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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, October 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights:

So far so good! Already three months into the fraternal year and we've had a several successful events, we continue to provide monthly assistance dates with the Men's Club, participated in the Parish Fair, Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, plus we host a monthly 1st Degree Ceremony, a successful audit and working on the budget. I would thank all of the Knights and their families' members that have been involved with some of these projects, for their efforts and especially those Brother Knights who stepped up to Chair our committees. These Brother Knights cannot fulfill their committee's responsibly without the help of other Brother Knights. So I am asking that you participate in our monthly meetings and our upcoming fundraisers. Come and Meet your council leaders.

This past month at our business meeting Sean McGee won the Attendance Jack pot of \$300. It had not been won in the last 4 years of me been a Knight. This is just one of the things that we do at our business meeting.



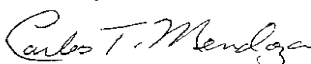
So if you are active, please continue to be active without getting burned out. And if you see a member who hasn't been very active lately, greet them, talk to them about some of the things we've been doing, and encourage them to get involved a bit more. If you are a member who hasn't been very active lately, please think about attending a meeting and signing up to participate in a social or work event. If our Council is not providing you with much of a reason to be an active member I would be interested in hearing what we could do to give you that reason. You joined the Knights of Columbus for a reason and I'd like to be sure that we are serving all our members and their interests. This council should give you a good reason to be an active member should it be opportunities for charitable works, social fellowship, or just the support that comes from spending time with other men who share the same faith. **Most of all, being a member of our council should be fun!** If it isn't fun for you, I need to know about it.

I am asking all of you Brother Knights again to really look at your life's 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.

I am looking forward in continuing a great year, and serving the needs of our Council 10209. See you at the October 6th monthly meeting.

Thanks again and God Bless you all

Fraternally,


Grand Knight SK Carlos T. Mendoza



October Birthdays'

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

Father James Martin – 1st, Carlos Mendoza - 20th, Henry Casas – 24th, Anthony Duran – 17th, Chris Holt – 5th, Robert Meny – 21st, Adrian Munoz – 15th, Kiet Tran – 6th

A Message from the Supreme Knight

Worthy Grand Knight,

On November 4th, our nation will go to the polls to select those who will represent us at the national, state and local levels of government. We Knights have always taken seriously our civic responsibility to participate in the election process, and to encourage others to do so as well. In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, published late last year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declared, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to hear Christian witness in all we do.

In this spirit, and in solidarity with our bishops and priests, I ask you to cast your vote in November, and to encourage your family and friends to vote as well. But this year, I'd like to ask you to do even more: please organize an "Election Day Turnout" initiative, designed to ensure that your brother Knights, and fellow parishioners and others in the community are all able to get to the polls on November 4th. Many people, especially the elderly and the handicapped, are not able to drive themselves to the polls, and need our help in getting there.

I ask that you, as Grand knight, to appoint an "Election Day Turnout" coordinator for your council. He should be responsible for organizing and coordinating transportation efforts on Election Day, and will serve as your council's main contact person. Next, sign up volunteers for Election Day among your council members, and have someone on call to provide transportation during the entire time the polls are open in the community.

Please promote this effort at your October meeting, and throughout all available means of communications – your council newsletter, e-mail list and Web site, and in your parish bulletin. Ask your pastor to make an announcement from the pulpit about "Election Day Turnout" initiative

during Masses on the weekend of November 1st – 2nd. To help you get the word, sample documents – a news release, a bulletin insert and a pulpit announcement – are available at www.kofc.org/election for your use.

I am making a similar request of Fourth Degree Faithful Navigators, and invite you too coordinate your efforts with them.

Your work can make a big difference in voter turnout this year, and I thank you in advance for making it possible for everyone who wants to do so. **Get Out To Vote!**

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight

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

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the souls of Bart Botta, Evelyn Hilt, and Loan Anh Rancour, for Father Barry, Fr. James, Herman and Agnes Bunn, The Rancour Family, Matthew Soto, SK Jim Elman, Louis Palacios, Mike & Alex Moreno, Art Aguirre, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell, Raul Navarro, Andrew Garcia

Insurance Agent Report

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH??

There has been quite a bit of news recently about companies going under, being bought out, the federal government taking over companies, etc. Now would be a great time to sit down and think about your future. Rest assured the Knights of Columbus is there to help you keep your hard earned money.

You work hard too provide for your family. It's likely you save money for college expenses and retirement. These are important goals to work toward. And it's important to help protect those savings and your current standard of living. That's why we believe life insurance

is a critical part of financial planning.

You may already have a life insurance policy or two, but if it's been a few years since you've reviewed it or you've been through a life-changing event, it may be time to analyze your needs again. It only takes a few minutes to determine whether your current coverage is adequate.

No one likes to think about it, but planning for the unexpected is something we all should consider. Can you answer the following questions?

- How much income would your current assets and life insurance provide for your loved ones?
- Would your family be able to pay off your existing debts?
- How would your children afford a college education?

The Knights of Columbus can help you answer these questions, which are important for future planning. We offer a variety of life insurance policies that can meet your needs now and in the future.

Let's get together soon and review your needs.

Eddie Mazurek
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Treasurer's Report

Sean McGee wins the Knights of Columbus 50/50

We had a winner!!!! After 4 years of the 50/50 Sean McGee had his ticket called and correctly picked the King of Hearts from the 4 remaining cards. Sean won the jackpot of \$300. Over the 4 years our council has earned close to \$900 from this monthly contest.

We will start a new deck at the next meeting. 50% of proceed go to the council 33% go the winner that night and 17% goes into the jackpot. Good Luck! - SK Tom Natoli

2008 Soccer Challenge

Our third Knights of Columbus soccer Challenge is a success! 45 boys and girls participated in the Council's Soccer Challenge last Wednesday. The kids had a great time!

The following Knights were on hand and did an awesome job setting up the goals, signing the participants up, keeping score and shagging balls. A huge thank-you to Deacon John, Albert, Rene, Ken, Sean, Lee, Anthony, Chris, Brian, Kiet, and Robert. Also Samantha Moore helped set up the goals and was a big help keeping score

for the kids. Albert took action photos which we post on the web site and send in to state.

Winners are:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10 year old	Jarro Tomasek	Kyleigh Lugo
11 years old		Shelby Adams
12 years old		Audrey Baker
13 years old	Sean Strohschein	Giovanna Privitera
14 years old		Lena Trumbo

Each winner advances to the District tournament and receives a KOC council 10209 trophy and certificate.

It is clear that the word of the soccer challenge has spread. I have heard from several people after the event that they did not know when the event was and wished they were there- I already have several ideas from several people that we can do next year to make this even bigger event.

The District competition is also at Westcreek fields from 12-2 on October 18th. The Regional competition is at St Louis school from 3-5 on October 25th. The State competition will be In San Antonio in November.

Church 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. Since September's 1st Monday was Labor Day, we postponed our regular meeting and thus our Saturday to help the Men's Club, to midweek. For a variety of reasons, we fell short of meeting our commitment to the Men's club during September -- if you were able to help out during the month THANK YOU!! For the rest of us, let's try to make up for September by showing up in force during October, on the 11th at about 8:00 A.M. -- you can come later if you want to sleep in. We need as much help as we can get, so come when you can at or after 8 and give 1, 2, 3 or more hours, then go home and enjoy the weekend. 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.

October is the Month of the Rosary. Following the Masses during the weekend of October 11-12, we will give "How to Pray the Rosary" cards to parishioners. Please offer to help after the Mass you attend. Contact me at 217-7020 or janclassof75@yahoo.com to let me know which Mass you are available to hand out cards.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th 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?

For a number of issues I wrote a short "Do You Believe?" paragraph. This issue, I want to share with you a real experience in our own St. Paul parish. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society members, at their September Tuesday meeting, were concerned and fretting about how to help those in need since funds were nearly depleted and the need was greater than the income from the monthly collections. After some discussion, the group decided the best action we could take would be to devote time in Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on the upcoming Saturday during adoration hours. They believed that if they spent time with Jesus in adoration and asked Him for help, SVDP would receive the resources necessary to continue to help those in need. Approximately 20 - 25 % of the membership participated in adoration on that Saturday, many for the first time, asking for God's help and guidance.

Although God does not have to prove Himself, in this case He showed that He truly is present and listens to those who approach Him. That same weekend, SVDP had their monthly collection and this collection resulted in about 20-25% more than they had ever collected. Just think, how many Graces God will grant our council if more Knights would worship God during adoration and ask for His blessings. Additionally, the individual rewards would be enumerable. Please consider attending adoration on Saturday, October 11. The Knight's hours are 10:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. If these hours will not work for you, come anytime you can between 6:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for:

Men's Club -- October 11, 8:00 a.m.

Month of the Holy Rosary - October 11-12 after each Mass distribute "How to Pray the Rosary" pamphlets

Adoration -- October 11, 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 on the third Sunday each month. This month our sale will take place the weekend of October 18th and 19th. 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.

2008-2009 Budget Review

Brother Knights,

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the proposed 2008-2009 Council budget for your review. This budget is based on the council expenses in the 2007-2008 fraternal year and has been prepared by the trustees of the council and modified at the September meetings by the officers and membership to reflect our proposals for the current fraternal year.

The council will be voting on the attached budget at the October council meeting on Monday, October 6th. Items in the budget are pre-approved expenses for which funds can be distributed without a separate council vote during the fraternal year. Inclusion of any line item in the budget does not necessarily mean the council will spend the full budgeted amount on that line item activity in the fraternal year (more often than not we do not spend the full amount). Expenses not included in the budget can still be funded during the fraternal year by a separate council vote.

Thank you for taking the time to review the council budget. – SK Sean McGee, Trustee

Calendar Review

October 2008

Monday, October 6th – Council Meeting 7pm in Rooms 5&7.

Saturday, October 11th – Men's Club Workday 8am at St. Paul.

Saturday, October 11th – Month of the Holy Rosary card distribution after 5pm Mass.

Saturday, October 11th – Adoration in Chapel, 10-11pm.

Sunday, October 12th – Month of the Holy Rosary card distribution after the 9am and 11am Masses.

Monday, October 13th – 4th Degree Meeting

Thursday, October 16th - First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul Catholic Church, 7pm.

Saturday, October 18th – Financial Secretary training in Bryan, TX.

Sat-Sun, October 18th-19th – Passbook Sales after Mass

Sunday, October 19th – Possible Dittmar Cookout Fundraiser – 4pm – 8pm, further details TBD.

Monday, October 20th – Officers Meeting 7pm in Kitchen.

November 2008

Monday, November 3rd – Council Meeting 7pm in Rooms 5&7.

Newsletter Articles

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