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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, September 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

Join the Yahoo Group!

Join the KofC10209 Yahoo Group and get email notices of upcoming events! Simply send an email to kofc10209-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and you'll be signed up!

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and had a chance to connect with family or friends. We are starting the school year and returning to a set routine.

We are very blessed that Henry and Ishmael have both recovered from serious injuries that hospitalized them for awhile. Another example of the power of prayer.

By now we all have heard the great news that Brother Andre will be canonized in October. We will have a fallout for this special mass in October. More info to follow.

Congratulations to the entire council, we were recognized twice in the past month. The Knightline August edition recognized council 10209 as a Columbian Award winner for last year. The Texas Knight (Vol. 1, 2010-2011) highlighted Council 10209 with a picture of the Father Barry, Father James, the Knights and their wives , there was also a nice write up of the Priest Recognition Event on page 5. Albert thanks for submitting the article, well done.

There are a few events that are coming up in September

and we'll need some volunteers:

Church Fair September 10 and 11 - we'll pass out sign up at the business meeting. If you will not be attending the business meeting and would like to help for an hour or two please let us know.

Soccer Challenge Brian will share the date shortly

Fundraiser- Bill will have details at business meeting. As we have reduced the Fundraisers to 5 this year (3 BBQ sales, passport books, and the golf outing)- I am hopeful we'll have a good turnout for the first fundraiser.

Passbook sales have started- we keep \$4 a book- let's try and sell 80 books this year.

At our last officers meeting we discussed establishing a Squires council (boys 10-18) and a Ladies Auxiliary. Both items received very strong support from the Knights at the well attended meeting. There were questions regarding what specifically does each organization do and who can become a member. Over the next couple of months will be coordinating with other councils that have successfully launched these organizations and will learn how they did it and what they do, obtain by laws and share them at the officers meeting.

Regarding the Squires: It was discussed that the altar servers alone would have enough to start a Squires (10 young men are needed to begin) .

Regarding the Ladies Auxiliary- We have all seen what our wives can do and I have no doubt that the Ladies will be a powerful and impactful group at St. Paul.

Another initiative we want to undertake is to update our e-mail list to ensure as many Knights as possible get the updates. Ismael (who is one of our founding Knights of council 10209) has agreed to contact the Knights that are not on the list to get them signed up. Thanks Ish.

Welcome to our latest Knight Jonathan Ferguson. 9 Knights from 4 different councils were initiated at St.Paul in August. Kudos to our first degree team of Chris, Ken, Bobby, Gayle (filling in) and from Knights from other parish did a great job.

Should anyone have suggestions or feedback on how we can improve our council please let me know.

Finally- it was great to see about 12 Knights come to Taco Cabana after the business meeting last month. It appears we are in agreement that if we can hold the business meeting to about an hour to 1:15 minutes we will be able to get together for a soda, beer or whatever Albert was drinking, afterwards.

Faternally,

SK Tom Natoli

Grand Knight

Insurance Agent Report

The new school year is already here! Incredible! I'm writing this from New Haven, CT inside the Supreme Office of the Knights while at a short school session myself. As part of the Order's commitment to provide you the best possible options and service to protect your family while you are helping the Church, new field agents who have demonstrated a commitment to helping members and their families are invited to attend continuing education at the Headquarters.

In my years as a member, I've found the Knights, from individual men in the council to the total amount of time volunteered and money donated worldwide, to be incredibly inspirational. What struck me this week is our top-level leadership. Trust me, to hear the leaders of our Order speak to their mission to help serve the Church and protect Catholic families is downright amazing. Everything the Order does is done to make the Church stronger and strengthen families.

I am honored—as you should be too—to be part of this organization. From that first lesson on charity in the First Degree to the workshops I've taken this week on how to provide unmatched service to you, it is clear—we exist to help.

My priority is to serve your needs. To that end, it is my commitment to meet you and every member of the council at least once each year to catch you up on the current status of the Knights of Columbus, to assist you in reviewing your policies with us and/or other providers and to ensure that your family's plan is sufficient to meet your goals.

We're all busy, so I will ensure our time together is well-spent. No one wants to be “sold to” and I don't want to “sell you”, so I won't. My role is to advise you and, if you would like the financial strength of the Knights of Columbus to assist your family, facilitate the process. Thank you in advance for the courtesy of allowing me to benefit your family with my training and experience.

Please know that my prayers are with you and your families as I pray this week at the tomb of our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. God bless!

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

The year is off to a great start, every council as been active recruiting and planning their programs for the year. Please also take time to meet with your insurance agent. We have excellent benefits to offer you, make sure to take advantage of them. I think each council in this district is capable of achieving Star Council, with your help we will.

Important dates for September:

- ☐ Monday, September 6th: Labor Day
- ☐ Tuesday, September 14th: 1st degree at St. Ignatius
- ☐ Wednesday, September 22nd: 1st degree at St. Catherine

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Proposed Budget

Attached to this newsletter is the final proposed operating budget for the Council for the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year. You should review the budget and be prepared to vote on the budget approval at the September business meeting.

For the Good of the Order

This weekend while on a retreat at Cedarbrake Retreat Center, I was sitting on a bench outside the chapel under a group of cedar elms. Although this is the end of August, in the shade, the breeze was comfortable. I sat in solitude trying to empty myself of everything that was unimportant at the moment: issues at work, grass that needed to be cut at home, papers to write, etc. so that I could make room for God to come into my heart. As I sat there gazing upward, looking past the canopy of leaves to the blue sky, trying to think of nothing so that I could feel God's presence, a bright yellow butterfly fluttered into my view, just below the canopy of the cedar elms. The butterfly, its bright yellow against the green leaves and blue sky beyond the green leaves was a special treat for my eyes. The butterfly didn't just flutter by and disappear; it made a big circle and was present for my enjoyment for a while. As I watched the beauty of God's creation, I was taken back to when I used to drive to Houston from Rosenberg, about 30 miles, everyday to go to work. On many occasions, a car would pass me on the freeway and in the car a lady with her hair in curlers, while driving and putting on makeup or doing something to her eyes or eyelashes, made me think of metamorphosis. She crawled into her car when she left

home in an unattractive state, but during her trip in this car, a metal cocoon, she transitioned and when she arrived at her destination she emerged as a beautiful woman, much like a butterfly.

I thought about the butterfly, a beautiful creation of God, but how did it start? Actually, kind of ugly - ugly to the eye and ugly in its behavior. A larva, a worm, greedy, eating everything in sight with no regard to the plight of the plant it was eating. Everything was about the needs and satisfaction of the wormy looking larvae. But then something happens; it enters a cocoon stage and transitions into this thing of beauty.

Often humans are like the worm - the larvae - only interested in ourselves, stepping on others to get that promotion, cheating a little here and there on the time sheet at work, keeping our treasures for ourselves rather than giving a fair share to the poor or to the church, greedy, self centered, getting fat at the expense of others if necessary, perhaps degrading someone to make ourselves seem more important. Rather than being the beautiful creature God intended us to be, we fall and become unattractive. But, there is good news! God loves us and looks out for us. Thank God we are Catholic because we have an opportunity to enter a cocoon and come out beautiful again. Our cocoon is the confessional, a place where we can go, face our weaknesses, admit them, confess them, and ask for forgiveness. By the salvation of Jesus, through the action of the priest, we are absolved of all that ugliness attached to sin and emerge from the confessional, the cocoon, beautiful once again in God's eyes - the butterfly. And, unlike the butterfly that emerges only once from the cocoon, we can enter and emerge as often as necessary from our cocoon confessional, and each time emerge more beautiful in God's eyes than before.

When was the last time you emerged from the cocoon?

God Bless you
SK Lee Jan

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Repose of the soul of Peggy Dunaway and for the Massey family in this difficult time, for Henry Casas and Ishmael Gonzalez who are recovering well. Fr. Barry, Fr. James, Karen Cottrell, Pat Taylor, Louis Palacios, Joe and Josie Reschman, Herman and Agnes Bunn, Our Military, the sick members of St. Paul Parish, Deacon John Pickwell, and Bob Fonseca.

2011 Passbooks Are Here

The 2011 passbooks are in and sales have begun at St. Paul Church. The Austin edition is \$25 this year and

includes loads of money saving coupons for restaurants and local businesses in our area. It makes a great gift and is something people will want year after year.

Take advantage of our early opportunity to offer a few books for sale at your workplace or school. The council receives approximately \$5 per book so it is a great fundraiser for us.

There will be books available at the September meeting. You simply take a few, bring back money for books sold and return unsold books later in the year. You are out of pocket nothing! You may also pick up books after Mass if we are selling that week by just stopping by the table. This weekend is a sales weekend for our Council so please stop by and grab some books to sell!

Thank you for your support. Please contact me if you need books right away and I will do my best to get some to you.

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Hoo-wa for our 1st Degree Team

Brother Tom,

I want to extend the compliments of our council, 14943 in Bastrop, for the excellent 1st Degree Exemplification on August 19th. All of the knights from Bastrop agreed that it was the best exemplification they have ever experienced. Please extend our thanks and congratulations to your degree team for a great job.

Chet Dombrowski
Grand Knight, Council 14943, Bastrop

Honors for SK Jim Elman

On August 30, 2010, SK Jim Elman will end of long career of volunteer service to our community. His Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification will expire and he has chosen not to renew it.

In the late 70's Jim was already involved with the volunteer fire department and realized that anyone needing medical help would have to wait nearly 30 minutes for that help to arrive from Austin. He then took the necessary courses to become an EMT. Since that time, in addition to serving our local community of Garfield, he has volunteered at Parish fairs, Aqua Fest, and Vacation Bible School to name a few.

Our Emergency Services District is now a paid department but Jim has remained very involved as a member of the Commissioners Board. With his encouragement (and a little pleading and begging) he is about to have another dream come true. Our ESD is about to complete and staff the 3rd station and it is located

in Garfield. We will have help within minutes for both medical and fire emergencies. This has been his passion for years and he will still be there on the sidelines making sure our crews have everything they need.

Congratulations to Jim on a fine career!

-Council 10209 and Janet Elman

Calendar Review

September 2010

- ☐ Monday, September 6th – Council Meeting – 7pm in Room 5&7
- ☐ Fri-Sat, September 10th-11th – Parish Fair. Council has a booth to man for hamburgers, etc...
- ☐ Monday, September 13th – 4th Degree Meeting – 7pm
- ☐ Saturday, September 18th – Fundraiser at Sam's Club – Brodie and 290.
- ☐ Monday, September 20th – Officer's Meeting at 7pm in Kitchen
- ☐ Saturday, September 25th – Men's Club Workday at 8am by BBQ pit
- ☐ Monday, October 4th – Council meeting at 7pm in Room 5&7

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, September 27th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.