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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, August 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

Join the KofC10209 Google Group and get email notices of upcoming events! To sign up simply visit:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/kofc10209>

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

While I might say that our first meeting started off a little shaky, the month of July actually turned out to be very eventful. First off, I would like to thank those officers and brother Knights that were able to make it to the Officer Installation. It was a special event that was made even better by the work of our Ladies Auxiliary in providing a wonderful meal for the evening. The following Sunday we had our first informational meeting of our new Squires group. Although we were light on the number of boys in attendance, we are well off to finally reinstating our Squires Circle. We are in the process of securing the application forms, so if you know of any potential Squires, see to it that they get an application. We finished the month with our Corporate Communion that had a pretty good showing despite the snafu of no coffee.

This month also included the Diocesan conference and chapter meeting. Texas Knights number 97,970+ and we are shooting for that elusive 100,000th member this year. There is a drive to recruit one member per council per month this fraternal year. Other agenda items included information about Special Olympics, the Wheel Chair program, insurance and the Football Frenzy – more on

that at the next meeting.

My brethren, the State Deputy has touted the saying “We are called...” and that seems to be the theme of this fraternal year. This theme actually plays well into the idea of getting back to our roots and the basic principles behind the Knights – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The conference brought an addition to the fraternal saying, “If not us who will...” Throughout the year, I challenge everyone to find some way to give of yourself towards our principles.

Faternally,

SK Albert Villegas
Grand Knight

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers: repose of the soul of Jack McDonnell. Carlos Romero and family, Ken Moore, Louis Palacios, David Moore, Pete Cantu, Father Barry, Father George, Augustine Cuellar, Lee Jan’s mom, Bruce Wilkinson Family, Ramiro Segura, Marge Natoli, Lenny Tanzillo, Rose Ann Merman, Karin Katrell..

Community Corner

Thanks to the following Brother Knights and family members for helping with July's Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up:

Larry Larson, Tom & Emmy Natoli, Bob Fonseca, Brian Tuohy & Carlos de la Garza

I will schedule the next litter pick-up during the month of October.

-SK Rene Gaytan

The Pilgrim MTA

Brother Knights,

Last night at the general meeting we had a very good sign up for the Pilgrim MTA. What does MTA stand for. The Mother Thrice Admirable. MTA is the abbreviation for the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt. She is three times admirable as Mother of God, Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed.. This is the Schoenstatt Rosary Campaign.

Larry Larson and Brigid, Kathy and I are coordinators (There are about 7 coordinators in the church)

If you would like to have the shrine of Mary and her son for three days a month (for one year) please let me know and we will coordinate the schedules.

What is the purpose of the the Pilgrim MTA

- 1- To lead all people to Jesus, her son
- 2-To acquaint many people with MTA
- 3-To pray the rosary

What are your monthly responsibilities?

Arrange to have the shrine picked up and delivered each month to your house and to the next house. After the first month this is very easy.

Keep the shrine in a place of Honor (we have it on our mantel)

Welcome her into your homes

Millions of people throughout the world welcome the Pilgrim Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt into their homes.

I will provide a booklet that you can read about Pilgrim MTA Testimonials, how to pray the rosary Prayers,,History of the Pilgrim MTA .

Later this week, I will be sending out a schedule for the Knights that have signed up for this campaign.

SK Tom Natoli

Respect Life Committee

Rachel’s Reflections

“It was done. Before I had felt turmoil and anxiety, now I felt nothing. I was numb. What was more, I no longer felt terrified of my boyfriend. I was indifferent to what he thought or did because I didn’t care anymore. I didn’t care about anything.” - Joan (Post-Abortive Woman)

If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help. Please contact Project Rachel at (877) WE CARE 2 or project-rachel@austindiocese.org. Our next retreat is scheduled for July 27-29.

NFP Marriage Preparation

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Introduction Seminars satisfy the diocesan requirement for marriage preparation. The schedule for these seminars is now available online at www.austindiocese.org/nfp. In this seminar, couples will discover that NFP is about fertility awareness, is highly effective and scientifically supported, and is easy to use. This course will also familiarize couples with the three approved methods of NFP within the Diocese of Austin. A certificate of attendance will be provided upon completion of this seminar. For more information, contact Gina Dominguez at [\(512\) 949-2489](tel:5129492489) or you can view a class schedule at www.austindiocese.org/nfp.

Project Rachel retreats

Project Rachel retreats are conducted throughout the year at private locations. Retreats are led by a priest and our Project Rachel team. Rachel's Reflections can be used to promote the retreats in your bulletin. Confidential registration is available by calling (877) WeCare2 ([1-877-932-2732](tel:18779322732)) or e-mail project-rachel@austindiocese.org. Retreat Oct. 12-14, 2012.

Conference

The Charity and Justice Secretariat of the Austin Diocese will present a conference entitled "Living the Good News" Sept. 15, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Austin. This conference will address the Gospel call to promote the life and dignity of every person from conception, throughout their lives until natural death. Jack Jezreel, the founder and executive director of JustFaith Ministries, will be the English keynote speaker. Arturo Chavez, president of the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, will be the Spanish keynote speaker. For more information or to register, visit www.austindiocese.org or contact Yvonne Saldana at ([512](tel:5129492486)) [949-2486](tel:949-2486) or yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org.

2012-2013 Fraternal Year Budget

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the 2012-2013 Fraternal year budget for Council 10209. Please review the budget as it will be discussed and voted on at the Council meeting.

For the Good of the Order...

Around the sixth century BC, the king of Assyria threatened the king of Judah saying "Do not let your God on whom you rely deceive you by saying that Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria." Hezekiah, the king of Judah, prayed "O lord, God of Israel...you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth ...Incline your ear O Lord, and listen...Therefore O Lord our God, save us from the power of this man, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, O Lord, are God..." Through the Prophet Isaiah, God answered: "I have listened!"... That night the angel of the Lord went forth and struck down one hundred and eighty thousand men in the Assyrian camp. So the king of Assyria broke camp and went back home... (based on 2 Kings 19-36)

In 2012, we, the Catholic Church throughout the United States, have responded to a threat against our religious freedom in a peaceful yet powerful way with a weapon that cannot be defeated -- prayer. Beginning on June 22nd

faithful Catholics throughout the nation gathered in prayerful assemblies for a "Fortnight for Freedom," a 14-day period of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom. We can have confidence that our prayers will lead our nation safely back to the freedom of religion on which our country was founded and has thrived for 200 + years because Jesus tells us in John 14: 12-14:

...I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.

Here at St. Paul we prayed the Rosary and other prayers each evening of the Fortnight of Freedom. The Rosary is a very powerful prayer, centered on Jesus. The Our Father that begins each decade was taught to us by Jesus himself, and Jesus is at the center of the Hail Mary; the prayer begins "Hail Mary" and leads to Jesus as the Fruit of Mary's womb in the center of the prayer and ends asking for our Mother Mary to be with us now and at the hour of our death. Through Mary's intercession we are indeed asking of the Father in the name of Jesus.

I want to end this short essay by relating to you how once again I personally experienced the power of prayer. In Matthew 7:7-11 Jesus says:

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives, and the one who seeks, finds;... if you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.

In the last weeks of April, my mother was hospitalized and her health was failing. She was nearly comatose, received nutrition via a feeding tube, was on oxygen and her kidneys failed. My sister called me to give me the news saying the doctors want to know what we want to do. I left work and drove down to Rosenberg where my mother was in the hospital to help my siblings make some hard decisions related to my mother's treatment. My five sisters and one brother and I were in the hospital room standing around her bed, seeing her just lying there, occasionally opening her eyes and then drifting away again. She had been hallucinating, and the day before, she could not form words when she tried to speak. The doctors wanted to know our wishes should her heart stop. After some discussion, we agreed to sign a DNR (do not resuscitate) order. After this, we decided that since our mom prayed the Rosary every day and now was unable to do so, that we would pray it for her.

So for the first time in probably 40 or more years, all seven of her children prayed the Rosary together, not asking for a miracle, but just asking that God make her comfortable during this time and that she might not be mentally lost and confused. About thirty minutes after we

finished praying the Rosary, our mother woke up, knew us all, was not confused and was able to converse and reminisce with us about the past. Today she is slowly gaining strength, though she cannot get up by herself and can only walk or stand with help; she is no longer confused or hallucinating and is eating and enjoying visiting with people.

God truly does give good things.

Peace

SK Lee Jan

Calendar Review

Monday, August 6, 2012 - Council 10209 General Meeting - St. Paul Parish

Monday, August 20, 2012 – Officer's Meeting 7pm

Saturday, August 25, 2012 – Men's Club Workday

Monday, September 3, 2012 - Council Meeting 7pm

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, August 27th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.