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Faith – Family – Fraternity

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

Council 10232 has begun collecting membership dues for the new fraternal year. Dues can be paid by bringing a check to the meeting. Please no cash! A check in the amount of \$40, and payable to “Council 10232”, mailed to Ron Belz at 78 Jay Drive in Madison, AL. 35758, will be very much appreciated.

Grand Knight’s Remarks

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

I hope that all of you are indeed doing well and have been coping well with the bouts of cold weather that we have been experiencing. With the first month of the year down, it seems that we are off to another fast start!

- I offer my congratulations on the advancement of our most recent 2nd Degree Brother Knights, William Alvarez, Ros Nourse, and Jim Wood. They are all eligible to take the 3rd Degree of the Order this coming Saturday February 5th at Council 4080.
- Speaking of February 5th, its time again for our First Saturday Devotion. I encourage you to attend this special Mass and Holy Hour. Its is an opportunity to come and join your brother knights and proclaim that we extol the virtues of knighthood in the truest sense of the word. Immediately after services, Paul Semmens will conduct the second part of his Men’s Spirituality discussion in the Youth Room at the school.
- The council audit has been completed and will be available at the business meeting this coming Thursday.
- The council distributed a check totaling \$4320 to the Madison City Schools last month to support the Intellectual Disability programs at our schools. I also attended a tour of Mill Creek Elementary and saw how our funds are being utilized by the dedicated staff at this school. We can be very proud of the work that we do in this regard.
- Sincere thanks to Brother John Phillip for updating our bulletin board and adding an application box.
- Sincere thanks to Brother Mel Ontiveros and Jason Esteve on the redesign of website.
- For those that have not yet paid their dues for the current fraternal year, I implore you to do so. Our Financial Secretary devotes a great many hours to this task. If you are having financial or health related hardships let me know and we can offer you a waiver.

***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 February is Juan and Carol Benjamin.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for February is Brother Mel Ontiveros.

Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420 News

Sir Knights:

I encourage all 4th Degree Knights to attend the Monthly Meeting of Assembly 2420 on February 10, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Knight's Room..

*Fraternally In Christ,
Dan Frische, FN*

Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, February 5th

Brothers let us support Father Phil by honoring his request that we attend the First Saturday devotion as a group of men bound not only in our dedication to the principles of the Order, but also to God and in the things that matter to God. **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 in a corporate body. Also, think of the positive message that this sends to others about what is at the core of our organization. Please support me in this.

Council Activities

Council and Assembly Dues

Council dues are now being collected. Dues are \$40 and can be paid at the meeting or by mailing a check in the amount of \$40 (you may add and 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.

"We Care" Program

Our council has initiated a new ministry called the "We Care" project to support 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 February 13th

Bunco is scheduled for Sunday January 9th 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.

Pro-Life Activities

Rosary at the Huntsville Abortion Clinic, Saturday February 12th

The council is actively supporting the Rosary being led by Father 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 for this event.

Minutes for January 7, 2010 Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Worthy Grand Knight Danny Garcia at **7:30 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 and Br. Juan Benjamin 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. **Grand Knight's Report:**
WGK Danny Garcia reported
 - a) Welcomed the Council members in the New Year.
 - b) Recognized Br. Joe Morton for coordinating the 'Galaxy of Lights' event on Dec 17th
 - c) End of the year 'activity reports' are being written and will be submitted soon.
 - d) A check for \$4,320 (from the ID drive) will be donated to Madison Schools.
 - e) State mid-year meeting is on January 8th at the Marriott hotel in Prattville. WGK to attend.

WGK Danny Garcia presented certificates:

 - a) Knight of the month (January): Br. Bill Moeller
 - b) Family of the month (January): Br. Joe and Linda Morton
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Br. Tom Hart provided a written report for the month ending December 2010. All receipts from treasurer to financial secretary were verified and all checks have cleared.
8. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Br. Ron Belz reported
 - a) Report of receipts: verified.
 - b) Membership: We have 245 members on the books. Our quota is for 17 new members. We lost 17 and gained 5 for a net of -12. Insurance quota is 6. We lost 7 and gained 3 for a net of -4.
 - c) Council owes the State \$840 (~\$3.50 per member).
 - d) Membership cards were ready for pick up for those who have paid 2011 dues.
9. **Report of Program Committees:**
 - a) Br. John Phillips (Community): 'We Care' program will provide packages to Lane Hilpert (military) and Steve O'Neal and Terri Burton (civilians) who are stationed in combat areas.
 - b) Juan Benjamin (Pro Life): Saturday Rosaries at downtown clinic will continue and Feb 15th is the Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral in Birmingham.
10. **Report of Standing Committees:** None.
 - 1) Br. Tom Hart (Charity): Donated \$ 200 to SVDP, \$100 for Toys for Tots, and \$50 to St. Jude's.
11. **New Business:** None.
12. **Faithful Navigator's Report:** Br. Dan Frische reported
 - 1) Blood drive had 27 donors; next drive is on Feb 19th
 - 2) Shelton Road garbage pick up is on January 22nd.
 - 3) 4th degree exemplification is on Feb 19th in Birmingham, and Br. Jason Esteve will attend.

13. Announcements:

- 1) Galaxy of Lights event collected about \$18,000 for the Huntsville Botanical gardens (\$20 x 900 cars). The council loaned the garden management a bill-counting machine during this process.
- 2) Br. Don Murphy thanked the council for support in kind and prayers received last year.

14. Prayers: The following names were added to the prayer list: Chuck Wesolowski's father Frank, Jerome Villareal's brother Edolio who is returning to Iraq, Br. Jack Beal, Todd Freestone and his two children, and for the souls of Kathleen Freestone, Greg Trent, and Br. Dan Frische's friend.

15. Closing Prayer

WGK Danny Garcia adjourned the meeting with a prayer at **8:30 PM**

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
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**Grand Knight
Chaplain
DGK
Fin. Sec.
Chancellor
Warden
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate**

Danny Garcia
Rev. Phil O'Kennedy
Kevin Rodriguez
Ron Belz
Tom Scott
Dan Frische
Tacey Viegas
Tom Hart
Chuck Wesolowski

Lecturer
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee – 1st Yr
Trustee – 2nd Yr
Trustee – 3rd Yr
Field Agent

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



