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Madison, Alabama
June 2011

Grand Knight's Remarks

Dear Brother Knights and Families:

This being my last message to you as your Grand Knight for this fraternal year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you and your families for the courtesies, support, and encouragement which you have extended to me and all of the council officers this past year. I appreciate it very much.

I sincerely hope that you took time this past Memorial Day to reflect on our freedom and the high price that has been paid throughout our history to secure it. I hope that we all took at least a brief respite out of your busy long holiday weekend to think about or say a prayer for the many who stand a post in faraway lands so that we might enjoy our holiday in peace at home.

Every serviceman or woman who has put on a uniform has an inherent sense for the abiding creed of our forefathers, and those revolutionary beliefs for which they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. One of the traits of humanity that God gave humans is the ability to remember. But we can also forget. Let us strive to not forget the men and women that have served this nation and the over 1 million that have made the ultimate sacrifice at the altar of freedom, that we might remain a free people.

This coming Saturday June 4th is First Saturday Devotion and I am particularly proud of the council's response to participation and support for this Catholic devotion. Our attendance at the First Saturday Devotion is a simple yet powerful profound desire to play the part that God has designed for us when we stop asking, "What's in it for me?" and turn humbly to God in our hearts and ask, How may I serve? What work do you wish me to do? This is the very essence of what knighthood in our Order is all about. Our strength as a body of men does not rely on the exterior qualities of life, but on the transformation of one's heart. Let me encourage you if you have not been to the First Saturday Devotion to please join us beginning at 8:00am for a Rosary led by our council, followed by Mass at 8:30am and Holy Hour afterwards. We then meet starting at about 10:30am for our monthly Men's Spirituality session downstairs in the basement and are done by 11:30am or so.

The council will be hosting a First Degree Exemplification at the June 2nd business meeting. Please join us in welcoming a potential of 5 new brother knights into our council.

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 June is **Tom and Joyce Scott**.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for June is **Brother John Horch**.

A Fond Farewell To Tom and Joyce Scott

After being laid off from Federal Mogul, Brother Tom Scott who spent months looking for work found a position with a Florence company recently. In a few days, Tom and Joyce will be making the move from Madison to their new home in the Florence area.

Tom and Joyce moved to Madison approximately three years ago and in that short time they both became an integral part of our extended family. May you have friends who love you both as we do, and we will most assuredly miss your quiet, but reassuring presence in the council. The very best of luck to you both and please keep in touch.

Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420 News

Sir Knights:

I encourage all 4th Degree Knights to attend the Monthly Meeting of Assembly 2420 on June 9, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Knight's Room. Elections will take place at this meeting.

***Fraternaly In Christ,
Dan Frische, FN***

Fraternal Meeting June 16, 2011

Please do not forget our fraternal meeting on Thursday June 16th at 7:30pm. Our very own brother Dan Mellen will provide us with an informative talk on the critical components of family planning. He delivered this talk to his group at Marshall Space Flight Center and it was very well received. So plan on attending!

Update From Brother Jerome Villarreal Regarding His Son Christopher

Brothers:

This is a copy of the email that was sent to me from Brother Jim Frank regarding Brother Villarreal's son Christopher who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. I am including the copy of the email in the newsletter because it is important for you to know the incredible stress that Jerome and his wife Brenda must be feeling at this time and that they need our support in the form of prayers and encouragement. Please keep the Villarreal family in your constant prayers.

---Email---

Thank you for your prayers. It has been a very stressful time. My son is doing fine for now. He has a Pineal Germinoma Tumor. During the biopsy the surgeon inserted a stint that relieved the pressure so his vision is better and he is not as tired and lethargic as he was. He will have to undergo radiation treatment. He will need 25 treatments straight, once a day Monday- Friday beginning next week.

John please thank everyone for their prayers because they do work. While we were in the hospital after his biopsy he and I prayed and asked St Peregrine for help. Once the results came back and we found it was cancer we prayed some more, and God answered our prayers. His oncologist, Dr. Vorhees, is a devout Catholic and actually established the St Peregrine Society for the Diocese of Corpus Christi and was awarded the National St Peregrine Society Healer recognition in 2005. Yesterday during our visit he brought Christopher some novenas and a St Peregrine medal and told us of the 1st Class relic (I did not know relics where listed by classes) of St. Peregrine held at Our Lady of Corpus Christi.

We went yesterday and sat in the most beautiful perpetual adoration chapel I have ever seen and

later Christ received a blessing with the relic.

We are blessed thanks to you and everyone who continues to pray. Please continue to pray that all those who are afflicted in this way find healing through the power of prayer.

We have a ways to go but we are confident and trust in God.

God Bless and Semper Fidelis,

Jerome.

Novena To St. Peregrine

Glorious wonder-worker, St. Peregrine, you answered the divine call with a ready spirit, and forsook all the comforts of a life of ease and all the empty honors of the world to dedicate yourself to God in the Order of His holy Mother.

You labored manfully for the salvation of souls. In union with Jesus crucified, you endured painful sufferings with such patience as to deserve to be healed miraculously of an incurable cancer in your leg by a touch of His divine hand. Obtain for me the grace to answer every call of God and to fulfill His will in all the events of life. Enkindle in my heart a consuming zeal for the salvation of all men.

Deliver me from the infirmities that afflict my body (*especially.....*).

Obtain for me also a perfect resignation to the sufferings it may please God to send me, so that, imitating our crucified Savior and His sorrowful Mother, I may merit eternal glory in heaven.

St. Peregrine, pray for me and for all who invoke your aid.



Prayer to Saint Peregrine

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.



St. Peregrine was born in 1260 at Forlì, Italy to an affluent family. He lived a comfortable life as a youth, and politically opposed the papacy. After he experienced the forgiveness of St. Philip Benizi, he changed his life and joined the Servite order. He was ordained a priest, and later returned to his home to establish a Servite community. There he was widely known for his preaching, penances, and counsel in the confessional. He was cured of cancer, after he received a vision of Christ on the cross reaching out His hand to touch his impaired limb. He died in 1345 and was canonized in 1726. He is

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fibre of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favoured with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you.

(Pause here and silently recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Amen.

the patron of cancer patients.

Council Elections

Council elections for fraternal year 2011 - 2012 will be held as the first item under new business. Anyone desiring to run for an office must be nominated from the floor and there will be ample opportunity to do so.

The slate of officers for the new fraternal year is as follows:

Grand Knight – Danny Garcia

Deputy Grand Knight – Kevin Rodriguez

Chaplain – Fr. Phil O’Kennedy

Chancellor – Jerome Villarreal

Recorder – Tacey Viegas

Treasurer – Tom Hart

Financial Secretary – Ron Belz (appointed)

Warden – Dan Frische

Lecturer – Dan Mellen

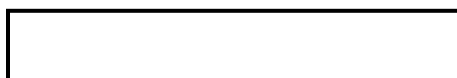
Inside Guard – Patrick Jemison

Outside Guard – Ross Nourse

Trustee 1st Year – Miguel Rodriguez

Trustee 2nd Year – John Phillip

Trustee 3rd Year – Patrick Haas



Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, June 4th

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.

Disaster Assistance Information

Volunteer Opportunities are available and you can sign up at **First Baptist Church located at 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville** or by registering through www.mcvoad.com

Council Activities

Council and Assembly Dues

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.

The council has mailed **Knigh Alert Letters** to all members who have not contacted us 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.

Council Orders Books For Membership

The council ordered the book, Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelley and will be passed out to members at the June meeting. This is a very good read and at a time when Catholics are disillusioned, questioning their faith, and filled with doubts, this book will revitalize you.

"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 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. Please send me you shirt size and vest size.

Pro-Life Activities

2nd 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

Baccalaureate Sunday

The council supported the traditional Baccalaureate Sunday breakfast for the graduating seniors of our parish on May 15th. The Grand Knight presented two \$500 scholarship checks to two deserving college bound seniors. The recipients both children of Knights are Kathryn Rodriguez daughter of Kevin Rodriguez and James Gardiner son of Scott Gardiner.

St. John's Catholic School Graduation

The council represented by Brother John Horch presented two \$500 scholarship checks to two graduating 8th grade students bound for John Paul II Catholic High School. The students were selected for the academic achievements, community service, and an essay.

Minutes for May 5, 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. **Roll 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) The Church annual yard sale is planned for Saturday, May 7th and all proceeds are to be given to St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) towards the 'Tornado Relief' fund. The council was looking for many volunteers to help in set-up, sale, and cleanup. Assistance in directing traffic was also needed because of the 1st Holy Communion Masses at 10:00am and 2:00pm.
 - b) Members of the council attended the State Convention in Birmingham from April 28th to 30th. The council received the State Deputy awards for 'council' and 'family life', and the 'Pro-Life' activities award.

WGK recognition awards for the month of May will be distributed at the next meeting.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Br. Tom Hart provided a written report for the month ending April 2011.
 - a) All receipts from treasurer to financial secretary were verified and all checks have cleared.
 - b) Provided \$1500 for the Priests Scholarship fund.
8. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Br. Ron Belz reported
 - a) Report of receipts: verified.
 - b) Membership: We have 247 members on the books (99 associate members, 133 insurance members, 15 inactive). There are 4 honorary life members and 2 honorary members. Our quota is for 17 new members. We lost 21 and gained 8, for a net of -13. Insurance quota is 6, and we are at a net of -2. Knight Alert letters will be sent to 43 members.
9. **Report of Program Committees:**
 - a) Br. Kevin Rodriguez (Program Director): Attended the State convention and reported that: there was no change in the elected State Officers for the next year; and the State Officers will request \$1000 from each council to support Tornado Relief.
 - b) Juan Benjamin (Pro Life): 'Choose Life Dinner' scheduled for April 28th was postponed.

10. **Report of Standing Committees:** None.

- 1) Br. Tom Hart (Charity): The committee will recommend financial support for the 'Tornado Relief' fund.

11. **New Business:**

- a) Motion made to accept a slate of council 10232 officers for 2011-2012.

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In addition, nominations were requested from the floor; and none were received. Motion tabled and an official vote will be conducted at the next meeting.

- b) Motion (Juan Benjamin) to designate the council's proceeds from the Church annual yard sale towards SVDP and the 'Tornado Relief' fund. Second: Jim Frank. The motion passed (24 yes, 0 no)

12. **Faithful Navigator's Report:** Br. Dan Frische reported

- 1) Slate of Officers for the Assembly will be presented soon.
- 2) Shelton Road garbage pickup date will be re-scheduled.
- 3) 4th degree exemplification is on June 18th in Montgomery.
- 4) At the last blood drive, 23 people showed up and 26 units were collected.

13. **Announcements:**

- 1) Br. Kevin Slakavitz mentioned that he is moving his family to Massachusetts. He has joined a council in Needham, MA which is part of St. Joseph's Parish. On behalf of his new parish and council he offered support to our council for the 'Tornado Relief' fund.

14. **Prayers:** The following names were added to the prayer list: tornado victims and families in distress.

15. **Closing Prayer**

WGK Danny Garcia adjourned the meeting with a prayer at **8:35 PM**

Mass Schedule for Local Catholic Churches

| Parish | Masses | | | | Reconciliation (Confession) | |
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| | 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
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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
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**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