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### MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, January 5th

Time: 6:30 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](mailto:kofc10209-subscribe@yahoo.com) and you'll be signed up!

### Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all of you for your support in 2008 and looking forward to your continuing support in 2009. I would also like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2009.

I am delighted to report to you that 2008 was a very successful year for Council 10209. We had several successful events like; the Annual Free Throw Competition, Golf Tournament, Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Annual Scholarship Competition, Essay Contest, Entertainment Passbook Sales, Annual Astros's Baseball Game Bus Trip, monthly assistance with the Men's Club, Adopt-A-Street program, participate with the Austin Area Food Bank, Annual Parish Fair, Coats for Kids Program and started our Monthly cooking fundraiser. We created the Knight's News for the bulletin, plus we host a monthly 1st Degree Ceremony; we also maintain the Unborn monument and support our Youth Annual Diocese Softball Tournament. We were able to purchase a Golf Cart for Father Barry. We had a successful audit and a passed budget.

As you can see we were very busy in 2008 and will continue to be busy in 2009. The council activities continue to move right along. Next in line is our fundraiser next year January 17 & 18 2009 at St. Paul. The Basketball Free Throw competition is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> at Bedichek Middle School and our Annual Spring Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at Morris Williams Golf Course.

As Knights of Columbus **our work** as always **is voluntary**. The time you give is the most precious commodity you give to the council. To be successful depends completely on your willingness to come to the aid of your council. On that note, I would like to 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 responsibilities without the assistances of other Brother Knights. So I am asking that you to make time to participate in our monthly meetings and our upcoming fundraisers.

Brother Knights I want to bring something to your attention. This pass month we lost Brother Knight Art Aguirre. Soon after his death a request was made by the family to have the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Fallout for the Rosary and Mass. The request was made to the Assembly but after an inquiry as to what degree level had Art reached. We found that he was only a 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knight and as per the Assembly requirements Art could not be honored with the Fallout. After addressing my disappointment to the Assembly, an inquiry as made to Supreme where we were given the permission to honor Brother Art with the Fallout. I share this we all of you that so that you can encourage other fellow Knights that are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to advance to the next level of Knighthood so that they can be honored with a Fallout if your family so desires.

That opportunity to make your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree is coming up on January 10, 2009. St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church will host the Major Degree. Registration: 7:45 am, Mass: 9:00 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree: 10:00 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Immediately following 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Lunch: Immediately following 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Stay active. Get involved. Make your Major Degree.

I am looking forward in continuing a great year, and serving the needs of our Council 10209. Our next Business meeting will be on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in room 5 and 7.

God Bless you all!

Fraternally,

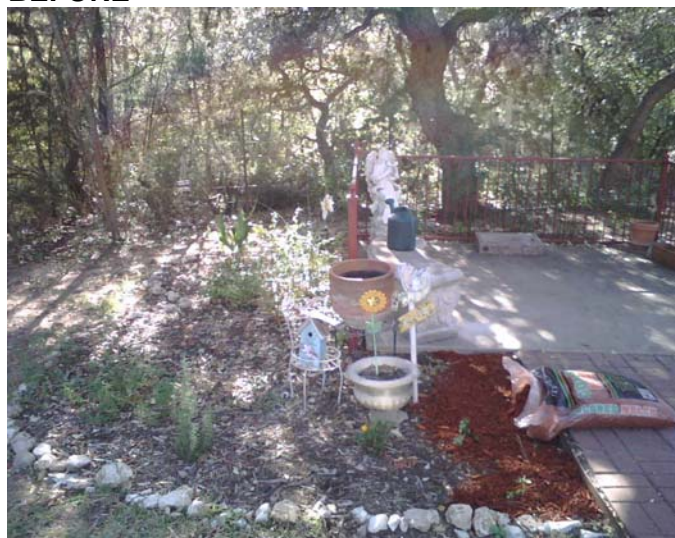
SK Carlos T. Mendoza

Grand Knight

### Monument of the UnBorn

After receiving a request from Father James in assisting the upkeep of the monument my wife Lety and I decided to do something about it. We purchased red mulch and flowers in order to give it a fresh look. We plan to continue to oversee the upkeep but welcome the Knights to consider this as on going project during our monthly Men's Club cleanup. Below are a couple of pictures to show the before and after look. Please make a visit to the monument.

BEFORE



AFTER



### Coats for Kids

I would like to thank you everyone in supporting and volunteering for 2008 Coats for Kids. Personally, I would like to thanks Vicki and Jan Lee worked during

distribution of the coats on Saturday Dec 6.

- SK Kiet Tran

### Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

I want to wish each of you and your families a wonderful New Year. Let's hope that we all become better Catholics, better Christians, better husbands and fathers, and better Knights in 2009.

The time is now here for you to take care of your 2009 dues assessment. I want to thank those Brother Knights who have already taken care of this important responsibility. If you're able to do so, I encourage you to pay your dues without delay. I'll have to send out billing notices in a few weeks, and the fewer of those I need to prepare and mail the better. Our dues remain at \$40. If you're paying by check, please make the check out to "Knights of Columbus." You can put your payment in a sealed envelope with my name on it and leave it in our box at church. You can give it to me personally. Or you can mail it to me at 4610 San Simeon Dr. The zip code is 78749. If you are experiencing circumstances that make payment difficult, please let me or one of the other officers know so that we can deal with your situation. I do hope to be hearing from most of you very soon in this regard.

Also, I'm hoping for better participation in completing the Survey of Fraternal Activities, which is due at the end January. It takes only a few minutes to do the survey. Sean sent it out to our Yahoo group as a download recently, and maybe he can be persuaded to do so again for those of you who didn't take advantage of the first opportunity. You can get your completed survey to me anytime during the month and I can use your figures in compiling the numbers that I submit to Supreme. I've got a few so far, but I'd like to see a lot more. Thanks for your assistance.

Fraternally, Ken Moore - FS

### Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the souls of Art Aguirre, Manuel Martinez, Bart Botta, Evelyn Hilt, Loan Anh Rancour, Pat Borowicz, 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, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell, Raul Navarro, Andrew Garcia

### Insurance Agent Report

#### HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH??

I pray each of you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you all the best for 2009!! Now that the new year is here and we are making resolutions for 2009, I wanted to invite you to think about one more.

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?

As I have mentioned at some of the recent meetings, it is a great time to be a Knight of Columbus!! Our insurance program is doing exceptionally well, even during this rough economic time. We are still paying dividends on our permanent policies and our annuities are paying more interest now than they were at the beginning of the year.

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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### District Deputy Report

#### Upcoming Degrees

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  
3rd Degree: Immediately following 2nd Degree  
Lunch: Immediately following 3rd Degree

### Council Committee Report

#### 2008 Council Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas party this year! The date has been set as Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 5pm in Grace Hall. This is a family oriented pot-luck dinner. The council prepares the main course of spiral cut ham. So bring a delicious side or dessert!

Don't miss out on a some family fun, games, and prizes. An Evite has been sent to the council yahoo group members. If you would like to RSVP please contact Sean at [seanmcgee@yahoo.com](mailto:seanmcgee@yahoo.com) or 680-0367.

- SK Sean McGee

### Community Committee Report

#### Adopt-a-Street litter clean-up on David Moore Rd.

Sat, 17 Jan 09 from 0830-1030am. Please meet at church parking lot. All ages are welcome--family & friends too!

contact Rene Gaytan to volunteer or for more info

### Golf Tournament Update

Howdy! I thought I'd send everyone a Golf Tournament update. Hope everyone had as beautiful of Christmas as we did here on Midbury Court. Zoom! Another year has come and gone and it's time to start thinking Golf Tournament again. First, we need to give a big round of applause to our fellow knights who have committed to forming an entire team for our golf tournament; Deacon John Pickwell, Tony Garcia, Tom Natoli, Chris Jistel, Lee Jan, Gayle Ferguson, and Sean McGee. Added to 5 other commitments (3 individual supporters, Saint Ignatius, and Saint Catherine of Siena [I think?]) we now have a total of 12 teams; over half the 20 teams we need to reach our goal. If there is a fellow Knight amongst you who even halfway feels you can put a team together - please try to do so and contact me. You can do it! You can do it! Thanks

Next, we need to give another big round of applause to those who have volunteered to participate in the "One Knight One Corner" adds campaign (some, I might add, volunteered for two corners - definitely high achievers - hooah!); Brian Tuohy, DGK Albert, Chris Jistel, Gayle Ferguson, Tom Natoli, Deacon John, and GK Carlos. If I forgot anybody, reel me in, please! We totally understand that this effort is a developing type saga and not easy. Just send me what you have and I'll start contacting potential sponsors. In the mean time, do not fret and continue working your corners. If there is a fellow Knight amongst

you who wants to sign up for a corner in South Austin (you pick 'em, there's plenty left) please do not hesitate to contact me. You can do it! You can do it! Thanks

And next, Tom Natoli hit a home run (and I mean out of the ball park; completely out of sight) with the Horseshoe Bay Resort people. We may receive as much as \$1500 or more in gifts and prizes from them for our tournament - thanks T-Bone! Dig-it, Dig-it, wow, wow!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Feel free to contact me if you have any ideas and/or want to sign up for anything. That's all for now. Stay tuned and thanks to all for everything

- Gayle Ferguson (Ferg)

### Youth Committee Report

#### 2009 Basketball Free-throw

The 2009 Council Basketball Freethrow contest has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at Bedichek Middle School at 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping out with this event please contact Kevin Russell at [jkruss@austin.rr.com](mailto:jkruss@austin.rr.com)

### Church Committee Report

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The New Year is traditionally a time to make resolutions. Most often we make resolutions to improve our life or health in some way. This year, why not make a resolution that will significantly make a difference in your life and future? Make a resolution to start a new tradition for yourself - to go to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament more in 2009. Challenge yourself to go to adoration for 3 consecutive months - you will be amazed! January 10 would be a great time to start this new tradition. May God bless you all.

#### December Successes:

1. December 6. Men's Club - there was a nice turn-out of Knights to help the Men's Club. Shrubs/trees were trimmed and removed as needed. Thank you to the Knights that helped: Bob Meny, Gayle Ferguson, Brian Tuohy, Albert Villegas, and Chris Jistel.

2. December 13. Great turn-out of Knights and Knights' family members to help St. Vincent de Paul deliver Christmas Hope and Joy. The event started with a breakfast, before deliveries began, Father Barry said a few words, thanked everyone for their ministry to the poor, and gave those participating a blessing. After deliveries were completed, a number of Knights stayed to help move the SVDP office into Bernice Machala's office. Deliveries and office move were completed by noon. Good job Brothers!! Thanks to the following for their help: Wayne Weaver and wife, Gayle Ferguson and daughter, Deacon John, Anthony Guzaldo, Louis

Palacios, Ken Moore and daughter, Larry Larson and wife, and Chris Hotz and wife.

**December Missed Opportunity**

December 13. We had a poor showing of Knights at the 10:00 – 11:00 P.M. hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; the hour designated as the Knight’s hour. I do not need to thank those that did participate, their thanks comes from a much higher source and will be a true reward in this life and the next.

**January Opportunities:**

1. January 10. Men’s Club – Help needed beginning about 8:00 a.m. – come when you can and stay as long as you want – 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 which project needs help.
2. January 10. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after the 5:00 PM Mass until 11:00 PM. The Knights hour is 10:00 - 11:00. If you need a ride because you don’t drive at night, call me, I will try to arrange a ride or come pick you up.

- SK Lee Jan

**Calendar Review**

**January 2009**

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Council Christmas Party in Grace Hall. Potluck! 2:30pm-5pm

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting 7pm in Rooms 5&7.

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** – Men’s Club workday 8am behind Grace Hall.

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration 10-11pm in Chapel.

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting

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

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Adopt a Street workday 8:30am. Meet in church parking lot.

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Fundraiser (TBD)

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Officer’s meeting 7pm in Kitchen.

**Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, January 26th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or by calling 680-0367.