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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, February 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

50/50 game jackpot is at \$131.00

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe February is here already. In January Father Hector Vega and Nonito Caya obtained Second and Third degrees- congratulations to each of you. We also had great participation in the Free Throw contest, Pro-Life Day, and Adopt a Street. I would like to thank Brother Knights Kevin Russell, Rene Gaytan, Bob Fonseca, and Carlos Mendoza for coordinating these events as well as the many brothers who assisted and participated.

Our council Corporate Communion was held on January 29th at the 12:30 pm mass. Father Hector spoke very kindly about the Knights of Columbus. In his Homily, Father Hector mentioned the good that the Knights do. He encouraged the men to talk to us about becoming a member of our council.

I attended the ministry leaders meeting at St. Paul. I was proud of our council when Bill Torpey thanked the Knights for helping the men's group on the last Saturday of each month. He said he appreciated the help and the food.

We are six weeks away from our golf tournament. Our golf tournament is on March 17th at the Lion's golf course. It is our largest fundraiser for the year. Everyone can find a way to get involved. You can sign up people to golf, organize a foursome, help cook breakfast or lunch, obtain prizes or sponsorships. Please consider how you can help with this fundraiser. It will be a fun day for everybody.

For the month of February, we have a number of events scheduled.

- February 3rd – Adoration
- February 6th – General meeting
- February 9th – Clergy Appreciation dinner at St. Helen's Parish
- February 11th – District Free-Throw competition at Bedichek
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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 March.

I would like to thank the Women's Auxiliary for all of the support our council has received. The ladies helped to make the Christmas party and our fundraisers a success.

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

Fraternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers (Lee Jan's sister) Margie, Lupe Cuellar, and Tom Natoli for a speedy recovery. Please pray for the repose of Tony Elizondo's father. Keep Brother Knight Tony Elizondo and his family in your prayers.

Financial Secretary Report

My Brother Knights,

This is 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.

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

Trustees Report

I did want to share a few items from a Trustee perspective.

1- The golf tourney is around the corner and we need to shoot for at least 20 foursomes. Bob Natoli will bring two sign up forms for every Knight in attendance. Every Knight should give these to 2 people they know that like golf or may be interested in playing. I am working on a few groups here in my neighborhood- I think we should get the scouts involved as well.

1A - Horseshoe Bay and Wholly Bagel will be sponsors again this year.

2-Last week at Corporate communion I had the pleasure of attending the Spanish Mass. It was a fantastic mass with some of the best music one will ever hear in a church. Just when I thought it couldn't get any better there was a saxophone solo. What I noticed most was that when the children's liturgy was dismissed there were over 50 children who came to the altar!. More children than the 5, 9 and 11 combined. Father was very gracious and made several positive comments about the Knights to the congregation (Though not knowing Spanish, I was not sure what they were). We have a great opportunity to expand the Knights and bring the entire congregation together. But we need to develop a core team - preferably a few that speak Spanish (Albert, Carlos, Carlos, Larry, Kevin, Sean, Tony) to work with several of the male and female Spanish leaders and understand how we can help the men become Knights. This may take a few months(maybe longer) but I know the men who participate, all existing Knights and St Paul will be much better if we can figure this out.

3- Finally- thanks again for all the prayers- They have always will be a source of strength. I am blessed.

SK Tom Natoli

In Thanksgiving

I want to thank everyone for the prayers for my sister. My sister has been an insulin dependent diabetic for nearly all her life, since she was about 5 years old. Today, thanks to the awesome power and mercy of God, and the miracle through the hands of two surgeons, she is no longer a diabetic and will no longer require dialysis three times per week.

"Lord if you will, you can make me clean (healed)..I will, be clean (healed)" Lk 5:12 We (I know I have) asked God the same for Margie - on Thursday he willed and she was healed. During his time on earth, as he was proclaiming the Good News, Jesus healed many people with his touch. On Thursday, he touched my sister through the hands of the surgeons at Methodist Hosptial in Houston and healed her of her lifelong disease.

I visited Margie and her doctors at the hospital today (Friday). She is doing very well, the doctors are very pleased with the outcome. The pancreas is already working, keeping her blood sugar well within normal, actually even better than mine, but then I do not have a 14 year old pancreas, and her nerw kidney has already lowered the creatine level indicating that the kidney is filtering the blood. Her prognosis is is very good and we are very happy and thankful to God for his infinite mercy and wisdom.

Margie and her husband, Donald were married the same year Vicki and I married and for our twenty-fifth anniversaries we had planned a cruise together, but before we could vacation together, she had a heart attack and later that same year was diagnosed with breast cancer. The chemothrapy for cancer finished off her kidneys, so obviously we had to postpone the trip since we could not go far from her dialysis unit; we never made the trip together. It seems that now we will be able to make that long awaited trip together soon

Again Thanks for all your prayers. Peace and may God bless you.

SK Lee Jan

Quarterly Adopt a Street Program

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped pick up litter along David Moore Rd and part of the church parking lot on Saturday, January 14th:

Sarah and Sean McGee, Pete Cantu, Bob Fonseca, Meljun Vergara, Miguel Salazar, Larry Larson, and Lee Jan

The Annual City-Wide Clean Sweep will be Saturday, April 14th. I will have more information at the next business meeting.

Thank you.

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For the Good of the Order

Joseph de Guibert, a French Jesuit, said spirituality is like a bridge; every bridge does pretty much the same thing: It gets you from one place to another, sometimes over a perilous route, or a river, or a great height, but each does it in a different way. Bridges might be made of wood, bricks, stone, or steel; they might be arches, footbridges, or suspension bridges. Yet each one in its own way achieves the common purpose: to provide a passage...."

Spirituality, by analogy, offers a distinctive "passage" to God. Spirituality is finding God in all things and it means that nothing is seen as outside the boundaries of the spiritual life. Spirituality is not confined within the walls of the Church. It does not consider only overtly "religious" topics, like reading Scripture, as part of a person's spiritual life; rather it looks at all your experiences as ways to meet God. That includes prayer and service to be sure; but it also includes friends, family, work, relationships, sex, suffering, and joy, as well as nature, music, and pop culture.

Spirituality calls for living more peacefully, taking time to disconnect from the distractions of constant e-mails and phone calls for just a little quiet; being "a contemplative in action." But the hustle and bustle of busy lives and a fast paced world makes living spirituality challenging. While peace and quiet are essential to nurturing our spiritual lives, most of us are not going to quit our jobs or leave our families to join a monastery and spend our days in silence. But we can carve out time for prayer even as we continue to lead active lives; be active people who adopt a meditative stance toward the world -- be "contemplatives in action."

Seek peace through the knowledge of Christ. If we let Him, God will work through our imagination just as He works through relationships and our emotions. Placing ourselves imaginatively into Gospel passages can help us feel closer to Christ, who is, after all, speaking to us through Scripture. This is how to begin to live contemplatively: Find a quiet place where you can be alone with your thoughts and your bible for a few minutes, select a short passage from the bible, such as the nativity story, or the Last Supper, or the account of the crucifixion. Read the story, perhaps two or three times, read it slowly and let yourself be absorbed in the story and as you read. Using your imagination, try to place yourself in the story – be one of the characters, or imagine

that you are there with the other characters. Still using your imagination what do you see? Hear? Smell? Feel?

Try reading a short passage from the bible each day in a setting as described using your imagination to place yourself within the story and you will begin to know Christ more intimately each time you are with him in your imagination. You will then have the joy of true peace. Blessed Pope John XXIII said: "True peace is born of doing the will of God, and bearing with patience the sufferings of this life, and does not come from following one's own whim or selfish desire, for this always brings, not peace and serenity, but disorder and discontent."

Peace

-SK Lee Jan

Adapted from an article by James Martin, SJ

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Newsletter Articles

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