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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church- room 5

When: Monday, October 3, 2016

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,

October is great month to be a member of the Knights of Columbus with our upcoming fundraiser, family social at Westgate Lanes and recruiting new members. This month will be an opportunity for us to get some exposure within the parish and let everyone know about the services, programs and opportunities of being member of our Order.

Our next fundraiser is on the weekend of October 8th and 9th and we will be selling fajita taco plates after all masses. I want to thank Sean McGee and Bill Hoagland for coordinating this fundraiser and have more information and a sign-up sheet at our next business meeting Monday, October 3rd.

This year, for our annual family picnic, we are going to do something a little different. Our event will be held on Sunday, October 16th at Westgate Lanes to test your bowling skills, watch some football and socialize. This is also a great event to invite any new potential Knight candidates and their families to come out and get to know what the Knights are all about. Thanks again to Sean McGee for taking the lead for this Fall social.

In the month of October, we will be conducting our annual membership drive and looking for a few good men and their families to strengthen our council and

their support of our parish and community. Do you know of any potential candidates, if so bring 2-3 names of potential candidates to our next business meeting as we will be creating a list to send them a personal letter from Father Gerold to join our council. We will also host a membership open house after each mass in Grace Hall on the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. This will be our opportunity to introduce our service programs, social and fraternal activities, membership benefits and the satisfaction of developing friendships.

The Fall Festival is one of the most important and influential events that occurs each year at St. Paul's to bring our parish families together for a common goal. I want to thank everyone who participated in making this year's festival a success, there are way too many volunteers name everyone. But I would like to make a special "shout out" to Charlie Davila and Marty Brown for preparing the BBQ pits and cooking turkey legs on both Friday and Saturday of the event, this is such a relief knowing that we have an experience pit crew so the rest of us can focus on all the other necessary tasks at the Knights booth. I also want to thank Deacon Lee Jan, Bob Meny, Johnny Muller, and Marvin "The Grill Master" Perez and his wife Mary Ann for working the Knight's booth on both Friday and Saturday as well. It is great to see so many Knights and their families volunteering their time and talents in many different roles of the festival and all to make St. Paul's a better parish community.

Faternally,

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, Eugene Borel, Chita Palacios, Fr. Hector, Bob Natoli, Jeff Payne, Roy Ramirez, Carlos Mendoza, repose Deacon Danny Pearson's mom, Mary Ellen (Sean's mom), Devin Wills mom, Mathew Soto, Mellisa Mendoza, Charlie Davila

Calendar Review

Monday, October 3, 2016 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7:00pm – St. Paul Parish – Room 5

Sunday, October 16, 2016 - Westgate Lanes Family Bowling – 1:45 pm

Monday, October 17, 2016 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm

Saturday, October 29, 2016 -Men's Club Workday – 8am

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Litter pick-up at on David Moore Rd. , begins at 8:30 am

Happy Birthday!

September birthdays:

- Don Stafford – 10/1
- Chris Hotz – 10/5
- Kiet Tran – 10/6
- Marvin Perez – 10/11
- Chris Krejci – 10/15
- Carlos Mendoza 10/20
- Bob Meny – 10/21
- Henry Casas – 10/24
- Miguel Salazar – 10/28
- Tony Flores Sr. 10/29

Up coming Events

Golf Tournament Update:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4th 8:00 a.m. shotgun start! Our annual golf tournament date is now set and we will be hosting at Roy Kizer Golf Course. We are 5 months away so it's not too early to begin recruiting teams and sponsors.

Thank you, Bill Hoagland and Brian Tuohy

Family Fun

Our Family picnic this year will be held at Westgate Lanes in south Austin on Sunday October 16th starting at 1:45pm. We will bowl for 2 hours starting at 2pm and bowling fees will be paid by the Council. Food and drink is available for purchase at the facility. You are welcome to attend even if you are not interested in bowling. There are tables to sit at behind each of the lanes.

Please RSVP and indicate the number in your party that will be bowling so we can get a sufficient number of lanes for the event. Please do so by October 9th!

Signup Link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badab2faa8-family>

Any questions regarding the event please let me know. Also if you did not receive a separate invitation email directly from Signup Genius please shoot me an email so I can add you to the email list on that site for Council 10209. This will usually apply to new members who have recently joined the Council.

Thanks,
Sean McGee

Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-up

Brother Knights,

The next litter pick up is scheduled for:

Saturday, Oct 29, 2016
8:30-10:00am

Let me know if you wish to volunteer by responding to this email or calling me at 512-659-8255. (Leave me a message if i do not answer)

Thanks.
Rene

Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order...

I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. Ezekiel 36:27

Brothers,

Next month our nation will be selecting new leaders. It is important that we, as people of this country, exercise our political responsibility by preparing and forming our consciences in light of Catholic teaching and then exercising our duty of voting. The Church does not tell us who or for which party to vote, but the Catholic Bishops of the U. S. do call us to respond to our political responsibility with a properly formed conscience.

“Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Catholic Church” (USCCB). When we listen to the voice of God resounding in our hearts He reveals the truth to us, and thereby our conscience is properly formed and calls us to do what is good and shun what is evil. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “In all he says and does, man is obligated to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right.”

To properly form our conscience we must first have a desire to embrace goodness and truth by seeking the truth and what is right through studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church as contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices and finally prayerfully reflecting on that information to discern God’s will as best we can.

We must guard against voting according to emotions: whether we like or dislike this or that person, whether this or that person or party will benefit us personally from a materialistic perspective. “The Church’s teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good – by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment – it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended” (USCCB).

“There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called ‘intrinsically evil’ actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be

supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others. It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.” (USCCB)

As we discern our choices in this upcoming election we may conclude that there is no choice that perfectly fits our moral model. This does not mean we should not vote, we must vote, because if we do not vote because we are not comfortable with our choices, we end up giving more weight to the vote of those who do not follow our, or any, moral compass. As we discern how to cast our vote, we will find that no single candidate or party totally satisfies our moral preferences, so we must vote for the choices that most closely comply with our moral Catholic beliefs and we absolutely must not vote for intrinsically evil policies, nor those who are likely to promote and implement intrinsically evil policies, such as abortion and euthanasia.

Vivat Jesus!

[USCCB quotes from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*]

Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, October 28, 2016. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.