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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 7

When: Monday, November 15th

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,

We are beginning November which is usually a time when we stop and give thanks.

Rather than wait till Thanksgiving I thought I would take this time to thank all the Knights for the time and efforts they put in on a regular basis.

These past weeks I have the ability to be around the church a bit. I have seen Knights: leading the rosary on MWF, leading the Thursday evening prayer group, this past weekend we had 11 Knights come to the adopt a street clean up Saturday Morning. We also conducted a successful Soccer Challenge, and successful fallout at St Paul for the Canonization of St Andre. We also continue to have great participation at our monthly business meeting and monthly officers meeting. And the month is not over- we still have assistance with the men's club and a BBQ on Saturday the 30th. We also have Corporate Communion this Sunday 10/31 at the 9 am mass.

In October we also had a very successful membership blitz. Bob Fonseca did an incredible job planning and had plenty of literature communication, and food. 11 men signed up to join the Knights and Grace Hall was packed

after each mass. I also believe we will have a few more Knights who will join during the year as several were not ready to commit but will pray about it. Each mass had at least 5 Knights and several masses had more than 10 Knights. It is very impactful when someone can meet 10 parishioners while enjoying a donut and coffee. the 11 men plus the 2 Knights that signed up before the blitz weekend means we may have as many as 13 new Knight join us in the next couple of months. If you have not been to a first degree in a while you may want to come and welcome our new Knights.

What I found interesting was what each of the prospective Knights found of particular interest to them- many were Church, family, or community. Several with youngsters liked that we were considering a Squire council. One made his decision when he heard we were planning a wives appreciation dinner.

November is a relatively slow month for the council - no fundraisers. It is a good time to:

- 1- Plan the Golf committee which is schedule for March 19th. This event is our main fundraiser and accounts for about 50% of all our revenue. There will be no fund raisers prior to the golf event.
- 2- Plan the activities that we are involved in December.
- 3- Help welcome/bring in the new Knights.

Each year we sponsor a seminarian. This year our Seminarian is:

Barry Cuba
St, Vincent DePaul
9500 Neenah, Austin 78717
Barry's Birthday is March 7.

I attended a meeting recently and learned that there are many additional ways that we can help our seminarian and one is by writing letters throughout the year. Should you be so moved to write a letter please send it to him at the address above. In our December meeting we'll pass around a Christmas card for everyone to sign.

Quick update on a few major events we have been considering:

Sean has agreed to look into a Squire council and see what that will entail. Thanks Sean.

Kathy, my wife, has received offers from Patsy, Terri, Lupita and Josie to help establish a KOCA- expect more news with possibly a first quarter launch date.

In our last officers meeting a recommendation was made to host a Wives appreciation dinner sometime near Valentine's day. The Knights will cook and serve and the women can relax and enjoy a well cooked meal at Grace Hall. We'll vote on it at our next meeting. More details

will follow in future months.

This is also a good time to give thanks to all those deceased and have taught us life lessons . All Saints and all Souls day are celebrated in November. Let's also thank those that have served in battle for our Freedom. November 11 is Veterans day and there will be a large fallout and parade downtown by Congress Bridge.

Thanks again for all you do for St. Paul, our Priests and The Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,

SK Tom Natoli

Grand Knight

Insurance Agent Report

Do you know anyone whose life has been drastically changed by the recent recession and economic downturn? With unemployment numbers what they are, it's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertain now. With this uncertainty, there is a real possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Only having "through work" insurance doesn't work. This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.

With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has and will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

Contact me at 476-3761 or at brandon.kraft@kofc.org today.

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

November is a very busy month across the district. Feast days, degrees, and special events fill the calendar. We are growing, keep up the momentum by asking a Catholic gentleman to join our order. Help your council meet their membership, insurance and program goals. With your help, we could have 5 Star Councils in this District. That would be Awesome!

Important dates:

- ☐ Monday, Nov.1: All Saints Day
- ☐ Tuesday, Nov. 2: The Commemoration of the the Faithful Departed (All Souls) - Election Day
- ☐ Saturday, Nov. 6: Major Degree, St. Elizabeth, Pflugerville, registration @7:00am, mass @8:00am, degree starts at 10:00am
- ☐ Sunday, Nov. 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends, set your clock back 1 hour or be early to mass!
- ☐ Tuesday, Nov. 9: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius
- ☐ Thursday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day, fly your flag
- ☐ Wednesday, Nov. 17: 1st Degree at St. Catherine
- ☐ Thursday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day
- ☐ Sunday, Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent

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For the Good of the Order

Burned Biscuits-author unknown

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each other's differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

"Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket - keep it in your own."

God Bless you
SK Lee Jan

Prayer Box

Please Pray 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.

November marks the first month where last year's passbook has expired. So often there is an uptick in sales as people look to renew their passbook. Take advantage of this by making sure you have 1 or 2 books to sell!

There will be books available at the November 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

Adopt-A-Street



We had a great turn out for this month's Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up.

I would like to thank the following Brother Knights and family members:

Tom Natoli, Louis Palacios, Gayle Ferguson, John Ferguson, Tony Garcia, Bob Meny, Chris Jistel, Thomas Jistel, Johnie Muller, Larry Larson, Anthony Guzaldo and Carlos De La Garza.

Thanks for the donuts, Tom.

Our next Adopt-A-Street will be during the month of January 2011.

-SK Rene Gaytan

Calendar Review

November 2010

- ☐ Monday, November 1st – Council Meeting is postponed until 11/15
- ☐ Fri-Sat, November 5th-6th Adoration in Chapel

- ☐ Monday, November 8th – 4th Degree Meeting – 7pm
- ☐ Monday, November 15th – Council Meeting at 7pm in room 5. Officer's meeting cancelled.
- ☐ Thursday, November 18th – Golf Tournament Committee Meeting 7pm
- ☐ Saturday, November 20th – State Soccer Challenge
- ☐ Saturday, November 27th – Men's Club Workday at 8am by BBQ pit
- ☐ Monday, December 6th – Council meeting at 7pm in Room 5&7

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, November 29th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeecan.us or by calling 680-0367.