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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,

I would like to start by welcoming our newest member Father Christian Christensen, ISP. The team at St. Ignatius held a great 1st Degree.

I would like to say Thank you for all of the members of the Women's Auxiliary and members of our council that helped at the February 14th Validation ceremony. It was a beautiful ceremony; six couples had their marriages validated by the Catholic Church. Our council provided a dinner after the ceremony. Grace hall was filled to capacity.

March will be a busy month for our council.

This month we have two large activities. First, the Golf tournament is March 17th at the Lions Golf course. This is our largest fundraiser for the year and accounts for more than half of our annual income for the year. The proceeds from the tournament help to fund many of the activities, charities and scholarships for the year. Please consider how you can get involved. The Golf committee has been working hard to put together a great event. I hope to see everyone at the tournament.

We need golfers. Golfers can sign up as a foursome or as an individual.

Second, on March 4th, we held our Wife / Women's Auxiliary appreciation dinner. It is a time to say Thank you for all that the ladies do for us. Carlos Dela Garza and Pete Cantu always deliver a great meal.

From our Cub Scout Pack 403, we had a Cub Scout earn the Super Achiever award. The award is earned by less than 3% of all Webelos in the United States. The Cub Scout must complete all 20 activity badges. I would like to congratulate Billy Jensen. He will be awarded this honor. He is the first to earn this award since the year 2000.

It is that time of the year to start nominating candidates for the next fraternal year. SK Bob Fonseca will lead the nominating committee. If you would like to be an officer, please let Bob or myself know.

The 4th Degree Spring Exemplification will be in Sealy, TX on April 14th, 2012. If a Brother Knight is interested in joining the 4th Degree, please contact SK Bob Fonseca. The assembly will have a admissions meeting in March.

40 Days for Life began on Ash Wednesday. If you have some time, please come and pray at various abortion clinics in the Austin area. The WEB site is www.40daysforlife.com.

We have a number of brother Knights sick or in distress. Please keep them in your prayers.

Faternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers Nicole Reynes, George and Ann Reynes, David Moore's Mother, Tom and Margie Natoli, Judy Siano-Dwyer, Lupe Cuellar, Jim Duffy, Louis Palacios, Lee Jan's Mother, Henry Casas, Brother Mike Munoz.

District Deputy Report

My Brother Knights,

We have entered into the Lenten season and nearing the end of the fraternal year. Please take this time of year to reflect and prepare for the beautiful and holy Easter season, but also help wrap up a successful year for the Knights and your council. Have you invited a fellow Catholic gentleman to join our order? Have you met with our insurance agent to see all of the benefits available to you as a Knight? Have you done what you can to help your council achieve Star Council? If not, why not?

Important dates for March:

Tuesday, March 13: 1st Degree at St. Ignatius, degree starts at 7:30

Sunday, March 11: Daylight savings time begins, move your clock forward one hour or be an hour early to Mass!

Saturday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 28: 1st Degree at St. Catherine of Siena, degree starts at 7:30

Thursday, March 29: Founder's Day, celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus

John Massey
District Deputy 127
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For the Good of the Order

"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." Blessed Pope John XXIII

How do we do God's will? Begin by keeping the 10 Commandments – all of them. Jesus simplified them for us when he summed up those commandments into just two new commandments: Love God above all else and love your neighbor as yourself. To help us even more, Jesus teaches us to know our neighbor through the parable of the Good Samaritan, but don't misunderstand who Jesus tells us is our neighbor. He did not mean that only those we do not like, or are different than us, are our neighbors. He meant that such as those also are our neighbor. Our neighbor is everyone God created, including not only our enemies or those we do not like, but also our friends, our brothers, mothers, sisters, fathers, etc. Even if we do not "like" them, we still must love them. Love does not mean sending a Valentine's Day Card or saying words like 'love you'; love means living charitably. We must love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves and we must live that love, not just say we love trying to convince ourselves that we love our neighbor, but truly love them for what they are -- God's most precious creation. Everyone is God's favorite creation – treat everyone with that understanding.

Love without charity is like faith without works. St. James says: "what good is it my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?...If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the

body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2: 14-17) Similarly what good is it if you say you love or have love, but do not show it by being charitable and loving? That love is dead.

There is little that is better than reciprocated love. The more you love others, the more love will be heaped upon you. Life is precious and life is short. Live your life being charitable to others so that your love is not dead. Don't let yourself realize your love was dead toward a loved one after that person dies – it will be too late to bask in that special returned love. Love today for there may not be a tomorrow for someone needing your love today.

Consider Jesus and Adam; one did the will of God, the other followed his selfish desire. The one who did the will of God is the source of true peace, love, and our salvation, the other the source of sorrow, misery, and damnation. Thanks to Jesus, the one who did the will of God, we can be saved from the damnation brought about by selfish desire. On which do you pattern your life?

SK Lee Jan

Quarterly Adopt a Street Program

The Quarterly Adopt-A-Street is almost here. It is scheduled for:

**Saturday, April 14, 2012
8:30-10:30 am**

We will meet in the church parking lot by the big rock. I will have the necessary supplies, along with some snacks. Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate. Please sign up at our next meeting or email me if you wish to help.

Remember, I will need t-shirt sizes if you would like one. Since this event is in conjunction with the Annual City-Wide Clean Sweep, the Keep Austin Beautiful organization, along with giving away t-shirts, also invite all volunteers to a picnic with free food, drinks and door prizes at Fiesta Gardens from 11:30am until 1:30 pm.

Thank you.

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Lenten Meditation

If asked, most people will say that they do believe in God, yet many of these same people do not give Him much thought, keeping Him at the periphery of their everyday

lives. It is not until some calamity affects or potentially threatens them, their family, or their lifestyle that they turn to God for help. But as long as things are pretty OK, they tend to keep God in a corner, so to speak, as one would keep a fire extinguisher, not paying attention to it until there is a fire.

Where is God in our lives? Lent is a good time to move Him out of a corner and make Him more central to our life. We can all benefit from coming closer to God. Consider rekindling the fire of love between you and God through a new commitment to prayer this Lent and make praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer, every Thursday with other St. Paul parishioners at the chapel beginning at 6:30 p.m. a part of that prayer experience.

Please consider attending the prayer each Thursday during Lent - if you have never attended, please consider joining us this Lent - if you have come in past, but haven't attended in some time, consider getting back into the routine of this weekly prayer again during Lent.

Remember, even a fire extinguisher needs to be thought about and checked once in a while other than in an emergency so that we can rely on it to help us when necessary. Let use this Lent to check on our relationship with God.

Evening Prayer will be in the chapel on Thursday, Feb 23 at 6:30 p.m. and will be in same location and time every Thursday.

Peace

Lee Jan

Calendar Review

March 2nd – Adoration

March 5th – General meeting

March 14th – Anniversary of Ordination for Rev. Barry Cabell, C.S.C.

March 17th – Golf Tournament, 8am at Lions Municipal Golf Course

March 19th – Officer's meeting

March 24th - assist the men's club

March 24th-25th – Membership Blitz after Mass in Grace Hall

Newsletter Articles

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