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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 7

When: Monday, January 3rd

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,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and your New Year is off to a good start.

We start the year by welcoming out latest new Knight: Meljun Vergara.

Our first Corporate communion is January 30th at the 9am Mass. Please plan on sitting in the front of the church with your family. Wear your Knights shirt if you have one. Refreshments will be served after the mass in Grace Hall.

Most people make New Year's resolutions - I hope one of yours is to ask a man in the parish one time a quarter to become a Knight. This will mean that you ask 4 people this year. You will be helping the church, our priests and you'll also provide a gentleman with an opportunity to expand on his faith and do so with a lot of other Catholic men and their families.

We have several church, youth, family, community and council activities scheduled for the first quarter of the year.

for updated calendar go to: <http://council10209.org/>

Upcoming events:

- January 2 - Christmas party at Grace Hall.
- January 7 and 8th- Adoration
- January 8th - 2nd and 3rd degree.
- January 11th -Free throw contest
- January 15th - Street Clean up
- January 29th - Men's club
- January 30 - Corporate communion.

Every Thursday evening is the St. Paul Prayer group.

Fundraisers January-Super bowl 50/50 football pool.

March- Golf Tournament on the 19th.

The women's group is progressing nicely and should have their first meeting in the first quarter of 2011.

We will finalize the approval of a wives appreciation dinner scheduled for March at this month's business meeting.

As a Knight you receive several communications via e-mail and mail from Supreme, each of you should be receiving the Fathers for Good (<http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>). I have attached one of last month's articles and I hope you enjoy it.

May God continue to bless you and your family this year.

Faternally,

SK Tom Natoli
Grand Knight

within your family!

Pope John Paul II wrote: "The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family . . . the family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love. To the family is entrusted the task of striving, first and foremost, to unleash the forces of good, the source of which is found in Christ the Redeemer of man."

Fathers, you are called to unleash your children as "forces of good" upon the world. By making the following eight habits your own, you will be well on your way to attaining this goal.

1. Educate yourself in the faith Read a chapter or a passage or two each day from sacred Scripture and the Catechism. Pope John Paul II encouraged families "to use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn about the faith and to answer the questions that come up, especially the moral questions which confront everyone today." We cannot pass on to our children what we ourselves have never taken the time to learn.

2. Put what you learn into practice Knowing God's instructions won't benefit us or our children if we don't live them. A father's primary responsibility is to be a Christian witness to his children. Our homes can be a haven of moral virtue if we foster it through our own example.

3. Teach Christ's truths personally Parents are the first and most important educators of their children. Teach your children about God through your own experience. There is a great difference between "knowing about God" and "knowing God." Share with them simple stories of faith that reveal how you relate to God in your everyday situations. God ought to be as real to them as you are.

4. Pray together Mass, Confession, celebrating feast days, reading the Bible or a saint book and, above all, daily prayer can all be done as a family. This practice bonds a family in the faith, and every strengthening of family bonds is a victory for society. Even if you only have five minutes of nightly prayer with your children, do not underestimate its value. A child carries into his adult life those memories as "seeds of faith."

5. Spend time with your children Don't let the pursuit of success or wealth cause you to miss your child's fundamental need to know you as a father. Yes, you must provide for your family, and part of that is the time you spend with them. The great truths of our faith and how we personally relate to those truths can be taught through ordinary conversation, while fixing cars, collecting bugs, camping, fishing, hiking, gardening, or sports.

6. Guard the windows to the soul! Keep a careful check over media influences that can lead your family astray.



8 Habits of Highly Successful Fathers

Good Habits Pick Up Where Good Intentions Fail

by Chris Erickson

Fathers, you are "the first heralds of the faith" for your children, states the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1656, 2225). The "first evangelization" begins in your own heart, and when it takes root it becomes contagious

What if dad invited two strangers to come into the home and for an hour they engaged in sexual innuendo by words, dress and conduct? Shocking? Yet we often allow the same sorts of things into our house through the media. Fathers, don't dull your family's sense of sin! With a little diligence you can find wholesome alternatives.

7. Be vigilant over your children's friends Get to know your children's friends, or at least try to determine whether their influence is good or bad. No kid is going to be perfect, so avoid being overly scrupulous.

8. Make your home a place of tranquility and peace - beginning with loving your wife "Love your wives as Christ loves the Church" (Ephesians 5:25). That's a tall order, but your sons will relate to women in much the same way you relate to your wife; and your daughters will learn from your example what to desire and expect from men.

St. John Chrysostom said the home should be a "little church," a miniature kingdom of God. Is your home too stern, too demanding on the children? Or, are there few rules and little enforcement?

Is dad too busy and mom often irritable? Does the mood reflect a menacing storm? If so, each will seek their freedom and go their own way. Value honesty and hard work, offer great love, admit mistakes, ask forgiveness, and laugh much.

Adorn your home with constant reminders of your Christian faith: a crucifix, holy pictures or statues bring to mind events in the life of Our Lord.

Now, Fathers, the ball is in your court. Be confident, consistent and courageous. Your children will love you for it!

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Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! It's that time of year for the collection of our annual dues for 2011. Thank you to all who have already taken care of this obligation. We will again try to save some money by not mailing more billing statements than necessary. I encourage you to pay your dues without having to receive a billing notice. If paying by check, please make out the check to "Knights of Columbus." Dues remain at \$40. You can pay me personally, leave your payment in a sealed envelope with my name on it in our box at church, or mail it to me at 2908 Balfour Falls Lane, Austin, Texas, zip code is 78748.

I will be mailing first notices sometime in mid-January, so I ask that if possible please pay prior to that time. If you

are experiencing circumstances which make payment difficult or impossible, please let myself or another officer know so that we can make other arrangements. I cannot over emphasize how important it is to pay your dues.

It's also time for us to complete our individual Survey of Fraternal Activities. Thank you to those who completed the form at our December business meeting. I will be sending an e-mail through the yahoo group, please complete and return to me at the next meeting in January. Some of the categories include number of visits you made to the sick, number of times you donated blood, number of community volunteer service hours such as church or youth activities, and number of fraternal service hours for a sick or disabled members and their families.

If you need to get in touch with me please use the following e-mail account for Knights business at jistelc@yahoo.com or you may call my cell phone at 826-1754. Fraternally,

SK Chris Jistel FS

Insurance Agent Report

Happy New Year! As time seems to pass by faster each year, the beginning of the new year is a great time to set goals for the upcoming year. Personally, I like "goals" over "resolutions", specifically SMART goals. SMART stands for "specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic and time-based", which can aid in helping crafting goals that will actually get done compared to my old "resolutions" that might make it until January 10th.

One of the goals I set for myself last year when I became your field agent was to continue my professional education by obtaining the FIC designation by the end of 2010. FIC, or the "Fraternal Insurance Counsellor" designation, is earned after completing a series of courses and exams focused on the unique aspects of the insurance benefits offered by the Knights of Columbus and other fraternal benefit societies. I am happy to report I met my goal.

There are two reasons why our insurance program is known by many as our greatest fraternal benefit. First, our portfolio of products coupled with our financial strength are second-to-none—which is why we have the best ratings by A.M. Best and Standard and Poor's. Second, your Knights of Columbus field force is one of the best trained in the industry. In addition to technical knowledge concerning our products, tax and legal changes and other industry developments, we are continually training on needs analysis techniques to ensure our advice will be the finest available to ensure your family's insurance plan is not only sufficient to meet your needs, but not excessive overkill either.

As I have said in meetings before, my objective working with your family is not to make sure all of your insurance coverage is with the Knights of Columbus. My objective is to work with your family to understand your financial goals, develop an insurance plan able to fulfill those goals and, if needed, explain to you the solutions offered by the Knights.

In 2011, I encourage you to make one additional goal—to set a time to meet with me during this year. In addition to being a “SMART” goal, it is an easy one to accomplish that will give you piece of mind. Make it happen by calling me today. May God bless you and your family this year!

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

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 5th and hosts a major degree January 8th. 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:

- Tuesday, January 5th: 1st Degree at St Catherine
- Wednesday, January 8th: Major Degree at St. Catherine
- Saturday, January 11th: 1st Degree at St Ignatius
- Saturday, January 22nd: Right to Life Saturday
- Thursday, February 3rd: Clergy Appreciation Dinner

John Massey
District Deputy 127
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For the Good of the Order

By the time you read this, Christmas is over and we are beginning what we hope will be a prosperous new year. It seems we never hear people speak of hoping a new year will be as good as the last, seems to me I always hear

people hoping for a better year than the one just ended. Why is that? Is it that the past year really was bad, or is it that we are just never quite satisfied and always want something more? Hmm – sounds kind of like greed doesn't it? Or is it that we put too much emphasis on materialism and have not yet quite figured out that it is in Christ where true happiness is found?

So maybe this year, we can focus more on our spiritual growth. A New Year's resolution could be to begin each day by asking God to show us the way and offer our daily efforts to him and let him take care of the rest. God loves us and seeks our love, just as a man loves his wife and seeks her love, a deep love that makes us vulnerable. God vulnerable? Yes, because he loves us, and everything he created, so much that he gives us freedom to love him, but does not coerce us to love him. Just as your love for your wife and family makes you vulnerable, God's love for us make him vulnerable – he allows himself to be disappointed and hurt when we do not love him, just as you would feel if your wife and children did not love you.

Perhaps this year we could begin each day by reciting the Morning Offering before we begin the day. You know, the Morning Offering, I am sure we all learned a rendition as a child:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favors, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen

or maybe join or start a prayer group, setting aside time for God on a regular basis

May the peace of Christ be with you throughout the year. God Bless you

SK Lee Jan

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Fr. Oliver Johnson, Tony Garcia Sr., Mary Moore, Mathew Soto, Jenelle Blair, Adam Torres, Joe Reschman, Fr. Barry, Fr. James, Carolyn Ferguson, Marcus Puente Family, Katie Theriault, Craig Tamash, Louis Palacios, Albert Villegas, Ish Gonzalez

Calendar Review

- Mon Jan 3 - 7pm – 9pm Membership Meeting
- Thu Jan 6 - All day Prayer Meeting
- Fri Jan 7 - All day - Adoration

- Sat Jan 8
 - All day - Adoration
 - 7:30am – 2pm - Major Degree - Saint Catherine - Saint Catherine
- Tue Jan 11 - 6pm – 8:30pm - Free Throw Competition - Bedichek Middle School
- Thu Jan 13 All day - Prayer Meeting
- Sat Jan 15 8:30am – 9:30am - Adopt a Street - Saint Paul
- Mon Jan 17 7pm – 8:30pm - Officer Mtg
- Thu Jan 20 All day - Prayer Meeting
- Thu Jan 27 All day - Prayer Meeting
- Sat Jan 29 All day - Men's Club
- Sun Jan 30 9am – 10am - Corporate Communion - St Paul's Church
- Thu Feb 3
 - All day - Prayer Meeting
 - Clergy Appreciation Dinner in Georgetown
- Fri Feb 4 All day - Adoration
- Sat Feb 5 All day - Adoration
- Mon Feb 7 7pm – 9pm - Membership Meeting

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, January 31st. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.