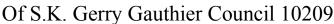


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# MEETING NOTICE K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5
When: Monday, Mar 2, 2015

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**

Brother Knights,

Thanks to everyone one participated in our February events. The Clergy Appreciation dinner was well attended and Council 10209 was well represented by the fine efforts of Kevin Russell and Albert Villegas who were instrumental in planning and producing the event. The dinner itself was fantastic and it was great to see so many Priests, Deacons and Religious members of our Diocese getting the recognition and thanks that they deserve.

The first Friday Soup of the Lenten season was sponsored by our Council. Thank you to Henry Casas for leading the event and to Terri, Ish, Tony, My and Johnnie who all signed up to help. By all accounts it was a successful event and set a great tone for the Lenten season at St. Paul.

March starts off with a bang as we have a chicken and sausage fundraiser scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> after Masses. We will once again be making our homemade sausage for this event. Look for that to occur on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the kitchen most likely starting around 7pm. As an added bonus you can attend the reconciliation event at Church that

same evening! An online signup sheet for the event will be making the rounds this week.

March will also be the busiest month for the Golf Tournament planning. We really need every member to get one prize for the event. Door prizes are an important perk to offer participants in the tournament. Anything can be a door prize. Please use the flyer to solicit donations from a business you frequent or someone you know or you can purchase something yourself and donate it. Please then provide me with the details of the donation so that I can list all sponsors on our 2015 flyer.

We also need everyone to recruit teams for the event. Onion Creek is a fairly exclusive course here in Austin and not everyone can get out to play there as it is a private course. This is a great opportunity to offer your golfing buddies a chance to play a course and support our worthy charities at the same time.

If you are interested in being a delegate of the Council at this year's State Convention in Houston, now is the time to step forward. The event will occur on May 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. More details available at the meeting. We will be welcoming some new members to our Council this month as our recruiting efforts from the Fall have begun to bear some fruit. More details at the meeting!

I look forward to seeing you all Monday night.

GK Sean McGee

Awards:

Knight of the Month for February: Henry Casas for heading up our Friday Lenten Soup.

Family of the Month for January: Albert and Cyrenna Villegas for their work on the Clergy Appreciation Dinner and all that they do for the Knights of Columbus in Austin.

### Community

WHAT: Adopt-A-Street Quarterly Litter Pick-Up

WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 2015

(in conjunction with the Annual City-Wide Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep)

TIME: 8:30-10:30am

WHERE: Meet in church parking lot by the big rock. We will pick up litter along David Moore Rd and around church grounds.

I will have the necessary supplies to include: trash bags, gloves, safety vests, & 1st aid kit.

I will also have water and a snack.

I will need T-shirt sizes of all volunteers prior to March 20, 2015.

Thank you.

SK Rene Gaytan

## **Prayer Requests**

Please continue to pray for the recovery of Louis Palacios. He is recovering at Texas Neurorehab Center on 1106 W. Dittmar Rd. Visiting hours after 4pm on Weekdays and Noon on Saturdays. Please also continue to pray for Gary Matherson (Cancer surgery), Dennis Goss (Parkinsons), Bob Natoli, Jeff Paine, Jim Tompkins, Ace Valdez, Jacob Soto, Don Stafford, Michael Snowden, Mary Moore, Nick Palacios, Mathew Soto

## 2015 Golf Update

Fellow Knights we will hold our Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament at the Onion Creek Golf Club on April 18th, 2 PM Shotgun start.

This event should involve a majority of our membership. There are many ways to become involved. Your involvement as a golfer for starters. If you play golf or want to start this will be a fun way to enjoy a day of golf. Please also invite any friends you may know to play in our event. We also need you to solicit donations such as cash, prizes or services that can be used as raffle prizes.

This event should be well attended and supported by our Knights.

If you want to be a part of the committee or donate, please give me a call 512-971-6822. Let's make a difference in 2015.

Bill Hoagland

# The Good of the Order Deacon John Pickwell

## Our journey begins . . . again."

For many of us, Lent begins with receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday with the phrase, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." I did not receive ashes because I was travelling back to Texas that day. What I did notice though in the airport terminals were the different people who received the mark of their Christianity sometime that day. In seeing those people, it caused me to reflect, what did it mean to them as Christians, "to repent and believe in the Gospel?" Is there a conversion story in their life, did they understand at all . . . what this symbol of their Christianity means? Especially in light of the daily news throughout the world of people willing to destroy those who are Christians, or any other people who do not believe as they do

Our faith in Christianity, particularly, Catholic Christianity, is being challenged on the very streets we live on. God has challenged us to repent and believe in His teaching from the Gospel. We are called into being someone who is His disciple. We are challenged to go and make disciples of all nations . . . all people, everywhere. We have our own Holy mission we received from Jesus in a Baptismal conversion of love, and missioned by the example received from Jesus. We are missioned to bring change in the world to peace . . . not as the world views peace, but as God does. We are called to hear the voice of God, and harden not our hearts. This is not an easy task, in the least.

I am challenged to try and understand just what did the Jews in Jerusalem see that day, in the very presence of the high priest, Pharisees, and elders . . . that caused 3000 people to undergo conversion and be Baptized into the Holy Trinity. What an absolute profession of faith in the face of a very present danger. What caused the primordial church of Jesus to grow so rapidly . . . what stops us today from

growing in our faith. I am challenged this Lent by the fact that there are people close by, who do not want me to "Repent and believe in the Gospel." I am working this Lent to give up this world, and the ways of the prince of darkness, and work on being someone better. Someone who turns away from the ways of this world, and become a better version of myself . . . one who is and lives as a disciple of Jesus . . . lives a life that reflects that belief. Come let us journey together on this road to the Easter Emmaus.

#### **Calendar Review**

Monday, March 2, 2015 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7pm - Room 5

Monday, March 16, 2015 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm Room 5

Saturday, March 28, 2015 -Men's Club Workday – 8am

### **Around the Austin Diocese**

On March 21, 2015, there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at St. Elizabeth parish in Pflugerville, TX. Any Brother Knight interested in becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member, contact Albert Villegas

#### **Newsletter Articles**

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, March 27, 2015. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at <u>villegas3732@yahoo.com</u> or by calling 512-799-7422.



