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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, March 7th

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 would like to start by welcoming our newest Knight Roberto Agudo, Roberto was proposed by one of our recent Knights, Meljun .

We are entering into March which is the last very active month of the year for us.

This month we have two large activities. The Golf tournament is March 19th at Lions Municipal course. This is by far our largest fundraiser of the year, accounting for more than half of our annual income for the year. The proceeds of the Golf Tournament help fund all the activities, charities and scholarships for the year.

We still need some help with Golf sponsors- I'd like to ask everyone to please think of one place that you frequent and ask them if they would like to sponsor a hole or a sand trap. I asked someone the other day and after he agreed to sponsored a hole he looked at me and said he was a Knight when he lived in the east coast. Who knows, maybe he'll join our church and council some day.

We also need golfers. We have about 20 foursomes and have openings for 10 more. The golfers can sign up as a

foursome or as an individual.

Lastly we could use some door prizes- items in the range of \$ 5-15- they can be golf related or not.

I hope to see everyone on the 19th. This tourney has the potential to build on our past success and be our best yet. Please consider how you can get involved.

The second big event this month is March 27th - The wives appreciation evening. Pete is heading up a gala affair. We will send out invitations soon. At our next meeting, we will pass around sign-up sheets for cooking and serving. We will have a spaghetti and meatballs dinner , salad and dessert. The dinner will be from 5-7 we have Grace Hall from 4-9 for setup and cleanup.

There are a few other events worth noting this month -On March 5th there is a walk for the Annunciation Maternity Home (AMH) in Georgetown at Berry Springs County Park and Preserve. AMH was started by a Knight and many Knights helped build the home. The AMH is home to 17 women and 19 children. Three Dominican Nuns help educate the women and care for the babies. These young women chose life for their babies and the AMH allows them a chance to obtain an education and provide support.

The Special Olympics scheduled for February were cancelled due to the winter storm that came to Austin. One event was rescheduled for all Special Olympians- The bowling tournament. Fortunately, one of the three bowling alleys is here in South Austin at Westgate lanes on March 25, 26 and 27. If you would like to help, please block out some time. Help is needed to assist the participants with staying on their lanes and staying in order. I hope to have more information and times for everyone soon. We will partner with other councils to assist these athletes.

We have started our monthly seminarian letter to Sean Dewitt- thank you Brian Tuohy. Knights have signed up to write to Sean - Feb though July and October. If you would like to sign up for a month to write to Sean, please let me know.

The Knights Ladies Auxiliary is off to a great start. They have agreed to help with check in at the golf tournament.

I thought the pledge of allegiance was a great sign of unity with our Boy Scouts. We will start our March meeting again with the Boy Scouts this month with the Pledge of Allegiance and our opening Prayer.

If you would like to be an officer next year (July to June) please let me know. Please see last month's newsletter for a listing of the positions and the duties of each position.

Congratulations to Anthony Palacios for being named the Knight of the month. Anthony has recently helped with the Adopt a Street, Men's club, District basketball

competition and attended the recent first degree and corporate communion.

Our Knight family of the month is Ken and Maria Moore. Ken leads the Ministers of Communion's program and Maria is involved and was a leader in establishing the Mornings with Jesus program for our youngsters.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th and 27th this month.

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 2nd 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 Knight Alerts sometime in mid-March, 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 jjistelc@yahoo.com or you may call my cell phone at 826-1754.

I also want to thank those who completed your Survey of Fraternal Activities and to David Moore for his work on the recent audit which I used to complete this year's survey. We had a number of our Knights who participated in this year's survey and I thank you for your support in this effort.

Fraternally,

SK Chris Jistel FS

Insurance Agent Report

You've worked hard to create the king of lifestyle you enjoy. Many of us can expect to live a long life. In fact, the life expectancy of people has never been longer than today! While we can expect to live longer lives, the quality of that life can be another matter.

In aging, some changes occur that can be anticipated, and some that are completely unexpected. In our 60's and 70's, tasks and activities that were once performed with ease might become increasingly difficult. Over time we may need more assistance with activities like getting dressed or moving from a bed to a chair. We may acutely lose our health to a debilitating illness or accident – like a stroke. So, even though life expectancies have improved in terms of quantity, the quality of life, for some people, can be expected to diminish during the golden years. As well, the cost of providing the necessary care you might require can have a debilitating effect on your savings and your surviving spouse's lifestyle.

Knights of Columbus Long Term Care insurance can help you cope with the cost of long-term custodial care – while maintaining your dignity and choice of care options. It's a great addition to the Knights of Columbus portfolio of insurance programs.

COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES provide benefits for care received in a Nursing Home, Assisted Living Facility, Adult Day Care and Home Care.

FACILITY – ONLY POLICIES provide benefits for care received in a Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility.

Both types of policies offer choice of inflation protection-to buy additional units of coverage as you go or as a 5% Compound Inflation Rider.

YOU CHOOSE

-How much coverage you want or need.

-The equivalent number of years that benefits are to be paid.

-How long you wait (elimination period benefits before payments begin).

I will gladly help you design the plan (or plans) that best fit your needs. – Call me today!

SK Brandon J. Kraft, FA
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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

We are about to enter into the Lenten season and nearing the end of the fraternal year. Please take this time of year to reflect and prepare for the beautiful and holy Easter season, but also help wrap up a successful year for the Knights and your council. Have you invited a fellow Catholic gentle-man to join our order? Have you met with our insurance agent to see all of the benefits available to

you as a Knight? Have you done what you can to help your council achieve Star Council? If not, why not?

Important dates for March:

- Tuesday, March 8th: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius, degree starts at 7:30
- Wednesday, March 9th: Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, March 13th: Daylight savings time begins, move your clock forward one hour or be an hour early to Mass!
- Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday, March 23th: 1st Degree at St. Catherine of Siena, degree starts at 7:30
- Tuesday, March 29th: Founder's Day, celebrate the 129 anniversary of the Knights of Columbus

John Massey
District Deputy 127
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Community Corner

Brother Knights,

I am scheduling our next (Quarterly) **Adopt-A-Street** in conjunction with Austin's **Annual City-Wide Clean Sweep**.

DATE: Saturday, April 9, 2011

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 am

PLACE: Meet at church parking lot entrance off of David Moore Rd by the big rock

ACTIVITY: Pick Up Litter along roadsides of David Moore Rd, plus around all church buildings and parking lots from David Moore Rd to Bilbrook Rd

WHY(REWARDS): “Spring Clean” the Church Property, Exercise, Socialize, Free T-shirt, Free Lunch/Picnic at Waterloo Park from 11:00am-1:00pm (where they will have door prizes, live music, other freebies...)

For those that can volunteer, please send me an email at work or home, or call me at home, cell or work.

When you email, call or sign-up, **I will also need T-shirt size(s)** for you and any family members or friends that plan on participating. Here are the sizes available to choose from (from the Keep Austin Beautiful office):

Youth Small - Youth Medium - Adult Small - Adult Medium - Adult Large - Adult X-Large - Adult XX-Large

I have to submit the sizes by Friday, March 25th.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the next 2 regular business meetings, March 7th & April 4th, 2011. As always, thank you for volunteering with this community service project.

-SK Rene Gaytan

For the Good of the Order

In a few days, we will begin the season of Lent, a time of preparation for the high point of Christianity, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Lent also marks the final weeks of preparation of catechumens; those persons desiring to enter a new life with Christ and become members of his body, the church, through baptism. Yet, Christians, especially Catholic Christians, often enter Lent with some reluctance, feeling a need, even an obligation, to sacrifice and do penance.

But we should look joyfully to this time of preparation and the opportunity to come closer to God through self examination, renewing our efforts to leave sin behind, and intensifying our love for God and our neighbors with the same joy the catechumens have in anticipating their incorporation into the body of Christ. There are three things we should do during this season of preparation:

Pray – make a commitment to give God a few minutes of quiet time every day. Find that quiet private space where you can be alone with your thoughts and alone with God. Taking time for yourself is not selfish if it is about making room in your life to nurture your relationship with God. But don't leave it to chance; if you do not plan for the time with God, it is likely that, although your intentions are good, you may not ever find that time. So, I suggest that you set your alarm 10 – 30 minutes earlier than usual during Lent, and begin each day with those 10-30 minutes in quiet conversation with God.

If you normally go to the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, you may want to consider coming a little earlier to pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners. Rosary begins at 8:35, so you just need to give God an extra 25 minutes, once per week. Another option you might consider is joining a parish prayer group during lent, Parishioners Praying for St. Paul Parish, for example, meets for evening prayer each Thursday at 6:30 p.m.; the location each week is announced via an email to the K of C Yahoo group.

Fast -- and by fast I mean, examine your words, actions, and behavior. Consider fasting from criticism of others, from impatience, from inflexibility; reject greed, selfishness, pride, lust, and all things that keep you from responding to the needs of others, and if you feel a need to give up a tangible pleasure like chocolate or other pleasure to remind yourself of your spiritual fasting, then do so. But do so because you love God, not because you feel you have to. Remember, God gave up his everything

to become man and to die for us because he loves us.

And third, give alms, with a generous spirit share what you have with others that are less fortunate, and do so often, not just once. You might even consider volunteering a little time to work with the poor at a food distribution center or with St. Vincent de Paul Society right here in our parish. – Remember we are not just filling in a square on a report card; we are trying to grow closer to God by living our life as Jesus lived his.

I wish you all a holy lent season, much spiritual growth, and the peace of Christ.

-SK Lee Jan

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, March 7th - 7pm – 9pm - Membership Meeting
- Wednesday, March 9th – Ash Wednesday
- Friday, March 11th – Stations of the Cross in the Evening
- Saturday March 19th – 8am – Annual Golf Tournament
- Monday, March 21st – Officer's Meeting at 7pm. All are welcome
- Saturday, March 26th – Men's Club workday. 8am at Men's club shed
- Sunday, March 27th – Wives Appreciation Dinner – 4pm-9pm in Grace Hall. More details at meeting.

- Monday, April 4th – 7pm – 9pm - Membership Meeting

Newsletter Articles

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