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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul Church-room 5

When: Monday, December 3rd

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,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their families.

December brings us yet another holiday month and it will be a busy month as well. It begins with the Deaconate Breakfast/Lunch that the Knights will be sponsoring on Saturday, December 1st. The very next day we have the Advent Event that is being held at the Church for all parish families. The Knights will be providing a light lunch (hotdogs, chips and drinks) after the 12:30 mass so those parishioners don't have to leave to get lunch. As Advent begins, I encourage everyone to take really enjoy this beginning of the new church year and Christmas at the end of the month.

As Grand Knight I am saddened to say that I have not lead a good effort in the area of fundraising this year. We did not have a BBQ sale in July/August, as we have in the past; we did not do the World Series pool, as we had budgeted, and we did not do the second BBQ fundraiser in October. At the Officers meeting this past month, we decided we would try to have a chicken plate fundraiser with the Ladies Auxiliary in January on the weekend of the 19th/20th. We will have signup sheets at the meeting

on Monday.

Our biggest fund raiser of the year is the Golf Tournament. It will be here before you know it. A large portion of all fundraising for the year comes from this event. Please consider how you would like to get involved. We need sponsors, helpers at the event to cook and setup, and mainly golfers (teams). Bill should try to have the forms at our next meeting for you to hand to companies that you patronize to be sponsors. Please consider asking the top 3 to 5 places that you frequent to be a sponsor- restaurants, cleaners, banks, grocers, etc. We will continue to advertise these sponsors and hopefully they will receive more business then they spent on the sponsorship.

This is also the time of year that we will be getting two requests from our Financial Secretary. First off, Chris will be asking us for information to complete the annual Knights service survey which lists all the service activities- it is a lengthy and important list of the support that we as Knights provide to the church. Please send Chris the activities and time that you volunteered for St. Paul this year. Secondly, it is time to pay our annual dues. This year we have created a link on our website so that you can pay your dues online. It does cost a small fee (\$1.50) but it makes it very convenient to get the dues paid this way. Please get your dues paid as soon as possible.

Finally, remember that we will be having a Corporate Communion at the 12:30 mass and our Christmas party on December 30th, 2012 in Grace Hall at 6:00 pm. The Women's Auxiliary and the Knights will coordinate the festivities. It is another great opportunity to bring our families together.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Kevin Russell
Grand Knight

Pray For

Please keep in your prayers: Louis Palacios, Marge Natoli, Lee Jan's Mother, Vicki Jan's Mother, Adrian Munoz, Augustine Cuellar, Tom and Kathy Natoli, David Moore, Chuck Woods and family, Willie Martinez, Fr. James, Fr. Barry.

Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

This is the season for the collection of our annual dues for 2013. 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. We are now making it even easier for you to pay your annual dues. Members can access the link from the main page at www.council10209.org or www.kofc10209.org and charged a \$1.50 convenience fee. You will be transferred to a secured website operated by PayPal.com. When completed, you will receive a receipt by email. For assistance, please contact [Kevin Russell](mailto:Kevin.Russell).

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

Chris Jistel
2908 Balfour Falls Lane,
Austin, Texas, 78748.

I will be mailing notices sometime in mid-January, so I ask that if possible please pay prior to that time. If you are experiencing circumstances which make payment difficult or impossible, please let myself or another officer know so that we can make other arrangements. I cannot over emphasize how important it is to pay your dues. Thanks to all of you who take care of this matter promptly.

You may contact me by e-mailing me at jistelc@yahoo.com or you may call my cell phone at 826-1754.

Fraternally,

Chris Jistel, FS

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Four parts of retirement: Phase Two

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years. Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be

careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.
I can help you build a plan to reach your goals.

Contact me to learn more.

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For the Good of the Order...

Faith is more than just saying I believe or memorizing and reciting Scripture or wearing a cross or some other religious symbol. It is believing in a manner that causes us to act to promote humanity and therefore the kingdom of God. St. James raised questions about the connection between faith and good works. If our faith is strong, do we need anything else? Or, on the other hand, if we do good things, is any kind of faith necessary at all? St. James said that faith must include good works or it is dead.

Jesus taught good works but also wanted people to believe in him not only for the good works he performed as miracles and healings, but to have faith in him as God. Jesus asked the disciples: "who do you say that I am?" and Peter speaks for the disciples when he says "you are the Christ". Jesus then told his disciples that he must suffer and not only he, but they too will have to suffer. He said whoever wishes to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for his sake and that of the gospel will save it. We as disciples of Jesus are also expected to suffer if we are to follow Jesus.

So what does Jesus mean when he says lose your life to save it? Jesus wants us to become sensitive and aware of the needs of others, and deny ourselves so that we can help those in need. He is asking us to let go of our pride and greed, and put the needs of others ahead of our wants. He asks us to feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, care for the sick, and clothe the naked. He asks us to deny ourselves some things we want so that we can give someone else what they need. Perhaps on the next family pizza night, instead of spending \$25.00 on a family size pizza and cokes, you might consider spending \$5.00 on tuna fish, sandwich meat, or cheese and bread to feed your family sandwiches and water this one time, and give \$20.00 to the poor to help meet their basic needs

Jesus asks us who we say that he is and we are called to answer the question each day by our faith response. So do we answer with a faith that that causes us to promote humanity and therefore the kingdom of God? How can we say to Jesus: you are the Christ, the Messiah, the Lord if we do not have faith and good works. If we say you are the Christ and then live a self-centered life, do we really

have faith? What can we do to show God that we have a faith that is alive and that we do believe that Jesus is the Messiah?

We do not have to look far to see that we have many opportunities to do good works, there is much need. We can give up a few hours each month to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide financial and spiritual support to struggling poor families – You comforted me; as Knights of Columbus we can become more involved in fund raisers to help raise funds for charity, or help the ladies auxiliary provide coats for kids for their annual coat drive – You clothed me. These are examples of need right here in our own backyard.

But there is much need all over the world. Children are starving, others drinking polluted water and there are many good organizations such as Food for the Poor, Incorporated - You gave me drink, or Heifer International that have programs to help these people feed themselves and they are always in need of funds to help keep the programs going –you gave me to eat. Working together as brothers and sisters of Christ we can be very effective in helping those in need; many hands make the yoke light.

Peace

SK Lee Jan

Scouting Report – Boy Scouts Troop 403

Our First Geocaching Campout

The weather may have been wet, but everyone had a great time. Pedernales Falls State Park was the site of this event and our Scouts really liked the location. Highlights included the 5 mile geocache hike, exploring the waterfalls area and splashing around in the river. Our Senior Patrol Leader Andy did a fabulous job keeping spirits up and getting things done. Sure everything got damp, and it was challenging setting up camp in the rain, but no one was completely soaked.

Thanks to Mr. Mefford for putting this event together. Making the decision to hike and geocache in the morning while the weather held was a great choice. It did make for a quieter "instructional" session in the afternoon since most of the guys were fairly well wiped out.

Yours In Scouting,

Chris Jistel,
Charter Organization Representative

Community Corner

Diocesan Council Special Olympics Opportunity

Austin's beloved Trail of Lights is back to brighten the holiday season! After a two-year absence, the Trail of

Lights returns to Zilker Park with new attractions and experiences to expand this treasured event. One exciting addition is a non-profit village, featuring Special Olympics Texas, one of this year's beneficiaries. We need your help on the nights that we'll be featured! From parking assistance to escorting guests through the trail to manning the SOTX booth with our athletes, there is a place for everyone who wants to volunteer.

Volunteer Shifts:

Monday, December 17

Shift 1: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Shift 2: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 22

Shift 3: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Shift 4: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

[Sign up here.](#)

We are proud to be a part of the renewed tradition of the Trail of Lights. We hope that you will share the experience with our athletes and create some holiday traditions of your own.

Calendar Review

Saturday, December 1, 2012 – Host the Deaconate class at St. Paul – Grace Hall

Sunday, December 2, 2012 – Cooking lunch for the faithful. – 12:30pm in Kitchen

Monday, December 3, 2012 - Council 10209 General Meeting - St. Paul Parish

Sunday, November 11, 2012 – Veteran's Day Parade – Downtown 8am

Monday, December 17, 2012 – Officer's Meeting in Room 5-7, 7pm

Saturday, December 29, 2012 – Men's Club Workday – St. Paul 8am

Sunday, December 30, 2012 – Corporate Communion at 12:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 30, 2012 – Council Christmas Holiday Party –

Monday, January 7, 2013 - Council Meeting 7pm

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by Monday, December 31st. Submit your articles to Sean McGee at sean@mcgeeclan.us or by calling 680-0367.