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Grand Knight's Remarks

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our activities the past few weeks. The Fraternal Year is really flying by and before long the push for the holidays will begin. The list below presents some highlights of recent activities.

- **Butt Sale** - Thanks to all who made our Butt sale a success for the council approximately \$1200 were raised for the council's charitable activities.
- **New 2nd Degree members** - A hearty congratulations to all of our new 2nd Degree Knights; Mickey Cook, Joey Cook, Paul Dube, Joshua Gomez, Seth Tolson, and Gerald Kaney. They went through the degree on Sunday September 18th at Council 4080.
- **First Saturday Devotion** - Attendance at First Saturday Devotion and the Men's Spiritual Session has been excellent! Can you believe that it has been 18 months since we first began doing this? I believe that our dedication to this activity will bear much fruit in the future.
- **Tootsie Roll Drive** – The council will be having our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities on the weekend of October 15 and 16. If you haven't signed up to support this very worthy activity there is still time to do so. Please contact Brother Richard Weber at rjweber1@bellsouth.net to volunteer.
- **Strong Men, Strong Faith/Broadsword** – Please mark your calendars for October 25th and join men from around north Alabama that will be gathering at St. John's for an evening of fellowship, a meal, and to hear an inspirational talk given by Michael Durant of Black Hawk Down fame. Take some new steps toward strengthening your faith.

Brothers, these things don't just happen by themselves. And you often see the names of a few of our council members heading them up. God bless them! They could use some welcome relief; so, please consider getting more involved in helping your council succeed.

As always, thanks to all of you for your dedicated service to council 10232.

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 October is **Tom and Pam O'Donnell**.

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for October is **Brother Seth Tolson**.

Announcements

- **Council Dues**

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.

- **Bunco Returns on Sunday October 9th beginning at 6:30pm**

The Fall return of Bunco is scheduled for Sunday October 9th 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 October 20th, 2011**

Please do not forget our fraternal meeting on Thursday September 15th at 7:30pm in the Youth Room.

- **4th Degree Exemplification To Be Held on Saturday November 5th**

This is the first announcement for an Exemplification to be held in the Huntsville area on Sunday Nov. 6, 2011. The arrangements are being made at this time and final location and times will be published as soon as we have the information available.

Council Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, November 5th

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.

Strong Men, Strong Faith/ Broadsword

No doubt, that by now you have heard about the men's spiritual gathering taking place at St. John's on October 25th. **Please fill out the registration form and email to Paul Semmens at epaulsemmens@gmail.com.**

As Knights of Columbus, we have for too long been silent, absent or non-committal when it comes to our faith. Faith starts within ourselves and extends to our families, friends, and beyond. Today's society has twisted God's definition of "masculinity" to be synonymous with "power", "money", "domination", or "sexual prowess". Our God-given role as men is to be the spiritual heads of our households, "ruling" with love, honor and compassion for everyone.

Broadsword is a movement to get men off their spiritual rear-ends, and take a front-line role in the formation and protection of their Catholic faith and families. Even though the modern world has attempted to blur our unique roles, and qualities of men and women, blurring them into a somewhat unisex and identical being, our souls and spirits remain as different as ever. To see a man grounded in his faith, sharing his spirituality with others, confident in his manhood, it is not only exhilarating, but contagious and its often this experience that has a profound impact on how we see the world. **Please avail yourself of this opportunity and join men from around the diocese on October 25th to explore and contemplate your faith.** Some of us are already involved in the planning of this major event and I will send an email out soon requesting your participation.

Council Activities

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

Since 1993 our council has raised and distributed a total of more than \$120,254.00 to support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities through our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The Tootsie Roll Drive is the one council activity where we stress that all members participate. The majority of the donations (over \$100,000) that have been raised have gone to special education programs within the Madison city schools that support the education of children with intellectual disabilities. Lesser amounts have also been given to organizations that offer support and services to our citizens faced with these challenges such as United Cerebral Palsy, and the Opportunity Center. You will be glad to know that no administrative expenses are subtracted from the amounts raised and all monies are distributed.

In order to ensure the success of this very important fundraiser, we need your help. If everyone can take at least a 2 hour shift at one of the store locations in the Madison area we would be doing fine. Our drive is also supported by teachers and students from our local schools. On behalf of our site captains we hope that we can count on your support with this worthy event. Finally, a word of thank for everything that you do for our council, our parish, and our community it is appreciated more than you know.

Store	Site Captain	Drive Dates	Start Times	Contact Information
Kroger	Paul Dube Jerome Villarreal	October 16 and October 22-23	8am Sunday	256-426-6558 Paul.dube227@gmail.com 361-542-8293 JB.villarreal@att.net
Staples	Pat Kallus	October 15-16	9am Saturday 11am Sunday	256-830-4264 kallusp@bellsouth.net
Wal Mart	Gerald Kaney	October 15-16	8am Saturday and Sunday	256-216-1770 gdk70@bellsouth.net
Dollar General Market	Joey and Mickey Cook	October 15-16	8am Saturday and Sunday	256-652-0002 Jmbond11@tmomail.net
Star Market	Maria Kilgore/Richard Weber	November 5-6	8am Saturday ? Sunday	256-337-1637 Rjweber1@bellsouth.net

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.**

Bunco Returns! Sunday October 9th

Bunco returns this coming Sunday October 9th 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.

3rd Degree Scheduled at Huntsville Council 4080 on Sunday October 16th

All 2nd degree knights are highly encouraged to complete their journey to full knighthood in the Order by taking the 3rd degree which will be held at Council 4080 in Huntsville on Sunday October 16th. Candidate registration begins at 1:00pm with the degree beginning promptly at 1:30pm. Please do not miss out on this excellent opportunity to complete your degree work. Also, please let me know if you are participating by sending me an email at dgarcia227@gmail.com.

Knight Night Out First Dinner Is Back on Saturday October 22nd

Back by popular demand! Our first dinner will be held at Terra Nova’s on Saturday October 22nd. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun night out with your spouse or significant other. This is also very good opportunity to invite someone who might be interested in joining the council and would like to know more about us. Please contact Brother John Horch at jwhorch@knology.net to place a reservation. Also look for his emails to the council.

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

Falcon Invitational Track Meet Support

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 the September 1, 2011 Council Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Worthy Grand Knight Danny Garcia 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'. Worthy District Deputy Bill Schultz 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. **The Council Conferred 1st Degrees:**
One new member was initiated into the Council: Joshua Gomez
The 1st Degree ceremony honored Br. Tom Hart
The 1st degree team was Brs. Bill Schultz, Ron Belz, Danny Garcia, John Horch, Dan Frische and Pat Kalas.
7. **Grand Knight's Report:**
WGK Danny Garcia reported
 - a) Council Fr. O'Kennedy sent his best wishes and thanks to the Knights who have graciously volunteered over the last few months.
 - b) The ID drive will be in the month of October. Br. Rich Weber will appoint site captains
 - c) Light bulbs in the Church parking lot will be changed. Br. Bill Moeller is seeking volunteers.
 - d) Saturday devotions on Sept 3rd at 8:30 am
 - e) A talk and dinner entitled 'Broad Sword' is a catholic men's gathering on October 25th. Featured speaker is Mike Durant.
 - f) Recognized Br. Terri Burton's return from Afghanistan.
WGK Danny Garcia presented awards and recognized:
 - a) Knight of the month (September): Br. Jerry Hundscheid
 - b) Family of the month (September): Br. Joe and Linda Morton
 - c) Br. Jerry Hundscheid for being a Knight in good standing for 51 years.
 - d) Supreme Council certificates to Brs. Bill Moeller and Danny Garcia for recruitment of new council members.
8. **Treasurer's Report:** Br. Tom Hart provided a written report for the month ending August 2011. All receipts from treasurer to financial secretary were verified and reviewed by the Trustees.
9. **Financial Secretary's Report:** None.
10. **Report of Program Committees:**
 - a) Br. John Phillips (Community): Completed the hay bale project 'Turkey in the Hay' at the botanical gardens on August 28, 2011. Thanks to Joe and Linda Morton for their key contributions.
 - b) Juan Benjamin (Pro Life): The choose life banquet was held in Huntsville with about 700 people attending; September 17th is the 'walk for life'; Sept 26th to Nov 6th is the 'choose life' period.
 - c) Dan Mellen (Council) is organizing a 'Pork Butt' sale for Saturday 17th. Preparation will start on Friday 16th evening and the smokers are being rented from the Redstone Arsenal. The price per butt is \$35 to support our charity fund. Volunteers needed for clean up.
11. **Report of Standing Committees:**
 - 1) Tom Hart (Charity): \$50 given to the Madison Animal Rescue Foundation (MARF)
 - 2) Rich Webber (ID drive): Stores have been notified: Kroger, Staples, Walmart, Dollar General. Sign up sheets available to work on October 16th, 17th, 22nd and 23rd.
12. **New Business:**
 - 1) Motion (Ron Belz) to pass the budget for the 2011-2012 year. The motion passed (29 yes, 0 no).
 - 2) Motion (Juan Benjamin) to support the 'walk for life' by contributing \$100. The motion passed (29 yes, 0 no).
13. **District Deputy's Report:** Br. Bill Schultz reported
 - 1) The 2nd degree initiation is on Sunday September 25th

- 2) The 3rd degree initiation is on Saturday October 22nd.
- 3) The 4th degree initiation in our district is on Saturday November 5th at the Holy Spirit Parish Life center. There will be Mass and Dinner. \$65 initiation fee.
- 4) Regional meeting is on October 29th in the Holy Spirit school auditorium.
- 5) Challenged the members to attain 'Star council' status this year. The council must demonstrate activity in membership quotas, insurance membership quotas, and service programs. The key to getting this award also includes completing and reporting at least four major involvement programs in each of the following service program sections of Church, Community, Council, Family, Pro-life and Youth.

14. Faithful Navigator's Report: Br. Dan Frische reported

- 1) The next blood drive is on October 22nd
- 2) The State Assembly positions that are currently open are Squire and Special Olympics Program Chair.
- 3) Color Guard certification was mandatory. Next training dates were Sept 3rd at council 4080 and Sept 17th in Birmingham. Full regalia required.
- 4) Color Guard will be present at the Falcon Invitational cross country race on Sept 24th, and the Madison Street Festival on October 4th.
- 5) Next 4th degree exemplification in the State was in Fairhope, AL on October 15th.

15. Announcements:

- 1) Br. Br. John Horsch mentioned the multiple sclerosis walk-o-thon and the contributions that were made. An appreciation certificate for Team 'Steph' was received.

16. Prayers: The following names were added to the prayer list: John Horsch's son and family, James Cook's operation, Jerry Hundscheid's sister and sister-in-law, children of Somalia.

17. 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

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