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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

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,

Our New year is off to a great start. In January eight brothers obtained second and third degrees-congratulations to each of you. We also had great participation in the Free throw contest, Right to life Day, Adopt a Street, Men's club support with the tree trimming. The Christmas party and Corporate Communion were well attended and a good time. Thank you Brothers Kevin ,Ken ,Bob H., Rene, Bob M., Carlos D and Bill for coordinating these events as well as the many brothers who assisted and participated.

Our Knight of the Month was Johnny Mueller. Johnny assisted at the Christmas party by cooking sausage, he assists with the Marbridge parishioners transportation monthly, along with his son, Justin, assisted at the adopt a street, heads up the community team . Johnny also mans a few of the late night hours at adoration. Congratulations and thanks Johnny.

Our Family of the Month was Carlos de la Garza for coordinating the Christmas party. Carlos also initiated the men's club cook out. He is also a lecture at mass and is heading up the youth poster competition. Congratulations

and thanks to Carlos, Maria and their daughters Mariela and Ximena.

In February the Knights will lead the congregation in the rosary at the 9am mass, have the clergy appreciation dinner, conduct the essay contest and poster contest. We will also be planning our largest fundraiser of the year - the golf tournament. The women's auxiliary group will also have the first meeting.

I encourage every knight to find a way to get involved in some capacity with the March 19th Golf outing. You can sign up people to golf, organize a foursome, help cook breakfast or lunch, obtain prizes or sponsorships. Please consider how you can help with this fundraiser. The best events are those that involve many. It is a fun day with much brotherhood.

I also ask that you prayerfully consider become an officer in July for the 2011-2012 year. I have learned that the small time commitment you make is little compared to what you receive. We are very blessed to be surrounded by many great men and many knights who have experience in several of the positions are very willing to share their knowledge. When I became the grand knight, last summer, I met with three past grand knights of our council. Their experience and wisdom was a huge help getting started.

The officer positions and their roles are listed below. You can nominate anyone for a position (please ask them if they would accept the position) and you can also nominate yourself. Please let me know over the next month what position you would like to be involved in. Also please ask me or any Knight if you have any questions about any position.

Many times we think we do not have time to do something - I think God will help you with this decision. One of my new friends this year is Larry Odom of St Catherine's. Larry is the grand knight of council 8156 he has been a Knight for less than two years and has 7 children.

Officer and Director Positions:

Grand Knight- is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He ensures the membership, insurance and programming growth of his council and all its members. Responsible for cooperation with Columbian Squires, Fourth Degree assemblies, chapters, district deputy, other councils, state deputy and state council.

Chaplain-is the Spiritual advisor of the council. He makes a report of religious matters at the council meetings. The Grand Knight appoints a Priest for this

position.

Deputy Grand Knight is second in command. He assists the Grand Knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the councils retention committee and the programming chairperson.

Chancellor primarily assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Squires circle ceremonial team.

Recorder-is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and it's correspondence.

Financial Secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main areas of responsibilities are maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of the Officer and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payments of all expenses.

Lecturer is appointed by the grand Knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the "Good of the Order" portion of council meetings. He must be aware of all council programming.

Advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. He should be familiar with the council by-laws.

Warden-is the "watchdog" for council property and the degree paraphernalia, except for the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work.

Inside and Outside Guards have similar responsibilities but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their member ship cards are current.

Board of Trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the retention committee. During council elections, only the three year trustee is voted on with the others moving to two and one-year trustees, respectively.

In addition to the Officer positions we have 6 directors for the service programs that are integral to our success for the year. These Directors are **Church, community, council, family, Respect life, and youth**. The current activities that our council performs are located on our web site. As leader you have the authority to continue with the activities or propose changes to the council as well to ask and consider ideas from council members.

The last position is **the fundraiser chairperson**. Your role would be to coordinate and obtain leads for various fundraisers and assist as appropriate. We usually have 5 fundraisers (passbooks, 3 BBQs, and the golf tourney- this year we added the super bowl pool) I have learned several fundraisers that other councils throughout Texas perform we can consider these or continue to enhance the existing events.

I anticipate that we will obtain nominations over the next month I would like to have the new officers work with the current officers in developing next year's budget in June so the new officers in July will be off to a great start. Again please discuss with your family members and pray together on how you can help the Knights, Church and our Priests.

Fraternally,

SK Tom Natoli
Grand Knight

Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

I want to thank those Knights who have paid their 2011 dues obligation. I have recently sent out 1st notice statements to members who have not paid their dues. 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 second notices sometime in mid-February, 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. You make a partial payment if that works better for you. I cannot over emphasize how important it is to pay your dues.

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

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? The solution is a guaranteed check every month for your entire life.

The Knights of Columbus offers this solution through our retirement annuities, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a member, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. After consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can result in a sizable, guaranteed monthly check. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (we guarantee your principle and a minimum interest rate). You will have peace of mind knowing that when you open your Knights of Columbus annuity statement, you will see a larger number than the statement before.

In addition to a non-tax qualified annuities (you pay taxes on the growth when you withdraw), you can setup your annuity as an IRA, a Roth IRA, a SEP or related tax designations. Have an old 401(k) or 403(b) from a previous job that you're tired of dealing with? You can roll that into a KofC annuity without having to worry about any tax consequences. Have an IRA that you're ready to step off the roller coaster and only see grow? We can transfer that too without any tax consequences. Again, with guaranteed principle and a guaranteed minimum interest rate (currently 3%).

What about a few years down the road when interest rates go up? Your rates will go up too. What if rates go down? Your rates can never go below the minimum of 3%-- that's written, in black and white, in the contract.

As we approach our 129th anniversary, the Knights of Columbus has always sought to strength Catholic families through, in addition to our fraternal and charitable works, providing sound, safe financial solutions to protect your family from the unexpected.

At your convenience, I will happily to meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting the Knights of Columbus to aid in your retirement, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, long term care insurance plans, and very soon, disability income

insurance.

Call me with questions and to arrange a time to get together.

SK Brandon J. Kraft, FA
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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

I write this report right after Right to Life Weekend. It was great to see so many Knights attend the various activities. I was able to meet our Bishop and talk with him before the March for Life. He was extremely please to see how many Knights, families and individuals came to show our support for Life. This was once again an example of how the Knights are a visible arm of the church.

If you have participated in 5 Pro-Life events in the last year, please make sure to fill out an ACE award form. If your wife has also attended, make sure to include her on the form.

As we move on in the year, we need to keep talking to Catholic Gentlemen that are not members and explain the benefits we have. Please continue the good works you do and make sure to involve the new members we bring into the order. Make sure that you are aware of all the fraternal benefits that the Knights offer. If you have not met with Eddie or Brandon in a while, please make it a point to talk with them.

Important dates for February:

- Thursday, 2/3: Clergy Appreciation Dinner
- Sunday, 2/6: SUPER BOWL!
- Tuesday, 2/8: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius
- Sunday, 2/13: World Marriage Day
- Monday, 2/14: St. Valentine's Day
- Thursday, 2/17: St. Degree at St. Paul's

John Massey
District Deputy 127
Council 8156
Assembly 1099

Community Corner

Thanks to the following Brother Knights and family members for helping with January's Adopt-a-Street litter

pick-up:

Miguel Salazar, Johnnie & Justin Muller, Meljun Vergara, Louis Palacios, Tony Garcia, and Angela Gaytan

Our next Adopt-a-Street will be Saturday, April 9th 2011. This will be in conjunction with the Annual Austin City-Wide Clean Up. Get more information regarding this city-wide event at the next business meetings.

-SK Rene Gaytan

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Fr. Oliver Johnson, Janelle Blair, John Debreck, Karen Ferguson, Louis Palacios, Fr. Barry and Fr. James, Eva Marie Villegas, Vicki Jan's Mother and Lee Jan's Sister, John Owens, Joe Reschmann, Mary Moore, Connor Lobell, Adrian Brown

Golf Tournament

Attached to the newsletter is the team registration form for our annual golf tournament which will occur on March 19th. As you know this fundraiser is our biggest for the year. Please make an effort to sign up a team, lead some aspect of the event, or acquire some prize donations as we really need all of the Council to make this fundraiser happen. Much of the planning for this event will take place at the February business meeting so please make the meeting and sign up!

Thank you for your support!

-SK Sean McGee

Calendar Review

- Monday, February 7th - 7pm - 9pm - Membership Meeting
- Thursday February 17th - 7pm - First degree ceremony at St. Paul.
- Monday, February 21st - Officer's Meeting at 7pm. All are welcome
- Saturday, February 26th - Men's Club workday. 8am at Men's club shed
- Sunday, March 6th - Wives Appreciation Dinner - 4pm-9pm in Grace Hall. More details at meeting.
- Monday, March 7th - 7pm - 9pm - Membership Meeting

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, February 28th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.

