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Grand Knight's Remarks

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Recently, a well known actress (Susan Sarandon) referred to Pope Benedict XVI as a Nazi. The actress, who won an Oscar for her role in the 1995 anti-death penalty film "Dead man Walking", said she had sent a copy of the book on which the movie is based to the pope. "The last one. Not this Nazi one we have now," she was reported as saying by New York newspaper Newsday. Hearing this on Fox News one evening caused me a great deal of irritation and that is all it took to get me on my soapbox.

Whether you realize it or not, the Catholic Church is currently under attack from all sides. It's easy to criticize Catholicism – and plenty do so. But I have no inclination to join that chorus of contempt.

The Church is an extraordinary institution that has communicated a set of ideals over two millenniums. I have met dozens of remarkable people and among these are you, my fellow brother knights who ground your great compassion in its traditions and rituals. I have seen and heard people describe how it has made meaning of their frustrations and tragedies, helping shape the story of their lives. We currently live in a time when such things are little understood but sorely missed.

One reason the Catholic Church is being attacked is because, in spite of the weaknesses, sins and even crimes of a few members of the clergy, the Church is still the greatest herald of truth, beauty, goodness, and unity in the world. As such, she is also the gatekeeper of morality, and there are many people in the world, often having immoral intentions, who hate the Church and what she represents.

Ed Koch former mayor of New York wrote recently, ". . . The reason, I believe, for the constant assaults is that there are many in the media, and some Catholics as well as many in the public, who object to and are incensed by positions the Church holds, including opposition to all abortions, opposition to gay sex and same-sex marriage, retention of celibacy rules for priests, exclusion of women from the clergy, opposition to birth control measures involving condoms and prescription drugs and opposition to civil divorce." Brothers, make no mistake, some of these people are in positions of influence and power, and they will not tolerate anything or anyone standing in the way of their goal to establish a secular state, free of moral restraint of any kind. However, the Church and Pope Benedict are standing in their way and standing beside them are members of the Knights of Columbus, men like yourselves who stand firmly but gently in the truth of Christ.

Onward Christian soldiers....

***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 November is **Harold and Debbie Schoephlin.**

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for November is **Brother Richard Weber.**

Announcements

- **Council and Assembly Dues Are Now Being Collected For 2012!**

The council is beginning to collect dues for 2012 and they can be paid at the council meeting on **November 3rd** or by remitting a check in the amount of \$40 (you may add an extra \$5 for the council's charity fund if you like) payable to "**Council 10232**" to **Ron Belz, Financial Secretary at 78 Jay Drive, Madison, AL 35758.**

Assembly 2420 dues are also being collected and can be paid by remitting a check in the amount of \$15 and payable to "**Assembly 2420**" to **Joe Morton, PO Box 252, Madison, AL 35758.**

- **First Saturday Devotion, Saturday November 5th Mass begins at 8:30am**

- **Congratulations to 4th Degree Candidates from Council 10232**

Please congratulate the following members from our council who are becoming 4th Degree Knights in a special exemplification to be held on Saturday November 5th at Holy Spirit:

**William Alvarez
John Coplen
Steve O'Neill
Gerry Norris**

**Tom Quartarone
Seth Tolson
Jerome Villarreal**

- **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.

- **Bunco! Sunday November 13th beginning at 6:30pm**

Bunco is scheduled for Sunday November 13th starting at 6:30pm. The game will be held in the all purpose room which is located near the elevators on the lower level of the Parish Office building. This fun and easy to learn dice game is open to all members (single and married). A pot luck is also held prior to the game so bring a dish to share. There is a \$5.00 per player fee that is used for prizes.

- **Fraternal Meeting November 17, 2011**

Please do not forget our fraternal meeting on Thursday November 17th at 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

Council Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, November 5th

The council has undertaken the obligation of supporting the First Saturday Devotion conducted on the first Saturday of each month in our new chapel. Mass begins at 8:30am, which is followed by Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and we then meet for a 30-45 minute session on Men's Spirituality led by Paul Semmens. In actuality the First Saturday Devotion is a mini-retreat in which we approach the Lord with our same weaknesses and temptations that we will battle until the end. My brothers, I urge you to please support me in this so that we as Knights may come to better understand His will, "Lord to whom shall I go? You and you alone have the words of everlasting life."

Broadsword

The new parish hall at St. John's was overflowing with attendees on Tuesday night as men from all over the northern portions of Diocese of Birmingham met at St. John's for the first ever Strong Men Strong Faith/Broadsword Men's Gathering. Council members supported the event by setting up the hall, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up afterwards. Michael Durant of Blackhawk Down fame was the guest speaker for the evening and he delivered a powerful message about his experiences. The next Broadsword event will occur in Huntsville on Sunday February 19th. Make plans to attend.

Community Activities

Galaxy of Lights, Friday December 16th

The council will once again participate in the Huntsville Botanical Garden's Galaxy of Lights. This has become an annual tradition for the council and one that we look forward to as the Christmas Season nears. Brother Morton and I will be attending the team captain's meeting on Sunday November 6th and our night has been scheduled for Friday December 16th. Make plans to gather at the garden by 4:30pm and bring a dish to share. The council will provide fried chicken and a couple of sides and the garden provides drinks and coco.

Council Activities

Prayers for Brother Jack Grant

Please pray for Brother Jack Grant formerly of council 10232 who served as our Deputy Grand Knight from 2006 to 2007 prior to moving to Birmingham. Jack was diagnosed with a form of pancreatic cancer prior to his move. Over the last few years Jack has been able to manage his condition, but recent news indicate that his health is declining quickly. Jack's wife, Patti, begs for your prayers to carry him safely home to his Lord. Please pray for Jack and Patti at this difficult time.

Extending Membership Opportunities

We are currently working towards bringing in 30 eligible men into the council this fraternal year. We must make it our business to offer every eligible man at St. John's the opportunity to join. Please get out and shake the bushes and help grow this council!

"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.**

Intellectual Disabilities Drive Continues at Star Market November 5th and 6th

The council's Intellectual Disabilities continues on November 5th and 6th at the Star Market store in Madison. To date the drives held thus far have netted the council \$3500.03, which is about \$1500 short of our goal. Please contact Brother Richard Weber to help support this opportunity to contribute your time in order to help those less fortunate in our community. Richard Weber can be reached at rjweber1@bellsouth.net.

Bunco, Sunday November 6th

Bunco returns this coming Sunday November 6th at 6:30pm in the all purpose room. Everyone is definitely invited to come and join us for an evening of fun. Bunco is an easy to learn, fun, and exciting dice game. We ask that you bring a dish to share and \$5 per player for prize money.

Knight's Night Out Planned for December 3rd

Our second Knight's Night Out is planned for Saturday December 3rd at 7:00pm at Carrabba's located at Parkway City Mall. The Knight's Night Out is an opportunity for council members to go out to dinner as a group with their wives or families on a quarterly basis and fellowship. It has been a very popular event and we hope you can join us for this fun and festive event. I will extend an invitation to our clergy to join us on this evening.

Pro-Life Activities

40 Days for Life

The council is actively supporting the 40 Days for Life prayer gatherings at the Huntsville 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 worthy event. The schedule for the Saturday Sidewalk Rosary (9:00am) during 40 DFL is as follows:

Sat Oct 1 - Bishop Emeritus David Foley [Official 40 DFL Kick-off Rally]
Sat Oct 8 - Fr. Alan Mackey
Sat Oct 15 - Fr. Jose Herrera
Sat Oct 22 - Fr. Alan Mackey
Sat Oct 29 - Fr. Michael Klauck
Sat Nov 5 - Fr. Vincent Bresowar

Youth Activities

Council Assists with Fall Fest on October 22nd

Council members assisted with the annual St. John's School Fall Festival on Saturday October 22nd. Council members assisted with the preparation of and the serving of food at the event. The council also loaned our cotton candy machine to the event. Thanks to Brother Harold Schoephlin for leading this effort.

Council Asked to Assist With School Astronomy Activity on November 10th

I was contacted by Mrs. Sherry Lewis, Principal of St. John's Catholic School, to see if the knights would be willing to work with her in order to cook a light meal such as hotdogs to serve to students and parents attending an astronomy event at the school. She said that she did not expect us to do this pro bono, but expect us to charge. She also mentioned that we could work through her staff in the kitchen and use the facilities to provide a place to serve and eat. This event could provide an added boost to our Intellectual Disabilities Drive proceeds. I will stay in contact with Mrs. Lewis and keep you informed.

Minutes for the October 6, 2011 Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Decade of the Rosary was prayed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:** All Officers were present with exception of the Recorder.
4. **Reading of Minutes:** Minutes of Last meeting were approved.
5. **Grand Knight Report:**
 - 1) Sent out newsletter to members,
 - 2) Bunco will be in All Purpose Room on October 9th.
 - 3) Third Degree will be at 4080 on October 16th. 4th Degree will on November 5th at Holy Spirit.
 - 4) Family of Month: Tom and Pam O'Donnell,
 - 5) Knight of the Month: Seth Tolson,
 - 6) Broadsword will be October 25th in the Parish Life Center with the Speaker is Michael Durant.
 - 7) The ID Drive will be October 15th and 16th and October 22nd and 23rd at Krogers. 40 Days for Life on going through November 5th.
 - 8) Council Conferred Degrees: Seth Tolson, Paul Dube, Joshua Gomez, Gerald Kaney, Joe and Mickey Cook went through the 2nd Degree.
6. **Financial Secretary Report - None**
7. **Treasurer Report:**
 - 1) General Fund: \$6,200.94,
 - 2) ID Account: \$50.14
 - 3) Charity Account: \$933.68.
8. **Service Committee Reports:**
 - 1) Rich Weber spoke further on upcoming ID Drive.
9. **District Deputy:** DD Bill Schultz not present, but State Warden Jason Esteve spoke and congratulated 3rd and 2nd Degree teams being formed locally.
10. **New Business:** None
11. **Faithful Navigator Report:**
 - 1) Next Blood Drive will be October 15th.
 - 2) Making packages on 4th Degree which is on Patriotism.
 - 3) 4th Degree Exemplification will November 5th at Holy Spirit.
 - 4) Marched at Falcon Invitational and Madison Street Festival.
12. **Announcements:**
 - 1) Eucharistic Adoration October 7th.
 - 2) October 22nd Knights Night Out at Terranova's at 7:00 P.M.
13. **Prayers for:**
 - 1) Ed Shultz,
 - 2) Aleida Alvarez,
 - 3) Nancy who passed away friend of Joe and Mickey Cook,
 - 4) John Back's wife's grandmother,
 - 5) Dan Lapham's wife, Mary
 - 6) Chris Villarreal son of Jerome Villarreal,
 - 7) Unborn Child of Paul and Jarcia Kosinski,
 - 8) Rich Weber,
 - 9) Son of Tom O'Donnell,
 - 10) Tom Hart's mother,
 - 11) Dan Mellen's mother Roberta.
 - 12) Priests in the Diocese.
14. **Adjourned:** 8:35 P.M.

Photos from Broadword



Featured Speaker, Michael Durant



Some of the 288 men that participated in Broadword

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
2011 - 2012 Fraternal Year Officers**

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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
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Ron Belz
Jerome Villarreal
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Tacey Viegas
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**Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420
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Faithful Comptroller
Faithful Pilot
Faithful Purser
Faithful Scribe
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Faithful Outer Sentinel
1st yr Trustee
2nd yr Trustee
3rd yr Trustee
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