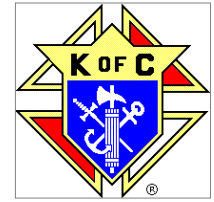




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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church- room 5

When: Monday, May 1, 2017, 2017

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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

The fraternal year is quickly coming to an end with only two months remaining. It's the time of year where we begin voting in a new slate of officers, discussing budget adjustments while finishing the current year business with a chance to reach our goals set out 10 months ago. We have a busy month ahead of us with the state convention, Rib and Pork Chop fundraiser, St. John Vianny golf tournament, wives' appreciation dinner on May 7th, recruiting a few new members for the 1st degree ceremony and a corporate communion. I want to thank all of the Brother Knights who were able to help out at this weekend's fundraiser especially Ralph Alaniz and the BBQ pit crew.

If you are a 3rd or 4th degree member please consider becoming an officer in a position you are best suited. We will begin nominations at our May business meeting and looking for new members to become officers. The following is a list of available positions; Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden and Inside/Outside Guards.

For our Knight of the Month, the Officer's recognize Father Gerold for the month of April. Our council is much better off having our priest not only as member of our council but a very active member and supporter of our mission, principles and beliefs. We all appreciate everything Father Gerold brings to our council meetings

by providing us with spiritual guidance, helping the Knights accomplish our goal of building a domestic church, and transforming our parish into a great joyous community. Thank you Father Gerold for all you do for our council and parish community.

For our Family of the Month, the Officer's recognize the My Van Dinh family for the month of April. My and his family are very active in the council, parish and diocese. My serves as lector, eucharistic minister, and chairman of Catholic Charities. My and his family also are members of the choir and altar servers. I want to thank the Van-Dinh's for all they do for the Knights of Columbus and our parish.

To conclude, I would like to thank all of the Knights and 4th degree members who attended Gayle Ferguson's rosary and funeral. Brother Gayle exemplified what being a Knight is all about and all us Brothers are better off for having known Gayle. He loved life, he loved the Knights of Columbus and he especially loved golf. Whether it was planning our annual golf tournament, playing in other council's tournament or being the emcee. Gayle was very creative and always thinking outside the box and he was also a great motivator. Over the years, he coordinated our golf tournament and in those years, we had the most teams participate due to his leadership and his "habbity ho" way of motivating others. At the meetings leading up to the golf tournament, Gayle would bring his little red fire hydrant and pass it around asking everyone to make a donation in the hydrant. The money collected would go to the Knight who got the most teams to play in the tournament, this was all set up knowing he would have the most teams and he would get the funds. Gayle always had the most teams but he always donated the funds back to the council. We are all going to miss our Brother because of his smile, his jokes that kept our meetings light hearted and his way of making everyone feel at easy. He would always say "dig it, dig it, wow, wow" when he was excited about something good that happened. God bless you Gayle and "habbity ho".

Fraternally,

Chris Jistel, GK

Prayer Requests

Prayers requested for the following individuals: Michael Snowden, Gayle Ferguson, Father Hector, Father Paul, Father Oliver, Father James Martin, Jeff Payne, Eugene Borel, Kay Hogg, Armando Rodriguez, Conrad Sanchez, Gary Gonzales, Ishmael Gonzales, Erma Krenek, Patricia Wills, John Kennedy, Norma Nunez, Jeannie and Bob Fonseca, Bonnie Law, Gabriel Maldonado, Bernice Machala, Aeiler Family(daughter passed) Lou Struble and

Kevin Russell's sister passed .

Calendar Review

Monday, May 1, 2017 - Council 10209 General Meeting
7:00pm – St. Paul Parish – Room 5

Sunday, May 7, 2017 – Wives Appreciation dinner
2-5 pm – Grace Hall

Monday, May 15, 2017 - Council Officers and Chairpersons
meeting – 7pm

Saturday, May 27, 2017 - Men's Club Workday – 8am

Monday, May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day Mass –
Assumption Cemetery Chapel

Happy Birthday!

May Birthdays

Father Christensen - 5/3

Deacon Mike Marchek - 5/5

Wayne Weaver - 5/6

Tony Flores - 5/9

Jim Elman - 5/11

Chris Jistel - 5/11

Dieu Van Dinh - 5/30

Good of the Order

For the Good of the Order...

Brothers,

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, in his booklet Into The Breach says: "The world is under attack by Satan, as our Lord said it would be (Peter 5:8-14). [see text at end of this article] This battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident. Since AD 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith, parish religious education of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, infant baptism has dropped by 28%, adult baptism has dropped by 31%, and sacramental marriages have dropped by 41%. This is a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines." Bishop Olmsted's booklet is an apostolic exhortation to Catholic men which all of us should read and reread.

I believe much of this decline in Catholicism can be

attributed to diminished or perhaps even non-existent family prayer at home. It is time for us to step up and fill the breach in the battle line. As Knights, let's be reminded of Father McGivney's vision for family life, that not only each family might find financial and material aid, but also that holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. As Catholic fathers and grandfathers, we must live the example of communicating the divine gift of love of the Gospel in the activities of our daily lives. And what better way of doing this than nourishing the domestic church of our own families.

The domestic church builds the universal Catholic Church, one family upon another like one brick upon another eventually builds a structure. If we do not provide strong bricks, then how can we expect Catholicism to remain strong in a culture that is so focused on materialism, instant gratification, and doing our will, not God's – remember, that is what got us in this mess in the first place, Adam and Eve doing their will (prompted by the devil) rather than God's.

How can we expect our children to know God's will if we do not help them know God? Sending them to Catholic school or religious education, and taking them to Mass is a good start but not enough. When we pray with our families, we invite Jesus into our homes and our family lives, and we build a strong domestic church. You have heard Father Gerold talk about the domestic church and a home prayer space or home altar. The Knights of Columbus encourage us to build the domestic church and provide a guide to make The Family Fully Alive. But Supreme and clergy can only encourage, we cannot make your family a domestic church, only you can make that happen, so I encourage you once again, if you have not already done so, to dedicate a prayer space, decorated with religious articles, in your home and begin praying with your family weekly, if not daily. And as soon as you can, ask one of the priests or deacons to come bless your prayer space, home altar, shrine, nook, or whatever you wish to call it. The most challenging will be getting started, so start small and be consistent and soon you will develop a habit of family spirituality. We know how easy it is to develop bad habits, let's work on developing a good one. We are currently celebrating the Risen Christ in this Easter Season, let's keep him alive in our hearts and in our homes.

Vivat Jesus

Deacon Lee

The Family Fully Alive – May – “Hope”- Page 28 and 29

Because love is filled with hope when it is communicated, our family wants to promote hope and the life-giving spirit that flows from it to our families.

Family Project – Ask each person to choose something “impossible” to pray for this month, and choose one person in your family to pray every day during the month. Also, to celebrate the life-giving spirit of your family, discuss times in your family's life when you grew together in faith or love. Discuss moments of your relationship, courtship, engagement and wedding celebrations that helped you grow as couple. Share stories of your children's births, and discuss the gift that each of their lives has been to your family. Gather photos or various mementos of these events for a scrapbook, or memory box that your family can cherish, or consider compiling them into a slideshow that can be shared with relatives.

Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, May 26, 2017. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422.