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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, April 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,

Wow, What an incredible March!

The Knights and the Ladies auxiliary hosted the first Friday of Lent Stations of the Cross meal, feeding soup and bread to 80 parishioners. Grace Hall was packed and there was plenty of great food for everyone. Participating at the Stations of the Cross on Friday night is a great way to experience and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for all of us.

We had our most successful golf tournament to date. The weather was great and many Knights showed up to handle set up, registration, signs, prizes, trophies, sponsorships, cooking cleanup. Thank you to Gayle and Bill for your leadership and addressing every detail that made this event a success. The Tomato juice was also a big hit. Many golfers commented what a great time they had. This was the first year we had a hole in one! and appropriately Wholy Bagel sponsored the hole. Eddie Zapata a brother Knight at St John Vienna will receive a dozen bagels a month for the next year. Great job everyone.

Due to the success of the golf tournament we have increased the Scholarships for secondary education to 4

this year and the seminarian sponsorship has been increased to \$1,000 this year.

Just as successful was last Sunday evening's event, where the Knights hosted a spectacular affair at Grace Hall and recognized our spouses. The menu included salad, antipasti, tortellini, ravioli, spaghetti and our dessert tray included chocolate and cheese cake. The big hit was the tour of Italy dish- a combination of all three entrees. This entree was not on the original menu but a request of our guest. In true Knight fashion the kitchen staff assembly line was established to meet the demand and ensure hot food as served timely to all out guests. Close to thirty wives attended the affair. We were fortunate that Father Barry and father James were both able to attend. Father Barry blessed the rosaries for the ladies.

The wives appreciation dinner started by an idea by Pete Cantu several months ago, Pete also led the kitchen service. Talk about teamwork- there were Knights cooking in the main kitchen, preparing plates and handling the drinks in the grace Hall kitchen, 8 waiters-dressed in tuxes- serving the ladies and we also had runners moving product and communicating between the facilities. Over 25 Knights were involved and we sure needed everyone. The kitchen was hopping most of the Knight. The wives had such a good time they asked if we could do this every month. I think we created a monster. One wife wrote and thanked the Knights for the event and said she made a new friend at the event, she also commented that the Knights seemed to be having a great time- she was right.

How could we ever top March-glad you asked:

We received a request from Diane Robertson who is Bart and Sue Botta's daughter. As many of you know Sue is the widow of Brother Bart and she is having mobility challenges. Bart was an active fourth degree Knight and a daily participant of the men's club, maintaining the grounds for the church. Diane asked if we could build a ramp to allow Sue to leave her house so she could spend time with her garden. The garden is approximately two 4 foot high and 6 feet wide potted gardens about 10 yards away from the back door.

We discussed Sue's request at the officers meeting and unanimously agreed to assist Sue. Sue also needs to have a couple of trees, that are leaning on her roof, trimmed and a path be designed and built to ensure she can easily have access to the garden. Hand rails need to be constructed for the ramps and the path. David and Henry have agreed to measure and purchase the materials and lead the ramp construction, Kevin volunteered to lead the tree trimming project and Brian and Gayle the path. We could use everyone's help on April the 9th and 16th. The men's club has offered all their tools and will probably

join us. We will start at 10 am. Maybe we can BBQ with some of the left over hamburgers from the golf event.

We expect to work on the project April 9th - and 16th. The folks that have volunteered for street clean up and would like to help can head over to Sue's house afterwards.

Congratulations to Bill Hoagland for being named the Knight of the month. Bill stepped up when we needed a leader for the golf event and coordinated many activities with the course and council these past 6 months.

Our Knight family of the month is Gayle Ferguson and family. Gayle tirelessly handled all the details, in the final month that made the event a lot of fun to be part of. His tenacious desire for our event to be successful is admired and his leadership skills were evident in his coordination of the many activities that occurred up to and on event day.

There was also Special Olympics event also in March. What a thrill to participate in this event. I have attended and participated in many sporting events. Being fortunate enough to see a Super Bowl and several World Series games (Mets and Yankees). I know I have never clapped or gave so many high fives in my life. When you see a bowler knock down a pin and be so happy that they think the greatest thing ever happened to them, you gain a whole new perspective on sport and life. Leanne was of the bowlers on my lanes, she bowled an 88 - her highest game ever, and won first prize with her mom.

Please remember the 40 days for life. You do not need to sign up and can visit the abortion clinic to pray with others at any time from 7am to 7pm. I have heard several young women have reconsidered taking the life of their child already this year.

Finally- thank you to Knights who have expressed an interest to be leaders in the council next year. If you would like to step up and hold an officer position next year please let me know- you will be glad you did.

See you Monday.

Faternally,

SK Tom Natoli
Grand Knight

First Degree Team Report

Brother Knights,

St. Paul's Knights Council 10209 has rescheduled our 1st Degree Ceremony for the month of April. We will not be able to conduct the ceremony on Thursday, April 21st as originally scheduled due Holy Week and Holy Thursday mass. Our 1st Degree Ceremony is now scheduled for

Thursday, April 14th in Grace Hall with set up beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ceremony at 8:00 p.m. Please pass this date change to all candidates, councils and members.

Faternally,

SK Chris Jistel FS

Insurance Agent Report

April is a great month for the Knights of Columbus and our insurance program. First, we're happy to announce a new life insurance product -- a 10-year pay permanent policy. This is a permanent insurance product that is guaranteed to be fully paid in 10 years. There are a number of situations where this may be the product for you--purchasing insurance for your children. You want to ensure that they're able to purchase suitable insurance down the road or give them a cash-value insurance policy for them to use as an emergency fund/first-home down payment/college savings but don't want a bill year-after-year. Or you want to take advantage of the guaranteed 4% interest on the cash value and our excellent dividend scale to have both insurance coverage for your family and a safe, secure cash value growth.

I don't know if this could be a good fit for you or if I'd suggest you consider it without a review.

In addition, we are now offering a fourth product type. In addition to our highly-rated life insurance that has been the backbone of the Knights of Columbus for 129 years, our guaranteed retirement products and our long-term care insurance, I am proud to announce we are now offering disability income insurance. This "fourth leg" is a natural evolution of the Order's dedication to ensuring that your family has the tools at your disposal to be ready for the unexpected.

Our life insurance protects your family's finances when you die, our annuities provide a lifetime income that won't "run out", our long-term care coverage protects your assets from the incredible price of assistance during our final years and, now, our disability income coverage provides your family income when it is needed most--when you're unable to work.

Even if you already have disability income through work, it is worth reviewing your situation. Many group plans only cover 20% or 30% of your income--I know the Kraft family couldn't handle taking a 80% pay cut.

If it has been awhile since you've talked to an agent, been meaning to give me a call for awhile or if you're interested in our new products, send me an e-mail or give me a call today.

SK Brandon J. Kraft, FA
Field Agent

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

We are in the middle of Lent and in preparation of the Easter season. I hope that you may participate in the great Tritium Masses leading up to Holy Easter, and absorb all the Holy Week is about. Glenda and I wish you and your families a Beautiful and Blessed Easter Season. Now to work: We are in the last quarter of the fraternal year, the thoughts to turn budgets, elections and wrapping up the year. While these are necessary, do not forget our job is also to serve and support. We grow the order through your service, dedication and example. I know we were visible in the Lenten meals you prepared for your parish and community. Use times like these to meet and invite new members and families. Basically keep doing what you're doing, you do it very well.

Important Dates in April:

- Tuesday, April 12th: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius, candidates by 7:00pm
- Thursday, April 14th: 1st Degree at St. Paul's, candidates by 7:00pm
- Sunday, April 24: Easter Sunday
- Sunday, May 1 Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II beatification

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.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the next regular business meeting on 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 weeks it will be Easter, the high point of Christianity. But before we celebrate this saving event, we should prepare ourselves spiritually by reflecting on the events leading to His glorious resurrection on that first Easter morning. After laying the foundation for his church, firmly on the rock of Peter, by appointing apostles to carry on his ministry, Jesus instituted the greatest of all sacraments, the Holy Eucharist, at the Last Supper. After they had finished the meal, though they had not yet had the last cup of wine, Jesus went out to the garden to pray where he was arrested, subjected to a mockery of a trial, was humiliated, beaten, and crucified.

As he was dying on the cross the guards soaked a sponge in bitter wine and gave it to him on the end of a spear. When it touched his lips he said 'it is finished'. This wine represented the 4th and last cup of wine traditional of the Passover meal and by taking it now, Jesus' crucifixion is incorporated into the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. The Passover meal was finished, but so was the debt of Adam's sin. In those days when a debt was paid it was said to be finished, and Jesus paid the debt of Adam's sin in full for all of us with his own life.

On Easter Jesus came from the tomb and defeated death. His resurrection now makes sense of the words of the last supper, 'this is My Body which will be broken for you, take it and eat'. Without the resurrection, the words would have been meaningless. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we make present the events of the Last Supper and Jesus says to us: This is My Body, take it and eat. And every Mass is an unbloody renewing or representation of the one bloody Sacrifice of Christ given for our salvation. We should go to Mass not for ourselves, but rather to give glory, honor, praise and thanksgiving to God, and when we do, God gives back to us what we need and more than we gave him.

God continuously showers us with his grace, like an endless source of clean refreshing, flowing water, perpetually available to us. We do not have to earn the grace, in fact we cannot earn the grace; it has been purchased, bought, and paid for and made available through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Yet we have the free will to accept the grace or not. Unlike avoiding rain showers, we want to put our spiritual umbrella away and let the shower of grace thoroughly soak us. The waters of grace constantly flow, we just need to stoop down and take a drink. As we drink, the source of the grace is not diminished, it is an endless source. Attending the Triduum services is a good way to reflect on the events and take a long drink from the flowing river of grace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

-SK Lee Jan

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Fr. Oliver Johnson, Louis Palacios, Fr. Barry and Fr. James, Alana Villegas, Tony Garcia Jr., Lee Jan's Sister Bonnie Margie, Jo Ann Agudo, Joe Reschmann, Mary Moore, Judy Perrotti and Family, Adam Torres, Robbie Hoagland.

Scholarship Program

Attached to the newsletter is the 2011 Scholarship Award application. Please see the attachment for the full details as to how to apply for your eligible children. Applications will be due Sunday, May 1st in the Knights of Columbus Mailbox at St. Paul. Please put your application in an envelope and label it "2011 Scholarship" or turn it in directly to myself or Brian Tuohy.

We will be awarding four \$500 scholarships in May once again thanks to the great work done in our Annual Golf Tournament. Thank you to all who participated in some fashion last month to make these awards a reality!

I will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the awards. I can be reached at seanmcgee@yahoo.com.

-SK Sean McGee

Calendar Review

- Monday, April 4th - 7pm - 9pm - Membership Meeting
- Saturday, April 9th - Adopt a Street at St. Paul at 8:30am. RSVP to Rene Gaytan for more info.
- Thursday, April 14th - First Degree at St. Paul 7pm
- Saturday April 16th - Major Degree in Georgetown, TX.
- Monday, April 18th - Officer's Meeting at 7pm. All are welcome
- Saturday, April 30th - Men's Club workday. 8am at Men's club shed

- Sunday, May 1st – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE.
- Monday, May 2nd – 7pm – 9pm - Membership Meeting

Newsletter Articles

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