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#### MEETING NOTICE K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

<u>When:</u> Monday, December 1 <u>Time:</u> 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/ko fc10209

#### **Grand Knight's Report**

Brother Knights,

I hope to see all of you at our Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Grace Hall. Setup will begin around 1pm if you would like to participate. We will end by 5pm ahead of the Youth Mass. Please RSVP if you have not via eVite. This is a potluck event and the Council will provide spiral cut ham, Rolls, and Salad. We ask families to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert item to share. There will be fun activities for all ages, door prizes, and games. This is a great way to share some fellowship with your fellow council members.

As always if you would like to invite a potential member's family to the event please feel free to do so. This is a great way to show them what the Knights are all about. I know several of you have been in contact with some of the men of the parish we have asked to join the Knights of Columbus. This is another great way to let them know that we would like them to be a part of the Council.

Later in the month on December 13-14 we will have our scheduled fundraiser. We will be doing a BBQ Chicken and Sausage sale. This has been a very successful sale for us in the past. More to come on the event at the meeting.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will help celebrate the Simbang Gabi Novena at St. Paul's. This is a Filipino tradition and promises to be a nice event. There will be no post event reception as Grace Hall is booked but we can certainly support the Novena by participating.

Just a reminder that our First Degree for December has been canceled due to a conflict with the Novena. No no other suitable dates for the event were available on the church calendar.

Lastly, I wanted to encourage all of the Knights and Ladies to join the KofC facebook group if you are a facebook user. It is a useful way to keep track of calendar events and share information quickly. The group is private but is open to all family members of the Knights. You can find the group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/kofc10209/

I wish everyone a blessed Advent season and a joyful Christmas which will be here before you know it! Thank you for everything you do for the Knights of Columbus and St. Paul Catholic Church.

Vivat Jesus! GK Sean McGee

#### Family

We are scheduled for Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for the council Christmas party. We will start at 2pm and end around 5pm.

# Community

We finally have a date for the Blood Drive -Saturday, January 10, 2015 from at least 10am to 3:00pm. If you are interested and would like to sign up to donate blood, please sign-up with the following link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAFAF2FA02blood

Please contact Kevin Russell with questions

## For the Good of the Order...

# Watchfulness

We are entering this Advent season in loving expectation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. We are reminded to "watch," actually in preparation for the second coming of Jesus, as our King coming in glory. As sure as the first coming was expected, and did happen, the promise of the second coming is just as assured in our future. We must be willing to "watch" for the promised signs that it is happening.

I remember in the early days of my military career, when I had the additional duty of guarding the B-52's on alert status at my Northern Michigan base, in the cold of winter, to "watch and be alert". ... to challenge all people. I was told by my sergeant that being vigilant and "watching" for the unexpected was my duty, that no one could enter the perimeter of the "alert area" without proper credentials. I remember thinking that someone would have to be "nuts" to come out to that place, in this extreme winter cold, and attack these airplanes. Then, as I was trained, I learned that I was not looking at the airplanes I was guarding, but I was looking for what should not be there, looking with a trained eye in the direction someone would approach the "alert pad" to do harm to our base's mission.

This is the similar approach we must take in our "watchful" waiting for the second coming of Jesus. We are not looking into the Christmas season for the expected gifts of Christmas presents, but to the presence of the One who said He would return to us in all His glory. We know that He is already present to us, and will always be present, but our "watchful" expectation for the signs of His promised return are an important part of our surrender to God. With that in mind, the seasons of the Church year make sense.

He is coming again, and our greatest virtue in this time of "watchfulness" for that return, is the gift of Hope.

Deacon John Pickwell

#### First Degree Ceremony Canceled

We will not be holding our December First Degree Ceremony at St. Paul's on December 18th. The ceremony conflicts with the Novena mass scheduled that evening in the church and a suitable alternate date could not be found due to other scheduling conflicts. We will reconvene in February 2015.

# **Prayer Requests**

Prayers were requested for the following individuals: Bob and Marge Natoli, Mary Moore (David Moore's wife), Louis Palacios, Michael Snowden, Dennis Goss, Gary Matherson, Mathew Soto, Maria Palacios (Nick Palacios wife), Cyrenna Villegas, Christian Gonzales

#### **Calendar Review**

Monday, December 1, 2014 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7pm – Room 5

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

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

#### **Newsletter Articles**

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, December 26, 2014. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at <u>villegas3732@yahoo.com</u> or by calling 512-799-7422.