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# The Knight Newsletter

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

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

**When: Monday, March 6, 2017**

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**Time: 7:00 pm**

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**Grand Knight's Report**

First, I want to thank everyone who participated in this past month's events including the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Corporate Communion and the fajita taco and baked goods fundraiser. Also, I appreciate everyone's support with our upcoming events such as the golf tournament, membership recruiting drive and to Terri Gonzalez and the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing the first Lenten soup dinner after the Stations of the Crosses.

Last month we had a lot of fun while raising a few funds for the council charities at our fajita taco and baked goods fundraiser. It was good to see so many of our members participating and helping make the baked goods and tacos. I want to thank Ralph Alaniz for coordinating, purchasing the supplies and cooking the fajita meat. Bill and Linda Jensen should be applauded for making and donating so many cakes, cookies, muffins and chocolate candy and providing so much value to the fundraiser.

This year's golf tournament will be another successful fundraiser as we will be reaching our goal netting \$5,000 after expenses. This is a huge achievement and everyone should be commended for their contribution whether as a volunteer on tournament day, a player, sponsoring a hole or receiving raffle prizes, and all roles are important to the success of the tournament. I want to thank a few individuals who made a significant contribution with their time and efforts. Bob Fonseca for acquiring monetary

donations, gift cards from restaurants and the beer, the Jensen's (Bill and Linda) for all their work getting local restaurants to donate gift cards and golf rounds, Bill Hoagland our tournament director for coordinating and working with the food vendor and golf course, Sean McGee for making all the signs and brochures; and Deacon Lee Jan and Robby Jan for obtaining rounds of golf from area golf courses for our auction items.

In the month of March, we will be conducting a membership recruiting 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 names of potential candidates to our next business meeting as we will be creating a list to send them a personal letter to join our council. The best recruiting effort can be asking current and new parishioners if they are interested in being a member of the Knights of Columbus. We can also look at the current RCIA members, place a letter in the bulletin, and read a message from the pulpit. Let's come prepared to discuss and finalize these options and more at our next business meeting.

For our Knight of the Month, the Officer's would like to recognize Bob Fonseca for the month of February. Bob is an active member of our parish as he serves as a Lector and is a major contributor to our golf tournament. Bob did a remarkable job receiving monetary sponsorships and businesses to donate items such as the drinks, beer, and gift cards from restaurants. Thank you, Bob for all you do for our council and parish community.

For our Family of the Month, the Officer's would like to recognize the Brant Davis family for the month of February. Brant and his wife Angela recently transferred to St. Paul's and our council from Utah. Both have become involved with our council as Angela is an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary and Brant with our council activities. I want to thank them for supporting our last fundraiser with making and selling baked goods and tacos.

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, March 6, 2017 - Council 10209 General Meeting  
7:00pm – St. Paul Parish – Room 5

Monday, March 20, 2017 - Council Officers and Chairpersons meeting – 7pm

Saturday, March 25, 2017 -Men's Club Workday – 8am

### Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

Charlie Davila – 3/12

Carlos De La Garza -- 3/3

Joe Del Rio – 3/11

Sean McGee – 3/26

Nicolas Palacios – 3/9

### Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order...

It's here. Lent began just a few days ago on Ash Wednesday. During Lent we are asked to do three things: pray, fast, and give alms.

What is prayer, and how should we pray? Prayer is intimate communion and conversation with God. Judging from Jesus' own life, prayer is something that we ought to do often, especially at key moments of our lives.

How should we pray? Bishop Robert Barron says you have to pray with faith, and according to Jesus' model, you have to pray with forgiveness. The efficacy of prayer seems to depend on the reconciliation of differences. You also have to pray with persistence. One reason that we don't receive what we want through prayer is that we give up too easily. Augustine said that God sometimes delays in giving us what we want because he wants our hearts to expand. And we have to pray in Jesus' name. In doing so we are relying on his influence with the Father, trusting that the Father will listen to him.

When we think of fasting we often first think of being hungry or giving up something we like. But we can and should fast from those things that keep us from growing closer to God. What are those things? They can be a number of things, TV, for example, or being Martha, preoccupied with the daily chores and activities of life, things that leave us little or no time for prayer, Scripture reading, or spiritual reflection.

I am not saying give up all TV or stop doing daily chores

or work, but I am suggesting we fast from TV and being Martha-like, and take the better as Mary did in choosing to listen to Jesus instead of staying in the kitchen as Martha. We still have to take care of daily responsibilities, but maybe we can refocus our priorities and fast from those activities long enough to give time to listen to Jesus in prayer and reflecting on Scripture. But don't forget the two church days of fasting – Ash Wednesday (now past) and Good Friday, days on which we are asked to truly fast from food and drink, although we can have one moderate meal and two smaller meals and water, but no snacks in between meals.

Finally, alms giving. All that we have comes from God; God blessed us with so many good things, but the gifts he gives to us are to be shared with those who did not receive as many gifts. While it is good for us to do what we can to be self-sufficient and take care of our families, we must also keep in mind what Jesus asks us to do: to love one another as he has loved us, and we do that by showing compassionate love and mercy to others, especially those most in need. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Recall the parable of the rich fool in Luke's gospel. The man had a bountiful harvest, so much so that his barns were not large enough to store all the produce, so he tore down the barns and built new bigger ones so he could store all his riches for himself, but before he could use any of what he had stored, he died.

So as we provide for our own needs and future through working, saving, investments, or whatever means, let us be careful not to be greedy. During this lent, make an effort to share some of your wealth with those less fortunate.

Vivat Jesus

Deacon Lee



### Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, March 31, 2017. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at [villegas3732@yahoo.com](mailto:villegas3732@yahoo.com) or by calling 512-799-7422.