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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, June 1st

Time: 7:30 pm

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

Brother Knights let me start by thanking everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve the council for the past 2 years as Grand Knight. I have been a member of Council 10209 since August 12, 2003. I am a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1099. I have enjoyed been your leader and looking forward in supporting the in coming Grand Knight and new officers.

On June 2nd a new slate of officers will be nominated and elected and I asking the 3rd and 4th Degree Knights to consider accepting one of the officers positions. You will not be alone in learning the position as many of the past and current officers will be there to support you with any issues. So, please consider your next position as a Knight of Council 10209. We have many committees that will need to be filled by member Knights not holding an Officer's position.

As this fraternal year comes to a full circle and it's that time to reflect on this past year. But first let us remember the primary watchwords of our order are *Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.*

Charity - Our council performs many fundraising activities throughout the year. The funds raised from these activities are primarily donated back to the Church either directly or indirectly in the form of Seminarian support, Youth Scholarships, Alter Server Application event, purchase of golf Cart for our priest and Parish Fair support are some example fundraisers.

Unity - We had many successful activities that many of you Brother Knights had the opportunity to participate in. Your participation is the key element that made the activities successful. I look forward to your continuing support to our council and encourage other member Knights to do the same.

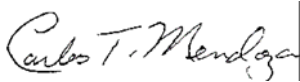
Fraternity – Sir Knight Gerry Gauthier Council 10209 the “Strong Right Arm of St Paul Catholic Church”

Patriotism - Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism.

I am looking forward in seeing many of you at our next Business Meeting that will be on June 1st at 7:00 pm in rooms 5 and 7 at St Paul.

God Bless you all!

Fraternally,



SK Carlos T. Mendoza

Grand Knight

New Council Member

Let's welcome our newest member and his family into our council William T. (Bill) Hoagland. Bill is a new member of our St Paul Catholic community.

Members in the Arrears

Fellow members Knights, we are in the process of filling out the proper forms to let Supreme know what members we are planning to suspend their membership, due to non-payment of their dues. If you fall in that category and would like to pay your dues before we send out the forms to Supreme, please contact me or Ken Moore. We also will be notifying the Assembly 1099 of our 4th degree Knights that are not in good standing with our council. As per the Assembly any member Knight of the Assembly will not be allowed to participate in the Fallouts until their dues are paid at the council level.

2009-2010 Fraternal Year Officer's Slate

At the June meeting the first order of new business will be the call for nominations and election of the Council Officer's for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year.

The following is the current proposed election slate.

- **Grand Knight:** David Moore
- **Deputy Grand Knight:** Tom Natoli
- **Chancellor:** Lee Jan
- **Recorder:** Gayle Ferguson
- **Treasurer:** Albert Villegas
- **Advocate:** Kevin Russell
- **Warden:** *open*
- **Inside Guard:** Bobby Rancour
- **Outside Guard:** *open*
- **First-year Trustee:** Carlos Mendoza

Additional nominations will be taken before the election at the meeting if you are interested in running for one of the officer's positions. Below is a description of the each of the positions.

Council Officer's Position Descriptions

Grand Knight: The Grand Knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings; acts as an ex-officio member of all committees; appoints a membership and programming director; convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The Grand Knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle.

Deputy Grand Knight (Grand Knight in Training): The Deputy Grand Knight is second in command. He assists the Grand Knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is the chairman of the council's retention committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle.

Chancellor: The Chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily he assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The Chancellor is chairman of the

admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

Recorder: The Recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

Financial Secretary: The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer, and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the safe-keeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Lecturer: The Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of the council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Advocate: The Advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, methods of conduction a Council meeting, and Robert's Rule of Order.

Warden: The Warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplification's, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Guards: The Guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The Outside Guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the Inside Guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Trustees: Shall have supervision of all financial business of the council and their approval shall be necessary for the payment of all monies except Benefit Fund monies and demands of the Supreme Council or Board of Directors or State Council, and the regular and usual slated payments of the council, and payments authorized by the council after notice and vote in accordance with Section 122

(Council Funds). They shall audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer at least every six months. They shall perform such other duties as their council or the District Deputy or Territorial Deputy or Officers of the Order may direct.

- SK Sean McGee, Elections committee chair

Awards

Congratulations to Dieu Van Dinh on winning **Knight of the Month for the month of April** due to his leadership, organization and participation with the RCIA program at St Paul.

Congratulations to Deacon John Pickwell and his lovely wife Marilyn on winning **Family of the Month for March**. Their dedication to St. Paul Church is greatly appreciated.



May Birthdays'

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

Robert Benavides (May 14th), Augustine Cuellar Jr (May 14th), Kevin Edwards (May 21st), James Elman (May 11th), Charles R Jan (May 7th), Christopher M Jistel (May 11th), Brian K Messer (May 13th), Dieu Van Dinh (May 30th), Wayne Weaver (May 6th)

Proposed Budget Amendment for June Meeting

A Motion was made by Lee Jan to increase the awarded dollar amount of our scholarships to \$3,000 with each individual not receiving more than \$600 per scholarship. This gives us at least 5 scholarships that can be awarded this year. Motion seconded by Brian Touhy. Motion passes with all yes's except for 1 nay vote.

DD John Massey noted that another vote will need to take place at next month's (June 2009) meeting to become an official budget amendment. Must post budget amendment in Newsletter and have two separate approvals from Council in order for the amendment to take place for any change \$500 or more.

This issue will be voted on again at the June meeting and that will serve as the second vote to ratify the budget amendment.

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.

Fraternally, Ken Moore - FS

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the souls of Agnes Allen Kimbal, Gloria Tanzillo, Art Aguirre, Manuel Martinez, Bart Botta, Evelyn Hilt, Loan Anh Rancour, Pat Borowicz, and Soledad Chapa, for Father Barry, Fr. James, Fr. Paul, 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, Jim Kula, Henry Garcia (IRAQ), Janie Heubanks, Kevin McGee (AFGHANISTAN).

Insurance Agent Report

A great time to be a Knight!

Graduations are mostly behind us now. Many of our children are starting a new phase in their life. Summer is here and soon, we will be lamenting about the heat and wanting the cooler weather.

Do you remember your graduations? Did you have dreams of financial success? Have you achieved all of your goals? Don't despair if you haven't. Very few actually do achieve all of their early adulthood dreams.

One goal you probably have now is to take care of your family. How are you doing in that regard? They tell me we are in troubled times. Jobs are being cut, 401Ks have lost values, retirees are having to go back to work, and some are taking pay cuts just to stay employed.

One thing that doesn't change is the fact that we all die. While we can't necessarily control what happens in the world, we can control taking care of our families financially. The Knights of Columbus have some great products available for our members and their families. In these times, we are standing taller than ever. Rest assured, if you have one of our products, it is doing very well. Our life insurance program is growing every year. We continue to get the very best ratings from independent rating services and our investments are holding up extremely well. Long term care insurance is growing. More and more of our Brother Knights are putting their

trust for their future care in the hands of the Knights. Our annuity program, with its guarantees, is doing exceptionally well. People are tired of losing their hard earned money and our annuity is one of the safest places to put your money.

Our new guarantee issue policy is helping many families find peace knowing that now they have some life insurance for those who were thought to be uninsurable in the past. For those not familiar with this policy, it guarantees that any Knight or his wife, from ages 18 – 65 can get a policy from the Knights of Columbus regardless of their health. There are no health questions to answer on the application. The only question that needs to be answered is, how much do you want?

Yes, it is a great time to be a Knight of Columbus! In addition to the many fraternal activities that we do, we can also be assured that our families can and will be taken care of in the event of death or incapacities. Give me a call and let me show you.

Eddie Mazurek

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Church Committee Report

With Memorial Day begins the vacation season. School is, or soon will be, out; pools are open; families travel to near or far places for a change in environment, even if for just a little while; to see geographically distant relatives; or to just relax a bit. I recall my childhood. I always looked forward to a "vacation" at my cousins' home. Although they lived no more than 20 miles away, my brother and I excitedly anticipated our 3-5 days vacation with our cousins. We did see them at other times of the year, on some Sundays, and could talk to them on the phone - but being with them, living with them, for a few days was always special.

So it is with Jesus. We visit with him for a short while on Sundays, and perhaps pray daily -- much like making a phone call -- but being with Him, living in His presence for a short hour is special and refreshing, a foretaste of heaven where we will be able to see Him always. Where can we go for this "vacation" with Jesus?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where you spend time in Jesus' physical presence, provides that great, rejuvenated feeling one experiences when on vacation. Why wait until summer? You can "vacation" with Jesus every month right here at St. Paul in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the 2nd Saturday of every month beginning after the 5:00 P.M Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Vacationing away from Austin? Consider visiting an adoration chapel wherever your travels lead. Have a mini

vacation with Jesus during your vacation. You will be surprised at the variety of "vacation homes" Jesus has, from very humble, simplistic and basic shelter to elaborate shrines. I hope you can take a vacation this summer, but do not take a vacation from Jesus, rather vacation with Jesus.

June Opportunities:

1. June 6. Mens Club 8:00 a.m (or there abouts) we have had some rain, so I expect there will be plenty to do -- please help if you can. I don't think we had a very good showing in May, so let's make up for it during June. Please come and help.
2. June 7. Corporate Communion, 9:00 a.m. Mass. Rosary begins at 8:40 -- Henry Casas leading the Rosary. Please come early and participate in the Rosary were your K of C shirts or fallout with the fourth degree. Please come with your family and sit together in the reserved section, front left. After Mass, plan to meet at Taco Macho in Manchaca for breakfast.
3. June 13. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the Saturday Vigil Mass until 11:00 p.m. The Knights Hour is 10:00 - 11:00.

Peace in Christ.

- SK Lee Jan

2009 Scholarship Program

The 2009 scholarship committee will meet Sunday, May 31st at 8pm to review our 11 applications and choose the winners. If you would like to participate please let me know. You cannot have a family member who is applying and serve on the committee. Other than that restriction it is open to everyone in the council.

We will meet at my house at 12003 Yarbrough Dr. in Shady Hollow. Contact Sean McGee at seanmcgee@yahoo.com. I will provide beverages.

Calendar Review

June 2009

- **Monday, June 1st** – Council Meeting
- **Sunday, June 7th** – Corporate Communion 9am Mass
- **Friday, June 12th** – Council Card game at Ferguson manor. Contact Gayle to participate or sign up at the meeting.
- **Saturday, June 13th** – Adoration 10-11pm
- **Monday, June 15th** – (New) Officer's meeting
- **Thursday, June 18th** – First Degree in Grace Hall

2009 Astros Bus Trip

We're tentatively planning on attending the Astros v New York Mets game on Sunday, July 26th in Houston. Mark your calendars. We will begin taking signups at the June meeting.

Newsletter Articles

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