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**MEETING NOTICE**

**K of C Council # 10209 Meets**

**Where: St. Paul Church**

**When: Monday, October 7, 2019**

**Time: 7:15 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

Dear Brother Knights,

We are called to serve our Church, serve our parish community and serve others. By doing so we actually serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I want to recognize and thank those Knights who gave so generously of their time in September. Whether you were involved with volunteering at the Central Texas Food Bank event, the Family Bowling event, the Fall Festival or another parish activity, thank you so much. We appreciate all of you.

We had 11 Knights and two spouses participate in assisting the Central Texas Food Bank on September 7. This helps feed the needy in our Austin community. A special thank you to Luke Ditta for coordinating this event and all those who volunteered.

On September 15 we held a Family Bowling outing at EVO in Kyle. This was open to all Knights and their families. We had around 20 participants, including about 6 youth. We all enjoyed an afternoon of bowling, games and tasty appetizers. A special thanks to Sean McGee for coordinating the event.

A huge thank you to Kathy Natoli for designing and

making our new t-shirts. They look great and I encourage you all to wear them to church events like the parish fair. The best advertisement for our organization is to show the community how involved we are in every aspect of parish life.

Our Knight of the Month for September is Jeb Syler. Jeb has been actively participating in a number of Knight's activities including the Central Texas Food Bank event and work activities around the Church grounds. Thank you Jeb.

Our Family of the Month for September is Bill and Linda Jensen. Bill is co-chair for the parish fair. He and Linda work tirelessly prior to the fair in organizing fund raisers, promoting the parish raffle and planning for the fair. During the fair they help set up and are constantly working during the fair to ensure a successful operation. Linda has provided many, many baked goods at fund raisers during the year for the fair committee and the Knights. Bill has also been very involved in scouting activities. Thank you Bill and Linda for all you do.

Our fall festival was held on September 27 and 28. The parish fair was a resounding success. We sold out of everything. The turkey legs were gone by 8:30 without having to discount them. We sold out of hamburgers about 9:30. We also had a great turnout of Knights volunteering to smoke turkey legs and work the booth. It was great to see so many show up to help the parish. Thank you to all of you who worked the Knight booth and BBQ pits. May God provide a special blessing to you. Thank you Sean McGee for handling Signup Genius for this event and all other events for the Knights.

Our Corporate Communion was held at the 10:30 mass on September 29. We had a small group attend the Corporate Communion. Hopefully, that was due to our membership being exhausted from the prior days' work at the fair. Gathering for this helps build fellowship and shows the parish community how active we are in the parish.

Remember to sign up for the 40 Churches for 40 days event sponsored by the Texas Coalition for Life. St Paul Church is covering the day of Sunday October 27. We are seeking to have the Knights represented at every hour on this day from 7:00am to 7:00pm. We will be praying outside the Planned Parenthood facility for an end to abortion. Please support this

important cause.

Our next Business meeting will be on October 7. We will be praying the rosary beginning at 6:30pm with the meeting held immediately afterwards. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, please prayerfully consider attending. We need you.

My brothers, I live you with this quote. "Don't ask God to guide your steps if you are not willing to move your feet."

Fraternally,

Ken Mayes  
Deputy Grand Knight

### Prayer Requests

Prayers requested for the following individuals:

Fr. Gerold Langsch, Yolanda Holt, Bill McGee, Manuel Navarro Jr, E.A. Trevino Sr, Mathew Soto, Dora Gonzales, Anna Hilt, Michael Snowden, Fr. James Martin, Martin Brown, Fr. Paul McCallum, Fr. Hector Vega, Alex Quintanilla, Bill and Denise Homayoun.

### Council Calendar Review

Monday, October 7, 2019 - Council 10209 General Meeting 7:15pm – St. Paul Parish

Monday, October 21, 2019 – Council Officers and Chair persons meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – Men's Club Workday, 8:00 am

Sunday, October 27, 2019 – 40 Churches for 40 Days, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

### Happy Birthday!

October birthdays:

Donald Stafford	Oct 1
Joey Esquivel	Oct 4
Chris Hotz	Oct 5
Jerry Cook	Oct 6
Kiet Tran	Oct 6
Marvin Perez	Oct 11
Christopher Krejci	Oct 15
Edward Cabello	Oct 18

Thomas Jistel Oct 19  
Carlos Mendoz Oct 20  
Robert Meny Oct 21  
Martin Brown Oct 22  
Henry Casas Oct 24  
Antonio Flores Sr Oct 29

### Field Agent

The theme for October is “Real Life Stories.”

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I’d like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children’s activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn’t the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.”

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He’s done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer”...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love,” Boomer says. “Remember, if something happens and you haven’t done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.” That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It’s about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer’s family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don’t know; you don’t hear about those men. Because the council didn’t have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you’ll never know it...because he planned.

Let’s sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

Vivat Jesus!  
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### Newsletter Articles

The next newsletter articles are due by Friday, November 1, 2019. Submit your articles to Albert Villegas at villegas3732@yahoo.com or by calling 512-799-7422