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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, June 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

June is the final month of the Knights year. We have a lot to be thankful for and still have several activities on this year's calendar.

First thank you to all the Knights that attended the men's club this month. We had a great turnout and the church grounds look great.

Activities this month include:

- June 5th-Completion of Sue Botta's yard and ramp project- we'll start at 9am and wrap up by noon.
- June 6th- Business meeting- where we'll vote on the new officers, budget and next year's fundraisers.
- June 7th -Knights night at Round Rock Express
- June 11 and 12- BBQ fundraiser after all masses
- June 12th- Altar server appreciation dinner
- June 13th-Flag retirement ceremony with the Boy Scouts

- June 18th or 19th- our summer Picnic. (We will decide at the monthly meeting)

Last month Kathy and I attended along with Kevin and Patricia the Knights State convention in Dallas. It was a great event with 1800 men from all over the state attending- many driving more than 5 hours. We attended mass each day and our Bishop Joe was in attendance all three days. In fact at least 8 bishops were at each mass and Cardinal DiNardo presided over the Sunday mass. It was a great way to cap off my year as Grand Knight as I met more Knights throughout Texas, including several in San Antonio and central Texas that I am sure we will continue to see and work with.

I thought I'd take a minute and let everyone know who Gerry Gauthier was. Our council is named S.K. Gerry Gauthier Council 10209. Gerry was one of the original Knights. He was a tireless worker for the church. Gerry reminded people of Burl Ives, he was a great story teller and soft spoken. In addition to St Paul and the Knights he had a passion for the Boy and Cub Scouts as well as supporting the Food bank. Gerry passed away in about the 4th year of the council. He made such an impact that the Knights named the council after him. I think Gerry would be proud to see the work the Knights have done and how many of the things he believed in and supported are thriving at St Paul some 15 years later.

Next year we will be launching the Squires. We have the potential for a great turnout. It is clear we have many fine young men, we also have many parents who want their young men to be involved with the Knights and the Church. Make sure you obtain your Ethics and Integrity training or refresher update (every 3 years) this summer if you would like to be involved with these young men.

We will have two new Priests in July. Reverend Hector Vega ISP, Pastor and Reverend Christian Christensen ISP parochial vicar. We will have an opportunity to meet them in June. I expect, like every year, we will sit down with our Priests in the summer and ask how the Knights can help the parish for the upcoming year. This is a great time for the Knights to lead the congregation and welcome the new priests.

Please ask your spouse to consider the Ladies Auxiliary. Between the Ladies and Squires we will be able to complete the Family involvement of Knights. There is so much more we can accomplish together.

Reminder, if you have not asked someone yet this year, to ask one man to join the Knights. I believe it is one of the greatest honors that a Catholic man can receive- to be asked to become part of the Knights. You will be doing the gentlemen and his family a great service/honor. I hope that every Knight tries to ask a man once a quarter (we know there are many more men in our parish that would

make great Knights) to become a Knight.

Congratulations to S.K. Sean McGee and S. K. Chris Jistel who were named Knight and Family of the month. Sean coordinates our monthly newsletter for everyone, heads up the scholarship committee and leads the first fundraiser each year. Chris has been our Financial Secretary, is active with Boy Scouts, his son Thomas leads the Boy scouts in spiritual prayer and his mom is a money counter for the Parish.

Thanks again for all the Knights who have helped out in any way this past month- Sue Botta's project, Special Olympics, Bedichek sports banquet, Boy Scouts, corporate communion and the men's club are a few of the activities that come to mind.

In closing we will be donating a wheelchair to the church. Father Barry will bless the wheel chair at the Saturday 5pm mass.

See you Monday.

Faternally,

SK Tom Natoli
Grand Knight

Insurance Agent Report

Our unmatched code of ethics

There are hundreds of fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that its "AAA" rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability. We've earned this rating for 18 consecutive years!

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as "a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients" is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, "Protecting Families for Generations" by means of "life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights."

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our "Marketing Code of Ethics" is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as "Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

As we conclude the fraternal year, thank you for your support and for allowing me to help your families.

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

We come to the end of another successful year. It is time to talk about elections and budgets. I would like to thank the outgoing officers and wish the best of luck to the incoming officers. Let's hit the ground running in the new fraternal year. Keep inviting Catholic gentlemen to join us. If you are only first degree, make a promise to yourself to attend a major degree. If you haven't met with Eddie or Brandon, or it has been a while, give them a call and learn about the great products the order offers to all of its members.

Important Dates in June:

- Thursday, June 2nd: The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) (Transferred to Sunday June 5th by the Bishop)
- Sunday, June 12th: Pentecost Sunday
- Tuesday, June 14th: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius and Flag Day
- Thursday, June 16th: 1st Degree at St. Paul's
- Sunday, June 19th: Father's Day
- Sunday, June 26th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

John Massey
District Deputy 127
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2011-2012 Nominated Officers

Elections will be held as the first item of new business this month. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to voting on each office. The current list of nominations is below:

Office	Candidate
Grand Knight	Albert Villegas
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Russell
Chancellor	Deacon John
Treasurer	Bill Hoagland
Recorder	Craig
Warden	My Van Dinh
Inside guard	Anthony Palacios
Outside guard	Carlos de la Garza
Advocate	Bob Fonseca
Trustee 3-year	Tom Natoli

Summer Coupon Book Fundraiser

Brother Knights,

Entertainment Inc. the company behind the Passbooks we sell each fall has started a new fundraising program where groups can get a custom made coupon book containing 40 selected coupons and sell these books for profit. I am happy to say that our Council will be participating in this fundraiser. The books feature our council's name and logo and feature businesses located in South Austin which should help us to market this product.

Books sell for \$20 and have coupons good through the end of the year. Our council stands to make \$10 per book which is significantly higher than we make on the passbooks. The coupon books feature only 40 coupons but I have selected popular restaurants in our area as well as local car wash and some of the most popular golf coupons from the annual passbook which make the total savings possible with the book about \$400. Since the coupons are for businesses right in our neighborhood it is easier to save than ever.

I expect these books will be easy to sell. Combine that with the higher profit margin and we have an opportunity to make enough money to pay for a scholarship next year and possibly more than one.

Please consider taking a few books on consignment at the June meeting. Sell them to friends, family and coworkers and bring back the \$20 per book. Unsold books can be returned. There is no risk to you.

We need to complete this sale by the end of August when we will begin selling the 2012 passbooks. Thank you for your support!

-SK Sean McGee

For the Good of the Order

When you see Mary, do you see yourself? We see Mary as “different” from us because she was “conceived without sin” and “immaculate” all her life. We are conscious of contrast when we pray: “Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners.” We put her on a pedestal, rightfully so, but we should also see her as a mirror.

The Church teaches that everything we say about Mary we are saying of ourselves – not as we are, but as we will be. In Mary we see a preview of humanity brought to the perfection all will have in heaven. She is the “mirror of the Church.” We need to take a closer look at her to see who we are. If we do this we will be encouraged to become now what we will be when God’s work in us is complete. We play a part in that work. As Mary’s “Yes” was required for God to take flesh in her womb, our “Yes” is required for Christ to “grow to full stature” in us.

The key to our “Yes” is trust. If, like Mary, we have the courage to say to God: “Be it done unto me according to your word,” it will be. But this courage depends on trust in “him whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine” (Eph 3:20). When we “became Christ” at baptism, we were consecrated as stewards of his kingship. God entrusted to us the work of establishing his reign over every area and activity of human life on earth.

We must ask ourselves if we have the courage, to be like Mary and say “Yes”. Yes, to work for justice and peace on earth; where we live, where we work, in politics, in the Church, and in our social life. The courage to persevere in working to establish the reign of God in human society is the ultimate act of trust. We can say yes by preaching the good news of the gospel, not with words, but rather by our actions in the way we live according to the teaching of the gospel.

Taken from Saying Yes: Making Mary’s Trust Your Own by Father David Knight in the *Deacon Digest*, May 2011.

-SK Lee Jan

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: The Bruce Wilkinson family, Fr. Mona, Tony Garcia Sr, Louis Palacios, Ish Gonzalez, Father Barry Cabell, Father James Martin, Father Oliver Johnson, Father Paul McCallum, Carolyn Ferguson, Ofelia Cantu, Sue Botta, Mary Moore, Joe Reschman, Adam Torres

Scholarship Program

The scholarship applications have been collected and now it is time to determine which applicants are the most worthy. I am in need of 5 Brother Knights to form this year’s committee and review the applications with me. The only requirement is that you do not have a relative or family member applying for a scholarship this year.

If you would like to serve this year please contact me. I can be reached at seanmcgee@yahoo.com. We will meet sometime before June 1st at my house to review the applications. Plan on the review taking 2 hours.

Thank you for considering this important committee.

-SK Sean McGee

Calendar Review

- June 6 – Council Meeting 7pm
- June 7- Knights evening- at Round Rock Express. Tickets are half price and can be bought for \$6. family and friends are invited.
- Saturday, June 11th and Sunday June 12th – BBQ fundraiser at St. Paul. All Masses.
- June 12-Altar server appreciation 3-8pm at Grace Hall
- Either 6/13- Flag ceremony w Boy Scouts
- June 16- First degree at St Paul
- June 19- Annual Picnic
- June 20 – Officer’s Meeting at 7pm
- June 25 Men's club workday
- **July 18th – Combined Officer’s Meeting and July Council Meeting. No Council Meeting July 4th week!**

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, June 27th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.