



# The Knight Newsletter

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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**K of C Council # 10209 Meets**

**Where: St. Paul Church- room 5**

**When: Monday, December 5, 2016**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

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<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/kofc10209>

**Grand Knight's Report**

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving spending time with family and friends and looking forward to Advent and the Christmas season as we have several events coming up to help us celebrate this special time of year.

Our annual Christmas party is on Saturday, December 10th after the 5:00 p.m. mass in Grace Hall. We will have a potluck dinner with the Knights providing a spiral ham and tamales and everyone can bring their favorite side dish or dessert. The party is always a fun time for all ages including fellowship, door prizes and games. If you know of any families or potential new candidates please invite them so they can see what we are all about.

This month we are also conducting a poster contest for all children ages 5 – 14. Bill Hoagland and I have been working with Ana Jackoskie to have the religious education students at St. Paul's participate. The theme this year is "Keep Christ in Christmas" and is an excellent way for the young members of our parish to think about the true spiritual meaning of Christmas. Once we receive the posters from the children then we will select a first and second place winner in each age group, 5-7; 8-10 and 11-14. Gift cards will be given to

each of the winners and all participants will receive a certificate.

This is the season for the collection of our annual dues for 2017. We will try to save some funds by not mailing more billing statements than necessary. Please pay your dues without having to receive a billing notice. Bill Hoagland will be collecting dues at our Business Meeting on Monday, December 5th, or leave in the KC box at church or you can mail your payment to him at 1260 Verna Brooks Way, Kyle, Texas 78640.

Our annual golf tournament date is now set for Saturday, March 4th at Roy Kizer Golf Course in South Austin. The tournament is three months away so it's not too soon to confirm your golf teams, collect raffles prizes and receive sponsorships to help support our biggest fundraiser of the year. This will be our primary focus in the new year as the success of this tournament has a direct impact on the number of college scholarships we can provide. Our goal for 2017 like last year is to net \$5,000.

For our Knight of the Month, the Officer's would like to recognize Johnie Muller for the month of November. Johnie is a very active member of our council and parish spends many Saturdays assisting the Men's Club with church grounds, serves as Sacristan, drives the Marbridge bus, participates in our fundraisers and is our Pro-Life representative.

For our Family of the Month, the Officer's would like to recognize the Ralph Alaniz family for the month of November. Ralph and his family were instrumental in coordinating, preparing and making tamales for our November fundraiser. Ralph and his family spent many hours preparing the pork and organizing the tamale making day with over 100 dozen. Ralph is an active member of our council and parish coordinating fundraisers, cooking at the Fall Festival and serving as a greeter.

Please continue to pray for our Brother Knights and family member who are ill or in distressed during this time of year. We have quite a few going through some rough times so let's continue to support and be there in their time of need.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Chris Jistel, GK

## Prayer Requests

Prayers requested for the following individuals: Michael Snowden, Gayle Ferguson, Father Hector, Jeff Payne, Eugene Borel, Ishmael Gonzales, Jane Elman, Bob Fonseca, Bonnie Law, Ophelia Cantu, Anita Gonzales, Mike Jakowski's Godfather

## Calendar Review

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

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – Council Christmas party

Monday, December 19, 2016 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm

Sunday, December 25, 2016 – Christmas

## Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays:

- Gayle Ferguson – 12/1
- Carlos Chapa - 12/4
- Willie Castillo – 12/5
- Mike Jackoskie – 12/7
- Deacon Lee Jan - 12/7
- Bob Fonseca - 12/8
- Ish Gonzalez – 12/9
- Father Gerold Langsch, ISP – 12/14
- Ken Mayes – 12/21
- Kevin Russell - 12/22

## 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

## Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order...

Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta said: “Advent is like springtime in nature when everything is renewed, fresh, and healthy. Advent refreshes us, makes us healthy and able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us. At Christmas, he comes as a little child, small, helpless, and in need of his mother and all that a mother’s love can give. His mother’s humility enabled her to serve. If we really want God to fill us, we must empty ourselves through humility of all the selfishness within us.”

The Advent season is upon us, and with it comes a new opportunity to give ourselves completely to the Lord as we prepare to celebrate his coming into the world as a vulnerable baby and at the same time renew our efforts of preparing ourselves for his second coming. I would like to share with you a reflection by Heidi Hess Saxton, author of *Advent with Saint Teresa of Calcutta*:

*The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed...” When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, “Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.” —Matthew 8:8, 10*

Every time I say these words at Mass, I am reminded of the man who, despite the power and authority he wielded in the world, had the humility to recognize his own limitations. In the end, the desperate father threw himself on the mercy of his last—and, as it turns out, his greatest—hope.

We see this same simple humility and surrender in the life of Saint Teresa— for her, it was her greatest source of peace and joy from the earliest days of her vocation. When she left the Loreto Convent to begin her mission to the poorest of the poor, she had only three plain saris and five rupees (at that time worth about one American dollar). But she had faith that God would guide and provide for her.

This posture of trustful surrender is one that faces many of us at some point in our lives. Financial pressures, a child’s illness, marital disharmony, or any number of other personal challenges bring us to the end of ourselves and cause us to prostrate

ourselves—literally or emotionally—before the throne of grace. “Help me, God. I’m not worthy... but I’m asking you to help me anyway. Just because I know you can.”

Vivat Jesus

## Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, December 30, 2016. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at [villegas3732@yahoo.com](mailto:villegas3732@yahoo.com) or by calling 512-799-7422.