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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, November 7th

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,

As we begin the month of November, take a moment to give thanks to our Lord for all of our blessings. Please remember our service men and women who serve our country. We will have a number of fundraising events throughout the month. We will begin the Roman Missal at the end of the month.

I hope everyone had a great time at the fair. It was great to see all of the Knights and the Women's auxiliary doing so many activities. I especially had fun watching our Knights display the latest dance routines. There were a number of Knights who helped to set-up tents and tables for the fair and stayed late Saturday to take them down. I would like to commend brother Knights Bill Hoagland and Bob Hecker for chairing the festival.

I would like to welcome our newest Brother Knights, Nonito Caya and Doug Brandt. Both gentlemen were initiated at our October 1st Degree ceremony.

There are a number of events occurring in November.

Election Day is Tuesday November 8th.

Veterans Day is Friday November 11th. Any 3rd Degree or 4th Degree member can participate in the parade. We will meet at the Congress street bridge to march in the parade.

Austin Vigil for Life will be on Saturday, November 19th, 2011. Mass will be at St. Peter the Apostle Parish. It is located at 4600 E. Ben White Blvd. Mass will begin at 7:00 am.

Passbook Sales will be held after all masses on November 19th and November 20th. Please contact Sean McGee if you can help with sales.

Christmas card sales will begin this month. I have the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" religious Christmas cards. The prices vary depending on the design.

The **Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** is collecting coats for the **Coats for Kids** program. If you have a new or slightly used coat that you are not using please bring it to the parish between October 28th and December 2nd. There will be a container in the foyer for you to put it in.

We will have our Christmas party on December 18th at Grace Hall from 6:00 pm till 9:00 pm. We will co-ordinate the party with the Ladies Auxiliary.

The **Roman Missal** will be implemented in the United States on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011.

I ask we pray for our brother Knights that are sick or in distress.

Faternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

District Deputy Report

November is a very busy month across the district. Feast days, degrees, and special events fill the calendar. We are growing, keep up the momentum by asking a Catholic gentleman to join our order. Help your council meet their membership, insurance and program goals. With your help, we could have 4 Star Councils in this District. That would be Awesome!

Important dates:

Tuesday, Nov.1: All Saints Day

Wednesday, Nov. 2: The Commemoration of the the Faithful Departed (All Souls), and Election Day

Sunday, Nov. 6: Daylight Savings Time Ends, set your clock back 1 hour or be early to mass!

Tuesday, Nov. 8: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius

Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day, fly your flag

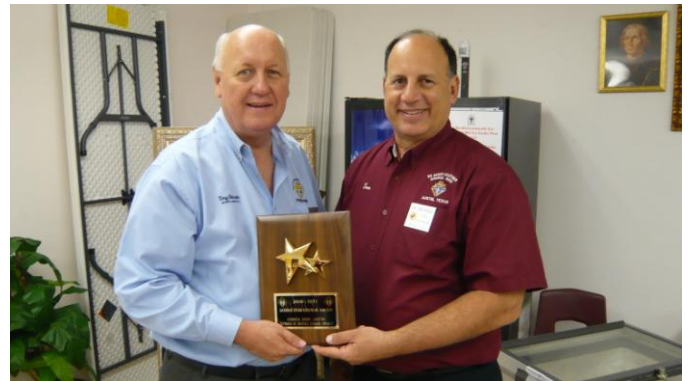
Wednesday, Nov. 30: 1st Degree at St. Catherine
(Tentatively moved because of Thanksgiving)

Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent

Council 10209 Double Star Award

At the chapter meeting, it was an honor to watch PGK Tom Natoli receive the Double Star Award for our council from our State Deputy Tony Herreth. Our State Deputy spoke to us about membership. Currently the Austin Diocese is negative for the fraternal year.



Christmas Cross Fundraisers

This Year the Knights will be selling lighted wooded crosses . The crosses are approximately 6 ft or 8 ft high. These crosses have been a big hit at other councils in the past. We will be taking orders in November (the same weekend the ladies are selling Christmas cards and lighted candles) and at the December craft fair. We'll assemble the crosses on the 1st and/or 2nd weekend in December. This will be a fun council activity.

If you are interested in helping build the crosses or delivering the crosses please contact SK Tom Natoli 845-7537.

Parish Fair Photos

Thanks to all the Brother Knights who helped to make

this year's Parish Fair such a great success!



For the Good of the Order

RELATIONSHIPS

Try to put out of your mind the hottest summer ever which we have just experienced and think cold as you read this paragraph about the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die,

alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

That's how it is with relationships. the best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, the best relationship results when each individual learns to live with, and forgive, the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities. Just as the porcupines in the story learned to live with the little hurts they cause each other, we too must learn to overlook and forgive the little things that our imperfect friends do that irritate us. We like the porcupines need each other; we were created to be a social people, to help each other through the trials of life. Sirach 28:2 remind us to forgive our neighbor's injustice so that then when we pray, our own sins will be forgiven.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer we ask God to forgive us our trespasses –our offenses, our sins -- but we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. This means that we receive God's mercy measured out to us by the mercy and love we show others. We are the winners if we just forgive those who hurt us or we feel hurt us, because God's mercy is always much greater than the mercy we are capable of giving. If we do not forgive, we close the door, shutting God out, rejecting his mercy.

Jesus knows that we have human shortcomings and that we will offend each other many times, but the offenses are generally minor, much like the porcupine quills sticking each other. Each of the porcupines has quills, just as each of us has faults – both the porcupine quills and our faults are offensive or at least irritating, but usually just in a minor way. We do sin against each other, and it is not one sided; we all have faults. We must all be willing to forgive and keep the second greatest commandment Jesus gave us – to love our neighbor as ourselves. Look at others as a reflection of yourself in a mirror – we were all created by the same Creator made in his image – look for Christ in the reflection of others.

PEACE
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Calendar Review

- Monday, November 7th – Council Meeting - 7pm in Room 5
- Monday, November 14th – 4th Degree Meeting

- **Sat-Sun, November 19th-20th – Passbook Sale after Mass. FINAL SALE!!**
- Monday, November 21st – Officer's Meeting in Kitchen at 7pm
- Saturday, November 26th – Men's Club Workday at 8am.
- Monday, December 5th – Council Meeting 7pm in Room 5

Newsletter Articles

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