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<p align="center">MEETING NOTICE K of C Council # 10209 Meets</p> <p>Where: St. Paul Church-room 5</p> <p>When: Monday, February 1, 2016 Time: 7:00 pm</p>

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 Knight's,

Hopefully everybody had an overall good Christmas Season. Hopefully the New Year has been good to you so far.

The Council for the most part is off to a good start this year. Our Fund Raiser went really well and we had a good turnout to make it a success. Thanks for all who helped.

This next month will be extremely busy. This week we have the Clergy Appreciation dinner followed up by our Recruitment Weekend on the 6th and 7th. This would be a good opportunity to invite someone you know to Grace Hall for refreshments and a short spiel on what we are all about. Also, we begin Lenten season with Ash Wednesday, February 10th. We start the Lenten Soup Dinner's, after Station of the Crosses February 12th. And all along were getting ready for our Annual Golf Tournament on March 5th. If you haven't already pledged something to help our Golf Tournament, please consider what you can help with.

Please let your wives know that on April 16th,

in Grace Hall, we will be hosting our lovely ladies, to a wonderful dinner. We'll take that time to show them how much we appreciate them for all they do for us in a group setting. More information to follow.

What makes the Knight's of Columbus so special? Just look in the mirror, it's you. I challenge all Knight's to see where they can help out to make a difference here at St Paul.

God Bless the Knight's of Columbus,

Bill Hoagland
Grand Knight

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Mary Moore, Gayle Ferguson, Bob Natoli, Mike Snowden, Louis Palacios, Fr.Hector, Jeff Payne, Roy Ramirez, Ish Gonzalez, Jack and Patricia Wills, James Meny, Mathew Soto, Norma Nunez, Katherine Clark, Carlos Mendoza, Bill Bunten, Denise Goss, Barry Kennedy, John Kennedy, Alex Garza, Mary Garcia, Benito Mendoza, Gary Matherson, Jane Goss, Betty Payne, Jim and Janet Elman, Jim Tompkins, Bob Natoli, Wayne Weaver, Jacob Soto, Don Stafford, Nick Palacios, Ophelia Cantu, Terry Gonzales, Eduardo Gonzalez, Christine Gonzalez, Joe Casas, Sonya Pickwell, Stephanie Weismon and breast cancer survivors

Calendar Review

Monday, February 1, 2016 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7pm – Room 5

Monday, February 15, 2016 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm Room 5

Saturday, February 27, 2016 -Men's Club Workday – 8am

Good of the Order

For I was hungry and you gave me food... Matthew 25:35

The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

For the Good of the Order...
As I am preparing this article, I am also preparing

myself for a trip to Nicaragua to see the face of the poor and hope that in some little way may bring Christ's love to them by being present and with them, even if just briefly. I will be in Nicaragua on a mission trip with Food For The Poor from January 25 – 29. My preparations for this trip are more than just packing a suitcase; I must prepare myself emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually as well – I feel deep within me, a nervous excitement, a reluctance and at the same time an eagerness to go. A reluctance because I would prefer to stay home with my bride where I am comfortable; an eagerness because I feel drawn to come closer to the least of Christ's brethren.

Jesus tells us "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). God loves us so much that he became one of us to save us and he calls us to be people who love like he does. We must love others enough to save them as he did – recall the story of the loaves and fishes (John 6:1-15) Jesus fed the people because they were hungry. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are love put into action.

The first corporal work of mercy is to feed the hungry and that is the work I want to focus on in this article. St. James in his Epistle says: "If a brother or sister has...no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat well', but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? (James 2:15-16) To feed the hungry is not an option for the Christian. Jesus makes it clear that we must take care of others if we hope to get to heaven – read Matthew 25:31-46.

So what does "feed the hungry" look like practically, how can we feed the hungry? There are so many! One way is to give money on a monthly basis – doesn't have to be a lot – to support an organization that takes care of feeding the poor. There are many such organizations – I particularly like HEIFER INTERNATIONAL because they help the poor not only by providing food for the day, but also providing assistance and training so that one family at a time can pull itself out of poverty, and they require the family they help to then help a neighboring family by providing a product of their new source of income and mentoring to the family so they too can begin their

own success story. I also like Food for the Poor because they too do more than just hand out food for the day, they work to improve the life of the poor by providing clean water sources, legitimate housing, and other important necessities for life we often take for granted. Catholic Relief Services and the Diocesan Services Appeal are also deserving of our consideration for donation that ultimately will help feed the hungry.

Other practical ways to feed the hungry include adopting a child in a foreign country, one organization through which you can do that is Compassion International. You can donate to a food bank, volunteer at a food pantry or an organization like CARITAS that feeds people. You can make sandwiches and take them to the homeless, an easy way to do this is to volunteer to help Mobile Loaves and Fishes here in Austin. You can carry change in your pocket or keep a little in the cup holder of your car and each time you meet a beggar, give him or her something, even if it is just a quarter and give them a smile as well. If you are reluctant to give them money because you are afraid they will use it to buy drugs or alcohol, keep \$5.00 McDonald's gift cards in your car and give them to the beggars so that they can get something to eat. There are many things you can do; you just have to do it.

So think about what you can do and then turn those thoughts into reality. God wants to use you for his glory. He wants to use you to reach out and feed others. Let God use you and start to change the world! And then be one who hears Jesus say: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Matthew 25:34-35)

Vivat Jesus!

1st Annual Mass for Families

Join Us for the 1st Annual Mass for Families of the Austin Diocese sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Diocesan Office of Family Life

Come Celebrate the Family and Pray with Bishop Joe Vasquez for the Protection of Families at St Mary's Cathedral in Austin 203 East 10th Street on Saturday March 12, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

Reception after Mass in the St Mary's School gym. Come enjoy coffee, juice and a sweet treat. At the reception, various resource materials will be available on many family support programs.

Parking available in the Cathedral parking garage. Bring your ticket to reception for validation.

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2016 Golf Tournament Update

Our annual golf tournament is on Saturday, March 5, 2016, about 1-month 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.

Thank you for all you do to make our biggest fundraiser of the year successful.

Thank you,

Chris Jistel, DGK

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Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, February 26, 2016. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.