



The Lancer



Faith – Family – Fraternity

**The Monthly Newsletter of St. John the Baptist Council 10232
Madison, Alabama
April 2011**

Grand Knight's Remarks

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

I have had the opportunity to speak to several brothers these past few weeks and each instance there was a situation involving stress that can be attributed to current economic conditions. In two cases, there was the potential of the loss of employment for the only breadwinner in the household; and in another decisions related to moving from the area in order to achieve more secure employment with another company. There was another brother who had lost a job, and who just needed to talk about the stress and frustration he was feeling related to trying to find another job. Times are tough and people are feeling the pinch, but all is not lost. These are hard times for many people to be sure, but the path to the future has often been fraught with challenges and opportunities. You and I know that we'll get through these times with faith, courage, and encouragement from one another.

As we entered the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday we also began the 40 Days for Life Campaign which will culminate on Palm Sunday. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of prayer and fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach. Our council will be supporting this worthy cause by attending the Rosary at the Huntsville Abortion clinic every Saturday during the campaign. As Knights we must be fervent in our opposition to abortion. I would like to offer my thanks to Brother Juan Benjamin for his leadership in the Pro-Life area this year.

We conducted our first of three Lenten soup and salad dinners last Friday evening. There are two more planned for this season. Thanks to all who attended to help with the dinner.

Let me encourage you to begin thinking about supporting the annual Women's Club Yard Sale on the last Saturday of the month. The yard sale is a great example of how volunteers from all over the parish come together for a week of hard work and fun. The council also benefits from the outdoor sale of items and uses the funds to sponsor our scholarships which are given every year to deserving students.

I would be remiss if I did not mention a word regarding the payment of your membership dues. If you have paid, please accept our sincere appreciation for your timely payment. These funds enable us to further our charitable activities, help support our Church, help our Brother Knights in distress, and our wider community. The payment of dues is a tangible expression of our personnel commitment to our council and the Order. We make every effort to offer waivers for members who are facing financial, medical, or military hardships. We also exempt priests and deacons from dues. We currently have 55 members who have not paid, but do not despair; there is still time to do so. If you are facing challenges and need a helping hand let us know.

***Fraternally,
Danny Garcia, GK***

Family of the Month

The family of the month is very much involved in the church and the Knights of Columbus. The Family of the Month for April is **Tom and Dianne Hart**.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for April is **Jason Esteve**.

Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420 News

Sir Knights:

I encourage all 4th Degree Knights to attend the Monthly Meeting of Assembly 2420 on April 14, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Knight's Room.

*Fraternally In Christ,
Dan Frische, FN*

Service Activities

Church Activities

Lenten Soup Supper Friday April 8th & 15th

The council will be hosting soup and salad suppers on the Friday's of Lent leading to Palm Sunday. Suppers are open to all members of our parish and the council accepts donations for the Lenten meals. Serving begins at 5:00pm and ends at 6:15pm with Stations of the Cross immediately following the suppers.

Lights Need Changing in the Sanctuary April 23rd

It is time to replace the burned out lights in the church again. There are a bunch out. Your help is needed on April 23rd 10:15 - 3:30 to help with this critical task prior to Easter services. Please help Bill Moeller out with this task.

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, May 7th

The council has been actively supporting the First Saturday devotion conducted on the first Saturday of the month. Mass begins at 8:30am which is followed by a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also a wonderful opportunity to sit together and receive communion as a corporate body. Please support me in this.

Council Activities

Council and Assembly Dues

55 to go! Dues are \$40 and can be paid at the meeting or by mailing a check in the amount of \$40 (you may add an extra \$5 for the charity fund if you like) payable to "Council 10232". The check may be mailed to Ron Belz at 78 Jay Drive, Madison, AL 35758.

If you are a member of assembly 2420 your dues are also being collected and can be paid at the 4th degree meeting or by mailing a check in the amount of \$15 and made payable to "Assembly 2420" to Joe Morton, PO Box 252, Madison, AL 35758. Thank you for your prompt attention.

The council will be mailing **Knight Alert letters on or about April 15th** to all members who have not contacted me regarding their dues. The letters are the final notice before the Intend to

Suspend Forms are mailed to all delinquent members. If you are a facing a financial or medical hardship do not hesitate to contact me at dgarcia1@knology.net so that a waiver can be arranged.

“We Care” Program

The “We Care” project supports any of our council members or any sons or daughters of our council members who are directly serving our military in the combat zones of Iraq or Afghanistan. Our “we care” support will be to send a monthly box of donated snacks, hygiene items or reading material to each military member in an effort to show our support. The most important aspect of this project is to let these dedicated warriors know that “we care” for their well being and safety as they undertake a very difficult assignment. They are seriously placing their lives at risk on behalf of our nation. Please bring your items to the council meeting so that the committee can sort and ready items for shipment.

Bunco Sunday April 10th

Bunco is scheduled for Sunday April 10th starting at 7:00pm. This is a fun dice game for adults to come together in fellowship. No skill is required, only \$5 a person and a covered dish to share. The bunco game will take place in the basement of the church.

Council Vests and T-Shirts

With warmer weather approaching I would like to gauge your interest in securing council t-shirt and a vest to be used at council activities. I will have a vest at the business meeting.

Pro-Life Activities

40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life campaign started on Ash Wednesday, and continues to Palm Sunday, April 17th. The council is actively supporting the Rosaries being led by various priests at the abortion clinic located on Madison Street in Huntsville at 9:00am on each Saturday of the month. We have had a tremendous response thus far and would like to encourage all knights to turn out to support this event.

Minutes for March 3, 2011 Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Worthy Grand Knight Danny Garcia at **7:36 PM.**
2. **Warden’s Report:** The chamber was verified secure.
3. **Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance:** The council prayed the ‘Rosary’ and recited the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’. Br. Miguel Rodriguez led the council in prayer.
4. **Role Call of Officers:** All officers were present or accounted for.
5. **Reading of the Previous Minutes:** The reading of previous meeting minutes was dispensed.
6. **Report of Admission Committee:** Currently have 3 applicants (Neal Spears, Sean Gilpin, and James Cook). The council will have a 1st degree exemplification next month.
7. **Grand Knight’s Report:**
WGK Danny Garcia reported
 - a) An order will be placed to acquire ‘Knights of Columbus’ vests to be worn for meetings and activities.
 - b) Paul Semmens’ lecture on men’s spirituality will be held after the 1st Saturday services.
 - c) Monday 7th is the Strong Men’s conference in Birmingham. The council will sponsor the bus ride.
 - d) Baseboards for the new chapel will be stained in the Church basement during the next few weeks. So, the ‘Lenten Suppers’ will be temporarily halted.
 - e) Met with State Deputy Ray Carney. The state convention will be held in the last weekend in April.

f) The Church Yard sale will be in the last weekend in April.

WGK Danny Garcia presented awards:

- a) Knight of the month (March): Br. John Horch.
- b) Family of the month (March): Br. Mike and Kathy Mossiman.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Br. Tom Hart provided a written report for the month ending February 2011. All receipts from treasurer to financial secretary were verified and all checks have cleared.
9. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Br. Ron Belz reported
 - a) Report of receipts: verified.
 - b) Membership: We have 243 members on the books (96 associate members, 132 insurance members, 15 inactive). There are 4 honorary life members and 2 honorary members. Our quota is for 17 new members and insurance quota is 6. We lost 21 and gained 5 for a net loss of 16.
 - c) Filed the end of the year audit report. It showed that we started with 242 members and ended with 230.
 - d) So far we have received \$4280 in dues and \$295 in charity donations. 107 members have paid and 32 members were waived.
10. **Report of Program Committees:**
 - a) Br. John Phillips (Community): 'We Care' program continues to provide packages to Br. Knights stationed in combat areas.
 - b) Juan Benjamin (Pro Life): '40 days of Life' begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday at the downtown clinic.
 - c) Tom Scott (Church): Lenten Suppers delayed by about 4 weeks.
11. **Report of Standing Committees:**
 - 1) Br. Tom Hart (Charity): \$ 200 will be donated to Animal Rescue Fund
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **District Deputy's Report:** None.
14. **Faithful Navigator's Report:** Br. Dan Frische reported
 - a) The Honor Guard was in attendance for Br. Bob Highland's funeral on February 20th
 - b) Bunco on Sunday March 13th.
 - c) At the last blood drive, 42 people showed up and 35 units were collected.
 - d) The blood drive award plaques were ready.
15. **Announcements:**
 - a) Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman will have a restoration on Saturday 5th.
 - b) PJP2 Catholic High School Track and Field team is selling tickets for a car wash.
16. **State Officer's report:** Br. Jason Esteve (State Warden) reported
 - a) The Council will take a full page advertisement for the State Convention brochure.
 - b) The 'Special Olympics' form needs to be filled and turned in.
 - c) The 1st degree team will meet on the 3rd Thursday for practice.
 - d) The next 2nd degree exemplification will be in March.
 - e) The 4th degree assembly received the 'Civic Award'.
17. **Prayers:** The following names were added to the prayer list: Bob Highland, Dennis Galloway and Baby Joseph (Canada).
18. **Closing Prayer**
WGK Danny Garcia adjourned the meeting with a prayer at **8:35 PM**

Copy of Bishop Baker's Letter



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January 31, 2011

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

I am pleased to share with you a great opportunity for Catholic men to answer the call to stand up for their faith and to be spiritual leaders in their families, their Church and their communities.

The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is an exemplary organization of Catholic men who live their faith through charitable works, care for their families and defense of the Catholic faith. Today, the Knights of Columbus claim 1.8 million members in 14 countries, who provide a strong moral example of men in service to God and neighbor. With more than \$150 million in donations and 69 million man-hours to charity, the Knights of Columbus offers numerous opportunities to share a fraternal and spiritual brotherhood with men of similar values.

With all that the Knights have accomplished, there is still more work to be done. I strongly encourage each man in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this fine organization. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be visiting parishes in the Birmingham diocese with more information. Please take some time to talk with these men so you can see the benefits of membership and join in their mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Robert J. Baker".

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

Mass Schedule for Local Catholic Churches

Parish	Masses				Reconciliation (Confession)	
	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Holy Day	Saturday	Sunday
Good Shepherd, 882-1844	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	8:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	M None T 6:30 p.m. W 8:30 a.m. Th None F 8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	None
Holy Spirit, 881-4781	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	M-F 7:30 a.m. M, T, TH 12:00 p.m. W 7:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	None
Military Chapel Redstone Arsenal, 842-2175 Or 842-2178	5:00 p.m.	9:15 a.m.	M None, T-F 12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Our Lady Queen of the Universe, 852-0788	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	M None W-F 12:00 p.m. T 6:30 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	None
Saint John the Baptist, 722-0130	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	M,F 8:30 a.m. T 6:15 a.m. W, Th 6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Vigil 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Th 6:00 – 6:25 p.m. S 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	None
St. Joseph, 534-8459	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	8:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	M, W - F 7:00 a.m. T 7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Vigil 7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	None
St. Mary, 536-6349	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	M-F 8:00 a.m.	As Announced	4:00 p.m.	None

St. John The Baptist Council 10232 2010 - 2011 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight
Chaplain
DGK
Fin. Sec.
Chancellor
Warden
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate
Lecturer
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee – 1st Yr
Trustee – 2nd Yr
Trustee – 3rd Yr
Field Agent

Danny Garcia
 Rev. Phil O'Kennedy
 Kevin Rodriguez
 Ron Belz
 Tom Scott
 Dan Frische
 Tacey Viegas
 Tom Hart
 Chuck Wesolowski
 Daniel Mellen
 Patrick Jemison
 Paul Huter
 John Phillip
 Pat Haas
 Miguel Rodriguez
 Shane Duplantis

**Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420
2010-2011 Fraternal Year**

Faithful Navigator
Captain
Comptroller
Pilot
Purser
Scribe
Admiral
Inner Sentinel
Outer Sentinel
1st yr Trustee
2nd yr Trustee
3rd yr Trustee

Dan Frische
Jim Frank
Joe Morton
Tom Scott
Bill Moeller
Miguel Rodríguez
Jason Esteve
Oliver Wong Sing
Juan Benjamin
Mark Richards
Tom Hart
John Horch