



# The Lancer



**Faith – Family – Fraternity**

**The Monthly Newsletter of St. John the Baptist Council 10232  
Madison, Alabama  
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## **Grand Knight's Remarks**

### **Dear Brother Knights and Families,**

Last month I sent out an email to all of you addressing the need for bringing new men into the council. The recruitment of new members is a very important aspect of membership in the Knights of Columbus. New members bring new ideas and enthusiasm and it has been a hallmark of our success as a council. As I mentioned in my email you are the most powerful resource we possess to extend the offer of membership in the Knights of Columbus to others. Membership in our council gives a man the same opportunity that you have been given to improve upon his own life and his community. Membership will permit him to experience the same special fraternal bond that Knights share. We are looking for men of character and conviction who are driven by both faith and conscience to do truly meaningful works.

Many also join organizations such as the Knights of Columbus in order to 'give something back' or to somehow be more involved in the life of the Church and of the community. Truly, these are admirable reasons, and the prayer we all must have is that the desire to contribute to the work of the Church remains strong in the Council as a whole and in the hearts of every member. Likewise, we have many men who for one reason or another join our council and choose to not take a regular part in our activities or meetings, and we all must assume some responsibility for bringing them back. For some because of age, illness or other responsibility it is just not possible, but for many others it is simply the fact that they have not fully experienced the joy that can be found in working together as brothers and as families to accomplish something noble for God and the Church.

We all probably know someone who might either make a great Knight or who might be able to be a little more active. Let's take it upon ourselves to bring these men closer to the heartbeat of the Council. At the very least it will lessen the load of those who feel obliged to carry a heavier burden in the Council, at best it will enable another person to come closer to fulfilling the responsibility of a gospel lifestyle.

***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 August is **John and Sue Phillip**.

### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for August is **Thomas O'Donnell**.

## **Announcements**

- **Council and Assembly Dues**

The council has mailed **Intend to Suspend Forms** to all members who have not contacted us regarding their dues. If you are facing a financial or medical hardship do not hesitate to contact me at [dgarcia1@knology.net](mailto:dgarcia1@knology.net) to discuss.

Council 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.

- **Council and Assembly Meeting Space**

Until further notice council and assembly meetings will take place in the Youth Room over in the school. The basement will be off limits to all activities and thru traffic until the planned renovations are completed sometime in December.

- **Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420 Meeting**

All 4th Degree Knights to attend the Monthly Meeting of Assembly 2420 on August 11, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Youth Room over in the school.

- **Fraternal Meeting August 18th, 2011**

Please do not forget our fraternal meeting on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

## **Service Activities**

### **Church Activities**

#### **First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, August 6th**

The council has been actively supporting the First Saturday devotion conducted on the first Saturday of the month. Mass begins at 8:30am in the new chapel, which will be followed by Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also a wonderful opportunity to sit together and receive communion as a corporate body. I am still looking forward to the day when we can fill a large percentage of the new chapel. I urge you to please support me in this.

### **Council Activities**

#### **Extending Membership to Other Men**

As mentioned above the council will work towards bringing in 30 eligible men into the council this fraternal year. At every meeting I would like to get a sense of how this is going and I will ask the Financial Secretary to order extra form 100s to hand out to everyone.

#### **Parish Picnic Support**

Thanks to all of the brothers that assisted with the parish picnic on Saturday July 30th. The picnic was a great success and Brother Greg Thompson greatly appreciated our help with setting up, serving, and cleanup.

#### **"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.**

### **Council Vests, Shirts, and Caps**

Orders will be taken for those wanting shirts, vests, or caps at the August meeting. Prices have yet to be formalized. If interested please sign up at the next meeting.

### **Pro-Life Activities**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Rosary at Huntsville Abortion Clinic**

The council is actively supporting the Rosaries being led by Father Alan Mackey at the abortion clinic located on Madison Street in Huntsville at 9:00am on the second 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.

### **Youth Activities**

#### **Falcon Invitational Track Meet**

A request for our council's support of the annual Falcon Invitation Track Meet has been made by Brother Paul Shea. He is one of the meet organizers and a member at Good Shepherd. The council has been asked to support this event with a \$200 donation to help offset the cost of the trophies. Our council has been instrumental in providing this level of support for this worthy youth event for the past several years. I have asked our Charity Committee to take this request under consideration for funding.

## **Minutes for July 7, 2011 Council Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Past Grand Knight Bill Moeller at **7:35 PM**.
2. **Warden's Report:** The chamber was verified secure.
3. **Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance:** The council prayed the 'Our Father' and recited the 'Pledge of Allegiance'. Past GK Bill Moeller 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. **The Council Conferred 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees:**  
Two new members were initiated into the Council: Paul Dube and Joey Cook.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony honored Br. Miguel Rodriguez  
The 1<sup>st</sup> degree team was Brs. Jason Esteve, Bill Moeller, Ron Belz, Joe Morton and Pat Jackson  
(District Warden and member of Good Shepherd Council)
7. **Grand Knight's Report:**  
WGK Danny Garcia reported
  - a) Council meetings will be held in temporary locations in the school or church until the renovations in the Church basement have been completed. This is a temporary move that could last for about 6 months.
  - b) Thank you to the volunteers who helped in cleaning out the Church basement and in helping out during the Family Center dedication.
  - c) Prepare for upcoming ID drive on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
WGK Danny Garcia presented certificates:
  - a) Knight of the month (July): Br. Huy Huyun
  - b) Family of the month (July): Br. Tom and Dana Williams. They will receive a statue of 'Our Lady' from Deacon Skip Graffanini.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Br. Tom Hart provided a written report for the month ending June 2011. All

receipts from treasurer to financial secretary were verified and all checks have cleared. Major payments were \$250 for council pins and \$140 for temporary storage of the council properties.

9. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Br. Ron Belz reported
  - a) Report of receipts: verified.
  - b) Membership: At the end of last month, we have 248 members on the books (100 associate members, 133 insurance members, 15 inactive). There are 4 honorary life members and 2 honorary members. Our quota is for 16 new members. We have a net of -4.
  - c) Have received a bill from the State Council for \$319.00, for membership dues.
10. **Report of Program Committees:**
  - a) Br. John Phillips (Community): 'We Care' program will continue as long as donations come in.
  - b) Juan Benjamin (Pro Life): Rosary planned for Saturday outside the downtown Huntsville clinic.
11. **Report of Standing Committees:** None.
12. **New Business:**
  - 1) Motion (Bill Moeller) for the Council to assist the Huntsville Botanical Garden in the annual Hay Bale project. Last year the council presented 'KC the Lion'.  
The motion passed (22 yes, 0 no).
  - 2) Motion (Bill Moeller) for the Council to assist the Huntsville Botanical Garden in the annual Galaxy of Lights seasonal event. Last year the council assisted on a Friday night.  
The motion passed (22 yes, 0 no).
13. **District Deputy's Report:** Br. Bill Schultz
  - a) State Meeting will be on July 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the Prattville Marriott
  - b) District Meeting will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Cullman. A 2<sup>nd</sup> degree initiation for the month of August will be one of the topics discussed during this meeting.
14. **Faithful Navigator's Report:** Br. Dan Frische reported
  - a) The election of officers will occur at the next meeting. Need for meeting
  - b) Next garbage pick up day on Shelton Road is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday.
  - c) The Honor Guard presided at Fr. Sexton's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass and at the Parish hall dedication service.
  - d) The JP2 Catholic High School Falcon Golf tournament committee requested for a donation and an Honor Guard.
  - e) The Assembly will make a presentation to the Council about its history, duties and accomplishments.
15. **Announcements:**
  - a) Br. Dan Mellen is planning a 'Pork Butt' sale in August.
  - b) Br. John Phillip will continue to lead the 'We Care' program.
  - c) Paul Semmens is working with the Diocese to conduct a 'men's retreat' in the local region.
16. **State Officer's report:** Br. Jason Esteve reported
  - a) State meetings are now by teleconference. Met with the State level Director and Chairman for the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree knights.
17. **Prayers:** The following names were added to the prayer list: New additions this month: Br. Bill Moeller and his wife Peggy, Joey and James Cook, for State Deputy Ray Carney's good health.
18. **Closing Prayer:** WGK Danny Garcia adjourned the meeting with a prayer at **8:55 PM**

## Proposed 2011-2012 Council Budget

Shown below is the proposed 2011-2012 council budget which will be voted on at our business meeting in September. Should you have any questions, please address them to me at [dgarcia227@gmail.com](mailto:dgarcia227@gmail.com) and I will answer your questions as promptly as possible and will post both your question and my reply in the September newsletter so that all may be informed.

<b>Proposed 2011-2012 Council Budget</b>	
1.0 Council Operations	\$3,700
2.0 GK Discretionary	\$500
3.0 Service Committees <i>6 committees @ \$500 ea</i>	\$3,000
4.0 Scholarships <i>2 high school, 2 catholic high, 1 deaconate</i>	\$2,500
5.0 Charity Fund	\$3,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,700</b>

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Net Revenue</b>
Dues 250 members x 40 subtracting \$3550 for assessments	\$6,450
BBQ (1)	\$1,000
Yard Sale	\$2,000
T Shirt Sale	\$300
Cap Sale	\$300
12 Council Meeting Prize Raffles	\$360
Charity Fund Donations	\$500
Fund raising dinners - 2 spaghetti dinners	\$1,000
Golf Tournament	\$800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,710</b>

### Mass Schedule for Local Catholic Churches

Parish	Masses				Reconciliation (Confession)	
	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Holy Day	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Good Shepherd, 882-1844</b>	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
<b>Holy Spirit, 881-4781</b>	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
<b>Military Chapel Redstone Arsenal, 842- 2175 Or 842-2178</b>	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.
<b>Our Lady Queen of the Universe,</b>	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

<b>852-0788</b>						
<b>Saint John the Baptist, 722-0130</b>	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
<b>St. Joseph, 534-8459</b>	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
<b>St. Mary, 536-6349</b>	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  
2011 - 2012 Fraternal Year Officers**

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

Danny Garcia  
Rev. Phil O’Kennedy  
Kevin Rodriguez  
Ron Belz  
Tom Scott  
Dan Frische  
Tacey Viegas  
Tom Hart  
Joe Morton  
Daniel Mellen  
Patrick Jemison  
Ros Nourse  
Miguel Rodriguez  
John Phillip  
Pat Haas  
Shane Duplantis

**Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420  
2011-2012 Fraternal Year Officers**

**Faithful Navigator**  
**Faithful Fryer**  
**Faithful Captain**  
**Faithful Comptroller**  
**Faithful Pilot**  
**Faithful Purser**  
**Faithful Scribe**  
**Faithful Admiral**  
**Faithful Inner Sentinel**  
**Faithful Outer Sentinel**  
**1st yr Trustee**  
**2nd yr Trustee**  
**3rd yr Trustee**  
**Color Corp Commander**

Dan Frische  
Deacon Skip Graffagnini  
Jim Frank  
Joe Morton  
Jason Esteve  
Bill Moeller  
Miguel Rodríguez  
John Horch  
Juan Benjamin  
Danny Garcia  
Kevin Rodriguez  
Charles Wesolowski  
Pat Haas  
Jim Frank