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### MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, September 7th

Time: 7:30 pm

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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,

We are getting back into the regular schedule with school starting and summer activities concluding. September will be a very busy month with Parish Fair next weekend. Helpfully we all can turn out and help make the parish fair successful. Tony, Bill and Kevin have worked very hard keeping us informed regarding the parish needs. Please sign up at Monday's meeting for this important event!

It is a challenge to get all of the details pulled together for the new fraternal year. It takes a lot work from everyone to make the Council successful. We need everyone working together to make this upcoming year a success. We want to make Star council this year.

Year of the Priest, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars. Please pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

We had a good start on the fundraisers the council uses to fund are budget. Your support is needed to continue to make them successful. All ideas are welcome to raise

funds, please let any of the officers know them.

Speaking of fundraising, 2010 Passbooks are available! Please takes some and sell.

Yours in Christ,

David Moore - Grand Knight

**Awards**

**Congratulations to Lee Jan** on winning **Knight of the Month for the month of July** due to his spiritual leadership with the Parish and with our Council.

**Congratulations to the Kevin Russell Family** on winning **Family of the Month for July**. Their dedication to St. Paul Church is greatly appreciated.

**For the Good of the Order...**

An old Cherokee told his grandson about a great fight going on inside of him. It was a conflict between two wolves. One wolf was his urge to anger, envy, greed, arrogance, self-pity, revenge, false pride and resentment. The other wolf, the old man said was his inclination to live in joy, peace, hope and love, and to be generous, humble, compassionate and trusting of all human kind. When he finished, his grandson asked: "Grandfather, which wolf wins?" The grandfather replied: "the one I feed." Which of your wolves is winning? Maybe it is time to starve one. (From The Lenten Pharmacy by Fr. Edward Hays)

God Bless You

Chancellor SK Lee Jan

**Prayer Box**

Please Pray for: Bowie HS Students mourning the recent death of a classmate, Mrs. Bob Natoli, Bishop McCarthy, Louis Palacios, Mary Moore, Father Barry, Father James, Fr. Paul, Marilyn Pickwell, Lee Jan's Mother, Bishop Aymond, Karen Cottrell, Soya Garcia, Andrew Garcia, CMSgt Ray Ross, Jose and Joe Reschman.

**Insurance Agent Report**

**A Guaranteed Investment**

BY THOMAS P. SMITH JR. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (AGENCIES AND MARKETING)

Today, I was wondering why our annuity business is doing so well - - up about 70 percent over last year. Not that I am unhappy or troubled by business being good. But what I pondered is this: why now and not all the time: What is it about market downturns that cause people to suddenly think that they need a position that

includes a stable *guaranteed* product like a K of C retirement annuity? Doesn't the market always turn down sooner or later? So why not establish a *guaranteed* alternative to balance those swings?

As I pondered, I enlisted the help of my friend and co-worker Tony Minopoli, our chief investment officer, to consider the following scenario:

Two 55-year-old men in the United States on Jan. 1, 1999, have \$50,000, and are looking for a place to put it for 10 years. One decides to invest it in the S & P 500 Index and leave it there, paying taxes on dividends as they are paid, and spending more than a little time worrying about what will happen to his investment. The other puts his money in a tax-deferred retirement annuity with the Knights of Columbus, with all the guarantees that come with it. He leaves it here for 10 years, and spends absolutely no time worrying about it.

Ten years later, both men are now 65 years old and considering retirement. On Dec. 31, 2008, they check on the \$50,000. (Notice that to be fair I am using a date before the most recent market madness.)

Our S & P 500 fellow, Tony tells me, would have an account value of \$43,494.17, an annual compounded return of -1.38 % per year — and he paid taxes along the way on those dividends. Our K of C tax-deferred annuity fellow would find a balance that has swelled to \$78,152.41, for an annual compounded return of 4.57% — and the power of deferring taxes has not been factored in.

I have nothing against money in the market. But I do wonder why more of our members and their families don't take advantage of our guaranteed retirement annuity product. You get a great return, deferred taxes and retirement planning — and you get to sleep at night. Not a bad deal.

So, regardless of where you think the market is headed right now, why not build yourself something guaranteed? Call your agent. Establishing an annuity is a simple, quick, easy process. Then relax and rest easy.

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**Parish Fair Update**

It's that time of year again, time to begin thinking about our annual Parish Fair. This year the Knights will be responsible for cooking the hamburgers, sausage wraps and turkey legs.

As you will recall, part of the speech that I gave at church talked about how there are so many needs in our parish and in our community. The fair committee realizes that we are not going to raise the money for all the needs through the fair. However, we want to make the fair more

successful because the more successful the fair the more needs we can take care of.

I know the Knights have cooked for the fair in the past, but I would request that the Knights make this the year that they start taking on a more leadership role in this process. We will be asking church members and businesses to donate more so that the fair will make more of a profit. Since we will be in the process of establishing our budget for the upcoming year, I request that we consider as Knights not only cooking but also purchasing the food for the booth that we will be running. I would envision that we are looking at no more than \$500 a year investment.

Please be sure to sign up at Monday's meeting to work the fair next weekend. It is important that we get as many people participating as possible in order to have a successful event!

- Kevin Russell – Parish Fair Committee

### **KofC Soccer Challenge 2009**

Brother Knights, we are pleased to announce that this year's Knight of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be larger and more involved than ever before! We will be expanding the Challenge to encompass 2 nights of competition and teaming with our brother knights from St. Catherine's and St. Austin's. The event will take place on Wednesday September 23 and Thursday September 24 from 6 pm to 9 pm. This event regularly produces state champions and is always well attended and supported by Council 10209. Please help to keep this tradition alive and come out to help with the event.

-Brian Tuohy, Soccer Challenge Coordinator

### **2010 Passbook Sale**

Our Council will once again be selling the 2009 Entertainment Passbook which offers literally thousands of dollars worth of money saving coupons to businesses here in Austin and nationwide. These books make great gifts to friends, co-workers and relatives. They cost \$25 this year but provide opportunities galore to save much more than that.

For example you can save \$20 at Randall's throughout the year with 4 \$5 coupons. And I don't want to tell you how much weight you can gain eating all the free food items you can get at south Austin alone. TGI Friday's is in there. Steak and Shake is in there. Texas Roadhouse is in there. Fuddrucker's is in there. Applebee's is in there. Carl's Jr., McDonald's, Taco Bell, Shipley Donuts, all there. Are you hungry yet?

Pick up a few books to sell to your friend and one for yourself from Sean McGee or Ken Moore at our monthly

council meeting, officer's meeting, and fundraisers. We have until December to sell our books at which point you will return unsold books and money for sold books to Sean who will thank you immensely for raising money for the council!

We make about \$5 a book so this is an easy way for us to raise some funds and help people out in these tough economic times. Get your books today!

-SK Sean McGee – Passbook chair.

### **2009-2010 Budget Proposal**

Attached to this newsletter is the final draft proposal for the council's 2009-2010 fraternal year operating budget. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the September business meeting. Please take a moment to review the budget and be ready to discuss changes you would like to see.

-SK Sean McGee, Trustee

### **Council Insurance**

As many of you know there has been some discussion the last few meetings regarding the need for insurance to cover liability concerns for our operations each year. Kevin Russell has done some research for us regarding the official policies of Supreme and found the following:

The Knights of Columbus at the state or Supreme level does not maintain any liability insurance policy with coverage that extends to each of the various councils. Because each council has a wide variety of individual needs, each council needs to locate and purchase a commercial liability policy tailored to its activities, risks and particular situation. We encourage each council to contact a local insurance agency that handles multiple lines of commercial insurance. They should be able to underwrite and quote coverage for your council based on its specific needs. Another source of "leads" is to go to a Chapter meeting and ask which other councils already have insurance coverage and contact the agency which handles their policy – no need to reinvent the wheel. Or simply call the Financial Secretaries of some of the surrounding councils and ask for the names and phone numbers for their commercial liability agent or carrier.

The following link is a website that answers a lot of our questions about what the insurance covers.  
<http://www.nanpoinc.org/nanpo-loss-control.jsp?id=fbs#liawho>

- Kevin Russell – Worth Advocate (Sean McGee editing)

### **Calendar Review**

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- **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting, 7:30pm in rooms 5 & 7.
- **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>- Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Fair
- **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Sausage Wrap sale at WalMart Southpark 10am – 2pm. Signup!
- **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Officer's meeting, 7pm in kitchen
- **Wed-Th, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** – 2009 Soccer Challenge at Small MS.

**September 2009**

- **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting

**Newsletter Articles**

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, September 28th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at [sean@mcgeeclan.us](mailto:sean@mcgeeclan.us) or by calling 680-0367.