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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday, October 4th

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,

What a great Fair we just had, I hope everyone had a great time. I am not sure I have ever seen turkey legs as big as the jumbo legs that were cooked Saturday afternoon. I lost count of how many Knights, spouses and family were working and in so many different activities. We also had a few Knights working very late at night before and during the fair, several took time off from work Friday to set up.

I also want to thank the Knights who led the Rosary this month before Mass and also to Bob Hecker for upgrading the Shrine for the born and unborn. If you get a chance stop by, It is beautiful.

I also want to acknowledge Kevin who has developed a web site that lists all the activities of our council and also includes links to Supreme, Texas, Austin and Assembly 1099, information on the 40 days for Life is also listed. Please check it out at <http://council10209.org/>. Kevin and Sean will work out how to incorporate our sites and links with St. Paul so current and future Knights can easily find us. It will be the place to know what is going on and to find newsletters and a calendar of events. Sean continues to do a great job sharing what is happening with

our council through this newsletter.

So what is going on in October- Glad you asked:

- ☐ The 40 days for life can use Knights to pray at any times especially those early morning or late evenings. (please see the web site : <http://council10209.org/>
- ☐ Our Soccer Challenge scheduled for Tuesday 10/5
- ☐ We will have our first cooking fundraiser of the year October 9 and 10th at St. Paul. Please sign up to cook or help at one of the masses.
- ☐ Major Degree 10/9 Buda
- ☐ Exemplification 10/9 Copperas Cove
- ☐ For those who have taken Ethics and Integrity workshop over three years ago the refresher is 10/11
- ☐ Canonization for Saint Andre 10/17 fallout at 9am mass.
- ☐ Officers meeting 10/18 (all welcome to attend)
- ☐ First degree at St Paul 10/21
- ☐ On Saturday October 30th we will help the Men's club and Carlos is coordinating a barbecue for all Knights and we'll tie this in with our membership blitz in October and invite men of the Parish to join us.
- ☐ There will also be a Corporate Communion October 31 at 9am with refreshments to follow mass.
- ☐ We also to want to wrap up the Passbook sales - if you have not picked up a few books this year please see Sean.

Both the Squires (boys 10-18) and the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary (KOCA) are still in planning.

We will need a Knight to step up and lead the Squires organization. You will have help nationally, locally and within the council. I would imagine that there will be a few months of planning and preparation and we could start the formation early next year. This is a great opportunity to engage young men in purposeful activities that they will be proud to be a part of.

Please ask your wives if they would like to help my wife establish the KOCA. Kath and I have learned quite a bit over the last month and if we have a couple of wives start the planning they can proceed and establish the KOCA. This will be a chance for the wives to get to know each other and have fun while helping the Knights and the Church.

As we head into our membership blitz this is a good time to ask a parishioner to join the Knights. It is okay if they say they want to think about it. Sometimes a person needs a few signs before they commit. I still believe it is one of the best compliments a male in our parish can receive - to be asked to be a Knight.

If you have not been to a meeting in a while come on by- we'll keep the meeting to an hour to 1:15 minutes and this month. We'll go to Maude's afterwards so we can catch a few minutes of the ballgame .

The other day I had a review of my insurance w/ Brandon which I have not done in a while (8 years actually). The meeting was at my house, and lasted an hour and Brandon is prepared to offer advice and options. My needs have changed a bit from 8 years ago . At that time I had policies where I was employed with a large, growing company. I had more insurance than I thought I'd ever need. One day in a downsizing activity the company benefits were eliminated. Fortunately, I had taken out a little insurance plan to help the girls get through college should anything happen to me. There are more options today than 8 years ago- I encourage you even if you do not have Knights insurance and/or do not want Knights insurance to utilize Brandon. He is a great asset to the members of our council and you should take advantage of him for your family and yourself.

Thought I'd leave this with you- A few months ago I was talking with Lee who takes the bus to work and I asked him what he did on the bus. Many years ago I took the bus to work into New York City a couple of months a year and I either slept, read, did puzzles, or worked. Lee told me that this was a time he used in prayer. It was like being hit in the head with a two by four. Something that hasn't happened to me since my Parochial school days (but that's another story). Any way It got me to thinking when can I pray other than the traditional times of waking up, church, before meals, adoration and sleep. I found there was plenty of mindless time that could be put to better use. My daily walk or jog is my new quiet time with the Lord.

Should anyone have suggestions or feedback on how we can improve this newsletter or our council please let me know. Thanks again for all you do for the Parish and the Priests.

Faternally,

SK Tom Natoli

Grand Knight

Insurance Agent Report

One question that I get when meeting folks for the first time is "How did you get into this line of work?" This is

an appropriate time to say more about that. Last month, my family marked the anniversary of my father's death. He died when I was 12 years old.

He was the only source of income for the family. It was a family priority that my mother was able to stay at home to manage the household and take lead on raising the children. I was the youngest and born to my parents on the later end of the spectrum—my parents were 41 and 40 years old when I was born. My mother and father were married a month shy of 35 years when he died and had kids at home virtually that entire time. In other words, my mom hadn't worked outside the home in over three decades. My father's death wasn't expected. The family wasn't ready for it—

—except in one particular way.

While his death took us completely off-guard, my parents had the foresight to purchase as much life insurance as they could afford. My mom has since said that having a kid at 41 makes you think about all the things that could happen in the 20 years that follow. At the time, they didn't realize quite how much.

Was it "enough" life insurance to meet all of their financial goals for our family? Frankly no. But, what they had made all of the difference. Something is much better than nothing.

The first thing my mother did after his funeral wasn't to open up the classified ads; it was to work with our agent to navigate the filing of claims.

She hasn't had to go back to work, which with her lack of experience would not have been the line of work my father would have wanted her doing. We were able to buy me a very reliable car when I turned 16 since my dad wouldn't be able to help me keep a junker working as planned. The life insurance proceeds weren't able to fully fund my education, but it helped a great deal. We didn't have to move out of the house. What's left of the life insurance money is still providing her the income to keep her standard of living in the same ballpark since social security and the "survivor" portion of my dad's pension wasn't enough.

I'm your field agent to help your family be ready—financially at least—should what happened to my family happen to your family. I can help review your current policies with the Knights of Columbus and other companies. I can review your situation and give you professional advice on what amount of coverage is needed for each of your goals. Lastly, I'm a Brother Knight who will help to put whatever plan in place that you feel is right for your family.

If you haven't met with an agent before or have been a couple of years, call me. If you have term insurance with us and are about to turn 65, call me. If you've had "life

events" happen—change jobs, had kids, got married—call me. Let me help.

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

We wrap up the first quarter of our fraternal year. We have been working on programs and recruiting and succeeding at both. The year is getting busy with degrees and events. Make every effort to be active in your council. If there is a program you would like to do, suggest it to your council. Make sure to include your family in as many activities as possible, we are a family organization!

Important dates for October:

- ☐ Saturday, October 9th: Major degree at Santa Cruz Church in Buda, registration at 7:45, mass at 9:00, degree starts at 10:00
- ☐ Saturday, October 9th: Best of the Wurst-Sausage across Texas, St. Martin dePorres, Dripping Springs, 4:00-9:00pm
- ☐ Tuesday, October 12th: 1st degree at St. Ignatius
- ☐ Thursday, October 21st: 1st degree at St. Paul's
- ☐ Monday, October 25: Chapter meeting at St. Vincent de Paul Church

John Massey
District Deputy 127
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For the Good of the Order

Why do we pray? One reason is because Jesus asks invites us. Not only did he ask us to pray, he showed us by example, and even taught us how to pray. But why do we pray? Often it is because we want something, or want some thing (painful or sorrowful) taken away. When we pray we may not always get the answer we expect, but everything we receive, we receive from God and everything we receive from God is good, because he only gives us what is good. We may not see the good at the time, especially when what we receive is not pleasant, such as a serious illness of our self or of a loved one. But God sometimes gives something to us that causes us to

turn to him in our time of need allowing an opportunity to come closer to him.

It is always important to pray, but when things are going well we sometimes forget about God, so it is especially important to pray when we are in need. Praying is our way of communicating with God and if we do not communicate with him, we cannot know him and we will be lost, not knowing his plan for us. Every time we pray we have a conversation with God and as a result of that conversation somebody changes. We know God does not change because he is perfect, so then it must be us who change, and the change is always for the better. So it is very important for us to pray and rather than ask God for things, we should trust that he will give us what is good.

We know that when we pray there is a change for the better of one of the participants in the conversation, and we know it is not God who changes, so it must be us, then how much greater would that change for the better be when a group has a conversation, through prayer, with God? Why not join a prayer group and pray regularly and through that prayer help change a community for the better? Have you considered praying with the Parishioners Praying for St. Paul Parish group that meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 to pray the Liturgy of the Hours? All are welcome.

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, Marilyn Pickwell, 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 October 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.

-SK Sean McGee – seanmcgee@yahoo.com 680-0367

Community Corner

Our next Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010.

It will be from 8:30-10:30 am. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:20 am (by the big rock).

Volunteers are asked to contact Rene via email or phone. (rhgaytan@aol.com) 280-0045 or 659-8255

All Brother Knights and/or family members, of any age, are invited to participate.

-SK Rene Gaytan

Habitat for Humanity

Brother Knights,

On Saturday, October 9th, the Santa Rosa KC Council in Andice will be constructing a Habitat for Humanity home in Georgetown. This would be a great opportunity to network with our fellow Knights in the area while learning what it takes to build a Habitat home. It takes 15 people for the construction and they have 10 so far, including me. I'm looking for at least 5 men to volunteer their time and talents to fill the gap. If anyone is interested in helping out, I'd like to get a headcount, so please contact me for further details.

James Janik – Council 12148

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Calendar Review

October 2010

- ☐ Monday, October 4th – Council Meeting – 7pm in Room 5&7
- ☐ Tuesday, October 5th – 2010 Soccer Challenge at Slaughter Creek Fields 7-9pm
- ☐ Fri-Sat, October 9th-10th – Cooking fundraiser at St. Paul, signup at meeting...

- Monday, October 11th – 4th Degree Meeting – 7pm
- Saturday, October 16th – Sam's Club Fundraiser
- Monday, October 18th – Officer's Meeting at 7pm in Kitchen
- Thursday, October 21st – 1st Degree Ceremony at St. Paul – 7pm
- Saturday, October 30th – Men's Club Workday at 8am by BBQ pit
- Sunday, October 31st – Corporate Communion at 9am Mass
- Monday, November 1st – Council meeting at 7pm in Room 5&7

David Kauffman Concert

The St. John Vianney Church Community in Round Rock, TX cordially invite your parish to join us for an evening of *prayer* and *song* on **Friday, October 15th at 7:00pm**. David Kauffman will perform with special guest Bill Gokelman and featuring our own SJV Choir. This is the first time David has performed in Round Rock, and we are excited to share this unique opportunity with you and your whole parish.

<http://www.sjvroundrock.org/concert>

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About David and the Event:

David Kauffman is a Catholic songwriter, recording artist and founder of Good For The Soul Music in San Antonio. He has given over 1,000 concerts, youth rallies and parish retreats including performing for Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day in Paris and Denver. David's passion is to offer music and spiritual reflections that will help people experience *God's embrace* in everyday life.

This event is more than just a concert. Instead it includes prayer and stories that will touch young and old. This event will *feed the soul* of all who attend. Concert goers have described David's music as, "He takes *scripture* (we might take for granted, scripture we may not be familiar with) and makes [it] move and dance in a way that allow us to interact with [it]," and "His lyrics and words comfort and inspire us."

On **Saturday, October 16th from 8:30-11:30am**, David

will lead a prayer journaling workshop. This workshop uses the ancient form of prayer, *Lectio Divina*, to focus on one word to help point our way on our journey. This event has been described as "*life-changing*" by those that have participated.

We hope you see this event as we do, a rare opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to *praise God* and reflect on His glorious mysteries. Please contact us, if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ,
SJV Concert Promotions Committee

Newsletter Articles

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