



The Knight Newsletter

Of S.K. Gerry Gauthier Council 10209



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MEETING NOTICE

K of C Council # 10209 Meets

Where: St. Paul's Church-rooms 5&7

When: Monday August 1 2005

Time: 7:00 pm

Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Our Fraternal Year is under way! I would like to thank all the families who attended our Installation of Officers on July 18th. The turnout was great and your support is appreciated as we begin outright on our plan for 2005-2006.

On the business side of things you will find attached to this newsletter a proposed budget for the 2005-2006 year. It is important that you look the budget over and provide SK Matt Cullen with any feedback prior to the August meeting if possible. We will be voting on this budget at the 8/1-business meeting, which will allow us to operate fiscally according to our bylaws, and it will make it much easier for us to get checks written for all of the activities we have planned. So please do your due diligence.

I am also trying to fill out our council's committees. I thank all of the Knights who attended our July meeting and signed up for a committee position. We still have a significant number of committee positions that I would like to see filled. It helps the committee leads to know that they can draw upon at least 2 or 3 other members of the council to help them out from time to time with their responsibilities. Based on the number of "active" members in our council and the number of committee positions given at least 2 or 3 members per committee, we really need every active member to be signed up. So if you consider yourself an active member of the council and you haven't signed up for something yet, please contact me before I contact you!

I would especially like to encourage our newest members to consider getting plugged in on a committee. It's a great way to get involved, meet other members, and really feel like you are making a contribution to the Council and our Parish. So don't hesitate to sign up. I would be happy to explain the committee structure or answer any questions you may have.

One of the more pressing needs is that we need to find a Right to Life couple to represent our Council and in the process St. Paul's. Fr. Paul has personally requested that the K of C provide a couple for this position. Paul and Anna Hilt have been doing this job for the last several years and are stepping down to pursue other interests. Please think about this and talk it over with your family and if you would like to represent our Council please let me know.

On the fun side this month is Family Month for the Knights of Columbus and we've got a great family activity planned for Saturday, August 20th the date of our Annual Family Picnic. This year we're holding the picnic at the Jistel Family Lakehouse on Lake LBJ in Kingsland, TX. We'll have boating, swimming, horseshoes, family games and entertainment as you sit in the copious amounts of shade lakeside! The Knights will provide burgers, hot dogs and sodas. You provide a side dish or dessert item and you are welcome to bring coolers filled with your personal favorites. See the attached flyer for more information as well as directions to the Jistel Lakehouse. The Jistel's and I hope you and your family will make the trip out for what promises to be a fantastic way to end the summer. The event will go all day so even if you can't make it early, show up for a late afternoon swim. Please RSVP at the August 1st business meeting or by email.

We've got a lot of great things planned for August so please read the newsletter to find out what they are! I look forward to seeing you at our business meeting on Monday, August 1st at 7pm. God Bless!

-GK Sean McGee

8/20 – Family Picnic at Jistel Lakehouse, Kingsland, TX
8/27 – KofC Officer Training in Pflugerville
8/? – Breakfast Taco Sale

**Fraternally,
GK Sean McGee**

Calendar Events

8/1 Council meeting
8/7 – Major Degree in Kyle, TX. 7am registration, contact Ron Woods.
8/18 – First Degree at St. Paul's 7pm

Chaplin's Report

My Fellow Knights,

One of the best things about the summer is vacation. We go to amusement parks with our children, or zoos to enjoy seeing the animals, or go to the ocean, or we travel to another country. It is very important to do things with our families especially while the children are out of school. In regards to this, I would like to share with you a really wonderful family trip that the Knights of Columbus sponsor every year in the summer to see the Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers baseball games at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

The Knights make all the arrangements for transportation, tickets, and food for the trips. This year Sean McGee, and other Knights helped schedule two busses for the trip. The busses parked at Bilbrook Place and everyone going on the trip Sunday morning gathered at Spark (the Youth center) for a lovely breakfast served by our youth group. Snacks were provided on the bus during the trip. Once they got to the stadium in Houston, tickets were available at the will call office. Everyone had such a great time. On the trip back from the game, a stop at a restaurant for dinner was in order.

I was not able to go on this particular trip, but I was privileged to give a blessing for safety for everyone on the trip. I was edified that so many children were with their parents, which made this trip very much a family event. This was a great trip and I thank the Knights of Columbus for doing this each year.

"The family that plays and prays together stays together."

With Love,
Father Paul

Prayer Box

Please Pray for:

The Pope Benedict 16th, Fr. Paul, Fr. Hal Zink, Deacon Kent Parks and his wife Betty Parks, Herman Bunn, Agnes Bunn and her Mother who is sick, My Aunt Le Baker who is very ill, for Joe and Celia Lopez and family. For Albert Villegas, SK Paul Palmer. The Repose of the soul's of our Past Pope John Paul II, Terri Schiavo. Tom Natoli and his Family who's' Grandmother had past away this past weekend. For the unemployed, for all the troops serving their country abroad, for peace, for the end of Abortion.

Monthly Awards

This month we would like to recognize the Knight of the Month and Family of the month for July. The contributions that they made to the Knights of Columbus the parish community has earned them this honor.

Knight of the Month: Larry Prinziavalli – In recognition for his tenure as Scoutmaster and his devotion to scouting and youth development.

Families of the Month: Ish and Terry Gonzales and Augustine and Lupe Cuellar – for their help with our Installation of Officers ceremony and the cleanup afterwards. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights we have gotten off to a very good start this year. Our first Night with the Knights turned out really nice. GK Sean McGee hosted a poker night at his home. All had a good time. If any of you out there have ideas for our Night with the Knights come to the monthly meeting and make your suggestions. Everyone will be heard. I am quite new to my position and welcome any suggestions. We will be having a fundraiser in August. It is going to be a breakfast taco sale after the Sunday morning Masses. Details will follow at our August meeting. CAFB is still our main community service project that we are involved with year around. Once a month we meet for three short hours to help at the Food Bank. The shift is from 9am until noon. We still need volunteers to sit on some of our committees. I have learned one thing it does not take up a lot of your time and there is always help. Thanks. Looking forward to seeing one and all at our next meeting. God Bless

DGK Louis R. Palacios

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday June 3rd from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday June 11th after the 5 PM Mass until 11 PM. Knights will normally take the 10 to 11 PM time but the main thing is to spend some time at adoration. Please plan to spend a little time with our Lord.

First Degree

There will be a First Degree held on August 18th. All Candidates should be there by 7:30 pm, the Degree should start by 8 pm. Come out and attend a First Degree and show some support for the candidates.

Community Service

Capital Area Food Bank

The Knights are scheduled to help at CAFB the last Saturday of the month from 8:00am until noon. Please participate if you can by arriving at the CAFB and letting the staff know you are there to help; wear your KC shirt or cap, if you do not have one, come anyway – let's make a difference.

Knights Insurance Agent Report

Why Choose Us For Your Insurance Needs?

Our Beginnings; A Sanctuary: In the late 19th century, North America was experiencing an influx of people from all over the world, particularly Europe. Many people were relegated to living in unsanitary conditions, and performing hazardous jobs for poor pay. Such was life for Catholics in New Haven, Connecticut.

The untimely death of the family breadwinner often devastated a family. In 1882, a young Catholic priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, envisioned an organization to help Catholic families deal with this crisis. Out of his vision the Knights of Columbus was founded. We are currently the largest Catholic, family, fraternal organization in the world, and boast a members-only insurance program that is among the strongest in the industry.

Always There, Always Strong: As a member of our organization, you enjoy the opportunity to participate as a family and positively affect your church and community. One person can make a difference. With 1.6 million members, the Knights of Columbus' impact is enormous. Last year alone, we donated \$116 million to charitable causes, and performed over 56 million hours of community service. That's impact!

We have over 1,200 full-time life insurance professionals dedicated to serving member's needs. Each is assigned exclusively to a group of members and families so that he'll be there when you or your family needs him. These agents are members of our organization and share our members' ideals and goals in community service.

How We Measure Up: Feel confident that we'll be there when you need us. The independent rating services of IMSA, Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best agree. The Knights enjoys an AAA (Superior) rating from Standard & Poor's, A++ (Superior) from A.M. Best, and carries the coveted Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) seal of approval for ethical marketing, sales and best practices. It is among only six North American life insurance carriers that have achieved all three of these distinctions.

Promised Benefits: From its humble beginnings, our insurance program has grown into a formidable institution, providing billions of dollars in future death benefits to our members and families.

Financial Strength: Prudent management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing adequate backing for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured's and their beneficiaries.

Ownership Benefits: Because we're a Fraternal Benefit Society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members. We return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

SK Michael Glenn
280-6625

Budget Proposal

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Thank you,
Matt Cullen, Trustee"

Phone List

Brother Knights,

As you are probably aware, we have been making an attempt over the last 6 months or so to improve the communication within the Council. In order to do that, one of the first things we need are good phone numbers for each of our brother knights. So, I have included below a list of members whose numbers that we have on file do not work. If you know the correct number or see these knights, please have them give me a call so we can update their information and keep them informed of Council activities.

Name	Last number on record
David Andrus	282-8326
Rick Gonzalez	891-9265
John Lowery	891-0326
Rene Martinez	280-7331
Albert Miller	755-0466

Thanks for your help.
SK Matt Cullen

Youth

Entertainment Passbook Sales

It's that time of year again; time to sell the 2005-2006 Entertainment Passbooks. They are in stock and will be distributed at the 8/1-business meeting. Our council's goal is to sell 180 books at \$25 each (note: price has increased from last year). If we can do that we should raise over \$900!

Selling these books is very easy. First and foremost you should buy at least one for your own family. Use 2-3 coupons from the book and it has paid for itself already. Bring a couple of books into work and simply send out an email letting people know you have them available. Many people are familiar with the books and their great value and more often than not they will sell themselves. If you would like some promotional materials I have them available for you to display in your office.

We need to get the jump on the schools and other organizations by getting these books out in the market as early as possible. So take some for the month of August and we can hopefully finish our passbook sales by the end of September. Your help is greatly appreciated!

-Sean McGee-

Newsletter Articles

The next Newsletter Articles are due by July 25th. Submit your articles to Robert Rancour at robertrancour@msn.com or by calling him at 282-4355.