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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, December 5th

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 hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

December will be a busy month. Please take some time to enjoy Advent and Christmas. Please consider attending benediction and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel on Thursday Dec. 8. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the eve of anniversary of the first appearance of our Lady of Guadalupe (Thursday Dec. 8) there will be a benediction and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel from 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM. A decade of the rosary will be recited by a different church ministry at half past every hour. There will be meditation and prayer after each decade. Our council is scheduled to pray at 11:30 PM. Brother Knight Johnnie Muller has volunteered to represent our Council and lead a decade of the rosary. This is a part of the National Night of Prayer for Life. All are Knights invited to come and pray.

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, Advent (meaning, "ad-venio in Latin or "to come to") is the season leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The

Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent devotions include the lighting of the Advent wreath; the Advent calendar which helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities; Advent prayers that prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank the men and women that helped to make the "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraiser a success. Kathy and Tom Natoli did a great job organizing the event. We sold Christmas cards, magnets, candles and lighted crosses. We still have a number of Christmas cards for sell. Tom will set up a date to assemble the lighted crosses. The lighted crosses will be delivered on December 10th, 2011.

Chris Jistel will be asking our members to complete the annual Knights service survey. The survey captures the time we give to service activities. Please send Chris the activities and time you volunteered for St. Paul this year.

This year we will be participating in the St. Paul Holiday Market on December 9th and 10th in Grace Hall. The Women's Auxiliary will be selling the remaining Christmas Cards, Passbooks and Texas Flags. There will be a number of additional lighted crosses for sale also. If you can help, please contact Tom or Kathy Natoli.

This month, we will be completing the Entertainment passbook fundraiser. If you have not purchased a passbook, please contact Sean McGee. I would like to thank Sean for leading this fundraiser.

Our biggest fundraiser is the March Golf tournament. It will be on March 10th, 2012 at the Lions Golf course. It will be here soon. We will need everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser. Bill Hoagland, Bob Natoli, Bob Fonseca, David Moore, and Tom Natoli have met to start organizing the tournament. The committee will be asking businesses to sponsor a gift or make a donation to our event. If you have a favorite restaurant or business, please ask if they would consider sponsoring our tournament. We will advertise the sponsors in our flyer and at the tournament.

We will have our Christmas party on December 18th, 2011 in Grace Hall at 6:00 pm. The Women's Auxiliary and the Knights will coordinate the festivities. It is a great opportunity to bring our families together.

Faternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

Santa Cruz Catholic School Fundraiser

Dear Brothers,

Santa Cruz Catholic School in Buda is holding its 2012 Gala on February 25, 2012 to raise funds for their scholarship program and school library. I humbly ask that you consider supporting Santa Cruz through a donation of merchandise or services from your business that can be auctioned off at the gala.

If you are interested in making a donation to Santa Cruz, please let me know and I will send you a form that you can mail to the school with the necessary information. Your support would be deeply appreciated by the students and staff of Santa Cruz.

Molly and I are fortunate that our son Alexander is a student at Santa Cruz, and we have gladly donated our time and talents to support their outstanding program. I humbly ask for your prayers that they have a successful gala. Please let me know if you need any further information, and I thank you for your consideration.

Faternally yours,

Gerald Garcia
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Looking for the Meaning of Christmas?

Come to the Marbridge Ranch Chapel at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 16th and find out. You will see our fellow Marbridge brothers and sisters perform in an unforgettable play called "All About Christmas".

Marbridge is located at 2310 Bliss Spillar Road in Manchaca. This is a great family event to witness and then visit with our fellow Marbridge Parishioners and their families after the play in the Senior Dorm.

If you have any questions, please send me an email at mmajek@sbcglobal.net

-SK Mark Majek

Lighted Crosses Fundraiser

Brother Knights here is the Lighted Cross project update and what we need to do to complete the event.

Last weekend we received 47 orders for Crosses! We also sold Christmas cards, Candles, plates, tiles, passbooks and Texas flags. We received \$1,450- of which half will be profit to the council.

We sold out of the magnets, candles, tiles and plates. It was a great weekend but more important was the Knights and Ladies helping keeping Christ in Christmas.

Next steps

1-Build the crosses

We will build the crosses December 3 from 8:30 to 11 am. The crosses will be built at my house on Saturday December 3 Address- 5905 Savin Hill Ct, Austin. In Circle C (Phone 845-7537)

Directions:

Please take slaughter lane west past Mopac and turn left at Escarpment light (HEB will be on the corner). Drive about 2 miles to Back Bay and make a left. about .3 miles make a right onto Pebble Garden' Make first left onto Savin Hill Lane. Make first right onto Savin Hill Ct. We are the second house on the left. (You'll see a cross in the yard)

Father Vega will be blessing the crosses at 11 am. We will take Father to lunch afterwards

2-Deliver crosses

We will deliver the crosses Saturday December 10th. We will also be helping SVDP deliver food and gifts to the needy families. We'll have all the homes address marked off. We could use about 5 Knights with trucks this day. We will meet at 830am at the church.

3 Craft Fair

The ladies- and a few Knights will be selling the remaining Christmas Cards, Passbooks, Flags and a few Crosses at the Craft fair December 9 and 10. I would imagine we will sell out the crosses Friday night when the crosses will be lighted. If you can help this weekend please contact me. The event is at Grace Hall.

The following Knights have signed to help build the crosses December 3rd. We could use as many brothers as possible Saturday December 3. If you can join us for an hour or two please come by. Coffee and Donuts will be available. The wood will be all cut so we can go right into assemble.

Chris Jistel
Bill Hoagland
Ken Moore
Sean McGee
Mark Majek
David Moore
Kevin Russell
Bob Meny
My Van-Dinh
Rene Gaytan

Thank you to all the Knights that helped build the first 5

crosses- we had 10 Knights attend ! -and thanks to them, we now have a very good process.

Also thank you to the Ladies and Knights that sold goods last weekend at all the masses. It was a great success and many parishioners really liked the crosses , candles cards and thanked us for doing this.

Best

S.K. Tom Natoli - 845-7537

District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

As we begin Advent, please make a special effort to prepare for a joyous Christmas season, by attending daily mass, praying the rosary or reading the bible. Glenda and I hope you and your families enjoy a Spirit filled Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year.

Important dates for December and January:

Holy Days of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday December 25th: Christmas

Sunday January 1st: Mary the Mother of God

Degrees

Tuesday December 13th: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius 7pm

Thursday December 15: 1st Degree at St. Paul 7:30pm

Wednesday January 4th: 1st Degree at St. Catherine 7pm (Moved to support Major Degree)

Saturday January 7th: Major Degree at St. Catherine: Registration: 7:45am, Mass: 9:00am, 2nd Degree: 10:00am, 3rd Degree: Immediately following 2nd Degree, Lunch: Immediately following 3rd Degree

John Massey
District Deputy 127
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Passbook Sales

Sales of the 2012 Austin area Entertainment Passbooks are now finishing up for the year. Books cost \$30 and contain thousands of dollars in savings on groceries, fast food and upscale restaurants, area entertainment, travel, services, you name it and it is in there. We will be selling the remaining passbooks as part of our participation in the

Holiday Market. If you would like to obtain a book for your own family please do so at that time.

Many of you have indicated an interest in selling passbooks to friends and family located outside of Austin. You can do that and still make money for our Council by visiting <http://sellersection.entertainment.com/> and creating a seller's account. The group ID number for our council is 686706 which you will enter while creating the account. This will tie any proceeds you generate from online sales to our council's account.

Once a seller's account is created you can import your email address book and send off some customized emails from entertainment letting people know that they can purchase a passbook for their area and benefit Council 10209 directly.

Our council makes approximately \$5 from the sale of each book. Thank you to all the Knights who have worked so diligently to sell books this fall. Unsold books should be returned to me at the December Council meeting so they can be accounted for and returned to Entertainment Publications. You may also turn in checks for sold books at that time. Please be sure to return your passbooks no later than December 11th so that we can close out the fundraiser on time. Please contact me with any further questions at 680-0367 or seanmcgee@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

-SK Sean McGee

Prayer Requests

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

Calendar Review

December 3, 2011 Lighted Cross assembly at Tom Natoli home

December 5, 2011 Council 10209 General Meeting
St. Paul Parish

December 8, 2011 Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the eve of anniversary of the first appearance of our Lady of Guadalupe. Benediction and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel from 8:00 PM To 12:00 AM

December 9, 2011 and December 10, 2011 St. Paul Holiday Market in Grace Hall

December 10, 2011 Coats for Kids Distribution Day

December 15, 2011 1st Degree Ceremony at St.

Paul Parish

December 18, 2011 Christmas party on at Grace Hall from 6:00 pm till 9:00 pm.

December 19, 2011 Council 10209 Officer Meeting
St. Paul Parish

December 25, 2011 Christmas

January 1, 2012 New Year's Day

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, December 26th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.