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**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:

I apologize in just now getting to this month's newsletter, but the storms and subsequent power loss to my home, and postponement of the yard sale took all of my time and I could not get this out to you.

The storms that ripped paths of loss through Alabama and half a dozen other states on April 27th have wrought a special sort of pain on our neighbors, forcing them to cope in some cases with the destruction of all they've known and to adjust to new realities. Resilience among our neighbors is notably mustered, but the worries regarding the future are profound as you might imagine. I have heard (but not confirmed) that as many as 6 St. John's parishioners have suffered losses as a result of the storms and in some cases complete destruction of their homes.

Three parish families came by the gym last Friday prior to the sale on Saturday to see if there were things that had been collected that could be useful to them. In speaking with one gentleman who came by he said that he had been in Florida when the storms struck and that he saw his destroyed neighborhood on TV and that is how he found out that he had lost everything.

Our council voted at the May business meeting to donate the proceeds from our portion of the sale to St. Vincent De Paul in order to do our part with contributing to the disaster relief effort currently ongoing in our community. I am proud to say that by the time you receive this email a check in the amount of \$2050 will be in their hands to carry on with the work of recovery. I am currently working with St. Vincent De Paul to see what other manner of support we might be able to offer and will keep you posted.

I hope that you and your families fared well and if you and your family are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

***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 May 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 May is Brother Sam Dipiazza.

Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420 News

Sir Knights:

I encourage all 4th Degree Knights to attend the Monthly Meeting of Assembly 2420 on May 12, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Knight's Room. The slate of officers will be presented at this meeting.

***Fraternally In Christ,
Dan Frische, FN***

Fraternal Meeting May 19, 2011

Please do not forget our fraternal meeting on Thursday May 19th at 7:30pm. Paul Dvorsky with St. Vincent de Paul will be speaking to the council regarding steps that are being taken to support tornado relief and what our role might be in assisting with this massive undertaking.

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 Chris 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.

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.



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 the patron of cancer patients.

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

- A reminder that a second collection will be taken up at all the Masses this coming weekend the 14th and 15th to benefit local recovery efforts.
- The Youth Ministry will conduct a food drive and will be distributing food bags this coming weekend and they are to be returned on May 21st and 22nd after each Mass. The bags will have a list of needed items.
- 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

49 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 May 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 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 May 15th

Bunco is scheduled for Sunday May 15th 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 and this will be the last game as we will take a summer break.

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.

24th Annual Yard Sale Status

The Yard Sale was well supported by the council and we managed to raise \$2103.09 (gross) after subtracting the opening till (\$250) we were left with \$1853.09 (net). The charity committee made a contribution of \$200 and after rounding the figure to the nearest dollar a check in the amount of \$2050 was written and presented to St. Vincent De Paul to assist with disaster relief.

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 will once again support the traditional Baccalaureate Sunday breakfast for the graduating seniors of our parish. The council has been asked to help cook the pancakes and sausage and assist with serving the seniors and their families. The council will also present 2 scholarship checks at the breakfast. Please answer the call to help with this important event.

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.

Grand Knight - Danny Garcia
Deputy Grand Knight - Kevin Rodriguez
Chaplain – Father Phil O’Kennedy
Chancellor - Jerome Villarreal
Recorder - Tacey Viegas
Treasurer - Tom Hart
Advocate - Charles Wesolowski
Warden - Dan Frische
Inside Guard - Patrick Jemison
Outside Guard - Ross Nourse
Trustee (1st yr.) - Miguel Rodriguez
Trustee (2nd Yr.) – John Phillip
Trustee (3rd Yr.) – Pat Haas
Financial Secretary - Ron Belz (appointed)
Lecturer - Dan Mellen

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)	
	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