

Howdy to All from your new DD #117 CJ Romero:

This past Saturday, July 10, 2010 I was sworn in as one of the new DD #117 for the Austin North Zone area. I want to thank Larry Ermis for the outstanding job he has done for all the KC in his District for the past four (4) years. I am very grateful for his help in getting me ready to take his place. I know I will have very large shoes to fill and I promise to do my best in the next four (4) years to help all Brother Knights. Larry, thanks again for all the help and I know you will continue to help me in the future. Larry Ermis has taken on a new assignment at Chairman of the Retention Committee in which he will be working with all Councils in this area in the near future.

The Austin Diocesan was divided into two zones: The North Zone which is Caldwell area and College Station area under Tommy Atkins, email Tommy_Atkins@sbcglobal.net and the South Zone area under William "Bill" Harris, email BLHarris621@juno.com.

Our new State Deputy, Tony Herreth, was sworn in and this year will be called "The Passion to SERVE" for all Texas Knights of Columbus. In the words of the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "the Knights of Columbus are an army of 1.8 million Catholic men united in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism." As per State Deputy, Tony Herreth, "As leader, we must conduct ourselves as officers of this army. It is our responsibility to lead with the same passion to serve our Lord and Savior that the Knights of Columbus are noted for. To achieve these high standards, we must set goals at the beginning of the year." The Texas Knights of Columbus had a great last year with 5280 new Knights of Columbus added to our roles. The new State Deputy, Tony Herreth, wants to add to this great year with a goal of "5400" new Knights of Columbus. To get it started, the Sate will reimburse each council \$5.00/new member installed in July 2010. It called, "SHOW ME THE MONEY". It is only for the month of July and it does not matter how many members you install. The month is almost half gone, so all councils, get going. All paper work for July members inducted must be turned in by July 31st, 2010 to get the \$5.00/new member refund. If each knight would get one Catholic Man to join this year, Texas would double in size. Just think, every Knight of Columbus should strive to get just one person, a relative, friend, or a member of your local church to become a Knight of Columbus, you would be serving your State Deputy, the Knights of Columbus as well as yourself to promote Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in your community. I challenge each and every Knight in this District, to get one new member this year. Recruiting new members and their participation in the First Degree is essential to the continued growth and well-being of each council and the Order. Offering a Catholic man membership in the Knights of Columbus give him the opportunity to IMPROVE his own life, his church, and his community while growing closer to his family and faith.

List of forms Deadline prior to December 31, 2010:

Form 185: Report of Officer July1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.....Must be turned in by July 1, 2010
If you have not turned in, please send to CJ Romero : Email cjromero@gmail.com

Form 365: Report of Program Personnel.....Must be turned in by August 1, 2010
If you have not turned in, please send to CJ Romero : Email cjromero@gmail.com

Form 1295: Semiannual Audit Report.....Must be turned in by August 15, 2010
If you have not turned in, please send to CJ Romero : Email cjromero@gmail.com

Form 2629: Report of Roundtables.....Must be turned in by September 30,2010
If you have not turned in, please send to CJ Romero : Email cjromero@gmail.com

Supreme per CAPITA due.....October 10,2010

Supreme Catholic Advertising due..... October 10, 2010

State per Capita Due (LSAE w/distinction) due.....December 31, 2010

Please get with me, CJ Romero, for Officer Installation for your council. At present, The TA&M Council #10624

officer installation has already been done. ST. Joseph Council #11759 Officers will be installed this Thursday, July 15, 2010 at the ST. Joseph Pac. The KC Council #10555, Hearne/Franklin will be done on Thursday, August 12, 2010 in Franklin, TX. The other Councils, #1834, #3205, and #5053 are not scheduled at this time.

North Austin Diocesan Meeting scheduled: Tommy Atkins

Tommy Atkins set up a meeting in Belton, TX at the Christ the King Church on Main St/24th Street for July 31st, 2010. Registration will be 8:00 AM and Lunch will be served at a cost of \$6.00/person. The meeting should be over by 2:00PM. Tommy would like to have the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Sec. and any other 3rd Degree KC that wish to go. RSVP will be required and you can let me know @ my email address: cjromero@gmail.com or phone (979) 696-1029.

FOOTBALL TICKETS FOR CHARITY: ALL MONIES, UNUSED TICKETS AND SOLD STUBS MUST BE TURNED IN BY OCTOBER 8, 2010

For the councils that did not pick up their Football Tickets, I have them and will be getting with you this month. Monies collected help keep our per capita cost low. The council gets back \$1.00/ticket sold. The tickets are \$10.00/each and could win hundreds of dollars each week. There are 90 chances to win, 9 chances to win for the \$1000 cash prizes each week. Each Grand Knight should assign a member of his council as chairman and get the ticket sold. Remember, you are responsible to get the tickets sold, monies back to state, the sold stubs as well as the unsold tickets. Remember, you can win each week with the same ticket and the monies won are automatically sent to you in the mail each week. All results can be check on line at www.tkofc.org under Football Frenzy. Week #1 Starts on October 31, 2010, Wk #2 is November 7th, Wk #3 is November 14th, etc. ending Jan 2, 2011.

Wheel Chair Program: Sam Szalwinski Phone (210) 496-6310 or email: samkc@sbcglobal.net

The Wheel Chair program makes a IMMOBILE person a MOBILE one. Councils are encouraged to organize parish wide fund raisers. During the moths of September/October and February/March, the Texas State Council asks that your council coordinate with our pastor to how the film of the Wheelchair Experience during Mass. This will help in funding of wheelchairs for your area. The wheelchair cost \$150.00/ea and every Knights of Columbus Council is requested to purchase at least one Wheel Chair. The cost of a small container of 110 wheel chairs is \$16,500.00 Any check donations should be made out to the American Wheel Chair Mission and mailed to: Sam Szalwinski; 1914 Margate, San Antonio, Tx. 78232.

Pro-Life ACE Wings Award:

The Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise, and without Exception application form can be submitted at any time and once approved by the State Pro-Life Chairman, the ACE wings will be sent to the DD. Please let me know if any of you need a form. The Pro-Life Ace Wings award is earned by participating in five (5) or more Public Pro-Life activities in any 12 month period. Four (4) out of five (5) activities must have to do with the unborn, such as:

Pro-Life Masses; Volunteer at Crisis Preg. Center; Pro-Life Rosary Processions; Rosaries Outside Abortion Clinics; Sidewalk Counseling; Pro-Life Parades; Pro-Life Award Dinners; 40 Days for Life; Hike For Life; Pro-Life Presentations to Youth.

The 5th item can be either a Pro-Life item as described above, or it can be an item such as:

Special Olympics Volunteer; Providing entertainment, working/volunteering at a hospice, nursing home, or Veterans Hospital; Being part of any of the American Wheelchair events.

State Charity Goal: The State Charity goal is \$10.00/member as of July 1st.

The first principle of our order is Charity. Our main objective this year will be to raise the largest amount of funds for the Bishops in this great State of Texas. Your council is given an opportunity to win awards by reaching your State Charity Goal. Whenever a member donates \$20 or more, he will receive a beautiful lapel

pin and by completing a form, your council will be given credit towards your State Goal for that donation. I have a number of the \$20.00 pins and I will be looking forward to selling them to our brother knights.

4th Degree Exemplification for District #6: Joe Moreno District Master

The 4th Degree Exemplification for the fall will be in Harker Heights, Texas on Saturday, October 9, 2010

Knight of Columbus block of rooms have been made at Hawthorn Suites and Days Inn. Both are located next to each other. The Rate is \$70.00 for both hotels but the block closes on September 24, 2010 for the hotel rate. Call (254) 643-7795 for Hawthorn Suites and Days Inn at (254) 554-2727 for reservations. Please fill out forms with your Assembly prior to September 24 to the District Master, Joe Moreno. You should have been a 3rd Degree Knight at least 6 months prior to the date of the Exemplification and this is strictly enforced.

Official Dress for the Day: All candidates must wear Black Tuxedo with with flat white collar shirt (pleated or plain front) NO WING TIP COLLARS; black bow tie, black cummerbund, black plain toe shoes and black socks. Priests and Transitional Deacons should wear Clerical attire. Members of the Armed Services on active duty may wear their dress uniform. NO one except Clergy and active military duty personnel will be allowed to participate in the Exemplification in attire other than official dress. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Any questions, please contact District Master, Joe Moreno @ (979) 324-3450. All candidates should be at St. Paul Chong Hassang Church PAC for registration by 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM on Saturday, October 9th. Candidates will Assemble for pre-exemplification instructions from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM prior to the 4th Degree Exemplification. Also, there is pre-registration on Friday, October 8th between 6:00PM to 8:00PM @ the Hawthorn Suites for those coming in on Friday Night. Note, this Exemplification will take only one day, so those Knights that do not wish to stay over night, can have all done by 5:00pm or 6:00pm on Saturday and go home a SIR Knight.

On Saturday, July 17th, Assembly #2041 will serve roasted Corn to the VA Hospital in Temple. Al Mazoch has worked with the VA Hospital personnel which is having a "Fun Day" for members of the arm forces coming back from a tour of duty along with family members of active and non-active military personnel. Our Faithful Navigator, Laban Toscano, has a propane fired Corn Cooker which will be hauled up to Temple and the Assembly will buy 600 ears of corn to roast for the VA military men and families. Again, thanks to Al Mazoch for spearheading this event. As all of you know, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus has Patriotism as our primary fraternal principal.

I am looking forward to working with all the Knights of Columbus Councils in my district. Thanks...CJ Romero
District Deputy #117