



# The Knight Newsletter

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<p align="center"><b>MEETING NOTICE</b>  <b>K of C Council # 10209 Meets</b></p> <p><b>Where: St. Paul Church-room 5</b></p> <p><b>When: Monday, March 7, 2016</b>  <b>Time: 7:00 pm</b></p>
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### Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

We have certainly been busy. I feel very good about our efforts so far into the New Year. We enjoyed the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, had a Recruitment drive that will pay dividends, kicked off the Lenten Soup Dinner's with Ladies Auxiliary's help. Thank you Ladies. We then worked over the past three weekend's to help clear brush on the Unused portion of the Church Property and helped entice more help by providing Sausage Wraps and Hamburger's to those who helped this past Saturday. And top it off, we got through our biggest Fund Raiser of the year, our Annual Golf Tournament. There are so many to thank. Chris Jistel did an awesome job of organizing our Golf tournament. It ran smoothly and we will be pleasantly surprised at the results of our tournament. Another huge effort by Bob Fonseca for his Fund Raising efforts. His efforts truly made a difference for our tournament and those who played. Sean McGee for putting together the signs for all of our sponsors. The guys who helped on day of tournament, Ralph Alaniz, Joe Sanchez, Bob Fonseca, Bob Meny and Brian Touhy. And lastly to all who played or donated to our tournament I can only say "Thank you for your

generous donations of time, talent and treasure." None of this is possible without you. I'm sure I left someone out. I truly apologize and will try to make it up to you.

As we move forward this Spring, I want to wish all who participate in Spring Break activities or travels to please be safe.

Again, a reminder, that on April 16th, we will have our Wives Appreciation Dinner Event. We will discuss more at Officer's Meeting this month.

God bless the Knights of Columbus.

Bill Hoagland  
Grand Knight

### Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Louis Palacios, Bob Natoli, Gayle Ferguson, Bob Fonseca, Mike Snowden, Marilyn Pickwell, Sonya Pickwell, Stephanie Wiseman, Denise Goss, Fr. Hector Vega, Roy Ramirez, Jeff Payne, Jim & Jan Elman, Ish Gonzalez, James Meny, Jack and Patricia Wills, Mathew Soto, Norma Nunez, Katherine Clark, Carlos Mendoza, Bill Bunten, Maria Garcia, Erin Tuohy, Bill McGee, Israel Mendoza. Mary Moore, Don Stafford, Christina Cortinas, Gary Matherson, Mary Borel & Rita, Dcn Dan Pearson

### Calendar Review

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

Monday, March 21, 2016 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm Meeting location to be determined

Saturday, March 26, 2016 -Men's Club Workday – 8am

### Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order...  
This month's article is adapted from "Tireless Mercy" written by Father Mike Schmitz in Beautiful Mercy, Dynamic Catholic Institute.

...*forgive us...as we forgive...*

Few commands of Christ are more ignored or overlooked than his instruction to forgive others as God has forgiven us. It is not just that forgiveness is difficult to do; it is that few people understand what forgiveness really is. Whether the offense is unimaginably large or a daily jab, we are called to *forgive offenses willingly*.

It is critical to understand what forgiveness is not. Forgiveness is not saying, "no problem", or "there is nothing to forgive". Forgiveness is not forgetting, and forgiveness does not mean that you trust the other person. Forgiveness does not necessarily mean that the relationship is restored; and forgiveness is not an event.

The Christian ideal of *mercy* is based on the Christian understanding of justice. Justice is paying back what you owe (or getting back what another owes you). We cannot have mercy without justice and no one can be merciful unless s/he knows how much offering mercy will cost him/her. This is what it is to *forgive offenses willingly*.

*Willingly* is not the same as *easily*. It means that a person is not forced into choosing forgiveness because of a lack of options. We can probably all think of situations in which we, or someone we know, were forced to forgive because we had to keep a person in our life – a coworker, a family member, a spouse – and that relationship ultimately festered. In this case forgiveness was not *willed*; the offense was merely ignored as long as possible.

As long as there is a unifying factor (Mom and Dad) in case of siblings, or perhaps children in case of husband and wife, relationships without real forgiveness, may continue to exist, but when the unifying factor is gone, often the relationships are broken.

Real forgiveness has to come from a place of strength; as long as a person sees himself as merely a victim, he will never be able to forgive. Not because he doesn't want to or isn't good enough to offer forgiveness, but because mercy can only be offered by someone who acknowledges his own dignity as well as the weight of the offense to his dignity.

The one who truly forgives has made the decision to tell the truth about her/himself: that while not

perfect, s/he is essentially good, worthy of love, and does not deserve to be hurt, used, or degraded as s/he was. S/He is willing to tell the truth about what the offense cost him/her. If a person has not discovered this truth – this strength – his/her act of mercy will often (if not always) be an act of a doormat. A Christian who offers forgiveness may absorb another person's act of callousness or injustice, but he does this through an act of the will, aided by God's grace and strength.

Our emotions are a real part of who we are and unfortunately many of us make the mistake of basing our decisions on how we are feeling. When forgiveness is an act of the will, the person does not have to be upset or troubled when his or her emotions are still disturbed. But again, forgiveness does not imply that the wounds or scars of the offense have disappeared and often we may continue to suffer a great deal from the wounds of the past.

While forgiveness is a decision – an act of the will, it is not an event. For many of us, forgiveness is a process that takes time and includes steps. First, we must realize that we have been hurt – too often we ignore or dismiss our feelings as unimportant. It is important to acknowledge the pain. Second, since mercy is rooted in justice, we need to weigh what the offender “owes” us as a result of the offense. This is crucial because forgiveness is not an emotion; it is an act of the will (and grace). Therefore, if we are truly going to choose mercy, we must use our intellect to know what the mercy will cost. Third, after adding up the cost, we choose to “release the debt” as the king did for his servant in Matthew 18:21-27.

This doesn't mean “I trust you” or “I feel great about you”, it simply means, “I will not make you pay me back”. When the Christian is called to *forgive offenses willingly* s/he is called to make this one decision: “While justice demands that you give me back what you owe me, I will not make you pay me back, I release you from your debt”. I will not hold a grudge against you.

Because forgiveness is not an event, you may have to repeat this process many times for the same offense, perhaps 7 times 70 times.

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

This year's golf tournament was very successful due to the generosity of so many Knights and family members. We are well on our way to reach our financial goals we set early on in the planning process and I have many to thank for their time, talent and monetary contributions. First, to Bob Fonseca for coordinating with so many businesses and vendors for the all of the drink donations, gift cards from restaurants, discounts cards for our goodie bag, and monetary donations. Bob Fonseca collected over \$800 in sponsorship dollars. I also, want to thank Deacon Lee Jan and Robby Jan for adding 12 rounds of golf for prizes and our auction, to Ken Moore and Carlos Mendoza for the hotel stay donations, and to Richard Hood for donating \$500 and a team from Hoody's Sub Shop in Round Rock. Thank you to all of the Knights for putting 20 teams together and for all of the hole sponsor donations. Sean McGee as always did an outstanding job on putting all of the signs together

and the tournament brochure. Everyone has stepped up and did something that added so much value to our tournament to make it very successful. Thanks again and God Bless each of you.

Next Fraternal Year Officers:

Please prayerfully consider becoming an officer for this upcoming fraternal year beginning July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017. Let me know if you have any interest being the Deputy Grand Knight, recorder, warden or one of the guards. We are looking to some of our new members who have made their 3rd degree and looking to make a difference in our Council, Church and Community. More discussion about these positions and the responsibilities in the upcoming business meetings.

Thanks you,

Chris Jistel, DGK

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**Newsletter Articles**

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