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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

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

When: Monday, January 7th 2007

Time: 7:30 pm

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### Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

Lety and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all of you for your support in 2007 and looking forward for your continuing support in 2008. We also like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2008.

**I am delighted to report to you that 2007 was a very successful year for Council 10209.** We had several successful events like; the Annual Free Throw Competition, Golf Tournament, Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Annual Scholarship Competition, Essay Contest, Entertainment Passbook Sales, Annual Astros's Baseball Game Bus Trip, we've started our monthly assistance with the Men's Club, Monthly Pancake Breakfast, Adopt-A-Street program, participate with the Austin Area Food Bank, Annual Parish Fair, Coats for Kids Program, created the Knight's News for the bulletin and started Knight's Monthly Birthday recognition in the bulletin, plus we host a monthly 1st Degree Ceremony and had the honor of hosting the icon of "Our Lady of Charity", we maintain the Unborn monument, we also support our Youth Annual Diocese Softball Tournament, and had a successful audit and a passed budget. As you can see we

were very busy in 2007 and will continue to be busy in 2008.

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. I would thank all of the **Knights** that have been involved with these many projects, for their efforts and support, especially those **Brother Knights** who stepped up to man our committees. These **Brother Knights** cannot fulfill their committee's responsibilities without the help of other **Brother Knights**. So I am asking all of you **Knights** that have not participate in our monthly meetings and our monthly fundraisers to **come out and help and make 2008 a Super year.**

As Grand Knight I have the responsibility of moving the council's programs that can't be accomplished without the assistance of our active Brother Knights. Many of our programs and council's responsibilities are to support St. Paul's programs of evangelization and Catholic education, community involvement and aid 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.**

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 and encourage them to get involved. 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 an event. **If our Council is not providing you with much of a reason to be an active member than I would be interested in hearing from you on how we can get to you to be an active member.**

**Congratulate to Grand Knight Carlos T. Mendoza** on winning the **Knight of the Month for November 2007** due to his leadership, organization and participation in numerous of programs.

I'd like to **congratulate the Sean McGee and family** on winning the **Family of the Month for November 2007** for his leadership and support with this year's Entertainment Passbook Sales, and Youth Retreat cooking.

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

I am looking forward in continuing where we let off in 2007, and serving the needs of our Council 10209 in 2008. See you at the January 7<sup>th</sup> monthly business meeting.

God Bless you all,

Fraternally,  
Grand Knight Carlos T. Mendoza

## Prayer Box

Please Pray for:

GK Bruce Hirsch, SK Bart Botta who has terminal cancer, Mark Majek, Mike and Alexis Moreno, Ishmael Gonzalez, Past-GK Louis Palacios and his family. Pray for Fr. Barry Cabell, Betty Parks, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell, and Art Aguirre.

## Birthday Greetings



### JANUARY'S Birthdays'

**I want to wish the following Knights' a Big Happy Birthday!**

Carlos Garcia, Rene Gaytan, Paul F. Hilt, Tehrani Amir Mahoubi, Jose O. Montemayor, Louis R. Palacios, William J Rancour, Cruz A. Villegas

### DECEMBER'S Birthdays'

**I want to wish the following Knights' a Big Happy Birthday!**

Willie R. Castillo, Carlos R. Chapa, Gayle A. Ferguson, Ishmael T. Gonzalez, Michael J. Jackoski, Lee C. Jan, Albert Miller, Juan Nunez, Lupe Rojas, Jaime I. Tamez

## Financial Secretary's Report

As those of you who are members of the yahoo group know we are doing the billing for this year's dues differently. Instead of mailing a billing notice to each member, I am instead asking that you **pay your dues** without being billed. This will save the council for postage as well as for the cost of having the bills printed. I want to thank all those members who have already paid. If you want to get your dues payment to me, you can mail it, leave it in an envelope with my name on it in our box at church, or give it to me personally. Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus". My address is 4610 San Simeon Dr., Austin, TX 78749. For almost all of you dues are \$40 for the year. In a few weeks I will mail billing notices to those members who have not yet paid. I am hopeful that this experiment is successful. Let me know what you think.

Also, I ask that you take a few minutes to complete the attached **Survey of Fraternal Activity**. You can put your completed survey in our box or mail it to me as well. Or you can send me your responses electronically at

[KSMMOORE3@aol.com](mailto:KSMMOORE3@aol.com). Please get this information to me by the end of January.

I hope that each of you and your families enjoyed a blessed Christmas, and that the New Year brings continued blessings. Let me know if there is any way I can be of service to you.

Fraternally, SK Ken Moore F.S.

### Knights Free Throw Championship this Month

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2008 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Monday, January 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bedichek Middle School located at S 1<sup>st</sup> & William Cannon. We are in need of Brother Knights to serve as spotters, counters, and retrievers if needed. **Entry forms or additional information will be at the rear of the church or contact Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza at 293-7262.**

**The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship** is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competition. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age division. Last year more than 179,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their competition in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written consent. For entry forms can pickup in the rear of the church or for additional information contact Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza at 293-7262.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with nearly 1.7 million members in over 12,500 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 60 million volunteer hours and \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

### Monthly Pancake Breakfast

The **Knights of Columbus invite everyone to their monthly Pancake Breakfast.** Come and spend some time with fellow Knights and their family members, but most importantly bring your family to enjoy a breakfast with members of your Saint Paul's community. **The Knights also invite Catholic men interested in learning more about becoming a Knight of Columbus to join them at the Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast benefit the Knight of Columbus Charities which includes our Annual Youth Scholarship Program.**

**Date: Sunday, January 20th**

**Location: Saint Paul's Grace Hall**

**Time: After the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass**

**Cost: \$5 per person (All you can eat)**

**Serving: Pancake, Sausage, Juice and Coffee**

Please make plans to attend the January 19<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast its lots of fun.

### 50/50 now at \$210

The 50/50 is now entering it's third year. The balance is over \$210 to the winner. There are only 12 cards left. I predict that there will be a winner this year! Winner must be at the monthly meeting to participate. – SK Tom Natoli, Treasurer

### Youth Essay Contest

Subject: The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society. We received 29 essays in our first ever essay contest ! The judges of April Mendoza , Vicky Jan, and Deacon John will announce the winner this month. The winner will receive a \$100 savings bond and a certificate. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. – SK Tom Natoli

### Church/Council Committee Report

Current subcommittees include: Men's Club, Golf Tournament, and Vocations.

Our Council has committed to help the **Men's Club** once per month, and we have selected the Saturday following the regularly scheduled business meeting to be our recurring day; for January this will be the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, and all help is truly appreciated, please arrive at the buildings behind Grace Hall sometime in the morning; there is always work to be done. For more information, please contact Bob Meny.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 and takes place in the chapel immediately following Mass and continuing until 11:00 P.M. The Knights are often said to be the strong right hand of the church; let's demonstrate that we take that responsibility seriously. Please consider spending an hour of **Adoration** with the Blessed Sacrament; we should make every effort to have at least one Knight present throughout the 5 hours from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.; family members welcome.

Our busy daily lives have many distractions: work, family, football games, golf, etc. We are so busy and distracted that we may not be hearing God's call. God wants us to serve Him, and I believe He calls us to service often, but we may not hear His call because we are so busy. Like voice mail, God may be leaving a message when we do not respond. An hour of quiet time and prayer spent with our Lord in the presence of the

Blessed Sacrament may give us time to listen to our "God-mail". Please seriously consider spending an hour of **Adoration** on January 12; and so that we can ensure continuous K of C presence, contact Lee Jan 291-4809 with the time you are willing to be at **Adoration**.

**Vocations.**

1. Vocations for a religious and clergy begin at home. So often I hear that a family does not want a child to "waste" their life by becoming a priest or religious. This is wrong thinking. Vocations, like good marriages, begin at home and I strongly recommend that family prayer and encouragement center on a family member discerning for the priesthood or religious life. A family is truly blessed if they have their children discern for and enter the priesthood or religious life, it is not wasted effort, we cannot outgive God in his blessings to families with children in religious and clerical life. If a child is discerning for a religious vocation, please contact the St. Paul clergy and we can refer the child to the diocesan or religious order vocation director.

2. If there is a single man over 25 or a married man over 35 that is interested in becoming a permanent deacon, let Deacon John Pickwell know. The next inquiry for formation as a permanent deacon will be in February 2008 and we would like to have Fr. Barry meet with you to get your name in the "hat" before the inquiry.

3. If there is any other vocation information you would like to know about, please contact Deacon John, 443-6395.

**Golf Tournament at Onion Creek April 12th.** Attached to this newsletter are a solicitation letter and a sponsors application which can be used to obtain a sponsorship for our Annual Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Onion Creek Country Club. Also, we have included a combined entry form/sponsors form for those who would like to sponsor a team and contribute as a supporting sponsor as well. Please do your best to recruit sponsors for our largest fundraiser of the year. The council makes money from this event primarily through sponsorships so it is imperative that everyone get involved and work their personal networks to provide players and sponsors for the event. You will be hearing more on this in the coming months but get started now and let's have a great tournament once again in 2008! - SK Lee Jan

**Who:** Everyone is invited to participate to include family members of all ages.

Contact Rene Gaytan at **(512)280-0045, (512)659-8255**, email: [rhgaytan@aol.com](mailto:rhgaytan@aol.com), or sign up at the next meeting

**Calendar Review**

**January 2008**

**Monday, January 7th** – Monthly Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Paul's Rooms 5 & 7

**Saturday, January 12th** – Knights' Assist Men's Club, St. Paul's Church

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration in Chapel 6pm-11pm

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** - Adopt-A-Street litter clean up, 8:30 am to 10:30 am, St. Paul's Church

**Sunday, January 20th** - Monthly Pancake Breakfast fundraiser after 9 am and 11am Masses, Grace Hall

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** - *Knights of Columbus Council Free Throw Championship*, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bedichek Middle School

**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Knights' Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Paul's kitchen (date changed due to free throw competition)

**Monday, January 28th** – Greater Austin Area Chapter KC Meeting, TBA, 7:00 pm

**Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or by calling 680-0367.

**Community Corner**

**What:** Quarterly Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up on David Moore Rd

**When:** Saturday, 19 Jan 2008, 8:30-10:30 am

**Where:** Meet at St Paul 's parking lot by the big boulder off of David Moore Rd.