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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, May 5th

Time: 7:00 pm

Join the KofC10209 Google Group and get email notices of upcoming events! To sign up simply visit:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/kofc10209>

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers in Christ,

It has been a busy few weeks with all the preparations for the annual golf tournament. I commend all of you for all the hours spent making the tournament a success, and it was certainly a success. We had a total of 21 teams sign up, which was the most we've had in several years, and they all showed up which hasn't happened either in recent memory. God blessed us with a beautiful day for golf with pleasant temps and enough cloud cover to keep us from frying in the sun. The cooking squad did a fantastic job preparing hot food for 90 people, which isn't easy to do. Setup and breakdown were handled well as usual, despite a bit of trouble back at the Church after the tourney.

Thanks to Bob Fonseca, Bob Natoli, Bob Meny, Bill Hoagland, Chris Jistel, Carlos de la Garza, Rene Gaytan, Bill Jensen, Robert Rancour, Pete Cantu, Dave Leto, Sean McGee, and all the others I'm forgetting. Kudos and a special thanks to Gayle Ferguson who led a late push to get all the details lined up over the last 2-3 weeks and carry us over the goal line.

Sean and I have just returned from the State Convention in Dallas which was interesting as it was my first time in

attendance. The convention elected a new slate of officers, and our new State Deputy is Terry Simonton. Doug Oldmixon from Austin was elected as the new State Secretary. The convention focused on the four pillars of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, and the main action items from the convention are, predictably, all about expanding membership by recruiting new members and retaining current ones. We have been asked to add one new member a month to our council for the next 2 months.

The definitive highlights of the Convention were the Masses. Saturday's Mass was celebrated by Bishop Placido Rodriguez of Lubbock and he was fantastic; his homily was funny and engaging, and focused on our service to the global community with Christ as our model. And, as captivating as he was, Sunday's Mass was even better. It was celebrated by the Archbishop of San Antonio, Gustavo Gabriel-Siller, and his message was passionate, heart-felt, and thought-provoking. He implored us to understand that we are never alone because Christ is always in our midst; our prayers will always be heard even though we are sometimes foolish and our belief stumbles, as it did for Peter and Thomas. Our bishop, Joe Vasquez, concelebrated both Masses.

The last two months of the fraternal will continue to be busy as we need to choose scholarship winners, recruit new members, and elect a new slate of officers; I encourage you to consider running for a position.

See you on Cinco de Mayo...

Brian Tuohy
GK Council 10209

2014-2015 Officer Positions

We will be accepting nominations for the 2014-2015 Council Officers at the May meeting. Hopefully you have prayerfully considered becoming an officer and taking on a leadership role in the council for the next fraternal year. The council benefits most when we access and leverage the unique strengths and benefits of each individual in the council. You have something that only you can offer and your council needs you.

The elected officer positions are as follows:

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Treasurer
Chancellor
Recorder
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
3-Year Trustee

There are several appointed officer positions:

Chaplain
Advocate
Lecturer

There are also several service program committee chair positions as well as sub-committee leadership positions which are extremely important to fill with active and motivated Knights. These include:

Church Committee Chair

- Men's Club Liaison
- Parish Fair Liaison

Youth Committee Chair

- Boy Scouts Liaison
- Basketball Free Throw Chair

Council Committee Chair

- Golf Committee Chair
- Fundraiser Chairs as needed
- Newsletter Editor

Family Committee Chair

- Entertainment Director

Community Committee Chair

- Keep Austin Beautiful Liaison

Membership Committee Chair

- First Degree Team Chair
- Recruiting Chair

Retention Committee Chair

The Supreme guidelines for the officer and committee chair positions can be researched at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/handbook/index.html>. But always remember, the position is what you make it. You bring something to every leadership position. So please find your position in the council next year and agree to step forward.

There are at least 25 leadership positions available on this list. We often have only slightly more than that many members attending meetings. I would like nothing better than to see a lot of new faces in Council leadership positions next year. New blood and fresh ideas are always needed. Please help your Council in whatever capacity you feel a calling next year, and start by nominating yourself at the May meeting.

The Nominations committee consists of the Trustees and

the GK. If you would like to serve the Council as an officer starting in July 2014 I encourage you to contact a Trustee or current council officer today.

-SK Sean McGee - DGK

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers: Lea Marchek, Bonnie Cartwright, Louis Palacios, Michael Snowden’s Mother In Law, Vicki Lee, Jan Torpey, Bill McGee, Fr. Barry and Fr. James, Victims of Ft. Hood, for the eternal rest of Deacon Lee Jan’s Mother.

2014 Scholarship Committee

Brother Knights,

We have received 7 scholarship applications and the time has come to select our winners. If you do not have a family member applying for a scholarship you are eligible to serve on the selection committee. Please let me know at the May meeting if you are interested in serving in this capacity. We will most likely gather at my house the week of May 5th to review and rate applications.

Contact Sean McGee if you have any questions about the scholarship program. seanmcgeek@gmail.com or 512-680-0367.

-SK Sean McGee – 10209 Scholarship program chairman

St. Paul Silver Jubilee Celebration

2014 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul Parish in Austin, Texas. A committee of parishioners and group leaders have begun meeting to plan for a celebration of this event in September 2014. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Debbie Saunders in the St. Paul office. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm in the kitchen at St. Paul.

The Knights will be heavily involved in the planning and execution of this series of events along with most of the other organizations at St. Paul.

One thing you can do today is to collect any old photos you have of St. Paul, the parishioners, the events we have had, etc. We will be putting together a commemorative photo book of the history of St. Paul Parish for the event. The photo book will be available for sale with all proceeds going towards St. Paul.

If you have digital copies of photos you would like to contribute to the book project please send them to seanmcgeek@gmail.com. Analog photos should be scanned on 150dpi or higher resolution and then emailed. Most multi-function printer/scanners you have at home

will do a fantastic job.

Physical photos can be submitted to the office in an envelope with your name and contact information. The staff will do their best to return any submitted photos to the owner but if you are concerned about the return of your physical photos I encourage you to digitize them at home.

-SK Sean McGee – Council Representative to Planning Committee

Calendar Review

Monday, May 5, 2014 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7pm – Room 5

Monday, May 19, 2014 – Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm St. Paul Kitchen

Saturday, May 31, 2014 – Men’s Club Workday – 8am

Monday, June 2, 2014 - *Council Meeting at 7pm*

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, May 26th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at seanmcgeek@gmail.com or by calling 512-680-0367.