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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, August 1st

Time: 7:00 pm

50/50 game jackpot is at \$121.00

Join the Yahoo Group!

Join the KofC10209 Yahoo Group and get email notices of upcoming events! Simply send an email to kofc10209-subscribe@yahoo.com and you'll be signed up!

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

I would like to thank everyone that made the July fundraisers (BBQ Plate & Panda Express) a success. We learned from Pete Cantu and Bob Meny about great barbecue techniques and fundraising. The side dishes that the Ladies Auxiliary provided were delicious. The food was great and our council had plates for all masses. I would like to thank Carlos De la Garza for taking the lead for the fundraiser. I would also like to thank Bill Hoagland for leading the fundraiser at Panda Express. It was an easy fundraiser without a lot of work.

We had the installation of officers in July. We are fortunate to have men in our council that volunteer to serve. We have an open position for Recorder. We will take nominations at our next meeting. Please contact me if you are interested.

Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Russell and I attended the Diocesan conference and chapter meeting. Amongst several agenda items and in regards to Knights of Columbus recruitment -Texas became the #1 jurisdiction in the United States. State Deputy Tony Herreth was very

happy that Texas came from behind and surpassed our goal for recruiting. He spoke briefly about recruitment and retention reminding everyone to continue to ask Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus. During other presentations at the conference, we learned more about Special Olympics, the Wheel Chair program and new insurance products. At the Chapter meeting, we listened to a presentation from Heroic Media and the work they do to help women.

Looking forward to the month of August- we will hear more about the Squires program. There will be a Major Degree at Saint Anthony's parish in Kyle, TX on Sunday, August 7th, 2011. The degree team will use the new format for the Major Degree. August also brings the installation of Father Hector Vega, ISP on the 28th at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Please keep selling the Entertainment coupon books through August.

The Ladies Auxiliary has a number of projects coming up. If your wife is interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact Kathy Natoli.

Fraternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

July BBQ Chicken Fundraiser



Figure 1- Pete Cantu demonstrates some of his outstanding BBQ techniques to Carlos De la Garza



Figure 2 - SK Henry Casas checks SK Ken Moore's math during the BBQ sale.



Figure 3 - SK Ken Moore appears dumbfounded that our Council can sell such extraordinary BBQ fare for such a low price. SK Mark Majek is satisfactory.

Insurance Agent Report

This is a news item from Knightline, the KofC Leadership Newsletter:

For the 36th consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

In its 2011 reaffirmation, A.M. Best cited the Knights of Columbus' "strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its superior risk-adjusted capitalization as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio and the Order's consistently positive statutory operating results." The report also stated that "the Order has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable works and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said, "In the past

36 years, there have been five recessions. And in every single one of those years, the Order earned A.M. Best's highest rating. This confirms the wisdom of our careful investment policies in turbulent economic times and again demonstrates our fidelity to our original mission: providing Catholic families with security and stability through top-quality life insurance products."

In just over a decade, the amount Knights of Columbus insurance in force has doubled to more than \$80 billion. It also recently introduced disability income insurance to its product portfolio.

As the Fall and the return to school and normalcy quickly approaches, now is a great time to blow the dust off the insurance papers and review them. One of the free services your agent provides is to review, not only your Knights of Columbus portfolio, but your entire life insurance portfolio to ensure that your policies are effective toward meeting your goals. Have a safe and blessed August.

God Bless.

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District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

We begin another fraternal year with a lot of expectations and hope. I congratulate the new officers and say it is time to get to work. We had a very successful year that ended in June, and expect to improve upon it this year. Please consider inviting a Catholic gentleman to join our order. Please meet with your insurance agent to get the latest products we have to offer our members. Invite your family to join our family functions. Get involved, that is how to improve and grow the order.

Important dates for August:

- Saturday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Tuesday, August 9: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius
- Monday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
- Thursday, August 18: 1st degree at St. Paul's
- Monday, August 29: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

John Massey

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Community Corner

I would like to thank the following Brother Knights & family member for helping with Adopt-a-Street Litter pick-up in July:

Louis Palacios, Tony & Abraham Garcia

-SK Rene Gaytan

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 August 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

Right to Life Activities

Austin Prayer Vigil

is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, at Santa Cruz Parish, 1100 Main St., Buda. Mass will begin at 7 a.m.

Following the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the church and a car caravan will travel to Austin Women's Health where the Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed at the site from 8:20 – 9:50 a.m. Benediction will follow at Santa Cruz Parish at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 10:40 a.m.

Sidewalk Angels

are trained volunteers present on the sidewalk in front of the abortion facilities educating women about their choices, better health care alternatives and seeking to protect the mother and the pre-born child from abortion. Locally, Sidewalk Angels have witnessed dozens of women leaving the abortion clinic and choosing life due to their efforts and the presence of the Prayer Angel volunteers. The Diocese of Austin will offer a free Sidewalk Angel and Prayer Angel training on Saturday, August 6 at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Cedar Park from 9:30am-4pm. Lunch and materials are included. If you feel called to be a Sidewalk Angel or Prayer Angel please contact Rebecca Niemerg at [512-949-2488](tel:512-949-2488) or rebecca-niemerg@austindiocese.org.

Prayer Box

Please Pray for: Fr. Barry, Fr. James, Our New Priests, Joe Reschmann, Louis Palacios, David and Mary Moore, Thomas Osceiera.

Calendar Review

- Monday, August 1st – Council Meeting - 7pm in Room 5
- Fri-Sat, August 5th-6th – Adoration in Chapel
- Monday, August 8th – 4th Degree Meeting
- Monday, August 15th – Officer's Meeting in Kitchen at 7pm
- Thursday, August 18th – First Degree Ceremony in Grace Hall, 7pm
- Saturday, August 24th – Men's Club Workday at 8am.
- Monday, September 5th – Council Meeting 7pm in Room 5

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, August 29th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.