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

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Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

We are off to a great start this fraternal year. The budget is approved, we have installed the new officers, conducted the first business meeting and officer's meeting in July and now the next step is to fill our service program director positions. The service programs serve as an important role for a successful year and include activities in Church, Community, Council, Family, Cultural of Life, and Youth. We are all encouraged to implement programs that help make a difference to our parish and community. As Knights we are all called to serve and the service programs allow us to come together at different events such as Corporate Communion, the Fall Festival, our annual golf tournament, wives appreciation dinner and the Boy Scouts Retirement Flag Ceremony just to name a few. Please consider becoming a director of one these categories. Over the years our council has established a solid foundation for all of the events and programs we provide and we are all here to support our Program Service Directors.

Over the last couple of weeks there have been several events I would like to inform you about. First, Father Gerold and I met with representatives

from the Boy Scouts Capitol Area office, Troop 403 Scoutmaster and Pack 403 Cub-master and discussed the transition of the charter organization going from KC 10209 to St. Paul's parish as required from our Supreme Council. Our council provided a letter releasing Troop 403 and Pack 403 as the charter and allowing St. Paul's and Father Gerold to fill out the necessary application to become the new Charter Organization and this was all completed on Thursday, July 21, 2016. Our council will continue to participate and provide support in scouting activities at St. Paul's as we have in past years including, assisting Father Gerold with any necessary guidance, the Kyle McGlothin service award, the Flag Retirement Ceremony, and Eagle and service projects.

Next, our council hosted the Greater Austin Area Chapter meeting in Grace Hall on Monday, July 25, 2016 providing a delicious fajita dinner for 35 of their members. I want to thank Ralph Alaniz for purchasing all of the food and necessary supplies for the event. Charlie Davila and Don Stafford for cooking and running the bar-be-que pit and also I want to thank all of the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary who help prepare and set up for the event. I think the GAAC members were very impressed with the support from our Council.

Finally, I'm looking forward to the next couple months with several opportunities to get involved in activities in the parish and with our council. In August we will be attending the Supreme Convention dinner in Austin, assisting Deacon Lee with the altar server appreciation event, and conducting a 1st degree ceremony. In September the parish will be hosting our annual Fall Festival on Friday, September 23rd and 24th. Football season is quickly approaching so as in years past we are selling the 2016 Football Frenzy, this is a state fundraiser with cash prizes and if you are interest in purchasing a card please see Kevin Russell. The cost is \$10.00 and runs for 10-weeks beginning October 30th.

Fraternally,

Chris Jistel, GK

Prayer Requests

Prayers requested for the following individuals: Bob Fonseca, Mike Snowden, Gayle Ferguson, Ish Gonzalez, Vince Boyle, EA Trevino, Mary Borel, Chita Palacios, Fr. Hector, Ariya Villegas, Bob Natoli, Jeff Payne, Roy Ramirez, Lakeway Family, Persecuted Christians and the families and repose of the souls of Louis Palacios and Rudy Salazar, The Dallas and Baton Rouge Police Officers.

Calendar Review

Monday, August 1, 2016 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7:00pm – Room 5

Monday, August 15, 2016 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm

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

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Brothers,

Prayer – Faith – Fear

In Matthew, Chapter 14, we read about Peter walking on water until he becomes afraid, not of walking on the water, but the storm around him. He calls out to Jesus to save him. After Jesus pulls him from the water he says to Peter, “Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

What did Jesus mean? I believe Jesus was telling Peter -- telling us -- that ‘you’ who have just a little faith can do much – see what you did with the faith you do have – you walked on water! But what happened, why did Peter begin to sink? Because he let fear replace faith!

Just think what we could do if we could increase our faith just a little. With a strong faith we will not have fear. Faith replaces fear and as we see with Peter, fear can diminish faith. There is just not enough “room” for faith and fear to be in our hearts at the same time, unless we are talking Fear of the Lord which is a different kind of fear and is actually a strong faith.

How do we grow in faith? Frequent prayer is a good start. Sometimes when we pray we get a good “fuzzy-warm” feeling and other times maybe not so much. In fact we may recite or read a prayer and not remember what we prayed or even feel like we prayed. That is okay, we are human -- God made us that way -- so we should not judge our prayer – only God judges and who are we to understand how he judges. Think of prayer as communication with God. If we begin to judge how effective our prayer is, then we begin to judge God, since he is a participant in the communication. We must let God be the judge.

I have personally experienced increased faith and displaced fear through prayer. Over the years I have gradually increased prayer in my life and my prayer life (meaning I try to live more prayerfully in my daily actions). Today, I pray every day. I devote a little time specifically to God in prayer each morning and evening for formalized prayer, but I also pray, sometimes just bringing Jesus to my consciousness, throughout the day as I go about daily activities, and I go to daily Mass often.

Looking back I realize I began to increase my prayer life, my spiritual life, and my intimacy with God when I began making a holy hour regularly with the Blessed Sacrament during exposition and adoration. These regular visits with Jesus grew into frequent daily communications with my God. I am not saying everyone must do this (though it would not be bad if everyone did), but I mention it to demonstrate how my prayer life increased my faith enough to help me weather the “storm” that entered my life.

In July, 2012, Vicki experienced a life threatening anaphylactic reaction and I came close to losing the most precious thing in my life – but never during the episode did I have a sense of fear. I was certainly shaken as I watched Vicki in distress and wanted to help her, but never feared that I would lose her. I do not recall asking God at the time to let her stay, but I am confident that because of my faith through daily prayer, God gave me what I wanted most, even without my asking. He gave Vicki back to me.

God answers our prayers giving us what we need at the time we have need. If I did not have a relationship with God, I probably would have turned to him and pleaded that he let her stay with me. But I

did not feel a need to plead; I just trusted that God would do whatever was best.

Think how you can increase prayer in your life and invite your family to pray with you. Franklin D. Roosevelt once said “there is nothing to fear but fear itself.” With a strong faith and trust in God we do not have to live with fear.

Vivat Jesus

Happy Birthday!

August birthdays:

- Father Hector Vega 2nd
- Nonito Caya 3rd
- Rolando Rivera 4th
- Johnny Muller 9th
- Deacon John Pickwell 31st

Up coming Events

4th Degree Fall Exemplification
District 6
October 15, 2016
Thomas P Shields Assembly 2370
Harker Heights

Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, August 27, 2016. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.