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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Tuesday, January 3rd

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,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I hope your New Year is off to a great start.

The January meeting time has changed. The meeting will be on Tuesday January 3, 2012 at 7pm.

Our first Corporate communion for the New Year will be on January 29th at the 12:30 pm Mass. Please plan on sitting together at the front of the church with your family. Wear your Knights shirt if you have one. Refreshments will be served after the mass in Grace Hall.

We are very fortunate to have an active council. Please consider recruiting a new member to our council. We will plan for a membership blitz in the 1st quarter.

I would like to say "Thank you" to everyone that helped with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraisers (lighted crosses, Christmas cards, candles, magnets, trivets sales as well as the Arts and Crafts fair). I am also grateful for our members and families that made the Christmas party a success.



The Texas Pro-Life day is on January 28th. This day will include a morning prayer vigil at a local abortion facility as well as Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez at San José Parish followed by the Texas Rally for Life and ending with a party for life on the Capitol lawn.

Our biggest fundraiser for the year is the March golf tournament. It will be held at the Lion's Golf course on March 10th. Please ask your favorite business/restaurant if they can donate to our tournament. Please let Bill Hoagland know if you have a team for the tournament.

We have several activities scheduled for the first quarter. For an updated calendar go to: <http://council10209.org/>

Upcoming events:

January 3 – General meeting

January 7th – Major Degree at St. Catherine of Siena (2nd and 3rd degree)

January (date TBA) –Basketball free throw contest

January 28th - Men's club

January 28th – Texas Pro-Life Day

January 29th - Corporate communion at 12:30 pm.

Fundraisers for January-Super bowl 50/50 football pool contact Kevin Russell

March 10th - Golf Tournament at Lion's Golf course

Finally-may you have many blessings this New Year.

Fraternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

Financial Secretary Report

My Brother Knights,

I would to wish you and your family a Happy New Year! This is also the season for the collection of our annual dues for 2012. We will again try to save some money by not mailing more billing statements than necessary. I

encourage you to pay your dues without having to receive a billing notice. If paying by check, please make out the check to "Knights of Columbus." Dues remain at \$40. You can pay me personally, leave your payment in a sealed envelope with my name on it in our box at church, or mail it to me at

**2908 Balfour Falls Lane,
Austin, Texas, 78748.**

I will be mailing notices sometime in mid-January, so I ask that if possible please pay prior to that time. If you are experiencing circumstances which make payment difficult or impossible, please let myself or another officer know so that we can make other arrangements. I cannot over emphasize how important it is to pay your dues. Thanks to all of you who take care of this matter promptly.

Last year the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$151 million to charitable causes and more than 69 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help us prepare this 2011 report for our Council, I will be asking all members to complete an individual member worksheet at our next business meeting. Some of the categories include number of visits you made to the sick, number of times you donated blood, number of community volunteer service hours such as church or youth activities, and number of fraternal service hours for a sick or disabled members and their families.

If you need to get in touch with me by e-mailing me at jistelc@yahoo.com or you may call my cell phone at 826-1754.

Fraternally, Chris Jistel FS

Lighted Cross Project



The Lighted cross project was a huge success !

10 Brother Knights helped build the first 5 crosses

We received orders for 47 crosses in one weekend (working with the Ladies Auxiliary after all the masses) and decided to build another 18 . All the crosses

including the additional 18 were sold.

12 Knights showed up to build some 60 crosses.

Father Christian blessed the crosses and the Knights who built them.



10 knights came to deliver the crosses. And 5 Knights led by Anthony helped restore about 5 crosses that needed to have lights replaced or other touch ups.

I'd like to thank the following Knights that spent one, two or three day building, and delivering the crosses. I sure hope I am not missing anyone on this list.

Bob Fonseca, Gayle Ferguson, Rene Gaytan, Anthony Guzaldo, Bob Hecker, Bill Hoagland, Chris Jistel, Sean McGee, Mark Majek, Bob Meny, David Moore, Johnnie Mueller, Bob Natoli, Louis Palacios, Bobby Rancour, Kevin Russell, Miguel Salazar, Brian Tuohy, My Van-Dinh



This was a fantastic project where we had a chance to work together and have some fun.-The power of what 12 guys can accomplish, working together, is amazing. The council raised about \$670.

There are several stories that have occurred with these crosses this year- I'd like to share one:

One of my neighbors who posted her front yard, with the cross, on her face book site, received many comments from friends she had not heard from in a while, some had faced some personal tragedies. She was overwhelmed with the responses. She came over the other day and said we did not charge enough for the crosses and gave me an additional \$20 contribution for the Knights.

I already have a request for 4 crosses for next year- should we decide as a council to build the crosses again.

-SK Tom Natoli

Quarterly Adopt a Street Program

I have scheduled our next Quarterly Adopt-A-Street litter pick-up for:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2012

8:30 - 10:00 AM

We meet in the parking lot by the big rock off of David Moore Rd. I will have the necessary cleaning supplies ready. Volunteers of any age are invited to participate in this community service event.

Please respond to this email or call me if you plan on helping.

Thank you.

SK Rene Gaytan
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Passbook Sale is Complete

Thank you to all the Knights and Ladies who worked so diligently to sell passbooks this season. Our sale is now complete and it is time to return our unsold books so that we can receive a credit to our account. It is very important that any unsold books be accounted for and returned. If you have money to return please bring that to the council meeting as well. We will be closing our account with Entertainment this week and should have an update on the proceeds from the fundraiser next month.

If you have any questions about the fundraiser please contact me at 680-0367 or seanmcgee@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

SK Sean McGee

Peace Light in Austin

The Peace Light, a flame that comes from Bethlehem, visited the Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center on December 10th, 2011. People brought candles or lamps to light from the flame.

"It's not meant as a political statement or an evangelical thing," said Scott McAfee, Peace Light coordinator for Capitol Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which hosted the event. "It is just meant to share as a symbol of peace."

Haven't heard of the Peace Light? Think of the Olympic torch with a holiday twist.

Each year a flame is taken from one of the oil lamps kept at the grotto manger in Bethlehem where Jesus is believed to have been born. That flame is used to light two blast-proof miner's lamps.

The lamps are taken to Vienna, where Scouts and other people gather to light candles or lamps with that same flame. The Peace Light is then distributed throughout the world by Boy Scouts and other charitable organizations.

"It's just goes from person to person sharing the flame," McAfee said.

The Peace Light arrived by plane in New York City on Nov. 28. Since then, it has traveled to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and other states. After stopping in Austin, the flame travelled on to places, including Wyoming and California.

Calendar Review

- **Tuesday, January 3** – General Council meeting at 7pm
- **Friday, January 6th** - Adoration
- Saturday, January 7th – Major Degree at St. Catherine of Siena (2nd and 3rd degree)
- January (date TBA) –Basketball free throw contest. Kevin Russell is leading the event.
- Saturday, January 14th – Adopt A Street program 8:30am
- Monday, January 16th – Officer's meeting.
- Saturday, January 28th - Men's club
- Saturday, January 28th – Texas Pro-Life Day
- Sunday, January 29th - Corporate communion at 12:30 pm.

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, January 30th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.