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### MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, February 2nd

Time: 7:30 pm

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### Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

2009 has started just as busy as we ended 2009. In the month of January we had our Christmas Party where we honored the 2007 and 2008 Knights of the Year and Knight Family of the Year.

The **2007 Knight of the Year is Sir Knight Robert Rancour**. He is presently an officer on our council plus a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. He is a team member of our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonial Team that performs the ceremony once during the even months of the year. He helps with our fundraisers, cooking, Golf Tournament, Parish Fair, Men's Club, plus fallouts during the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree full Regalia Fallouts. At church he volunteered as a greeter, and you see him as an Extraordinary Minister.



**Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza and Robert Rancour**

**2007 Family of the Year was past Knight Arthur R. Aguirre and Family.** Art was a great asset to our parish and his family continues to be. When there was an electrical problem at St. Paul, he was always there to lend a hand especially with the Parish Fair. He oversaw the power usage during our annual Parish Fair. He will greatly be missed. Art and his family volunteered as Religious Education Teachers, Greeters and Ushers. He also volunteered to play the guitar for the Youth Group Choir where his daughter continues to be a member. He was also actively involved in his children's school functions and extra curricular activities and the church ministries mentioned above. Art passed away this past year.

**2008 Knight of the Year was Sir Knight Lee Jan.** Lee has continues to be very active with the Knights and church ministries. He is presently an officer on our council plus a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. This Knight is always there when needed. He for the past 2 years chaired our successful annual golf tournament. He also oversees our council Church committee that has several other ministries under that committee. The Men's Club, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Vocations are just some of the ministries that this Knight oversees for our council. He takes care of our Council's Corporate Communion mass and coordinates the Fallouts during the Corporate Communion. You will see Lee at our fundraisers, cooking, and Men's Club cleanup and during our annual Parish Fair just to name a few of the area where Lee volunteers. You will also see him as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, plus he and wife volunteer with the Saint Vicente de Paul Society. He is also a member of the St. Paul Pastoral Council.



**Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza and Lee Jan**

**2008 Family of the Year was Sir Knight Sean McGee and Family.** Sean is presently an officer on our council plus a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop Reicher Assembly 1099. Sean and his family continue to be a great asset to our council and our parish. He is the first one to take on a project / fundraiser, but when he does, you won't see him by himself. His family members are always there or close by. You would see Sean at our past Pancake breakfasts, cook and serve during a Youth Group Retreat, plus many other functions. Sean and his family have taken the lead into coordinating our annual Baseball Trip to Houston, plus he also in charge of overseeing the sale of the Passbooks where you see his children helping out. You will see Sean and his family at our fundraisers, cooking, and Men's Club cleanup and during our annual Parish Fair, just to name a few, plus this Knight and his family coordinated this year's Christmas Party.



**Grand Knight Carlos Mendoza and Sean McGee**

We continue with our programs like the Poster Contest

and the Free Throw Competition which was held at Bedichek Middle School on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The winners will move on to the next level of competition here in Austin. We also continue to assist the Men's Club, have our monthly Chicken Sausage fundraiser and participated in the Adopt-A-Street cleanup program.

This year is the first time that our council has hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Corporate Communion Mass. The mass was on January 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turn out by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights and from our council. We had 30 Knights participate, but most importantly our wives and family members participated too which made our turnout total around 75.



**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Corporate Communion Group Picture**

As you can see, we continue to be very busy. These programs are successful because we have some dedicated Knights that volunteer for these programs. They are only a hand full of Knights. I again, am reaching out to all you Brother Knights to come out and be part of the fun by assisting us in some of our programs. Remember that by volunteering for these programs you and your family can be nominated and selected for **Knight of the Month** or **Family of the Month**.

**Congratulations to Cruz Albert Villegas** on winning the **Knight of the Month for December 2008** due to his leadership, organization and participation in numerous of programs. Albert is our Deputy Grand Knight, Chapter Scribe, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Secretary, member of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony Team and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, just to name of few.

**Congratulations to the Brian Tuohy and family** on winning the **Family of the Month for December 2008** for his leadership and support with this past year cooking fundraisers and help with the Christmas Party.

I am looking forward in continuing to serve the needs of

our Council 10209 in 2009. See you at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly business meeting.

God Bless you all!

Fraternally,

SK Carlos T. Mendoza

Grand Knight



**February's Birthdays'**

I want to wish the following Knights' a Big Happy Birthday! Anthony J. Guzaldo, Jeff A Koch, Lawrence A. Larson, Oscar C. Martinez, Rev Paul F. McCallum

**Financial Secretary Report**

Brother Knights,

Thanks to those of you who have taken care of your dues obligations for this year. I recently mailed out billing statements to most of those who have not yet paid their dues. I do ask that you please take care of this promptly. Dues are the lifeblood of a fraternal organization such as ours. Simply put, we cannot engage in the various charitable and civic activities that are our hallmark if we don't have your dues to fund those activities. If you are experiencing circumstances that make payment difficult at this time, please let myself or one of the other officers know so that other arrangements can be made.

I also want to thank those of you who have completed your Survey of Fraternal Activities and provided me with the figures. By the time you receive your newsletter it is probable that I will have compiled these figures and sent the report for our council on to Supreme. We did have a decent number of surveys returned this year, but I believe that we should be able to approach 100% participation since completing the survey takes only a few minutes. I am open to suggestions as to how we can attain a better completion rate for this survey. If you have any ideas, I'd be glad to hear them.

And finally, though it doesn't fall under my venue as Financial Secretary, I want to thank all of you who

participated in our recent period of Adoration promoting the Church's teachings on Life issues. Regardless of the reason behind the visit, it is always beneficial to spend some time in intimate conversation with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Especially if He's the one doing most of the talking!

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 Soledad Chapa, for Father Barry, Fr. James, Herman and Agnes Bunn, Sue Botta, Matthew Soto, SK Jim Elman, Louis Palacios, Mike & Alex Moreno, Deacon John and Marilyn Pickwell, Raul Navarro, Andrew Garcia, John Lowery, and Jim Kula.

### Insurance Agent Report

**IN SERVICE TO ALL—FAMILY BENEFITS & SERVICES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
The Knights of Columbus was founded 126 years ago by a Catholic Priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, based on his vision of serving and protecting Knights of Columbus Families. That vision is still strong today. In fact, the KofC insurance programs consistently rank at the top of the industry in both financial stability and ethics. What this means to you is we promise to be there when you and/or your family needs us. Please call for more information on any of the following products and services.

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- Life Insurance (New Series starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2009)
- Long Term Care Insurance (Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Home Health, etc.)
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- IRA's – Traditional, Roth, SEP, 403b's (Tax Deferred Savings)
- 401-k, Pension & Other Retirement Plan Rollovers (Excellent Retirement Choice)
- Retirement Income (Guaranteed Lifetime Income)
- Pension Maximization (Maximize Retirement Income)
- Estate Preservation
- Business Continuation
- Financial Needs

- Family Fraternal Benefits
- Scholarships
- And Much More

Father McGivney's vision is alive and well and continues to guide the decisions of the Knights and their programs. As your professional Knights of Columbus agent, I am asked to carry on this vision by offering these very beneficial programs exclusively to KofC Members and their families. Let me review your insurance and retirement programs and offer any suggestions on how you may be able to improve your current situation.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE...MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE!**

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### Community Committee Report

Thanks to the following Knights and family members for helping with the Adopt-A-Street litter pick-up on Sat, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. Lee Jan, Jana Kuchtova, Chris Jistel, Thomas Jistel, Tom Natoli and Wayne Franke.

The city-wide Keep Austin Beautiful Adopt-A-Street Clean Sweep event is set for Saturday, April 4, 2009. I will register our Council to be a part of this event and we will clean up the road as usual and include the church grounds. I will send reminders for sign-ups in upcoming meetings.

Thank you.

SK Rene Gaytan

### Golf Tournament Update

Hello Brother Knights and welcome to January's Golf Tournament update. Everything is chugging along nicely. So far, we've accumulated 16 "Bubba Golf" teams all of which I'm sure will turn their well-intended promissory notes into coins when the time comes.

We have two major initiatives to promote teams. The first is the "Fire Hydrant Baton". Please read our Golf Tournament brochure for the details. As of now Mr. Timothy Kernan is leading with four teams. Our worthy Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight volunteered to take the baton on its first journey. We sure wish them luck.

Our next major initiative involves council members spreading the word, distributing brochures and registration forms, and signing teams up. Remember, the "Fire Hydrant Baton" **DOES NOT** exclude council

members. Only the two tournament directors cannot participate. If this goes as planned, there should be a hefty sum of bills (bills only [plus the \$50 starter]) in the hydrant by the time of the ceremony.

We also have two major sponsorship initiatives. Our first thrust into the market place involved several Brother Knights either personally contacting or e-mailing businesses in South Austin. This effort resulted in \$485 cash donations, 3 team entries, and 20 prize, door prize, and auction donations. This effort also includes a huge donation package secured by Tom Natoli from Horseshoe Bay Resort. Hooah!

Our second and final large appeal for sponsors will begin January 31 when we mail out our Brochure and Registration forms. We have accumulated over 100 South Austin business addresses so far. If you have a location in mind **PLEASE** send me the address and we'll add it to the list.

Last but not least, we all need to recognize some Brother Knights for all they've done and all they're gonna do: GK Carlos for opening ceremony, reading of the rules, tournament control, and securing the trophies; Deacon John for the opening prayer; DGK Albert and Pete (need 2 more) for securing the food and cooking it; Sean the "Music and Sign Man"; Chris J, Bob M, Robert R, Brian T, Ken M, and Tony G for working the registration table; Dave the photographer and slide show setter-upper guy; Lee the Relevant Radio coordinator; Chris J for securing gift bag items and for contacting National Hole-In-One; Tom N the Ceremony MC and Auctioneer; Bob M the "Pan Am" man; and last but certainly not least "El Señor" Luis P for securing the refreshments. If I've missed anyone I sincerely apologize. If you want to participate in helping out with the tournament in any capacity whatsoever please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Gayle Ferguson (Ferg)

### Youth Committee Report

The Knights of Columbus held its annual Free Throw Championship for boys and girls in the community on January 13th at 6:30pm at the Bedichek Middle School Gym. The Knights were fortunate to have every age level for both boys and girls represented in the competition. The kids got the opportunity to see how many free throws they could make out of 15 after taking 2 practice shots. The 10 winners made anywhere from 4 to 12 out of 15 free throws. All of the winners will get the opportunity to move on to the next level by competing at the District level on February 14<sup>th</sup> again at Bedichek Middle School. The district competition will start at 10:00am. Winners of the District completion will continue on to compete at the State level.

This year's winners

Category	Age	Name
Boy	10	Chorey Duncan
Boy	11	Jose Sergio Cervantes
Boy	12	Eric Ruiz
Boy	13	Avery Pollard
Boy	14	Louis Greider Jr.
Girl	10	Pilar Rodriguez
Girl	11	Danielle Zavala
Girl	12	Myka Rodriguez
Girl	13	Sabrina Samilpa
Girl	14	Bianca Martinez

### 2008 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

#### TOPICS/CATEGORIES

Entries in the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest must fall under one of these topics: Alcohol Awareness and Abuse & Drug Awareness and Abuse. Each poster must include a slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. Posters may only be entered under one topic.

#### ELIGIBILITY

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 8 and 14.

#### AGE GROUPS

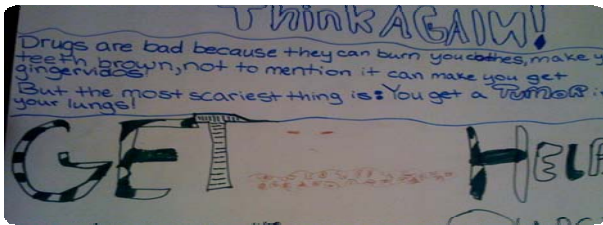
Contest entrants compete in one of two age groups – ages 8 through 11, and ages 12 through 14.

We had 10 entries in the 8 to 11 age group. This is our first year sponsoring this contest.

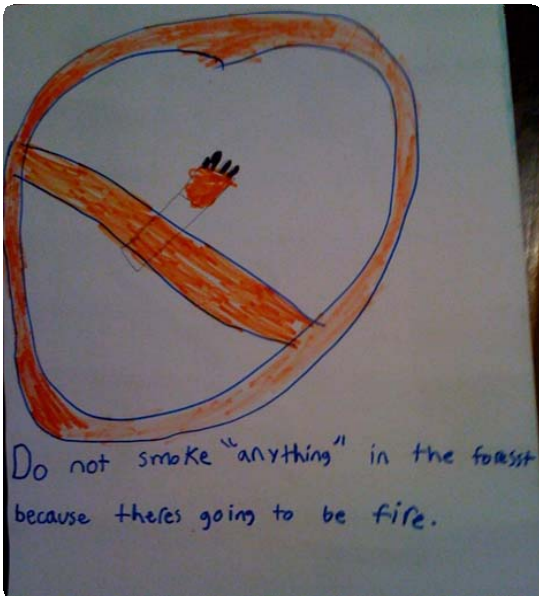
**First  
Place**



**Second Place:**



**Third Place:**



**Church Committee Report**

The New Year is not so new anymore, but don't forget the resolutions you made when the year was very new. We had a very nice representation of Knights for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the 10:00 – 11:00 time slot on January 10. There is still room for more, but it was very good to see the number of knights that were there, 8 or 9 knights, some with their family members. Continue to challenge yourself to go to adoration for 3 consecutive months .

May God bless you all.

**January Successes:**

1. January 10 Men's Club – Thank you to the Knights that helped out.
2. January 10 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Impressive turnout for the 10:00 – 11:00 hour, designated as the Knight's hour. You demonstrated your spiritual leadership.
3. January 25 4<sup>th</sup> degree Assembly Corporate Communion – nice turn out of 4<sup>th</sup> degree and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights, with a breakfast social in the hall after Mass.

**February Opportunities:**

1. February 14. 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 where your help is needed.
2. February 14. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, after the 5:00 PM Mass until 11:00 PM. The Knights hour is 10:00 - 11:00. Your presence is really needed this month because Deacon John and I, and perhaps some other Knights, will be on a sea ministry that day and will not be able to be at adoration. Please come fill the void.

- SK Lee Jan

**Calendar Review**

**January 2009**

- Fri-Sat January 30-31 – 24 hours of Adoration in Chapel starting after Noon Mass on Friday and going until 4pm Saturday. Please sign up for an hour with Ken Moore

**February 2009**

**Monday, February 2nd** – Council Meeting 7pm in Rooms 5&7.

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Men's Club workday 8am behind Grace Hall.

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Adoration 10-11pm in Chapel.

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>** Degree Meeting

**Sat-Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** – Monthly Fundraiser (TBD)

**Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Officer’s meeting 7pm in Kitchen.

**March 2009**

- **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Council Meeting 7pm in rooms 5 & 7.
- **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Golf Tournament

**Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, February 23rd. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or by calling 680-0367.