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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, September 15

Time: 7:00 pm

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

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

September begins our fraternal year of activities in earnest. I hope you all had a nice and relaxing summer and are now ready to begin being active in our ministry, particularly in the areas of charity!

September starts off with a couple of events we will assist the parish with. On Saturday, September 6th after the 5pm Mass is the St. Paul Catholic Church 25th Anniversary Celebration in the East Parking lot. There are several opportunities to volunteer some time to help with the event and I hope to see a lot of Knights signed up. Most importantly I hope to see you all there. It should be a lot of fun for young and old. If you know a past member of the council who would enjoy attending please send them a personal invitation. It would be great to see all of the people who have made St. Paul's the great parish that is today.

Later in the month is the Parish Fair on September 19th-20th. As usual the Knights will be running the hamburger and turkey legs booth. This is a long event with lots of time slots spread over two days. I hope you will find some time to help out the council with this important event. We will

distribute a sign up sheet over email so watch for that and plan accordingly.

The fall will continue to be a busy period for the Council. I anticipate our first council fundraiser for the year in October. The F1 event in November, and our holiday sale activities will take place in December. We will also have ongoing activities in the areas of recruiting and of course the Council will have a Christmas party in December. Things will happen fast and there is much left to plan so please get involved and make these events the best they can be.

I will end this report with a recruiting activity we will begin to pursue this month. As our worthy Advocate Henry Casas pointed out at last month's officer's meeting, a personal invitation to join the Knights works much better than a broadcast announcement. There is a significance of being singled out by your peers as someone who would make a fine member of the Knights of Columbus.

This month we plan to take nominations for 10-20 potential new members from the council membership. Is there a parishioner of St. Paul's who you think would make a great Knight? Bring their name to the meeting and nominate them. Nominees will receive a personal letter from a member of the council asking them to consider joining our order along with an invitation to meet to discuss membership in the Knights and the opportunities it presents for their families. We hope by taking this very personal and focused approach we can gain several new members to the council this winter.

So take some time to think of 2-3 nominees before our September meeting on September 15th. Remember recruiting new members is something we all need to do. Let's do it with a personal touch this month!

Vivat Jesus!
GK Sean McGee

For the Good of the Order...

I want to give a little update on our adventure in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is not Texas, but it is not bad. People are generally very nice, but the drivers are crazy for the most part, but by far more courteous

than Austin drivers. Here they let you in rather than try to cut you off. But the road system, that's another thing; the roads themselves are in pretty fair to good shape structurally, but the way they are laid out -- wow.

Not well marked, not straight and if you take a wrong exit, you never know where you might end up before finding your way back to where you got lost. There is essentially no opportunity to go down the block and come back and you can't find a place to make a U turn. About our second Sunday here we left an hour early to go to Mass at a church for which we had the address and should have been 10 - 15 minute drive. After an hour we still didn't find it and the locals didn't know where it was nor did they know the street name. The major roads are marked like Expressway 20, but the people call that road Martinez Nadal. It is not marked with road signs stating Martinez Nadal, but is marked 20.

Still when you ask people they can tell you where Martinez Nadal is, but have no clue where expressway 20 is. Getting around is a challenge, but eventually we will get the hang of it.

Parking? for the most part forget about it unless you can find a pay lot. Lot of people park on the street along the streets where businesses are located, another thing to get used to. Parking at my office is good though, we have free parking, unlike in Austin where if we wanted to park in the office complex we had to pay ~\$120 per month. But to avoid traffic and so that Vicki can have the car, I take the train -- very easy way to get to and from work, train station about 2 miles from our apartment, so Vicki can drop me off and then go to work.

We are not completely settled, but pretty much so -- we are still waiting on a shipment of household goods, they will be delivered on Labor Day. We have the car, been trying to get it registered for a while - seems the government employees are not very efficient and have long lines for everything.

They don't do much on-line, only in-lines where you have to wait your turn. We found that for a fee there are businesses that will do it for you, so we have been working with one and think maybe tomorrow we will have provided all the documents they need. I had to provide them a copy of my social security card of all things, along with original car title, lease on the apartment, and all the

documents of delivery.

We have found a parish and I have begun to serve -- gave the homilies for the English Sunday Masses yesterday, my first Sunday to serve there. Very nice pastor, friendly, energetic and fairly young, probably early 40s, and he has a Texas connection, his brother lives in San Antonio.

It is different here and I often think of the migrants who are trying to come to the USA to escape their plight and to try to find a better life. I better appreciate their situation now, but cannot really know how they must feel -- we had a choice and we know we can and will come back to Texas, they may not have had a choice and likely have to assume they may never see the family left behind. It is not all that easy being in a strange environment, even when you are welcomed, how much more difficult it must be when you are not welcome.

Peace
SK Lee Jan

Fund raising Opportunity

One of the fundraisers that our council would like to do this year is the Formula 1 concessions. Each concession stand needs about 10 people for the day. I am trying to put together a list of Knights that can commit to working at the concession and which day you would be available. I would like to get an answer by September 15th. If we can get 10 people, then I will contact the new food concession vendor.

Thanks,
SK Albert Villegas

Prayer Requests

Prayers were requested for the following individuals: Marge Natoli, Mary Moore (David Moore's wife), Louis Palacios, Justo Adame (Pete Cantu's uncle) Santos Martinez (Bill Hoagland's mother in law)

Calendar Review

Monday, September 15, 2014 - Council 10209
General Meeting 7pm -- Room 5

Monday, September 15, 2014 - Council Officers
and Chairpersons meeting -- 7pm Room 5

Saturday, September 27, 2014 - Men's Club
Workday -- 8am

Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Monday, September 27th, Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.