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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

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

When: Monday, July 7th 2008

Time: 7:30 pm

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Join the KofC10209 Yahoo Group and save the council a postage stamp each month. Plus you get email notices of upcoming events! Simply send an email to kofc10209-subscribe@yahoo.com and you'll be signed up!

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

Let me start by thanking everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve this past year as Grand Knight. I have been a member of Council 10209 since August 12, 2003. I am a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1099. I have been happily married to my wife Lety for 30 years. We have four wonderful children and a special grandson. My oldest daughter Mellisa Michelle, age 27, is a full time employee for the Hilton Corporation in Dallas and has our special grandson Mathew Robert Soto age 8, our other daughter April Ranae, age 24, is an 8th grade English teacher in Luling, but has accepted a 8th grade teaching job at Bedichek Middle School here in Austin, and the twins Roberto (Robert) Carlos age 19 attended The University of North Texas this past year but will be attending Austin Community College this coming year and Juan (Johnny) Carlos age 19 attended Howard Payne University the first semester where he played football and ended the year at The University of Texas at San Antonio where he will continue his education. All family members have been very active in one of St. Paul's Ministries as an Altar Servers, Youth leaders, Religious Education Instructors,

Youth Music Leader, Extraordinary Ministers and Pastoral Council. I am looking forward to a great year, and serving the needs of our council.

Elections of new Officers were held at our June 2nd Business meeting and the follow Knights were elected as the

2008 – 2009 Council Officers:

Grand Knight – Sir Knight Carlos Mendoza

Deputy Grand Knight - Sir Knight Albert Villegas

Chaplin – Rev. James Martin

Chancellor – Deacon John Pickwell

Recorder – (Chris Jistel has accepted to fill this position, but will need to nominated and elected at next business meeting)

Financial Secretary - Sir Knight Ken Moore

Lecturer - Sir Knight René Gaytan

Advocate - Sir Knight Lee Jan

Warden – Gayle Ferguson

Inside Guard - Sir Knight Robert Ranucor

Outside Guard - Sir Knight Augustine Cuellar

3rd Trustee - Sir Knight Louis Palacios

2nd Trustee - Sir Knight Sean McGee

1st Trustee - Sir Knight Robert Natoli

The first and foremost concern is to get all committee positions filled; each Director has committees under them that they will oversee: The Service Program Organizational Chart will be provided at the next business meeting.

Program Director: _____

Membership Director: _____

Retention Committee Chairman: Ken Moore

Church Director: Lee Jan

Community Director: Rene Gaytan

Council Director: Sean McGee

Family Director: Albert Villegas

Youth Director: Tom Natoli

Please consider one of these vacant positions. I would like to emphasize the importance of filling these positions as I have to get the list submitted to Supreme as soon as possible. Our council has always been very active in

different ways, whether it be in Church, Youth, Men's Club, Fundraisers, Community, etc. [There Is A Place For You](#). We all strive for one common goal and that goal is to have our council grow. Throughout this fraternal year we will be concentrating on recruiting new members. My challenge to each and every Knight is to recruit one person. If you have a candidate and are not sure as to how to approach them, make a recommendation to the membership committee and let them make the invitation for you. You of course will get credit for the new recruit.

As you all know our business meetings are held on the first Monday of the month @ 7:30 pm (In rooms 5&7). Join us for a social hour after each meeting in the kitchen. Food and drinks are provided. I sincerely hope I will have the opportunity to meet my entire brother Knights that I have not met throughout this coming fraternal year. I realize schedules differ for everyone, and not everyone can attend every meeting. Being an active member does not mean you must attend every meeting. Our council will be planning several fundraisers this coming year and it is just one way to participate with the council. We will also have social events for all Knights and their families. This is an excellent and another fun way to stay active with the council. Always remember the three main principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Set a goal for yourself. Join your brother Knights at a business meeting, participate at one of our fundraisers, or bring the family out to one of our social events. Whatever you opt for I am truly grateful and most of all I appreciate all of my brothers from the council. I am at your service in whatever you may need or want. If any of you all have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call or send me an e-mail. My home number is 416-7555 or my cell 293-7262 and my e-mail address is cemendoza331@sbcglobal.net. I would like to encourage any of you who have an e-mail address and have not signed onto the council's Yahoo Group, please consider this valuable asset and it has become our main line of communication.

Many thanks to all of you Knights who have come forward to serve. I am sure this year will be a good one. I am very lucky to continue to be your leader of the council that is filled with a lot of good men of which I am quite proud to be a part of. I will be surrounded by a great group of officers that will keep me focus in our goals. I know I can count on any one of you whenever I need assistance.

I am looking forward in seeing many of you at our next Business Meeting that will be on July 7th at 7:30 pm in rooms 5 and 7 at St Paul. **The attendance pot is over \$270 with only 6 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 next Business Meeting and find out. **Bring another Knight and get Special Reward.**

Thanks again and God Bless you all

Fraternally,

Grand Knight SK Carlos T. Mendoza



June Birthdays'

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

David Andrus (June 2nd), Dan Castro (June 19th), David Czarnecki (June 16th), Wayne Franke (June 23rd), Antonio Garcia Jr. (June 21st), Daniel Goertz (June 25th), Ken Moore (June 21st), Robert Pedraza (June 27), John Schatte (June 13th)

New Council Member

Let's welcome our newest member into our council **Sergio Gonzalez!**

Members in the Arrears

Fellow members Knights, we are in the process of filling out the proper forms to let Supreme know what members we are planning to suspend their membership due to non-payment of their dues. A Knight Alert letter was sent to each of the Knights fall in that category and if you would like to pay your dues before we send out the forms to Supreme, please contact me or Ken Moore. We also will be notifying the Knight of Columbus Assembly 1099 of our 4th degree **Knight members that are not in good standing** with our council. As per the Assembly any member Knight of the Assembly **will not be allowed to participate** in the Fallouts **until their dues are paid in full** at the council level.

Men's Club

Special Thanks to: Bob Meny for his continuing support in leading this committee, plus the Knights that have come out to assist with the parish clean-up.

Council 10209 1st Degree Team

Special Thanks to Chris Jistel (Captain) and his team for conducting an excellent 1st degree ceremony on June 19th where there were 7 news Knights joining the Knight of Columbus. The team members are Mike Moreno, Ken Moore, Louis Palacios, Chris Jistel, Dave Czarnecki, Robert Rancour, and Albert Villegas. The 1st degree ceremony is conducted every third Thursday of each even month in Grace Hall. Every Knight is welcome to attend. Refreshments are provided after the ceremony.

Knight of the Month for May

Congratulations to **Most Rev. Father James Martin** on winning Knight of the Month for the month of May due to his leadership, organization and participation in many of the Knight of Columbus monthly activates.

2008 Texas Knight Football Frenzy Sweepstakes

The football season is just around the corner and your **Knights of Columbus Council 10209** is offering you the opportunity to participate in this year **Texas Knight Football Frenzy Sweepstakes**. Donations are \$10 for each card. Each card is valid for 10 weeks of the Pro Football season starting October 26th and ending December 28th. **\$10,000 Cash Prizes!** * \$1,000 given away each week, * Tickets are valid for 10 weeks of the football season from Oct. 26 – Dec. 28, * 90 BIG chances to WIN! 9 chances to WIN each week! * Prizes awarded for Highest & Lowest 4-Team totals, * Winners are notified and paid automatically each week, you can Check Results Online. **For more information on the sweepstakes or to secure your card contact any Knight Officer or Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza at 512-293-7262 or cmendoza31@sbcglobal.net . Deadline to get your cards is Tuesday, September 30, 2008. Your donation helps support the Texas State Council and your Council 10209 Charity Program that donates back to each Diocese. Good Luck!**

Scouts News

Congratulations to Troop 403 and Scout Keith Tompkins from St. Paul Parish for reaching the Boys Scouts Award Rank of Eagle Scout on June 13th. It is the 29th Eagle Scout from Troop 403.

Below is a news release where Eagle Scout Tompkins's Eagle Project at Paredes Middle School was mentioned and was recognized by AISD.

From the AISD website:

May 7, 2008 - An outdoor classroom will be dedicated at Paredes Middle School at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the school, located at 10100 Mary Moore Seawright. The classroom is the culmination of a partnership between Lowe's, the Paredes Parent Teacher

Association, and Boy Scout Troop 403. The PTA Vice-President, Glen Shields, submitted a proposal for the outdoor classroom to the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant, and the school was awarded \$5,000. The PTA members, teachers, staff, students and parents and representatives from the Boy Scout troop, including former Paredes student Keith Tompkins, built the outdoor classroom, which includes a chalkboard, benches, and wheel chair ramp. The volunteers also did the landscaping of the classroom.

The classroom is open to all teachers and all subject areas. Teachers sign up to use the classroom and student feedback has been positive, school officials said.

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the soul of Bart Botta, for Father Barry, Fr. James, SK Jim Elman, Louis Palacios, Mike & Alex Moreno, Art Aguirre, Carlos Mendoza's Nephew Matthew Soto, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell

Insurance Agent Report

LIFE INSURANCE IS WHO WE ARE, HELPING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH THE LIFE INSURANCE IS WHAT WE DO!

I am often amazed at the lack of understanding associate members have regarding the importance of our insurance programs. As I stated last time, we are not about bbq, bingo, CAFB etc. We are about insurance. Fr. McGivney insisted every member be an insurance member. There were no associate members when he founded the Knights of Columbus. Associate members are somewhat a new occurrence within the Knights of Columbus.

I went to fill out a death claim in Wimberley recently. While visiting with the 94 year old widow, she made a comment about how her and her husband, who had just died at 91, wished they had taken out more insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Her exact quote was "this is the best insurance anywhere". I have to agree with her. His policy paid out more than 3 times the original amount in death benefits. Does any other insurance policy do this? I don't know of one.

Did I mention that I went to her house to fill out death claim? Do you know of any other company that would do that? Most, if not all, companies have lost the personal touch and when there is a claim, they just mail the claim form and instruct beneficiary to fill it out and return it to them! In fact now, most companies don't send you a

check for the death benefit. They send you a money market checking book and allow you to spend the money as you need to. In essence what they are doing is keeping your beneficiary's money and earning interest on it while you aren't earning interest on it.

I just ask you to stop and think about the value you get when you have your family's financial future in the hands of the greatest Catholic organization in the world.

Contact Info: Phone - 301-1218 or email emazu5@gmail.com . I look forward to serving you. - Eddie Mazurek

Treasurer's Report

The jackpot for the 50/50 will be over \$ 280 at the July meeting. There are only three requirements

- 1- Be at the meeting
- 2- Win the 50/50
- 3- Select the King of Hearts

See you at the meeting!! - SK Tom Natoli

Astros Bus Trip - 8/3/08

Brother Knights we are all set for our Astros bus trip to see your beloved **Houston Astros** take on the **Mighty New York Mets!** The game will take place on Sunday, August 3rd and the wonderful, comfortable, air conditioned coaches will be leaving the SPARK area of St. Paul Church around 8:45am in order to make the 1:30pm game time. What better way to finish off the summer than a trip to a baseball game!

The costs will be \$60/adult and \$55 for children 12 and under. At this point I have filled a single bus with only a couple of seats available for any last minute reservations. If you have paid already thank you! If you have not paid please get me your check at the Monday meeting or make arrangements with me to get it sometime this week. Contact me at 680-0367 or seanmcgee@yahoo.com. - SK Sean McGee

Church/Council Committee Report

Our Council has committed to help the **Men's Club** once per month. The Saturday following the regularly scheduled business meeting is our recurring day; July 12th is our upcoming designated time to gather and help beautify our blessed property. With the heat of summer, we need as much help as we can get beginning about 8:00 A.M so that we can finish and all go home before it gets too hot. A couple hours from 5 Knights is more than a full day's work. Will you be one of the five? All help is greatly appreciated, gather behind Grace Hall around 8:00. For more information, please contact Bob Meny.

Corporate Communion occurred June 29 at the 9 a.m.

Mass. A respectable number of Knights and their families participated. We had 6 Sir Knights from the Assembly fall out in full regalia. Four Sir Knights participated as Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lector, or presented scholarships to the selected recipients. A continental breakfast of donuts, coffee and juice was provided by our Insurance Agent, Eddie Mazurek, immediately following mass. -- Thanks Eddie. We also recruited one or two potential members.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th and takes place in the chapel immediately following the 5:00 P.M. Mass until 11:00 P.M. Consider spending an hour of undivided attention with Jesus through **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament.

Do You Believe?

Do You really believe that Jesus Christ is present in the consecrated Bread? He has cordially invited you to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Saturday July 12 for a come and go visit anytime between about 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Don't disappoint Him because you think you have more important things to do! The Knights should demonstrate their leadership of men in St. Paul parish and this is a good way to begin to show leadership. The Knights and St. Paul parish will be blessed if you take the time to spend with Jesus.

Mark your calendar for:

1. Men's Club -- July 12, 8:00 a.m.
2. Adoration -- July 12, 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.

Community Corner

Next **Adopt-a-Street** is Sat, 19 July, 2008. We'll meet at church parking lot by big rock at 8:30 am I'll pass around a sign-up sheet at next meeting.

Fan Drive at church did not materialize as planned. I never heard back from Bob Dugas. So, if any Brother Knight wants to donate a fan, let me (Rene) know and I'll pick it up from your house and deliver it to the Family Eldercare office. They collect fans all summer long...it is never too late.-SK Rene Gaytan, Community Chairman

Calendar Review

July 2008

Tuesday, July 1st – Astros Money due

Monday, July 7th – Council Meeting 7pm Rooms 5&7

Saturday, July 12th – Men's Club workday, 8am

Saturday, July 12th – Adoration, 6pm-11pm

Saturday, July 19th – Adopt a Street at St. Paul, 8:30am

Monday, July 21st – Officer's meeting 7:30pm in Kitchen

August 2008

Sunday, August 3rd – Astros Bus Trip to see the Astros play the New York Mets in Houston. Signup now! \$60/adult \$55/Children under 12 – see Sean

Monday, August 4th – Council Meeting, 7pm

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, July 28th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.