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<p align="center">MEETING NOTICE K of C Council # 10209 Meets</p> <p><u>Where:</u> St. Paul Church-room 5</p> <p><u>When:</u> Monday, December 7, 2015 <u>Time:</u> 7:00 pm</p>
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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

November was another pretty quick month. The Christmas Bazaar was overall successful thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary and a couple of Knights who came by to help out. Hopefully everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with their families and friends. It was a little tough watching football. Our Corporate Communion was fairly well attended and our support and welcoming for our new Priest Fr Gerold went well. We provided sandwiches at all Masses. Thank you.

We have a few things going on in December. After the Masses this weekend December 12 and 13th, we will be selling Christmas cards and "Persecuted Christians Solidarity Crosses". The Christmas cards will be reduced to sell and 100% of monies from the Crosses will go to this worthy cause of supporting Christians in the Middle East. On December 19th, we will have our Christmas Party in Grace Hall in the early evening. Stay tuned for more details. And finally, we will celebrate Christmas with our families. We have so much to be thankful for. I hope we can reach out and help someone less fortunate than us over the Holidays. If your traveling over the Holidays please be safe.

This time of year, you start looking ahead and we have a lot to do as Knights here at St Paul. There will be ample opportunity to make a difference in 2016. I trust that we will strive to be difference makers.

God bless the Knights of Columbus.

Bill Hoagland
Grand Knight

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Michael Snowden, Gary Matherson, Dennis Goss, Louis Palacios, Jane Goss, Mary Moore, Jeff Payne, Betty Payne, Jim and Janet Elman, Jim Tompkins, Ish Gonzales, Bob Natoli, Wayne Weaver, Jacob Soto, Don Stafford, Nick Palacios, Mathew Soto, Father Hector Vega, Ophelia Cantu, Terry Gonzales, Eduardo Gonzalez, Christine Gonzalez, Norma Nunez, Father James Martin, Patricia Wills, Joe Casas, Sonya Pickwell, Stephanie Weismon and breast cancer survivors

Calendar Review

Monday, December 7, 2015 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7pm – Room 5

Monday, December 21, 2015 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm Room 5

Saturday, December 19, 2015 -Men’s Club Workday – 8am

Good of the Order

Black Friday. Most of us have survived Black Friday 2015, a day that carries a lot of hype and attention. This day marks the beginning of frantic preparations for the secular “Happy Holidays”. People stream to the stores to buy as much as they can, stuff they need and stuff they don’t need. The more you buy the more money you save – doesn’t matter that you buy what is not necessary or may never be used, but just consider the saving. How we get so wrapped up in secular materialism?

Don’t get me wrong, it is not necessarily bad to give gifts to show our love and appreciation for

others. Showing love is always good, but do we give because we want to show our love or do we feel obligated; everyone expects a gift, or I know someone is getting a gift for me so I have to get something for them – uhoh, now is there still love in the giving?

Here is a thought – why not have a Spiritual Black Friday, let’s get hyped up for the coming of our Lord – now that is preparation for love, love that was given to us without expectation of anything in return – just pure love. Maybe we could call it Advent – but where is the hype and attention it deserves? Advent is our preparation for the coming of the Lord.

In the Old Testament times, God prepared the people for the coming of a Messiah by showing them his mercy and by speaking to them through the prophets. In the New Testament, Jesus, the Messiah is born. Because God prepared his people, they could accept and begin to believe in Jesus, though not all.

Today, we begin each liturgical year preparing for the coming of Jesus. Though our Advent preparations culminate with the celebration of Jesus’ birth, we are not preparing for his birth; that happened 2000 or so years ago. What we should remember as we celebrate his birth is that we are preparing for his second coming at the end of time.

As we gift our love ones with material treasures at Christmas, let’s remember the gift God gave to us when he sent his Son to take on our humanity for our salvation, a salvation that had to experience a real black Friday before the glorious resurrection that gave us our salvation.

Wishing you all a happy Advent – Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Lee

Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner

The Greater Austin Area Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is hosting the 23rd Annual Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner on February 4, 2016 at St. Helen’s in Georgetown.

Please join us for a great evening to show our appreciation to all of the religious in our community. Both Bishop Vasquez and Bishop Garcia will be joining us. The format is the same as previous years however it comes very early in February so we are asking Councils to start their

planning early and get their registration in by January 25, 2016 so we can accommodate everyone.

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2016 Golf Tournament Update

Our annual golf tournament is now set for Saturday, March 5, 2016, about 3-months away so it is not too soon to begin confirming golf teams, raffle prizes and sponsors. Please see below for all the important information to reach our goals and have a successful tournament.

General Information: Tournament date: Saturday, March 5th; Jimmy Clay Golf Course; 8:00 a.m. shotgun start; scramble format; \$80 per player of \$320 per team; includes green fees, cart, range balls, BBQ plate, awards, door prizes and more!

2016 Goals: have fun; net \$5,000 as budgeted for this fraternal year; recruit 25-golf teams (net-\$3,200); 30 major sponsors (\$100 value or more, can be monetary donation, raffle prizes or auction items), 3 major auction items (net 500-\$1,000, can be rounds of golf, hotel stay or package or any other item of value), 30 raffle prizes (golf clubs, cool towel, gift cards, golf bag, case of beer); and goodie bag items.

We are off to a great start and this will be the first of many updates to come. Soon I will send out this year's tournament brochure and sponsorship letter. As you visit restaurants and local businesses please see if they will provide a gift card or sponsor a hole this year. Thank you for all you do to make our biggest fundraiser of the year successful.

Thank you,

Chris Jistel, DGK

Major Degree

St Mary's Council 8131 will be hosting
A Major Degree on Saturday, January 16th, 2016
205 W Pecan Lockhart, TX. 78644

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. in the
Religious Education Building (next door to the
Church Hall)
Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast provided after Mass

Degree programs begin at about 9:30 a.m.
Lunch served at completion of the Degree
Ceremonies

Candidate Registration Fee:
With Medallion \$21.00 (includes lunch)
Without Medallion \$23.00 (includes lunch)
Sponsors staying for lunch \$10.00

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Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, January 1, 2016. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.