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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, October 1st

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,

September's focus was charity and I have to say that the Knights held true to their principals. Not only were there several Knights supporting our church at the Parish Fall Festival in both our both and other booths, but there were Knights that are supporting and participating in the Friends of the Poor walk. And speaking of the Fall Festival, our Knights showed up in force on Friday to smoke Turkey Legs and cook hamburgers. Despite our great efforts, the wonderful ladies in the Gordita Booth outsold us; maybe it was because our DGK got distracted and spent too much time line dancing with the ladies of the Gordita booth. Hopefully someone got pictures. Well, Saturday we returned with a renewed passion and a mission to support our church and be the top seller. I am happy to say that we accomplished our mission in selling over \$2,300 in turkey legs and hamburgers, with the Gordita booth selling a little less than \$2,000. It was a great weekend for both groups and a great fundraiser for the Church. A huge thanks to all those brother Knights that helped and continue to help!!!

Speaking of helpful Knights, I'm sure by now most have heard that SK Tom Natoli and his wife Kathy will be

leaving us to move to the east coast. Former Grand Knight Tom Natoli and Kathy were great assets to our Council/Ladies Auxiliary, but I'm sure some council up east will have a great addition. In fact, he is that much closer to the Supreme office, could we potentially have been in the presence of a future Supreme Knight? They will be greatly missed.

As we begin the month of October, we have a new focus on our second principle of the order – Unity. From our mission statement, *“None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually.”* My brothers we will have an opportunity to spread the great unity that we have as brothers to those men not yet fortunate to be a member. We will have our membership blitz next weekend and I encourage all brother Knights to join us after the masses that weekend to help recruit new brothers into the order. We can always count on the support and encouragement of our brother Knights, let's share that with other men of the parish so that they too can see how we work to make life better in the parish and community.

Vivat Jesus

SK Kevin Russell
Grand Knight

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers: Louis Palacios, Marge Natoli, Bob Hecker, Augustine Cuellar, Pete Cantu, Thomas O'scier, Tom Natoli, Dave Montoya and wife Anna, Deacon John Thorton, Lee Jan's Mother, Vicki Jan's Mother, Adrian Munoz, Carlos Romero, Betty Soll, Melisa Modena, Fr. James, Fr. Barry.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Still have just group insurance?

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. If you have it, it's certainly not a bad thing, but it can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount (\$15,000 seems popular) or a multiple of your salary (somewhere between 1.5 and 2.5 is common). Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people

— friends, family members, neighbors — who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. And that decision could be made at the worst possible time for you.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true.

Do you still own just group life insurance? It must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. I can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future!

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For the Good of the Order...

Pope Benedict XVI announced the Year of Faith to begin this month, and during this year we should try to participate in activities to strengthen our own faith. I will use the life of St. Thomas – Doubting Thomas – to illustrate faith in action and hopefully inspire you to seek deeper faith in the coming year.

St. Thomas' skepticism earned him the popular title of Doubting Thomas, but this skepticism also led him to a deeper faith. He witnessed the death of his friend Jesus, just a few days before the other apostles told him that they saw Jesus and that Jesus was alive. Thomas knew what he knew about Jesus's death and he was not going to naively believe something so incredibly unbelievable.

Shortly before his death, Jesus' disciples were beginning to believe that he was the Son of God, but they really did not know and understand that he was God. Only Peter, James, and John saw the divinity of Jesus up on the mountain, but they were told to tell no one. So it was not unreasonable for Thomas to question what seemed unbelievable, but he left open the possibility to believe – saying “I will not believe unless I see the mark of the nail and put my finger into the nail marks.” He did not say I will never believe.

It was Thomas' incredible faith that caused him to say

“My Lord and My God” when he saw Jesus standing before him. Yes, he needed evidence that Jesus was alive, but he believed Jesus was God by his faith. Thomas only saw the man he knew as Jesus standing in front of him, Jesus’ divinity could not be seen by the human eye; it had to be seen by the eye of faith.

There is a difference between faith and knowing. Faith is believing, but knowing is based on fact and hard evidence or experience. After seeing Jesus, Thomas knew that Jesus was alive based on fact and hard evidence, but by faith he believed that Jesus is God.

When we ask questions and seek answers to questions about our faith we too can come to a deeper faith and it is by faith that we know Jesus is God and that he is present in the Holy Eucharist. We, like Thomas, sometimes need to see before we believe. Let us ask St. Thomas to help us, by his intercession, to strengthen our faith so that by faith we can see that Jesus is alive and present to us in the form of bread on the Altar. Jesus said of the bread: This IS my Body.” Let us see, believe, and respond: My Lord and My God!

Peace

SK Lee Jan

Community Corner

Our next Quarterly Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up is scheduled for:

Saturday, October 27, 2012, from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

Please sign up at the next meeting or email Rene at:

rhgaytan@aol.com

You can also call Rene at [512-659-8255](tel:512-659-8255).

Thank you.

- SK Rene Gaytan

Scouting Report – Boy Scouts Troop 403

Eagle Scout - Congratulations

Our Troop is proud to announce that James Carter earned the Eagle Rank on September 20 upon passing his Board of Review. He is our 54th Eagle Scout and the fourth in 2012. James' project constructed a split rail wood fence around the outdoor learning center at Gorzycki Middle School. Well done James!

Webelos Activity Badge Workshop

Congratulations Scouts on a job well done. Many compliments were fielded from the Webelos parents as to how well you Troop 403 did in teaching the various Activity Badges. We had 79 Webelos Scouts earn their

badges during the two-hour teaching sessions. Your leaders are exceptionally proud of you.

Troop 403 Fundraisers

Boy Scout Troop 403 from St. Paul's currently has two fundraisers in the month of October. These fundraisers assist our scouts and troop to help offset expenses for winter and next year's summer camps. The Troop will be conducting a Christmas Holiday Wreath sale after all masses on the weekend of October 13th & 14th. We will be selling beautiful holiday wreaths, sprays, living trees and centerpieces that will enhance your Christmas Season. We will also be selling popcorn so please stop by and support our local troop.

Yours In Scouting,

Chris Jistel,
Charter Organization Representative

Calendar Review

Sunday, September 30, 2012 – Corporate Communion – 11am Mass

Monday, October 1, 2012 - Council 10209 General Meeting - St. Paul Parish

Sat-Sun, October 6-7, 2012 – Membership Drive in Grace Hall after Masses

Monday, October 15, 2012 – Officer's Meeting in Room 5-7, 7pm

Saturday, October 27, 2012 – Adopt-a-Street Pickup and Men's Club Workday – St. Paul 8am

Monday, September 3, 2012 - Council Meeting 7pm

St. Paul Parish Fair

Thanks to all the Knights who participated in the Parish Fair last weekend. It was a great success and a great time!



Strategy Meeting – the day's tactics including optimal arrangement of burger patties on grill is discussed by the Council leadership



Pete Cantu showing the leadership team the proper way to cook. Initial strategy thrown out the window.



Under Pete's Guidance things really begin to roll.



Burger Dressing Crew takes a brief respite from the flood of crowds craving KofC burgers.



Another Successful Parish Fair. Knighthood at it's best!

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, October 29th. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.