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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, May 7th

Time: 7:00 pm

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Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

At the end of April, Kevin Russell and I attended the Texas State Council convention in Houston, TX. It was a great event and provided us a chance to meet with brother Knights from all over the state.

We attended mass on Friday at the Co-Cathedral. Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D. Bishop of Dallas, State Chaplin. Present at the mass, was a silver cross that contained the relics from the six Knights of Columbus priests martyred during the period of anti-Catholic persecution in Mexico in the 1920's and 1930's. Bishop Farrell used the example of the martyrs to illustrate the importance for Knights of Columbus members to stand up for religious liberty today.



On Saturday, we heard a message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The message "Seldom has religious liberty been threatened in so many places in the world, and never before in this country's history have people of faith faced such wide spread threats to religious freedom as we face today here in the United States." Supreme Knight Carl Anderson asked the Knights to be strong and vocal in their defense of the First amendment guarantee of the free exercise of religion.

During the day, we heard very passionate speeches from Bishops and State officers concerning the Health and Human services mandate requiring nearly all U. S. health insurance plans to cover contraception, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs. Many of the speeches spoke of religious liberty protections and government intrusion into religious faith and practice. Reverend Jack Whitley Associate State Chaplin spoke of the importance of the laity in renewing the Catholic Church. Father Jack spoke of spiritual formation and gaining a richer understanding of our faith.

From our Supreme office, Thomas P. Smith Jr. Chief Insurance Officer spoke of the role of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus are the critical men's organization of the Catholic Church. Brother

Knight Tom spoke of the need to increase our membership. He stated membership was not about the numbers but the need to have committed Catholic men to be role models in our faith.



On Sunday, Kevin and I fell-out Fourth Degree members at the mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop of Galveston/ Houston. Bishop Joe Vasquez Bishop of Austin was also a celebrant. There was about 100 Sir Knights that participated in the fall-out. The Bishops were thankful of the Knights of Columbus.

We concluded the convention by electing our State officers. Jim Collins will be the incoming State Deputy, Bishop Gustavo Garcia Siler of San Antonio will be the incoming State Chaplin, Bishop George Sheltz will be Associate State Chaplin, Terry Simonton will be the incoming State Secretary, Doug Oldmixon will be the incoming State Treasurer, Diego Pena will be the State Advocate and Rudy Escamilla of San Antonio will be the incoming State Warden. The State convention next year will be in Corpus Christi, TX in April and the Supreme convention will be in San Antonio, TX.



Our council has a number of events scheduled for this month. We will have the Altar Server appreciation dinner on Saturday May 12th in Grace Hall. I am sure Carlos Dela Garza and Brian Tuohy will have a great event. Sunday May 13th is Mother's Day. On May 24th the Fourth Degree will have a fall-out for the Confirmation mass at St. Paul Parish. May 28th is Memorial Day. There will be a fall-out at Assumption cemetery to honor our

military men and women. On June 2nd, we will have a celebration at St. Paul Parish for Father Paul McCallum for his 50 years of service.

I would like welcome Antonio Flores Jr. to our council. Antonio completed his 1st Degree in April.

SK Bob Fonseca has put together a list of candidates for the next fraternal year. We will take additional nominations at our next business meeting. If you would like to be an officer, please let Bob or myself know.

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

Fraternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers: repose of the soul of Ramiro Segura's Mother who passed away last week. Tom and Margie Natoli, Lupe Cuellar, Louis Palacios, Cheryl McGee.

Golf Tournament Update

The final numbers are still being calculated for the 10209 Golf Tournament results. Thanks to everyone who made the event a success. We had 16 teams and 64 golfers participate this year! Early estimates indicate the Council stands to clear about \$5000 from this annual fundraiser.

Scholarship Update

In early May we will be selecting our scholarship winners for the 2012-2013 academic year. If you are interested in serving on the selection committee please contact Sean McGee at 680-0367.

The council will determine the number of scholarships to award at the May meeting based on the final results of our fundraising. Please be sure to attend the meeting in order to take part in this important discussion.

-SK Sean McGee

Austin Prayer Vigil for Life

All are invited to attend the Austin Prayer Vigil on May 19 beginning with Mass at 7:30 a.m. at St. Ignatius, Martyr Parish in Austin. A caravan will proceed to Austin Women's Health on South IH 35 to pray the rosary from 8:20 to 9:50 a.m. After the rosary, all will return to St. Ignatius, Martyr for closing and fellowship at 10:40 a.m.

Troop 403 Update

2012 Spring Break Canoe Trip

Troop 403 Scouts had a wonderful Spring Break excursion through the Texas Hill Country. Learning our lesson from the Backpacking campout last month, as Mother Nature blessed us with much needed rain and sent thunderstorms our way, the canoe crew delayed our trip by a day before heading out to the gorgeous Colorado Bend State Park. Monday, we got out on the canoes and paddled down and up the river to get a feel for our trip down to Canyon of the Eagles. While packing up the camping gear and loading our canoes Tuesday morning, we noticed that the river was up at least a foot in 24 hours and seemed to be flowing a little faster. Finally we were on the water and began our 18 mile paddling adventure.

Mrs. Scoutmaster drove on over to the Canyon of the Eagles where they expressed concern that we would not arrive until after dark, but we surprised them by arriving before 6pm The Ranger said we were the fastest group that he had seen make that trip. As we were wading into shore, Curtis (one the scouts) was swallowed by man-eating mud up to his thigh. It took another scout and canoe to finally provide enough stability for Curtis to free himself. There are more stories to be told, just ask any of the participants!

Our 51st Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Nathan Timmerman for achieving the Eagle rank - Well Done! The Troop is very proud of your accomplishment. We have benefitted from Nathan's participation, leadership and involvement and wish him the best as he graduates high school this spring and heads on to college. Nathan's Eagle project included revitalizing the memorial garden at Williams Elementary School.



-SK Chris Jistel, Organization Representative

Knights of Columbus Night at Dell Diamond

Knights of Columbus night with the Round Rock Express will be Tuesday, June 5 at 7:05 p.m. Gates will open at

5:30 p.m. Come enjoy a fun packed game at the Dell Diamond. All Knights of Columbus members and their families can receive half-price tickets. Order deadline is May 28th. The Round Rock Express will play against the Albuquerque Isotopes.

Calendar Review

Thursday, May 3, 2012 - National Day of Prayer

Monday, May 7, 2012 - Council 10209 General Meeting - St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 - 1st Degree at St. Ignatius Parish

Sunday, May 13, 2012 - Mother's Day

Monday, May 21st – Officer's Meeting 7pm

Monday, May 21, 2012 - Chapter meeting-Saint Julia Parish

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 - 1st Degree at St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday, May 24, 2012 - Confirmation mass - St. Paul Parish

Saturday, May 26th – Men's Club Workday

Monday, May 28, 2012 - Memorial Day

Thursday, May 31, 2012 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, June 2, 2012 - Father Paul McCallum's Celebration – 50 years of religious service - St. Paul Parish

Monday, June 4th - Council Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, June 5, 2012 - Knights of Columbus night with the Round rock Express

Newsletter Articles

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