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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, November 3rd

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 with the Men's Club, participated in the Parish Fair and Adopt-A-Street Program, successful Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, plus we hosted a monthly 1st Degree Ceremony, a successful audit, passed our budget and working on the Essay contest. We also added new Knights to our membership that have taken their major degrees, plus had one Knight that went on to receive his 4th degree and was knighted as Sir Knight.

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 can not 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.

I'd like to congratulate **Chris Jistel** on winning the **Knight of the Month for August 2008** due to his

leadership as Captain and organization of our 1st Degree Ceremony Team, plus participated with the Adopt-A-Street and Men's Club cleanup.

Congratulation goes to **Sean McGee and family** for winning the **Knight Family of the Month for August 2008** as Sean and as his family has been very active in organizing the annual baseball trip to Houston and the annual passbook fundraiser. I also want to congratulate **Tom Natoli** on winning the **Knight of the Month for September 2008** due to his leadership and organization the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge and as our council Treasurer. The last congratulation goes to **Ken Moore and family** for winning the **Knight Family of the Month for September 2008** as **Ken and his family** have with our fundraisers, Adopt-A-Street Program, Men's Club clean up and great help with the Soccer Challenge. Ken also plays a very active role as our council's Financial Secretary.

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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly meeting.

Thanks again and God Bless you all

Faternally,

Grand Knight SK Carlos T. Mendoza



**October Birthdays'**

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

Arthur Aguirre, Pete Cantu, Matt Cullen, Adolph Duran, Michael Guzik, Joseph Houghes, Gilbert Solis, Salvador Valdez

**Prayer Box**

Please Pray for: Repose of the souls of Bart Botta, Evelyn Hilt, Loan Anh Rancour, and Manuel Martinez, 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

**Adopt a Street Cleanup Program**

I want to thank Rene Gaytan, Gayle Ferguson, and family John and Stephanie Ferguson, Ken Moore, Samantha Moore, Tony and Abraham Garcia, and Tom Natoli who came and gave of their time to assist me on Saturday, October 18th and make the Adopt-A-Street Clean Up Program a successful event. We were able to fill up 9 bags, 19 Mickey's, golf balls and out from within the roadside areas. At the end of the clean up, it gave all of us great pleasure to see the street clean.

We welcome more of the Knights and their family members at our next clean up day in January 2009. **This program is a great opportunity to earn community hours.** – GK Carlos Mendoza & SK Rene Gaytan



Tom Natoli, John Ferguson, Stephanie Ferguson, Samantha Moore, Ken Moore, Rene Gaytan, Tony Garcia's son, Tony Garcia, Gayle Ferguson and taking the picture Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza

**Presentation of Golf Car to St. Paul Clergy**

After the council approved a budget up too \$2500 to purchase a golf cart to present to St. Paul Catholic Church for the Clergy to use and where it would benefit Father Barry the most because of his difficulty walking from the rectory to the church and back. Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza with the assistant of Sean McGee was able to secure a 2004 EZ-GO Golf Cart with new batteries for \$2050. A windshield was purchase for the golf cart from Insurance agent Eddie Mazurek's donation of \$110. The golf cart was presented to Father Barry on October 19 during the 9:00 am mass. Father Barry named the cart his **"Pope Mobile"**. A picture was taken as Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza presented the key for the Golf Cart to Father Barry. Joining the Grand Knight during the presentation were Knights Robert Rancour, Tony Garcia, Louis Palacios, Pete Cantu, Bob Meny, Ken Moore and Sean McGee. Father Barry was very excited to receive the

Golf Cart.



**October Chicken Plate Fundraiser**

I want to thank Pete Cantu for his assistance in helping the Grand Knight plan with the purchasing and cooking of the chickens and sausage for the October fundraiser. Pete and I started at 11:00 am on Saturday and end our weekend on Sunday around 8:00 pm. Pete Cantu and the Grand Knight also coordinated the Dittmar Anniversary cooking and serving of hamburgers and hot dogs fundraiser. I want to thank all the Knights that participated in the cooking, serving, selling, and clean up of both fundraisers. You know who you are. I look forward to more Knights coming out and helping at our next fundraiser on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. – GK Carlos Mendoza



**Insurance Agent Report**

**WHERE HAS MY RETIREMENT MONEY GONE?**

To put it mildly, the last couple of months have been tough economically. I have talked with many of our Brother Knights who have lost THOUSANDS of their retirement dollars due to the market downturn. Many have taken steps to stop the losses! They have chosen to put their money and their trust with the Knights of Columbus.

Our annuity program is booming! Your money is guaranteed! In fact, we guarantee at least a 3% return every year. May not seem like a lot, but given the recent activity in the market, this is a great deal! We work way too hard to earn a living and put money aside for retirement. If you are like most, you don't like losing your hard earned money. With an annuity from the Knights of Columbus you can be assured that your money is safe and will be there for you when you need and want it.

Also, we have recently added some great new policies to our portfolio. One of the recent additions was a guarantee issue policy for our members and their wives. We already had a guarantee issue policy for our children, so this is a great addition for our members. Nothing upset me more than to have to tell a brother Knight or his wife that we couldn't issue a policy to them. With this new policy, there are no medical questions and no underwriting. The only requirement is that you be 65 years old or younger.

I will keep updating you on other additions as the months go by, but wanted to let you know about this great addition.

A safe harbor for your hard earned money is available through our annuity program. Guaranteed to grow each and every year and once interest is earned, it can never be taken away! Our current rate is exceptional! Now is a great time to see what your organization can do to help protect your hard earned money. Call me today.

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**2008 Soccer Challenge**

The district and Diocese and Soccer challenge rounds were held in October. Five of our Eight Council winners advanced to state soccer challenge in San Antonio in November. Jarrod Tomasek (boys 10) Mason Tomasek (boys 12) , Kyleigh Lugo ( girls 10), Audrey Baker (girls 12), and Marlena Trumbo ( girls 14).

Council 10209 had the most players advance. The other 5 state participants are represented from 4 Knights of Columbus councils in the Diocese. The State winning

scores will be used to determine International Soccer Challenge winners.

Thanks to Ken and Samantha Moore who helped out at the district and Diocesan tournaments and Sean McGee who helped out at the district tourney.

And another big thanks to the twelve Knights that worked the council event. – SK Tom Natoli

### 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. On October 11, 5 knights helped spruce up the grounds. Thanks for your help, Bob, Gale, Tony, and Pete. Our next scheduled Saturday to help is November 8; come around 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 was the Month of the Rosary.** We distributed "How to Pray the Rosary" pamphlets after the Sunday Masses on October 5 and the Saturday Mass on October 11. I observed some parishioners using the pamphlet during the praying of the Rosary at the Lady of Guadalupe statue and garden during October, so I would say our efforts were not futile.

**Corporate Communion** is scheduled for the 9:00 A.M. Mass on November 16. There will be a coffee social after Mass in Grace Hall.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** In Mk 11:24, God says: *"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."* There are two opportunities in November for adoration. The first is a special 24 hour election-day vigil to ask God to send His Holy Spirit to guide voters to select life by electing leaders that will move the nation closer to God's plan and away from an intrinsically evil plan that promotes death. This adoration begins at 7:00 A.M. on Monday, November 3 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and continues until the polls open at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 4. Many of you signed up to visit during a specific hour – if you do not remember the hour you signed up for, please call the church office, or me at 291-4809. If you did not sign up, please come spend an hour or so in prayer with Jesus, at some time during the 24 hour period.

The other is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th and also 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. This is a good time to talk to God, ask for his blessings and spend a little quite time giving yourself an opportunity to hear what He wants from you.

### Mark your calendar for:

1. Men's Club – Nov 8, 8:00 a.m.
2. Adoration -- November 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 – November 16, 9:00 A.M. Mass

### 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 November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.entertainment.com). Contact Sean at 680-0367 or [seanmcgee@yahoo.com](mailto:seanmcgee@yahoo.com) for more info.

### Respect Life Update

As everyone knows, we've got an election coming up in the very near future. The ramifications of this election could be extremely important and could resound for many years to come. It is vitally important that our votes reflect our beliefs. As Knights, we can't be "cafeteria Catholics" picking and choosing the tenets of our faith to which we will adhere. No, instead we wholeheartedly embrace the teachings of the Holy Father, the bishops and priests. And there are no more important teachings than those that come down to us regarding our obligation to support life. It hasn't been too many years ago since all the major Christian denominations were unabashedly pro-life. But while many of the other denominations have bowed to societal pressures and now make allowances for practices such as birth control and abortion, our church has remained steadfast and faithful in adhering to the eternal truth that life is created by God. This truly is an eternal

truth. It's not true today and false tomorrow. We should be proud to be Catholic, grateful for the grace of faith, and happy that we're not blown this way and that with every fad or spiritual "flavor of the week."

St. Paul hosted the monthly Respect Life Mass and Adoration recently. In his homily, Father James cited some remarks by Cardinal Justin Rigali, who is the Archbishop of Philadelphia and also the chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life activities for the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. Cardinal Rigali was speaking beneath the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. After noting the importance of each of the 2.4 million pieces of colored glass that had been used in the construction of the dome, Cardinal Rigali made the connection to the importance each of us has in the struggle to promote life. "All of us have an important place in conversations about the value of human life and all of us can make a significant contribution in the political process. It is your right and duty as citizens . . . to help shape society by offering the profound convictions of your faith in Jesus Christ, the Lord of life."

Yes, each of us has an important part to play in promoting a culture of life. Please don't leave your faith behind when you go to the polling place. And please do exercise your right to vote. And finally, I hope all of your are planning to participate in Lee Jan's excellent proposal of 24 hours of Adoration in the period leading up to the opening of the polls on November 4. We need heavenly guidance in this election, and placing ourselves before our Lord in adoration is an efficacious means of obtaining such guidance. If you haven't signed up, just show up to spend some time in prayer anytime between 7 a.m. on Monday and 7 a.m. on Tuesday.

SK Ken Moore, Respect Life Chairman

### Financial Secretary Report

November is here already, so of course we're nearing the end of the calendar year. That means that it's nearly time for the payment of your council dues. I'm going to try the same method I used last year, which means I won't be sending statements out until the end of January, as I would much prefer for you to pay your dues without being billed. Sending statements to every member of the council is an expensive process, and I'd like to see if I can get most of you to pay your dues without issuing a bill. Our dues remain \$40. You can pay me in person, mail it to me at 4610 San Simeon Dr., in Austin, zip code is 78749, or put it in a sealed envelope with my name on it in our box in the room where the copier is outside of Father Barry's office. If writing a check, please make the check out to "Knights of Columbus." Please let myself or

one of the other offices know if you are experiencing circumstances that make paying your dues difficult. You can make a partial payment if that works better for you.

I'm going to try to include a copy of the Survey of Fraternal Activities in next month's newsletter. Historically, we haven't had real good participation in this effort, so I'm hoping to get more of you to compete this survey. More details will be forthcoming.

### Membership Update

#### Exemplification October 5, 2008 St. Joseph, Bryan, Texas

Congratulations to Kevin Russell as he joins the rank of Sir Knight! Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza assisted with Knighting Kevin during the ceremonies. Kevin's wife Patricia attended the banquet on Saturday.



New members of the 4th Degree, Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. From left to right: Father Manickam, Brian Malone, Kevin Russell, and Patrick Palmer.

### Calendar Review

#### November 2008

- Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Council Meeting 7pm in Rooms 5&7.
- Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**– 24 Hours of Adoration begins 7am-
- Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Men's Club Workday 8am at St. Paul.
- Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration in Chapel, 10-11pm.
- Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting
- Sat-Sun, November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** – Passbook Sales after

Mass

- ☐ **Sat-Sun, November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly Fundraiser  
TBD
- ☐ **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Corporate Communion at  
9am Mass.
- ☐ **Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Officers Meeting 7pm in  
Kitchen.

**December 2008**

- ☐ **Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Council Meeting 7pm in  
Rooms 5&7.

**Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, November 24th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or by calling 680-0367.