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MEETING NOTICE
K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7
When: Monday, December 1st
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!

Coats for Kids

Now in its 22nd year, Coats for Kids is an annual community project that collects and distributes warm winter coats to eligible children and teenagers in Central Texas. Each year, The Junior League of Austin, Jack Brown Cleaners, KASE 101, and KVUE partner to bring the community together to ensure that the children of Central Texas stay warm. Last year, with the help of our sponsors and community volunteers, Coats for Kids distributed approximately 28,000 coats to young people in Central Texas. As we prepare for the Coats for Kids Distribution Day, we look forward to the continued support and participation of the Central Texas community.

IMPORTANT 2008 INFORMATION

Distribution Day: Saturday, December 6th from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Distribution Site:
Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd.

In the past council members and eligible family members have participated in the distribution day events at the Palmer Auditorium. If you would like to sign up to help with this very worthy cause please visit the Junior League

of Austin website at http://www.jlaustin.org/?nd=cfk_help

- SK Kiet Tran

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the souls of Manuel Martinez, 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

Insurance Agent Report

New and exciting products

The market continues to be in turmoil. The roller coaster ride of the ups and downs in the market continue to be a source of conversation amongst our members. How have you fared? Now might be a great time to look at one of our newer products, the Vantage Annuity.

The Vantage Annuity locks your interest rate in for 5 years. It guarantees no less than a 3% return each year, although we are paying a much higher rate. In talking to many of you, the overall feeling is that there is no quick fix for our troubled economic times. This annuity would safe guard your hard earned money and get you through this period until things start looking up again. We have recently raised the interest we pay on this annuity and your principal is guaranteed. Maybe now would be a good time to roll your 401K or your IRA into the Knights of Columbus so you can sleep at night.

Some other changes we have made include a guarantee issue life insurance product. Anyone, either member or spouse, under 65 years old can now get a life insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus. There are no medical questions asked on the application so you can't be turned down for any reason. This is a policy many of you have asked about in the past.

We have been promised that more new and exciting products will be coming out in 2009. I will keep you updated on all of the new products as they come available. What better time to be an insurance member with the Knights of Columbus! In a recent memo, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson stated that we are better off now than we were a year ago. Not many insurance companies can make that claim.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to answer your questions and show you how your organization can get you through the difficult times and the good times.

Eddie Mazurek
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District Deputy Report

As we begin Advent, please make a special effort to prepare for a joyous Christmas season, by attending daily mass, praying the rosary or reading the bible. I hope you and your families enjoy a Spirit filled Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year.

Important dates for December and January: Holy Days of Obligation

Monday December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday December 25th: Christmas

Thursday January 1st: Mary the Mother of God

Degrees

Tuesday December 9th: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius 7pm

Thursday December 18: 1st Degree at St. Paul 7:30pm

Wednesday January 7th: 1st Degree at St. Catherine 7pm

Saturday January 10th: Major Degree at St. Catherine

Registration: 7:45am

Mass: 9:00am

2nd Degree: 10:00am

3dr Degree: Immediately following 2nd Degree

Lunch: Immediately following 3rd Degree

Council Committee Report

2008 Passbook Sales are finished!

Any unsold books and Passbook sales money needs to be turned in at the December business meeting. We must close down our account with Entertainment by December 15th and send them our final payment for the books we have sold to date. If you have unsold books please return them to Sean McGee as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate account. Unsold books that are not returned to Entertainment cost the council \$15 so please do your best to help us finalize the 2008 sale. Thanks to all members who sold books this year and helped make the fundraiser a success.

2008 Council Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas party this year! The date has been set as Sunday, December 28th from 2pm to 4pm in Grace Hall. This is a family oriented pot-luck dinner. Please plan on bringing a side item or dessert. The main course is prepared by the council.

Don't miss out on a some family fun, games, and prizes.

Plus a special visit from you know who! More details will be made available as we finalize the event in December.

Youth Committee Report

2008 Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge State Competition was held Saturday November 15th in San Antonio. . Marlena Trumbo from Our Council , 10209 , won the 14 year old State Championship. Audrey Baker , 12 years old was a third place winner. This marks the third consecutive year our council has had a State Champion ! Thanks again to all the Knights that helped with the Soccer Challenge this year. – SK Tom Natoli



Marlena Trumbo – Girls age 14 2008 State Champion

2009 Basketball Freethrow

The 2009 Council Basketball Freethrow contest has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at Bedichek Middle School at 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping out with this event please contact Kevin Russell at jkruess@austin.rr.com

2009 Poster Contest

The Council is sponsoring a poster contest for December. The theme is *Substance Abuse Awareness*. The contest is open to children 8-14 of the parish, cub scouts and the Dittmar group. We expect to receive the posters in December with winners announced in January. For more information please see http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/leadership_institute/surge_wit_h_service/youth/substance_abuse_poster_contest/index.html

Church Committee Report

Imagine for a moment St. Paul Catholic Church in Austin, Texas filled with parishioners at the beginning of Mass and not emptying until after the final blessing and dismissal. Imagine Religious Education classrooms filled

with children and an abundance of volunteer teachers and a Knights of Columbus council that always has the resources, both money and manpower, to accomplish every goal. This, and more, can be ours through true commitment to devotion of the Blessed Sacrament. God will give much to the parish and council if the parishioners and Knights honor His Son with true sincerity and show their love for Jesus. We read in Jeremiah 29:11-14 *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord, and I will change your lot. "* Advent would be a good time to start a new spiritual tradition for yourself, please consider coming to **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament on December 13. Adoration will begin after the 5:00 P.M. Mass and continue until 11:00 P.M. Jesus will be waiting for you.

How would you like to see Jesus here on earth? You can see Jesus when you serve “the least of His brethren”, you see Jesus in them. You can also see hope and joy in the faces of these brethren when you help Saint Vincent de Paul Society deliver Christmas gifts and food to the poor in our community. SVDP could use some help in loading and delivering for about 2 hours on Saturday, December 13 beginning mid morning. I will provide specific details later when they become available via the Yahoogroups email. If you are not on the email group, but are interested in helping, call me at 291-4809 for more details.

November’s Successes:

1. November 3 – 4. Special Vigil of the National Elections 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was very successful – many Brother Knights as well as St. Paul parishioners made this a very successful event that surely pleased God.
2. November 8. Men’s Club. Bob Meny and Tony Garcia helped the Mens’ Club with church grounds maintenance, the rest of us that usually help were promoting our upcoming golf tournament by participating in another council golf tournament (tough job, but somebody had to do it). Bob and Tony helped paint outside railing.
3. November 16. Corporate Communion during the 9:00 A.M. Mass

December Opportunities:

1. December 6. Men’s Club – Help needed beginning about 8:00 a.m. – come when you can and stay as long as you want to – there is always something that needs to be

done. When you arrive at the church find Bob Meny or Bill Torpey and they will tell you what project needs help.

2. December 13, morning. Help St. Vincent de Paul deliver Christmas Hope and Joy around 9 or 10 a.m. time to be determined

3. December 13 evening. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after the 5:00 PM Mass until 11:00 PM.. The Knights hour is 10:00 - 11:00, but if that does not work for you, come when you can. If you need a ride, call me, I will try to arrange a ride or come pick you up.

In a recent Sunday's gospel and Deacon John's homily, we heard of the servants that were given talents to manage for the master. Those that took the talents and put them to work multiplied them for the master, but the one servant that hid the talent because he did not want to lose it, lost it when it was taken back by the master and given to one that had many. Brothers, we have an opportunity to multiply the talents God has given us by participating in adoration, helping spread a little joy and hope to the less fortunate, and by helping the Men's Club. Please do everything you can to be one that multiplies the talents, lest the Master gives your talent to one who has many.

- SK Lee Jan

Financial Secretary Report

We are entering the Advent season, the time when we make preparations for the celebration of our Savior's birth. When we consider the ramifications of this event - God taking on our human form so that He could ultimately suffer and die for our salvation - we should be left awestruck. I want to wish each of you and your families a most blessed and joyous Christmas season. I urge you to take some time to consider the true meaning of the season and to try to avoid getting caught up in much of the "business" that detracts from that meaning.

This is also the season for the collection of annual dues. As I mentioned last month, I am trying to save the council some money by not mailing more billing statements than necessary. I encourage you to pay your dues without having to receive a billing notice. If paying by check, please make out the check to "Knights of Columbus." Dues remain at \$40. You can pay me personally, leave your payment in a sealed envelope with my name on it in our box at church, or mail it to me at 4610 San Simeon Dr. The zip code is 78749. I will be mailing first notices sometime in mid-to-late January, so I ask that if possible please pay prior to that time. If you are experiencing circumstances which make payment difficult or impossible, please let myself or another of the officers know so that we can make other arrangements. I cannot overemphasize how important it is to pay your dues. Thanks to all of you who take care of this matter

promptly. – SK Ken Moore, FS

Calendar Review

December 2008

Monday, December 1st – Council Meeting 7pm in Rooms 5&7. Please bring any unsold passbooks and passbook money!

Saturday, December 6th – Men's Club workday 8am at BBQ pit.

Saturday, December 13th – SVDP Christmas distribution. – 9am (TBD) at St. Paul

Saturday, December 13th – Adoration 10-11pm

Monday, December 15th – Officer's Meeting at 7pm in Kitchen

Thursday, December 18th – First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul. – 7pm

Sunday, December 21st – Fundraiser – TBD

Sunday, December 28th – 2pm-4pm Council Christmas Party in Grace Hall

January 2009

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

Tuesday, January 13th – Free Throw Contest at Bedichek Middle School Gym starting at 6:30pm.

Newsletter Articles

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