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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, August 7, 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/ko\\_fc10209](https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/ko_fc10209)

### **Grand Knight's Report**

Brother Knights,

Our fraternal year is under way and August will be a busy month. This month some of our members will attend the Major degree in Kyle, TX on the 6th, some members will attend the Astro's game in Houston on the 6th, our trustees will finish up on the council audit, our council will host the altar servers at EVO in Kyle on the 9th, our council will have a fund raiser on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and will host the Austin Area chapter meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> at Grace hall.

I want to thank all of our members that stepped up to be officers or program directors. We are fortunate to have an active council. Our council continues to grow. Our council made Star council this past fraternal year and we are off to a good start this year. Please welcome our newest member Walter Mazur to our council.

I am sure SK Kevin Russell will update us on his trip to the 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme convention in St. Louis, MO. The theme for this year's convention was "Convinced of God's Love and Power".

We will continue to support *Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish* initiative. Beginning this

month, I would like for us to pray the Rosary at Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine before our council meeting. Join me at 6:30 pm in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine.

I want to thank our Ladies Auxiliary for their support of our council. The Ladies support our fund raisers, provide dinners at our council functions, collect coats for the Coats for Kids campaign, provide a Lenten dinner.

Our children will be heading back to school in a couple of weeks. Let us pray that they have a safe and successful school year.

Faternally,

Albert Villegas  
Grand Knight

### Prayer Requests

Prayers requested for the following individuals: Michael Snowden, Fr. Hector, Bob Fonseca, Gene Borel, Bob Natoli, Ishmael and Terri Gonzalez, Amador Rodriguez, Fr. Gerold, Kay Hoagland, Bonnie Law, Jeff and Betty Payne, Patricia Wills, Jack Wills, Jon Kennedy, Norma Nunez, Maya Mancuso, Emma Krenek, Reuben Gonzalez, Deacon Jesse Esquivel.

### Family Fully Alive - July

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Invite acquaintances from your parish or neighborhood over for a meal, and spend some time socializing afterward. Invite them to join you for family prayer, too.

### For the Good of the Order...

Brothers,

This month I would like to share the following reflection by Friar Jim Van Vurst, OFM. Enjoy and reflect further on his thoughts in your own heart:

### The Paradox of Holiness

Our lived faith is filled with paradoxes—events in our lives that may seem to mean one thing but actually mean the opposite. An almost universal tendency is to judge our relationship with the Lord in terms of how we feel or experience that relationship—positive or negative. We know that one of the most accurate descriptions of holiness is union with God. But not only linked: united and in touch with God.

But many people are often discouraged because they don't feel close to God. Words like distant, lukewarm, and unmoved are how many people experience God. We have an almost built-in sense of not being connected to the Lord because we also have a built-in belief that we should feel and experience that closeness. I often use the expression of how God touches us, but I never mean that we feel God's touch physically even though God leaves fingerprint on our hearts.

The truth is, union with God is a matter of faith and not of feelings or emotions. That doesn't mean those wonderfully warm and tender feelings are to be rejected. It only means that feelings and emotions will come and go. They should not be used as criteria for judging our union or closeness to God.

In reading the lives of the saints and their own autobiographies, we learn about those who experienced ecstasy and dramatic senses of God's presence. Those are exceptions to the rule: most saints struggled with prayer and with sensing the nearness of God. But we think that it should be just the opposite.

One of the most powerful and contemporary examples was that of Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Calcutta). Her entire adult life was engaged in two aspects of holiness: one was caring for the lepers and the abandoned on the streets of Kolkata; the second was her heart-wrenching struggle with doubts and fears of being abandoned by God. For most of her life, she experienced nothing of God's presence.

That's easy to put in words, but imagine the emptiness she experienced in her ministry. She labored and worked with

great intensity, but with seemingly no response from God. Nothing! And yet we know she was saintly because of her dedication to the poor. We can only imagine how deeply God was imbedded in her heart and soul.

Remember the story about the Pharisee in the Bible who was so pleased because he was not like “the rest of men”? He felt so close to God because of all his religious practices. But his feelings were those of pride and self-righteousness. Meanwhile, the tax collector surely felt distant from God. Yet, Jesus said, “He went home justified” even though he felt nothing.

If we reflect on the meaning of paradoxes in our lives, we may see some situations we thought were negative at the time, only to realize that those negatives brought about changes in our lives that were signs of God’s love.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Lee

### Council Calendar Review

Sunday, August 6, 2017 – Astro’s baseball trip

Monday, August 7, 2017 - Council 10209 General Meeting  
7:00pm – St. Paul Parish – Room 5, Rosary at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – EVO entertainment for Altar server appreciation

Saturday/Sunday, August 19/20, 2017 - Fundraiser

Monday, August 21, 2017 -- Council 10209 Officer Meeting  
7:00pm – St. Paul Parish – kitchen

Saturday, August 26, 2017 -- Men’s Club Workday – 8am

Monday, August 28, 2017 – Austin Area Chapter meeting,  
Grace Hall

### Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

Rev Hector R Vega 08-02

Mr Nonito A Caya 08-03

Rolando A Rivera 08-04

Mr John Q Muller 08-09

Jesus Martinez 08-16

Ernesto Gonzalez lv 08-25

### Thank you

Brother Knights,

I would like to thank you all for the beautiful service for my dad. He was proud to be a Knight of Columbus . At my Mom's funeral service in NJ , he mentioned that he was going to say to something, at her funeral in Texas, but was too choked up to speak after the Knights send off for Marge. I have plenty of additional stories to share about my dad including Knights stories- The funeral was a difficult time for me to speak- maybe we'll discuss them over time. Great times, memories.

Thank you,  
The Natoli family

### Newsletter Articles

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