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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

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

When: Monday, September 15th

Time: 7:00 pm

Still Receiving this newsletter in the mail?

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:

As we move into the 4th quarter of the calendar year let me tell thank all of you that have stepped up to fill in as an officer but also those Knights (you know who you are) that have supported our continuing programs. Keep up the super job!

Our annual Parish Fair has come and gone and many hours were put into it to make it a great success. As always the Knights were part of making the Fair a great success. I want to thank the Knights and their family members that came out and supported the Fair, by cooking, running the auction, basketball contest, and fair committee, electricians, petting zoo, and Fair Committee member or by supporting various parish organizations during the Fair. All of you did a great job.

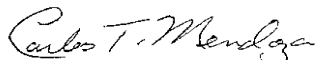
Always remember the three main principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Set a goal for yourself. Join your brother Knights at a business meeting, participate at one of our fundraisers, or bring the family out to one of our social events. Whatever you opt for I am truly grateful and most 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 as it has become our main line of communication.

I am looking forward in seeing many of you at our next Business Meeting on **September 15th** at the **NEW Time 7:00 pm** in rooms 5 and 7 at St Paul. **The attendance pot is over \$293 with only 4 cards left.** Could you be the lucky winner that picks the **King of Hearts?** Come and find out.

Thanks again and God Bless you all

Fraternally,



Grand Knight SK Carlos T. Mendoza

Men's Club

Special Thanks to: All brother Knights and their families that continue to support the Men's Club with the upkeep of St. Paul's grounds. I also want to thank the **Boy Scouts** for their monthly cleanup support.

Knight of the Month for July

Congratulations to Tony Garcia on winning **Knight of the Month for July** due to his leadership, organization and participation with the Parish Fair committee, Adopt-A-Street Clean Up program, Men's Club cleanup and responsible for the St. Paul's greeters' ministry.

Family of the Month for July

Congratulations to Gayle Ferguson and family on winning the Knight's Family of the Month for July.

Gayle and his family participated with the Adopt-A-Street Clean Up program, Men's Club cleanup, and his children participate with the St Paul's choir on different masses.



August Birthdays'

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

Rudy Salazar – 4th, Jose Morales – 8th, Robert Diaz – 15th, David Kuntz – 21st Michael Flieller – 22nd, , John Pickwell – 31st,

September Birthdays'

Gilbert Solis – 4th, Sal Valdez – 8th, Joseph Houghes – 9th, Matt Cullen – 25th, Michael Guzik – 25th, , Pete Cantu – 26th, , Adolph Duran -27th, Art Aguirre – 28th

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!**

(There will be a special prize for the Knight that sells the most cards.)

4th Degree Fall Exemplification October 4-5, 2008 Bryan/College Station, Texas

Hosted by Bishop Gallagher & Msgr. Valenta
Assemblies
Schedule of Events

Friday, October 3, 2008

7:00-9:00 PM—Registration in lobby of Comfort Suites Hotel

Saturday, October 4, 2008

9:00 AM -10:00 AM –Honor Guard registration for Fun Day at St. Joseph PAC

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Fun Day Activities. All Assemblies Color Corps are encouraged to participate. Bragging rights for Travel Trophy. Please bring sword and Chapeaux

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Lunch on your own

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Registration in lobby of Comfort Suites Hotel

6:00 PM - Mass at St. Joseph Church in Bryan (Sir Knights & Candidates assemble at 5:30 pm)

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Social at St. Joseph PAC

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Banquet at PAC

Sunday, October 5, 2008

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Candidates assemble at St. Joseph PAC

(Coffee, juice & donuts will be provided)

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM - Exemplification

(Class picture follow Exemplification)

9:00 AM -11:00 AM - Ladies Activity - Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8:45

Please make every effort to be on time!!

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Comfort Suites is located at 907 E. University Dr. in College Station, from Hwy 6 go west on to University Dr. toward TAMU. Go past three signal lights and the hotel is located on right. Rates: \$82.00 for Singles, or double, King/Queen plus tax. Make your reservations by calling 979-268-5500 and ask for KC block. Note: Block closes on September 19, 2008. Rates will increase after block closes. Check in is 3:00 PM

Pro-Life ACE Wings Award

Brother Knights,

The Texas State Council has developed the **ACES Wings award for all Texas Knights**. Attend 5 of the events described below within one 12 month period and you qualify for life for this award. The Fourth Degree Sir Knights are permitted to wear this award when wearing the Social Baldric. To obtain the form-go to the Texas State Council web site, www.tkofo.org, on the left side of the screen click on the second from the bottom blue tab "downloads."

The "Precious Feet" on the ACE Wings are the exact size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception. Wear them with pride.

Requirements for Receiving the Pro-Life ACE Wings Award are:

A minimum of 5 Public Pro-Life events are required to qualify for the Texas State Council Pro-Life ACE Wings Award. 4 out of the 5 events must have to do with the unborn, such as;

- Pro-Life Masses Pro-Life Sidewalk Counseling
- Pro-Life Parades Volunteer Work at Women's Center
- Pro-Life Rosary Processions March For Life
- Pro-Life Award Dinners Hike For Life

Run For Life Other "qualified" public events

The 5th item can be either a Pro-Life event as described above, or it can be an item such as;

Volunteering for work at a Special Olympics event

Volunteering for work at a hospice, nursing home, or veterans hospital

Providing entertainment for the residents of a hospice, nursing home, or veterans hospital

Other "qualified" events as acceptable in the sole judgment of the State PLC.

Our Holy Father has called us to be Pro-Life, from conception to natural death, therefore we must include those who are forgotten and left to die. Volunteering for Special Olympic events is included because many abortions are performed once it is discovered that the baby might have Down Syndrome, or some other developmental defect.

Private Pro-Life events (such as saying the Rosary privately, or offering up a private intention at Mass) do not count as a "qualified" event.

The ACE Wings Award Form is available on the Knights of Columbus web site, www.tkofo.org.

Forms may be submitted at any time during the Fraternal Year.

The ACE Wings will be presented to the recipient by the District Deputy, Grand Knight or by mail.

A Knight will not have to pay for his original set of ACE Wings.

A member may also request a set of wings for his spouse (if she has earned them), and he will be required to pay \$5 (includes shipping).

Squires may also earn the ACE Award. The sponsoring Council will be billed \$8 for the wings.

A Council may present the ACE Wings Award once a year to a non-Knight in their local community that has demonstrated a very strong Pro-Life stance. The Council will be billed \$5 for the wings.

Council will submit ACE Wings Award forms to the Pro-Life Chairman listed on the form.

We encourage everyone to continue to support Pro-Life events; however, only one set of ACE Wings will be awarded to a Brother Knight.

Pro-Life News

Pro Life Prayer Vigil will be held on **Saturday, September 20th** at **St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church**, 4600 E. Ben White Blvd., in Austin. The Vigil will begin with the celebration of Mass at 7:15 am, followed by a car caravan to Planned Parenthood at 201 E. Ben White Blvd. (at South Congress). All are invited to attend. For more information please contact Bob Christiansen at 512-255- 8551.

The Austin Pro-Life Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, September 24** at San Jose Parish in Austin and will feature speaker Marie Seale, director of the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living and a presentation, "Hope and Trust in Life". A reception will begin at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. For more information or to attend, please contact the Pro-Life and Chaste Living office at 512-238-1756 or by email: lucy-mendez@austindiocese.org.

Pro-Life Weekly Prayer: For a growing respect for the self-evident right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord! Please join us as we pray for men and women who have experienced an abortion. A Rachel Rosary will be held at the **St. Ignatius's Chapel** on **Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 10 AM.**

Diocese of Austin Ministry conference

Online registration for the **2008 Symphony of the Faith: One in Christ** is now open. The conference is **Oct. 17-18** at the Austin Convention Center. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch on Saturday. This year's conference features a keynote presentation by Matthew Kelly and a concert by Jaime Cortez on Friday night and two rounds of workshops and a vigil Mass on Saturday. To register, visit the Web site link below.

[Symphony of the Faith: One in Christ](http://www.austindiocese.org/event_register.php?event_id=2250)
http://www.austindiocese.org/event_register.php?event_id=2250

Or Visit the Diocese of Austin online at austindiocese.org.

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the soul of Bart Botta, for Father Barry, Fr. James, Herman and Agnes Bunn, Henrietta Franke, The Rancour Family, Matthew Soto, SK Jim Elman, Louis Palacios, Mike & Alex Moreno, Art Aguirre, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell, The Hernandez Family, Sal Talamontase, Charlie Rodriguez

Insurance Agent Report

For many of us, the past 7 or 8 years have been rough

financially. It started with 9/11 and it seems the economy has never bounced back to the pre 9/11 levels. People have lost their jobs, businesses have closed, and many have lost thousands or all of their 401Ks.

I have recently attended another training session in Dallas. Many new products are being introduced in 2009. But just as important, there were other items brought up.

1. There are no banks in North America that have the AAA Standard and Poors rating. (Of course the Knights of Columbus has received this for the last 14 years)
2. In 2001 we paid out \$275 million in dividends. In 2007 we paid out more than \$365. (a \$90 million INCREASE)
3. Since 1958, premiums on whole life policies have DECREASED about 50% (keep in mind that our dividends have INCREASED over this time.)
4. On a recent MSNBC video, two financial experts state that you should have 5 – 10% of your portfolio in permanent life insurance. In a recent Business Week article, it states that everyone should have permanent life insurance, not just term.
5. The US Government said the victims of 9/11 should be compensated 25 times their annual salary to replace the income they lost for their families. (Do you have 25 times your annual income in life insurance or liquid assets?)

Brother Knights, why would you look anywhere except to your own organization to take care of your family? Give me a call so we can discuss your needs and dreams.

Eddie Mazurek
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Treasurer's Report

It has been four years since our last winner and the jackpot is now \$293!! The rules are simple- Attend the meeting, take a chance and win, and pick the King of Hearts. We are down to 4 cards! Good Luck!

Last month was a record number of players totalling \$58. \$29 (50%) went to the council- Chris Jistel won \$19 (33%) and just missed the Jackpot which Increased by \$10(17%) to \$293. - SK Tom Natoli

2008 Soccer Challenge

This year's Soccer Challenge will be **Wednesday September 24 at Westcreek field 2a** (Behind Small

Middle School on hwy 290) at 5:30- 9:00. If you can come at 5 you can help set up the nets and the lines for the contest.

First kick starts at 5:30.

Thank you to the following Brother Knights who have already signed up: Ken Moore, Bob Natoli, Deacon John, Kiet Tran, Rene Gaytan, Kevin Russel, Sean McGee, Albert Villegas, and Chris Jistel. We could use a few more to help , we are hoping to have 100 participants this year!. The Knights will sign up the players, keep score of the penalty kicks, and shag balls. Cold water will be available. Any questions please call Tom 512-845-7537

Church Committee Report

Our Council has committed to help the **Men’s Club** once per month -- every Saturday following the regularly scheduled business meeting. On August 9th, 3 brother Knights pitched in to help; others were committed to the parish fair preparation. Ken Moore did a great job trimming hedges; Bob Meny worked on yard manicuring as usual. Since we had the parish fair on our scheduled Sept date you may want to show up on September 13th to lend a hand. With the heat of late summer, the Men's Club needs as much help as we can provide beginning about 8:00 A.M so that we can finish and all go home before it gets too hot. .

Last month I put out a call to the Scouts through this Newsletter, suggesting that the shrub/flower beds around the main building are in bad need of rework and that this might make a good leadership project for a future **Eagle Scout**. Any scout or scout leader interested in taking on this project should contact Bill Torpy or Lee Jan. Lee's contact info is 291-4809 or janclassof75@yahoo.com.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th 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. You will be pleased with the blessings you receive.

Corporate Communion with 4th degree in regalia took place August 31st during the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Likely due to this being Labor Day weekend, participation was not as robust as previously. We hope to get full participation next time.

Mark your calendar for:

1. Men’s Club – September 13, 8:00 a.m.
2. Adoration -- September 13, 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.

Council Committee Report

2009 Passbooks are here! – It’s that time of year again where the council will once again offer the money saving entertainment passbooks for sale. The Austin book will once again sell for \$20 and almost \$5 of each book we sell goes towards the council! Please see me to pick up some books to sell amongst your friends, neighbors and relatives. It’s a great way to save some \$\$\$ in a world where things keep getting more expensive!

We will be selling books after Mass one Sunday a month which is still TBD. You can pick up books at any meeting or from me during the week and after Mass on weeks we are not selling.

For a preview of the 2009 book you can check out www.entertainment.com. Contact Sean at 680-0367 or seanmcgee@yahoo.com for more info.

Calendar Review

September 2008

Saturday, September 13th – Men’s Club Workday 8am

Saturday, September 13th – Adoration 6-11pm

Monday, September 15th – Officer’s meeting at 6pm. Council Meeting at 7pm in rooms 5&7.

Wednesday, September 24th – Soccer Challenge at Westcreek Fields - 5pm

October 2008

Monday, October 6th – Council Meeting 7pm

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, September 29th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.