, and supporting our church in different ministries.

Some of my goals for our upcoming year are:

- Make my 4th degree
- Become a Better Council
- Reach out to as many Knights as possible and welcome them back to the council meetings
- Retain and increase our membership
- Increase council participation in Church ministries and programs
- Increase council visibility within the Church with a new Marketing Brochure
- Increase our fundraising efforts
- Create new social family outings
- **HAVE FUN**

Please consider one of the vacant positions below, as I have to submit the list to Supreme as soon as possible. Our council has always been very active in different ways. Whether it is Church, Youth, Men’s Club, Community, etc... Below are the committee positions that need to be filled:

- Retention Committee Chair:** _____
- Membership & Program Director:** Carlos Mendoza
- Church Director:** Lee Jan
- Council Director:** _____
- Community Director:** Rene Gaytan
- Family Director:** Albert Villegas
- Youth Director:** Tom Natoli

I want to thank all who came and gave of their time to assist me and make the Pancake Breakfast a successful event. Sean McGee, Robert Rancour, Louis Palacios, and Larry Larson assisted in preparing and serving pancakes and sausage after both the July 22nd 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses. Please make plans to attend the August 19th Pancake Breakfast.

I am looking forward to a great year, and serving the needs of our Council 10209.

God Bless you all!

Fraternally,
Deputy Grand Knight Carlos T. Mendoza

Prayer Box

Please Pray for:

GK Bruce Hirsch, SK Bart Botta who has terminal cancer, The Moore Family, Bob Meny’s sister Debbie, Ishmael Gonzalez, GK Louis Palacios and his family, Repose on the soul of Fr. Hal Zink, Fr. Barry Cabell, Betty Parks, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell, Alex Moreno, Art Aguirre.

Update on GK Bruce Hirsch

07/30/2007

Dear Knights,

Thank you for all the prayers. Looks like Bruce maybe will come home Tuesday. His blood pressure is still high and blood sugar is high. There was no blockage found, only the coarotation of the aorta that cannot be repaired. I got a job today working for a staffing company working banquets and private parties. It is only Thursday - Saturday job. Hopefully I will be asked to work a lot. Then I will try to get a job with ins.

So, pray that everything will go well and Bruce will be back home tomorrow. He will have to go on a strict diet and walk a lot. Guess when he feels better he will drive for the limo company he used to drive for. We will let you how it goes. We appreciate your prayers and support.

Let me give you our new address and phone #:

[3209 McCulloch Circle](#)
[Houston, Tx. 77056](#)
[home # 713-993-0677](#)
[Bruce cell# 832-752-8697](#)

Keep in touch and pass around our new info. God Bless You all!!!!

Love,
Bruce and Debbie Hirsch

Financial Secretary’s Report

Brother Knights,

Any outstanding dues are now extremely past due. If you have not yet paid your dues, please make an effort to do so as soon as possible. If there are compelling reasons why you are unable to take care of this obligation, please make one of the other officers or myself aware of your circumstances. Knight Alert letters were mailed this week to all past due members. Your dues are critical to funding the council's various endeavors and pay for much of our operating expenses. Remember the council is billed by Supreme for your membership regardless of whether or not you have paid.

Please don't make the council use money that could go towards charitable causes to pay for your dues.

Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

Fraternally, Ken Moore, Financial Secretary

Trustees Report

As our DGK mentioned in his report our currently elected Grand Knight Bruce Hirsch will be officially vacating his position at the August business meeting due to his relocation to Houston. Per section 131 of the Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus it is required that an election be held during the business meeting after the meeting at which the position becomes available. This would be the September 2007 meeting for our council. An announcement of this election must be made to the membership in the next newsletter prior to the September meeting.

DGK Carlos Mendoza has agreed to run for the office of GK which will leave a vacancy for the DGK position that will need to be filled by election or appointment of the District Deputy. I hope that we have a member who is willing to step up to the position and help DGK Carlos lead this council in the 2007-2008 fraternal year. If you think you would be interested in this opportunity or would like to know more of what is expected please contact me directly at seanmcgee@yahoo.com or 680-0367 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Semi-Annual Audit

The trustees will be completing the semi-annual audit for the first 6 months of 2007 in the next week or so. A preliminary review indicates that all the balances tie out correctly. Thanks to our financial team of FS Ken Moore and Treasurer Tom Natoli for another fine job keeping the council books in order. Also I would be remiss not to mention the hard work put in by outgoing Trustee Matt Cullen in tying out the balances with his wonderful excel spreadsheets. Thank you gentlemen! – SK Sean McGee, Trustee

2007-2008 Proposed Budget

As is customary for the first business meeting of the year, we will be voting on a proposed budget for the 2007-2008 fraternal year. Attached to this newsletter is a proposed budget prepared by SK Matt Cullen based largely on the 2006-2007 fraternal year budget with updates for what we actually spent in the last year.

With each year some new items find their way into the budget and some items fall off the budget. This year we will be adjusting the budget to account for some of our fundraisers that we previously budgeted for but no longer have such as

Casino night, photos with Santa, etc. As the proposed budget stands we are currently \$1080 in the red.

It is highly recommended that we begin the fraternal year with a balanced budget. Some proposed items for discussion are highlighted in red. We can either balance the budget by reducing expenses or coming up with addition fundraisers or income. If you have a great idea that can make the council money now is an excellent time to step forward and make that idea part of the 2007-2008 budget. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact myself or one of the officers about your ideas and we will be happy to relay them at the meeting.
– SK Sean McGee

Calendar Review

August 2007

- Sunday, August 5th – Major Degree in Kyle, TX. Interested 1st degree members should contact DGK Carlos Mendoza if interested in making the degree.
- Monday, August 6th – Council Meeting 7pm in Kitchen then 5&7.
- Saturday, August 11th – Adoration in Chapel. Knights cover evening hours
- Monday, August 13th – Fourth Degree Meeting
- Thursday, August 16th – First Degree Ceremony in Grace Hall
- Sunday, August 19th – KofC Pancake Breakfast fundraiser after 9 and 11am Masses. Grace Hall.
- Monday, August 20th – Officer's Meeting 7:30pm in kitchen.
- Monday, August 27th – Greater Austin Area Chapter Meeting

September 2007

- Monday, September 3rd – Council Meeting in Rooms 5&7 – 7pm

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, August 27th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeecan.us or by calling 680-0367.