



# The Knight Newsletter

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**MEETING NOTICE**

**K of C Council # 10209 Meets**

**Where: St. Paul Church-room 5**

**When: Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

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

**Grand Knight's Report**

My Brother Knights,

**Meeting Change notice:** We will meet this month at the VFW in Manchaca, TX. This last minute change is occurring because our Church and Grace Hall will be closed for cleaning and painting. We will start at 7pm as usual.

By all accounts the July meeting was an event filled evening. The budget discussion and beginning of year planning often are some of the most contentious meetings simply because of the subject matter. I applaud you all for working through the issues as painful as that may have been. The officer's did have a meeting this month and we have amended the proposed budget that is attached to this newsletter. We will have a first vote on this budget at the August meeting, and a second vote at the September meeting. It is important that we begin operating under an approved budget.

In the future I would like to have most of the open discussions about new events, budgets and new items of business at the officer's meeting each month. The business meeting agenda will be limited whenever possible to the items discussed at

the prior officer's meeting.

Committee heads and members should plan to introduce any new discussions or proposals at the officer's meeting only and the officers and members in attendance will endeavor to finalize the issue and have a recommendation to bring to the council at the next meeting under new business. In this way we hope to limit the free form discussions at the council meeting and keep each item of business to about 5 minutes.

Committee heads are also welcome to submit their monthly reports to the newsletter and simply refer to the newsletter during the meeting rather than repeat what is printed at their allotted time. I would recommend a brief spoken summary of the report with most of the details left in the newsletter. Please consider this approach and use it when possible.

Obviously running our business meetings in this manner requires discipline and planning ahead. If you have something to say about a business item please do so quickly and succinctly realizing that 5 minutes can pass quite quickly and it is only fair to the others in the meeting that we get a quick summary of the opinions in the room. If others have said something you agree with there is no reason to "me too" their comments with your own, show your support at the vote. Once we have a good argument and counter-argument (if there is one) let us move to the vote quickly.

If it appears that an item will go beyond 5-10 minutes that is an indication that it needs further discussion at the next officer's meeting. So we will seek to table the discussion until then if we cannot come to a consensus quickly. All members are welcome at every officer's meeting so please attend if there is something being discussed that you want input on.

I believe if we can maintain this meeting style we will keep the meetings short, informative, and interesting for all of the membership and that this will lead to better attendance from the members.

August is another relatively slow month for the Council. But in no time September will be here and with it comes the new school year and before you know it the parish fair will be here as well. So let us have a productive and quick business meeting and set ourselves up well for the near future.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Sean McGee

### **2014-2015 Fraternal Year Budget**

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the 2014-2015 Fraternal year budget for Council 10209. Please review the budget as it will be discussed and voted on at the Council meeting.

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

On Wednesday, July 30, at 6:00 AM, Vicki and I left our home in Austin for our new home in Puerto Rico. We have been in a hotel since we arrived, but tomorrow, Saturday, we are meeting our Realtor and owner of the apartment we rented to get the keys to our new home. It will be good to have a kitchen again so we do not have to have every meal at a restaurant.

We left Texas, our beloved state still struggling to come out of the drought, to a tropical island where drought should not be a concern. But that is not the case. The island has its own drought and with the typically driest month of the year about to begin, drastic measures are necessary to ensure enough water for survival. The plan, if no rain this weekend, is to begin water rationing, and that is not for watering grass, but for everyone who uses water. The plan calls for water to be available only every other day for all users.

But God is good; He provides. Tropical storm Bertha is on her way with a promise of rain and it is expected that there will be enough rain to fill the reservoirs to a comfortable level. The storm is not due to arrive on the island until tomorrow night, but it has already started to rain.

Even though we haven't been here long, I already miss the St. Paul family. I am anxious to find a parish that will be our St. Paul while we are away.

I will keep you all in my prayers while away and ask that you pray for us and that God will bring us back to our beloved St. Paul parish.

Peace  
SK Lee Jan

### **Prayer Requests**

Prayers were requested for the following individuals: Father Barry Cabell (deceased), Louis Palacios, Bob and Marge Natoli, Bill Torpey (moving to assisted living), Bill McGee (Sean's father), Israel Mendosa (liver transplant), Ginny Barton, Shirley Matherson, Mary Moore (David Moore's wife), Father James Martin, Brother Gaiser (Holy Cross brother)

### **July Birthdays**

John A Lowery II  
Jason A Peters  
Pedro M Gomez III  
Matthew P Langley  
Robert A Hecker  
John L Muraida  
My Van-Dinh  
Larry D Turner  
Eugene L Leger

### **August Birthdays**

Rev Hector R Vega  
Nonito A Caya  
Rolando A Rivera  
Rudy Salazar  
John Q Muller  
Deacon John S Pickwell

### **Calendar Review**

Monday, August 4, 2014 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7pm – VFW Hall

Monday, August 18, 2014 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm St. Paul kitchen

Saturday, August 30, 2014 - Men's Club Workday – 8am

### **Newsletter Articles**

The next newsletter articles are due by Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at [villegas3732@yahoo.com](mailto:villegas3732@yahoo.com) or by calling 512-799-7422.