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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

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

When: Monday, March 3rd 2008

Time: 7:30 pm

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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

We continue to stay busy with hosting the 1st Degree ceremony every even month, assisting the Men's Club, our annual competition events and different fundraising events. One of those events is the monthly Pancake Breakfast, which was created to the give our parish community the opportunity to enjoy a very inexpensive breakfast with their family and members of Saint Paul. The other reasons were for us to raise funds for our annual scholarship contest and it gives us the opportunity to invite other Catholic men that might be interested in joining our council. I want to let you know that only a few of the Knights are assisting with this effort and it not fair for these few Knights to continue to represent all of you every month. I am asking all Brother Knights to consider finding some time to assist our council in our fund raising efforts.

Some of you have answered my past request and have come out to our meetings and events. But now I am asking the rest of our member Knights to come out and assist us with our next project. That project is recruitment of new Knights. In month of March we are focusing in recruiting new members by being more visible. So with that been said, we are having our Corporate Communion on March 16 at the 9:00 am mass and

it's also Palm Sunday. We are asking our council 4th Degree to come in **full Regalia** and the rest of our Knights to come in your Knights shirts. We would like for our brother Knights attending the mass to participate in one of the ministries during this mass. **So please Mark Your Calendar, March 16, 9:00 am.** Again this one way of recruiting and another way is; as you volunteer in various ministries around the Parish please introduce the Knights of Columbus and our council to other men you work with. Those that are the busiest seem to be the most successful Knights.

I am looking forward in seeing many of you at our March 3rd Business Meeting in rooms 5 & 7. **The attendance pot is over \$239 with only 10 cards left.** Could you be the lucky winner that picks the King of Hearts? Come and find out. At this meeting, there will be a special door prize that will be given away. Could you be the winner of that door prize? Come to the Business Meeting and find out. Bring another Knight.

Men's Club

Special Thanks to: Bob Meny, Lee Jan, Pete Cantu and Chris Jistel for assisting with the Men's Club clean-up.

Knight of the Month

Congratulations to Chris Jistel on winning the Knight of the Month for January due to his leadership, organization and participation with our Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition.



February's Birthdays'

Let's wish the following Knights' a Happy Birthday!

Anthony J. Guzaldo, Jeff A Koch, Lawrence A. Larson, Oscar C. Martinez, Rev Paul F. McCallum

I am looking forward in continuing to serve the needs of our Council 10209.

See you at our March 3rd monthly business meeting.

God Bless you all,

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Carlos T. Mendoza".

Grand Knight Carlos T. Mendoza

He mentions that for years the Knights have proclaimed ourselves to be **"In Solidarity With Our Priests and Bishops."** That solidarity is manifested in a preeminent way through our fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff. Therefore, in preparation for Pope Benedict XVI's visit, the Supreme Council has developed several ways for Knights to express our being **"In Solidarity With Our Holy Father."**

The first of these avenues is to join in prayer for the success of the Holy Father's visit. To this end, **papal visit prayer cards** are available and will be distribute at our next business meeting. Prayer cards are being disturbed in every country in which our Order is present, in hope that brother Knights around the world can join in prayer as the Holy Father comes to the United States. Knights are encouraged to visit www.kofc.org and add their names to the **Spiritual E-Bouquet** of prayers for the papal visit.

The second way to celebrate the Holy Father's visit is to strengthen our Order by adding many more members to our ranks. Each time that Supreme Knight has had the honor in meeting with Pope Benedict, the Holy Father has clearly expressed his great appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our unparalleled service to the Church, not only to the Vatican but particularly at the local parish level. We can do so much now with 1.7 million members , but we must ask ourselves how much more we could do with 2 million or 3 million members – just imagine if your council had twice as many members as it does today! This potential to increase our charitable and volunteer works should drive and inspire our recruitment efforts. Therefore, we are conducting a special **papal visit membership campaign** in honor of the Holy Father, to build up our Order so that we might be an even *stronger* **"right arm of the Church"** and our parish priests.

As part of this membership campaign, every First Degree until June 30 should be held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI. Special **new member certificates** will follow under separate cover for distribution to Knights initiated at these degrees. Additionally, through June 30, proposes of new members will receive a special **recruiter commemorative coin**, the design of which is shown at the top of the memorandum received from Supreme Knight. Finally, the names of all new members added through June 30 will be inscribed in a **tribute book** that will be presented to the Holy Father as a sign of our growth in his honor and of our increased ability to be of service o the Church.

Let us join together in fervent prayer for the intercession of our beloved founder, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, for the success of these initiatives and of the Holy Father's visit to the United States.

KofC Support of the Pope

Brothers, I received a letter from our Supreme Knight Carl A Anderson, letting us know of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI first pastoral journey to the United States, April 15 -20, 2008.

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Father Barry, DGK Albert Villegas, SK Bart Botta, Louis Palacios, Mike & Alex Moreno, Art Aguirre, Mark Majek, Julian Hernandez, Amelia (Henry) Casas'

Brother-in-law Vidal, Carlos Mendoza's Nephew Matthew Soto, Carlos Mendoza's Aunt (who passed away recently), and Lee Jan's Aunt/Godmother (hospitalization), Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell

From the Financial Secretary

I want to thank all those brother knights who have taken care of their dues obligation for this year. We still have a significant amount outstanding, however. Dues are of vital importance to the council, as they account for the largest percentage of our operating budget. Please, if you haven't yet paid your dues, do so as promptly as you can. If you have circumstances that make payment difficult, let me or one of the other officers know so that arrangements can be made to accommodate your situation. You can pay your dues in installments if that is what's necessary. I will be sending out "Second Notices" very soon. Of course, the fewer of these notices that have to go out the better. Thanks for your cooperation. I am here to serve your needs, so let me know if I can be of service.

Fraternally, SK Ken Moore, F.S.

Treasurer's Report

The count down is on! There are 10 cards left and the jackpot is over \$ 240. If you have been waiting to attend a meeting with a large jackpot for the last four years (that is how long it has been since our last jackpot winner) than this is your meeting. Even better, you don't even have to select the cash option - Cash is our only option! And finally there is no Mega Ball to select! See you Monday.

- Tom Natoli, Council Treasurer

Free Throw Championship Update

Brother Knights,

Last Sunday I attended the District Level – Free Throw Championship that was held at Chapa Middle School in Kyle. Council 10209 had 3 of our 7 champions show up and compete, Denise Mendez (12 – year old Girls division), Justin Muller (11 – year old Boys Division), and Emiliano Espinosa (13 – year old Boys Division). All three competed at a high level and represented our council very well. Denise made 7 free throws out of 25 attempts and took 2nd place in the Girls 12 – year division. Justin is a St. Paul 's parishioner and alter server, he made 16 out 25 attempts. Justin is a 1st place winner and received a District Level Championship Medal. Emiliano made 9 out of 25 attempts and also is a 1st place winner, he received a District Level Championship Medal as well.

Both Justin and Emiliano qualify for the Diocesan Level Competition which will be held at [Fayetteville High School](#)

on Saturday, February 23rd at 9:00 a.m. I'm hoping that both winners will be able to attend the Diocesan Competition, I have made contact with Emiliano's parents and waiting to hear back from Justin's parents. If any Knights are interested in attending, please let me know so we can carpool. Both of these boys have really good basketball shots and have a real good chance to compete for State.

Let's congratulate and support all of our Council Champions for making it this far in the competition.

- SK Chris Jistel

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 March this will be the 8th. During February several knights showed up to help the Men's Club with yard work. We trimmed the crepe myrtles around the church and cleaned up the small garden around the tree in front of the church; Come out on March 8th and lend a hand to help beautify the church grounds. All help is greatly appreciated, gather behind Grace Hall around 8:00. Can't make it at 8? Come when you can, there is always work to be done. For more information, please contact Bob Meny.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th and takes place in the chapel immediately following the 5:00 P.M. Mass and continuing until 11:00 P.M. This will be the last opportunity during Lent to visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; please consider spending an hour of undivided attention with Jesus through **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament. If you came during February as part of your personal spiritual growth goal for Lent, you want to be sure to make this second adoration during Lent. If you were unable to come last month, March is not too late to renew your spiritual relationship with Jesus during this holy lenten season.

Corporate Communion is tentatively scheduled for the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Palm Sunday, March 16th. Plans call for the 4th degree to be in full regalia and 3rd degree members are asked to wear their K of C shirts or name badge if they have them, otherwise, come dressed for Mass. Please come with your family. At the writing of this message, I have not received confirmation from the church administrator, but have spoken with Father Barry and he said there was no reason that he could think of that would not allow us to have our Corporate Communion on that day and time; so plan on attending -- I will continue efforts to get it listed on the church calendar.

Vocations. Look for a message from Deacon John in this Newsletter.

Golf Tournament. Mark April 12, 2008 on your calendar; we will need as much help as possible on the day of the event to help with sign up of players, preparing and serving the meal, and/or playing in the tournament. Specifically, we will need 3 or 4 members to help sign in players - if you are playing in the tournament, you can help with registration and still be able to play in the tournament - this help will be needed at Onion Creek Country Club beginning 11:30-11:45 and we will be finished by 12:45. We also need 10 or more helpers to be observers for the hole-in-one contests at each of the par 3s on the course (there are 5 par 3s) - Knights, their wives, girl friends or teenage or older children can help. We will need the observers throughout the tournament, which will last about 4 hours. You will get to see a lot of golf, may not be pretty, but should be entertaining --obviously participants in the tournament are not eligible to help with this part of the tournament. Please sign up at the meeting, or if you can't make the meeting, please contact Lee Jan to sign up to help. And very importantly, we need everyone's help **right now** in recruiting sponsors and players; registration/sponsor forms are enclosed/attached to this Newsletter. For additional information or interest in helping with this event, please contact Lee Jan, 512-217-7020 or email: janclassof75@yahoo.com

Mark your calendar for:

1. Men's Club -- March 8, 8:00 a.m. – about noon (you pick the time and duration)
2. Adoration -- March 8, 6:00 – 11:00 (you pick the time and duration, one hour recommended). The Knights have volunteered to cover the 10:00 to 11:00 hour, but if that does not work for you, please come when you can.
3. Corporate Communion -- March 16, 9:00 A.M. Mass -- please arrive 15 minutes before Mass if possible.
4. Golf Tournament -- April 12, Onion Creek Country Club, sign in starts at noon, shotgun tournament start at 1:00 P.M.

Community Corner

The Capital Area Food Bank community service event on Sat., Feb 16th, was attended by Rene Gaytan and Lee Jan. Thanks for your time in volunteering. At the March 3rd business meeting, I will inform you of the next opportunity to help at the center.

The **2008 Austin Area Wide Clean Sweep** will take place on Saturday, April 5th, from 8:30-10:30 am. This annual event is sponsored by Keep Austin Beautiful, www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org, and will be followed by a picnic luncheon at Waterloo Park from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. All volunteers are invited to go eat, sign up for door prizes and listen to all types of music.

Our Council will pick up litter along David Moore Rd , as usual. We will also pick up litter in the parking lots and around all buildings on the church property. We will need more than the usual 5 or 6 Knights.

Volunteers at this event will receive free t-shirts, so I'll need t-shirt sizes when you sign up. I will pass around the sign-up sheet at the March 3rd meeting. If you won't be at this meeting, and want to volunteer, email Rene at: rhgaytan@aol.com or call: 659-8255.

Those of you with connections to the Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts at St. Paul 's, have their rep contact me as soon as possible.

All age groups are invited to participate.

-SK Rene Gaytan, Community Chairman

Calendar Review

March 2008

Monday, March 3rd – Monthly Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Paul's Rooms 5 & 7

Saturday, March 8th – Knights' Assist Men's Club, St. Paul's Church

Saturday, March 8th – Adoration in Chapel 6pm-11pm

Sunday, March 16th – Corporate Communion at the 9am Mass.

Monday, March 17th – Knights' Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Paul's kitchen

Sunday, March 23rd – Easter Sunday

Monday, March 31st – Greater Austin Area Chapter KC Meeting, TBA, 7:00 pm

April 2008

Saturday, April 5th – 2008 Austin Wide Clean Sweep

Monday, April 7th – Council Meeting

Saturday, April 12th – 10209 Golf Tournament

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, March 31st. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.