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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, January 4th

Time: 7pm

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, I pray that everyone had a great Christmas. December has been a very busy month for all of us. I will be glad to start the New Year. This past year the council has done a great deal of fine work all aspects of Knights of Columbus activities. This is long all who helped with them a BIG THANK YOU!

Gayle Ferguson leading the fundraiser for December was well done. Putting it together during this time of year and working around all other activities exemplifies great leadership. The help of Albert, Chris J, Ken, Johnnie Muller, Jack, Robert, Bill, plus whoever helped out during selling after mass during the fundraiser Job well done.

Another Big THANK you to all the helped with the SVDP Christmas Delivery.

We received a scholarship donation from a previous recipient of a scholarship, Brian Bratten. People like Brian show how important scholarships are, thank you Brian.

God Bless us ALL

David Moore - Grand Knight

Awards

Congratulations to our monthly award winners!

Knight of the Month – Tony Garcia for his outstanding work leading the Saturday cooking during the November fundraiser and his involvement every week with the Greeter ministry at St. Paul.

Family of the Month – The Chris Jistel Family for their support of November's fundraiser. Chris generously volunteered to lead the event and spent several hours picking up the food items and organizing things at St. Paul. Thank you Chris!

Financial Secretary's Report

We're all painfully aware that once we get past Christmas we have to confront the bills that result from our Christmas spending. In that respect the Knights fit right into your game plan. It's time for annual dues. The last few years I've tried to save the council some money by not mailing billing notices. By next year I anticipate that Chris Jistel, who will be serving as your Financial Secretary, will be able to send many if not most of you an electronic bill. We're not yet set up to go that route just yet, so I'm asking for your cooperation in taking care of your dues obligation without being billed. For most of you, your dues are \$40. If paying by check, please make the check out to "Knights of Columbus." Please let me know if you have any questions or if you are experiencing circumstances which make payment difficult.

It's also time for us to complete our individual Survey of Fraternal Activities. Sean is providing a link where you can complete the survey on line and send it to me electronically. If you'd prefer to fill out a survey by hand I can get a blank form to you. Once I get your completed surveys I tabulate all the figures and send in a survey that shows the hours the council has accumulated over the last year. Obviously, I can show only the hours that you provide for me, so it is important that we get as many of your completed surveys as possible. I need the surveys any time during the month of January. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter as well.

The paperwork for the appointment of Chris as FS has gone to Supreme, so it shouldn't be long before he takes over for me. I'm sure that Chris will do a great job, and I ask that you give him the same support that you've given me. Please let me know if I can be of service to you in any way.

Fraternally, Ken Moore

District Deputy's Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas season and is ready to hit the new year running. St. Catherine

has a 1st degree January 6th and hosts a major degree January 9th. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend to join the order and go to his 1st through 3rd degree in four days.

This is also Right to Life Month, help make a visible statement on the right to life issue. This is an great opportunity to earn your Pro Life ACE award. With eight activities to choose from on January 22th, you and your wife could earn your ACE award with just five activities.

Important dates:

January 6th: 1st Degree at St Catherine

January 9th: Major Degree at St. Catherine

January 12th: 1st Degree at St Ignatius

January 23th: Right to Life Saturday

Please note that all degrees in my district are now posted on the Austin Chapter Website at www.austinke.org

I have this year's charity pins with the motto "Pray the Rosary" on them. A donation of \$20.00 will get you one and be credited to your council's State Charity goal.

-SK John Massey, DD District 120

For the Good of the Order...

Brothers

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Peace to you all!

As I sat in church on Christmas Eve before midnight Mass, listening to the story and songs of Jesus' birth, I was struck by the realization of God's immense love and mercy for us. Why would anyone leave the comforts of a warm bed on a cold rainy winter night to go out to help a friend in need, except for love? God left the comforts of heaven to humble Himself to live among sinful humans as a human Himself, with all the inherent weaknesses, wants, etc. of humans, though without sin, because He loves us. God did not have to do this for us, but He did because of His great love. How can we be worthy of such love, mercy, and compassion?

We can begin by trying to live our lives in a way pleasing to Jesus and worthy of the tremendous love He shows us. During this season of love, let us show through our actions and words, love for our brothers and sisters. Let us truly forgive those that have hurt us! Let us make an effort to live the petitions we pray in the prayer Jesus taught us. We pray "forgive us as we forgive others" – let us be sure that we forgive others in a way that we want God to forgive us. From the cross, Jesus said: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Aren't we grateful that He didn't add: but first make them suffer like they made Me suffer? No, Jesus asked God to forgive us unconditionally; shouldn't we do the same for our

fellow man? When we truly and unconditionally forgive someone we allow God's Grace to enter us and begin to heal the hurt. Through God's Grace we experience peace and grow spiritually to become better persons.

May God Bless you!

Chancellor SK Lee Jan

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Luis Palacios, Father Barry, Father James, Amelia Casas, Mary Moore, , for Marge Natoli, Joseph and Josie Reschman, Eddie Mazurek, Kevin Russell's Mother In-law Nancy Medina, Lee Jan's daughter Leigh Anne, Austin's Homeless and for all of us in Council 10209.

Insurance Agent Report

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH??

I pray each of you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you all the best for 2010!! Now that the new year is here and we are making resolutions for 2010, I wanted to invite you to think about one more.

You work hard too provide for your family. It's likely you save money for college expenses and retirement. These are important goals to work toward. And it's important to help protect those savings and your current standard of living. That's why we believe life insurance is a critical part of financial planning.

You may already have a life insurance policy or two, but if it's been a few years since you've reviewed it or you've been through a life-changing event, it may be time to analyze your needs again. It only takes a few minutes to determine whether your current coverage is adequate.

No one likes to think about it, but planning for the unexpected is something we all should consider. Can you answer the following questions?

How much income would your current assets and life insurance provide for your loved ones?

Would your family be able to pay off your existing debts?

How would your children afford a college education?

As I have mentioned at some of the recent meetings, it is a great time to be a Knight of Columbus!! Our insurance program is doing exceptionally well, even during this rough economic time. We are still paying dividends on our permanent policies and our annuities are paying more interest now than they were at the beginning of the year.

The Knights of Columbus can help you answer these questions, which are important for future planning. We offer a variety of life insurance policies that can meet your needs now and in the future.

Let's get together soon and review your needs.

SK Eddie Mazurek - 301-1218 - emazu5@gmail.com

Community Corner

Quarterly Adopt-a-Street Litter Pick-Up will be conducted on **Saturday, 9 January, 2010**, from **0830-1030am**. I will pass around a sign-up sheet at the business meeting. Those that won't be in attendance can call or email me to sign up. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Dress according to weather. We meet by the big rock in the parking lot off of David Moore Rd. I will have the necessary equipment. - SK Rene Gaytan

Council Christmas Party

Just a reminder that next Sunday January 10th we will be having our annual Family Christmas celebration. What better way to mark the end of the Christmas season than by getting together with your Brother Knights and their families for some food, fun and games!

We will have door prizes, activities for the kids, music, family photo opportunities and more! The cost of admission is simply a side, salad, or dessert item to complement our main course of ham. (Let's hope for lots of cheese potatoes!)

The party starts at 2pm and will go until 5pm. Setup and cleanup help is appreciated if you would like to arrive early or stay late to participate. RSVP via the e-Vite which will be circulating or sign up at the monthly meeting. If neither of those are convenient simply contact myself at 680-0367.

-SK Sean McGee, Council Committee

Report of the 4th Degree

40 Days for Life Spring 2010

From February 17 to March 28, Austin will unite with hundreds of cities across the country and world for a simultaneous 40 day prayer vigil. **Forty days of... ..prayer and fasting...community outreach...constant peaceful vigil.** By giving just one hour of your week to come pray out on the sidewalk at two of the vigil sites this spring, the Lord will use you to help end abortion in Austin. Go to the 40 Days for Life website to find out how to get involved with the upcoming campaign.

Respect Life Celebrations – In Austin – Prayer Vigil for Life, Pro-Life Mass, Texas Rally for Life and Party for Life to be held Saturday, January 23, 2010. website www.TexasRallyforlife.org. Texans will gather at 1pm at Republic Square (4th and Guadalupe streets) and march up Congress Avenue to the South Steps of the state Capitol, where they will enjoy music and hear from pro-life leaders and

pastors

There will be a major degree at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish on January 9th, 2010. Registration will begin at 8:00 am.

4th Degree Exemplification will be on March 20th, 2010 in Georgetown . This will be a one day exemplification.

Christmas Party on January 10th, 2010 at Grace hall

The 4th Degree will have a fund raiser in San Antonio, TX on January 17th, 2010. It will be at the Freeman Coliseum. We will assist Fun Cheer with their event. The event will be from 11 to 7 pm.

Calendar Review

January 2010

- Monday, January 4th – Council Meeting Rooms 5&7. 7pm
- Saturday, January 9th – Adopt-a-Street pickup for David Moore Rd. Meet at St. Paul parking lot at 0830.
- Sunday, January 10th – Council Family Christmas Party, 2pm-5pm in Grace Hall.
- Monday, January 11th - 4th Degree Meeting at St. Ignatius 7pm.
- Monday, January 18th – Officer's meeting in Kitchen, 7pm.
- Saturday, January 23rd – Rally for Life, 1pm at Republic Square.

February 2010

- Monday, February 1st – Council Meeting Rooms 5&7. 7pm

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, January 25th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.