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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, December 7th

Time: 6 pm

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

November was a very busy month for the council; Rosary, Passbook sales, and Chicken & Sausage Fundraiser are the highlights. Thanks go to Bill Hoagland, Tony Garcia, Johnnie Mueller, Lee Jan, and Henry Casas for leading the Rosary before the 9:00 Mass during the month. Thanks to those that are selling passbooks. Big Thank you to Chris and Tony for leading the Chicken and Sausage Fundraiser, pass along a message from Chris:

“The chicken & sausage fundraiser in November was very successful thanks to the contribution and team work of all our Knights. We sold 150 combos and 50 additional sausage links by the end of the 11:00 a.m. mass. I appreciate all the Knights who contributed including the “Saturday Team” of Tony Garcia, Kevin Russell, David Moore, Bob Fonseca, Bob Meny, Robert Rancour, Gayle & John Ferguson, and Rolando, and the “Sunday Crew” of Bill Hoagland, Lee Jan, Anthony Guzaldo, Sean McGee, Robert Rancour, Brian Tuohy (Colin & Owen – future Knights), Ken Moore, and Carlos de la Garza, hope I did leave anyone out. I want to also thank Albert Villegas for helping me pick up and purchase all the necessary items for the event.”

I also extend a job well done, job well done!!!

December 7th business meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00, Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. We need to make sure the meeting is concluded by 6:45. Main topic is the upcoming fundraiser, if there is any other items that need to be covered please provide them to me by Sunday evening December 6th.

Advent season is upon us, time preparing for the coming of Jesus.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!

David Moore - Grand Knight

Awards

Congratulations to our monthly award winners!

Knight of the Month – Rene Gaytan for his great work organizing many of our community activities including our work with Keep Austin Beautiful and our quarterly cleanup activities of David Moore Rd.

Family of the Month – Brian Tuohy Family for their hard work organizing our Annual Soccer Penalty Kick Competition.

Financial Secretary's Report

As we begin another Advent, let me wish all of you brother knights and your families all the joys of the season. Let us be ever mindful that we are to use this time to prepare for the celebration of our Savior's incarnation as well as preparing for the establishment of God's kingdom here on earth.

The end of another calendar year also means that it's time once again for the yearly assessment of membership dues. If you're like me, you might have wondered sometimes about the wisdom of having dues assessed in such close proximity to Christmas. I hope the \$40 which covers your dues for the entire year isn't onerous for any of you. If you are experiencing circumstances which make payment difficult, please let me know so that arrangements can be made to accommodate those circumstances. For the past couple of years I have tried to avoid having to send billing notices to the greatest extent possible. I will use the newsletter, the business meetings, and our Yahoo group to make it known that dues are due. I probably won't send any notices until around the middle of January. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to "Knights of Columbus". You can pay me in person, mail it to me at 4610 San Simeon Drive in Austin, zip code 78749, or put it in our box in the room adjacent to the copy machine outside of Father Barry's office. If you put it in our box, please be sure to seal the envelope and put my name on the outside. I appreciate your cooperation in getting your dues paid as promptly as possible. They aren't actually due until January 1,

but I will be happy to accept them starting now.

The annual Survey of Fraternal Activities is due at the end of January. Last year our newsletter editor, Sean McGee, provided the specifics where you could access the survey on line, complete it, and send it to me electronically. As we had the best participation that we've ever had during my tenure, I thought it might be advantageous to go that route again this year. Sean has agreed to provide the information you'll need in this edition of the newsletter. I also plan to bring some hard copies of the survey form to the December and January business and officers' meetings. If you would prefer to complete the survey in this manner, please let me know and I'll make arrangements to get a form to you. I do hope you'll take the very few minutes required to complete the survey and to forward the results to me. The more of us who complete the survey means the more accurate is the measurement of the hours we have devoted to our various charitable, community, and church-related efforts. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Editor's Note: The online version of form 1728a can be found at:

http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/leadership_institute/resources/forms/council/1728A_Print.pdf

My term as Financial Secretary has ended. However, the Knights have a bureaucratic side, and all the paperwork requirements needed to affect the appointment of a new FS have not yet been met. Chris Jistel has graciously agreed to step into the role of Financial Secretary, and I feel sure that the changeover should be taking place in not-too-distant future. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve in this position, and I ask that you give Chris the same consideration and cooperation that you have provided to me. It truly has been a honor to serve you. I will be working closely with Chris to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Please let me know if I can assist you or be of service in any way.

Fraternally, Ken Moore

District Deputy's 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 and a Blessed New Year.

Important dates for December and January:

Holy Days of Obligation

- Tuesday December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Friday December 25th: Christmas

- Friday January 1st: Mary the Mother of God

Degrees:

- Thursday December 17th: 1st Degree at St. Paul 7:30pm
- Wednesday January 6th: 1st Degree at St. Catherine 7pm
- Saturday January 9th: 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

-SK John Massey, DD District 120

First Degree Ceremony 12/17/09

As the captain of the 1st Degree Team of Council 10209, I want to thank our 1st degree members for their commitment and dedication to the team. The team members include (Mike Moreno, Ken Moore, Louis Palacios, Dave Czarnecki, Chris Jistel, Robert Rancour and Albert Villegas). We are currently looking for new team members, please contact me if you are interested playing a part. The 1st degree ceremony is a great and spiritual ceremony, so let's support our new brother Knight's by attending the next ceremony, which will be Thursday, December 17th at 8:00 p.m. in Grace Hall.

Brother Knight, Chris Jistel

For the Good of the Order...

The turkey has been prepared and consumed, except what is still left over for the various ways of using up leftover turkey, or it is waiting patiently (and spoiling) in the refrigerator to be thrown out later. Those of you reading this have survived "Black Friday", whatever that is, and we are all bombarded by advertisers trying to get us to buy their products to give as holiday gifts. What is a holiday gift? Our family tradition includes giving each other Christmas gifts and sometimes birthday gifts, but I have never received a 4th of July gift, a Columbus Day gift, or a New Years Day gift or any other holiday gift. Who gives holiday gifts anyway? Giving gifts during Christmas time is a charitable expression, if done without expectation of reciprocation. But let's not forget what Advent and Christmas are about.

Advent and Christmas are about two comings of Jesus – his birth in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago, and as the King of

Glory yet to come at the end of history. During the Advent season we look back to the promise of our redemption and forward to the fulfillment of that promise. Jeremiah prophesied that the days were coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise. The birth of Jesus fulfilled that prophecy.

In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, God sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to call and welcome us to heaven, to show us truth, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Jesus said that the Son of Man will come in a cloud with power and great glory; He was speaking of His second coming. We do not know when that day or hour will be. But we must be ready when he comes to get us, whenever that may be. The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace

This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his friends and the people of his lifetime, but for us all. We can share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

God Bless You

Chancellor SK Lee Jan

Reference: Aelred R. Rosser, Liturgy Training Publication 2003.

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Luis Palacios, Father Barry, Father James, Mary Moore, Fort Hood Families, John Aplin's Grandson, Mr. Kuhar who is receiving a liver transplant and the lady who is donating it. Youth Group on their Retreat, repose of the soul for Mon Senior Edward Matocha, for Marge Natoli, Joseph and Josie Reschman, Eddie Mazurek, Kevin Russell's Mother In-law Nancy Medina, Lee Jan's daughter Leigh Anne, Carlos Mendoza's daughter April and nephew Mathew Soto, Austin's Homeless and for all of us in Council 10209.

Insurance Agent Report

I know I need more life insurance. "That's how the father of three young children, profiled in the new "Stages of Life" section of the Knights of Columbus web site (www.kofc.org), explains his situation. He cites several reasons for delaying the purchase of needed protection. In his heart, however, he knows better and feels a little guilty. "Every time I see a life insurance ad, I feel a little twinge," he says. "Stages of Life" is an interactive feature of our web site offering visitors the

opportunity to hear from different people, at different stages of their lives (from just out of college to recently widowed to newly retired), talking about the importance of life insurance. It's worth logging on to check out. "Stages of Life" links to our "Find an agent" feature, making it easy to find and contact your agent.

The fact is, most people need more life insurance.

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you're fortunate. You have a professionally trained agent who will take the time to determine exactly how much life insurance you need and how much you can afford to pay. By performing a thorough needs analysis based on your needs, goals and budget, I can provide the financial protection that's right for you and your family.

I will do more than sell you a policy. I will help protect your family at a price you can afford. As a Brother Knight, you deserve nothing less!

As your full-time professional agent, I am here to assist you. Contact me at 512/301-1218 or emazu5@gmail.com

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SK Eddie Mazurek - 301-1218 - emazu5@gmail.com

Fundraiser Update

We will be conducting a Turkey Leg, Chicken and Sausage sale at St. Paul on the weekend of December 12th and 13th. Volunteers are needed for all Mass times to help sell our food, recruit new members, and sell Passbooks. Please sign up at the monthly meeting or by contacting Bill Hoagland at bph0214@yahoo.com.

2010 Passbook Sale

Our Council Passbook fundraiser is now wrapping up. I will need all unsold books and money from sold books returned to me by the officer's meeting on December 21st in order to complete our sale. We can only be credited for books that are returned so if you miss the opportunity to return an unsold book we will need to sell it as the council will have paid for it. We have until the end of the year to return unsold books so please get yours in as soon as possible.

If you can't make the officer's meeting and you have unsold books or money to return please contact me and we'll make alternative arrangements to get together for an exchange. seanmcgee@yahoo.com or 680-0367

Thanks to all the members who participated in this year's effort by taking a book or two to sell. Without your hard work this effort would never be a success! -SK Sean McGee Passbook chair.

Calendar Review

December 2009

- Monday, December 7th – Council Meeting, 7pm in Room's 5&7
- Tuesday, December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- Saturday, December 12th – Men's Club Workday 8am at St. Paul.
- Sat-Sun, December 12th - 13th – Turkey Leg Fundraiser after Masses. *Contact Bill Hoagland to signup.*
- Thursday, December 17th – First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul. Starts at 7:30pm.
- Monday, December 21st – Officer's Meeting in Kitchen.

January 2010

- Monday, January 4th – Council Meeting Rooms 5&7. 7pm
- Sunday, January 10th – Council Family Christmas Party, 2pm-5pm in Grace Hall.

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, December 28th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.