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Grand Knight's Remarks

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Labor Day has come around again, and represents the traditional end of the summer vacation season. It is time to gear up for an already active fraternal year. It is a month of fresh starts, new ideas, enthusiasm and the hint of cooler weather! In our Council, we have a new team of officers who are similarly excited about the possibilities for this year, and we hope our members are equally determined to make this our best year. However, the best source for enthusiasm and ideas remains a healthy spiritual life.

Please wear shirts with emblems whenever participating in almost any volunteer position. We want to continue to „get the word out“ regarding all the work you do. This is not for a “pat on the back” but rather to show our Church and Community the work we do and perhaps encourage more members. Did someone say “More members”? We need them.....Great start so far. Keep up the good work recruiting. All you need to do is ask someone you know about joining the Knights of Columbus.

It's also time to get into shape for volunteering for this year's Tootsie Roll Drive! It's quickly approaching! Brother Richard Weber will be talking about the drive at the September meeting. We still need site captains for the Wal-Mart, and Dollar General, stores. Brother Pat Kallus volunteered to be the site captain at Staples, and Brother Paul Dube volunteered to be the site captain at the Kroger's store. Maria Kilgore will once again be onsite at Star Market with Brother Weber assisting.

The council will be selling whole smoked BBQ pork butts. This popular fundraiser will kick-off early on the morning of Saturday September 17th. Two smokers will be rented from the arsenal to support this event and cooking will be limited to 72 butts. Each butt (average weight of 10lbs before cooking) will be sold for \$35. Please order early because once they are gone they are gone!

Let me take this opportunity to offer my thanks to all of the men and women from our council who assisted with this year's hay bale art project at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Brother Joe Morton and his wife Linda are to be commended for taking the lead role in coming up with our theme this year, A Turkey in the Pumpkin Patch. Also, special thanks to Brother John Phillip for working the logistics and planning for this event which was well done as usual!

Our newly established 4th Degree Exemplification Team will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification on Sunday November 6th in the Huntsville area. Let me extend a cordial invitation to each and every Third Degree member to seriously consider advancement to the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. As originally founded, the Order had three Degrees representing Charity, Unity and Fraternity. A Fourth Degree, or patriotic Degree, was added in 1900 and is the highest Degree of our Order. The Fourth Degree supports religious, civic and charitable causes.

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 September is **Joe Morton and Linda Morton.**

Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. The Knight of the Month for September is **Brother Jerry Hundscheid.**

Announcements

- **Council and Assembly Dues**

The council has mailed **Intend to Suspend Forms** to all members who have not contacted us regarding their dues. If you are facing a financial or medical hardship do not hesitate to contact me at dgarcia1@knology.net to discuss.

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.

- **Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420 Meeting**

All 4th Degree Knights to attend the Monthly Meeting of Assembly 2420 on August 11, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Youth Room over in the school.

- **Fraternal Meeting September 15th, 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 November 6th**

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.

Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour, September 3rd

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.

Council Activities

Extending Membership Opportunities

As mentioned above the council will work towards bringing in 30 eligible men into the council this fraternal year. At every meeting I would like to get a sense of how this is going and I will ask the Financial Secretary to order extra form 100s to hand out to everyone.

"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, Shirts, and Caps

Orders will be taken for those wanting shirts, vests, or caps at the August meeting. Prices have yet to be formalized. If interested please sign up at the next meeting.

Pro-Life Activities

2nd and 4th 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.

Choose Life Banquet, August 25th at Mayfair Church of Christ

Brothers Juan Benjamin, Jerry Hundscheid, and Danny Garcia attended the Choose Life banquet held at the Mayfair Church of Christ in Huntsville. The event was well attended and was inspirational. The featured speaker for the evening was Shawn Carney (a Texas A&M graduate) and co-founder of 40 days for Life and host of Being Human. In 2004, Shawn helped to lead the first-ever 40 Days for Life campaign in College Station, TX. This breakthrough initiative – made up of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, round-the-clock peaceful vigil outside a local abortion center, and grassroots door-to-door outreach – slashed local abortion numbers by 28%. Beginning in 2007, Shawn helped to expand 40 Days for Life to 240 cities in all 50 American states, four Canadian Provinces, England, Ireland, Brazil, Peru, Australia, and New Zealand. His efforts have helped to mobilize more than 215,000 pro-life volunteers over the last two years. Shawn is a regular media spokesperson on pro-life issues, and his work has been featured on Fox News, ABC, NBC, and CBS television stations, dozens of newspapers including *The New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*, and Christian media, including National Catholic Radio, The Christian Post, National Catholic Register, Salem Radio, Relevant Radio, EWTN Radio, and Focus on the Family.

Youth Activities

Falcon Invitational Track Meet

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 August 4, 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’. Grand Knight Danny Garcia 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) Thanked the volunteers who helped with the picnic
 - b) Orders are being taken for Council 10232 shirts \$25, cap \$10 and vest \$28.
 - c) Reminded members to attend the 1st Saturday services

WGK Danny Garcia presented certificates:

- a) Knight of the month (August): Br. Thomas O'Donnell
- b) Family of the month (August): Br. John and Sue Phillip

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Br. Tom Hart provided a written report for the month ending July 2011.
 - a) All receipts from treasurer to financial secretary were verified and all checks have cleared.
 - b) Will send out the monthly financials to the Trustees three days before the business meeting.
 - c) The proposed budget is \$12,700 for the next year (sent with the newsletter).
8. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Br. Ron Belz reported
 - a) Report of receipts: verified.
 - b) Audit report for the last 6 months (Jan-June, 2011):
 - a. Ended the period with 233 members since we took 15 inactive members off the list
 - b. Had \$19,568 in receipts and \$11,322 in expenses for a balance of \$8,244.81 in the checking account.
 - c) We owe \$790.40 to Supreme.
 - d) Membership: Our quota is set for 16 new members. We gained 2 in July. The insurance quota is 6.
9. **Report of Program Committees:**
 - a) Br. John Phillips (Community): Proposed a hay bale project 'Turkey in the Hay' in the Botanical Garden. He saved the platform from last year's project.
10. **Report of Standing Committees:**
 - 1) Br. Danny Garcia (Membership): The council has a goal to recruit 30 new members. In the month of July, two brother knights were initiated in the 1st degree.
11. **New Business:** None.
12. **District Deputy's Report:** Br. Bill Schultz
13. **Faithful Navigator's Report:** Br. Dan Frische reported
 - 1) Blood drive on August 20th
 - 2) The audit of the assembly has been completed
 - 3) The 4th degree exemplification is coming up.
 - 4) Training and certification of Honor Guards has to be completed before next June.
14. **Announcements:**
 - 1) Br. Andrew Rickabaugh is returning home from Afghanistan. There will be a party on August 20th at the Rickabaugh home to welcome him home.
 - 2) Brs. Dan Lapham and Joe Morton will plan a Golf Outing
 - 3) A number of fund raising events are under consideration: Parish wide car wash and barbecue pork-butt sale. Need to contact the church office for permission.
15. **Prayers:** The following names and intentions were added to the prayer list: Thanksgiving for Br. Andrew Rickabaugh's safe return, Jim Frank's son and family in San Antonio, Tom O'Donnell's son in the military, and for our country's welfare and people's jobs.
16. **Closing Prayer:** WGK Danny Garcia adjourned the meeting with a prayer at **8:20 PM**

Proposed 2011-2012 Council Budget

Shown below is the proposed 2011-2012 council budget which will be voted on at our business meeting in September. Should you have any questions, please address them to me at dgarcia227@gmail.com and I will answer your questions as promptly as possible and will post both your question and my reply in the September newsletter so that all may be informed.

Proposed 2011-2012 Council Budget	
1.0 Council Operations	\$3,700
2.0 GK Discretionary	\$500
3.0 Service Committees <i>6 committees @ \$500 ea</i>	\$3,000
4.0 Scholarships <i>2 high school, 2 catholic high, 1 deaconate</i>	\$2,500
5.0 Charity Fund	\$3,000
Total Expenditures	\$12,700

Revenue Source	Net Revenue
Dues 250 members x 40 subtracting \$3550 for assessments	\$6,450
BBQ (1)	\$1,000
Yard Sale	\$2,000
T Shirt Sale	\$300
Cap Sale	\$300
12 Council Meeting Prize Raffles	\$360
Charity Fund Donations	\$500
Fund raising dinners - 2 spaghetti dinners	\$1,000
Golf Tournament	\$800
Total	\$12,710

Budget Questions Received and Answered

I received the following two questions from Brother Jason Esteve:

- 1) ***How did our actual revenue and outlay compare to our expected revenue and outlay from last year?***
- 2) ***How many shirts and caps do we need to sell in order to realize net profits of \$300 each?***

Response to question 1:

With regards to your question regarding the actual revenue and outlay compared to expected revenue and outlay from the previous year. First, let me say that I consider a budget to be a planning document with the intent of estimating revenues to outlays (making ends meet). The council's budget serves as a model for how our council might perform in an ideal sense if certain plans and events are carried out as envisioned. However, our council is a religious/charitable organization and not a business entity. We operate within the confines of St. John's parish, and though we endeavor to live within the approved spending authorization voted on by the council, it is difficult to anticipate things such as natural disasters, Father's requests for assistance, brothers in need, etc. Case in point, the April storms that ravaged the area and that prompted us to donate the funds raised from the yard sale which would normally go to offset scholarship outlays and a brother who requested financial assistance. This may seem like we operate in a reactive mode, but as a charitable organization, that reactive mode is very appropriate and effective in rising to the unfolding needs of our council, parish and community. Our focus on charity should allow and demand us to be able to go outside the standard budgetary guidelines of a business. As we are reminded in the First Degree, "...our

faithful needle, though movable, always points to charity.” But, let me add that when things such as those mentioned above arise we turn to the Trustees, the membership, and our by-laws for guidance.

In order to offer greater transparency into the financial aspects of our activities, our Treasurer, since 2008, has prepared a detailed report of the revenues and outlays of the council for the particular month, and ample opportunity for questions and a review of the report is given to those in attendance at the monthly council business meetings. Over the last several years, the Treasurer has made changes to his reports based on questions and comments received by the Trustees and the membership. These reports are also aligned to coincide with the required semiannual council audits at which time the council officers including the Financial Secretary, Trustees, and Grand Knight take a closer examination of all of the reports and the data being used to generate the figures that will be entered onto the audit form and submitted to Supreme.

Based on immediately available on hand financial data for 2010 – 2011 reveals that the council received actual revenues of \$26,306.00 compared to the budgeted revenue estimate of \$18,750.00. Our total actual distributions were \$27,321.00 compared to the budgeted estimate of \$18,000.00. Thus, the council spent \$1,015.00 more than was taken in. I suppose one can look at this in a number of ways, but recall that we donated over \$2,100.00 for tornado relief and assisted a brother in need. Though our actual income was higher than planned our outlays were under control since the amount overspent (actual 3.84%) was less than 5% of our actual revenue, which suggests that we were successful in managing the council in the intended direction. However, I would not say this if the figures would have diverged wildly, which they did not. Also, please note that these are paper figures and when the aforementioned donation and assistance was made our council had more than a sufficient level of reserves in the treasury.

Our 2011-2012 budgets represent a reduction in spending, due to the continuing challenges that we continue to see with regards to our present situation. A careful and thoughtful approach is being taken for the next few months as construction on our future facilities are undertaken and things are temporarily in a less than normal state. Our 2011-2012 budget reflects this state of restraint when compared to last year’s budget by seeing a 30% decrease in spending. As the council was informed at our August business meeting if we begin to see opportunities arise then the council will be asked to approve items that are beyond the scope of the proposed spending authorization.

The bottom line: Annual budgetary goals and annual outlays for our council are a planning tool but our clear focus is taking advantage of whatever fund raisers we can and providing financial assistance to charitable needs as they arise.

Response to question 2:

With regards to your question regarding caps and shirts and how many we need to sell in order to realize the estimated profits. Let me first describe the intended process, we are currently taking orders for Council 10232 logo apparel because many of our members have requested shirts, caps, and vests. Therefore, orders will be taken over the next couple of months and an order will be placed most likely with Madison Monogramming. The type and quality of cap ordered will be a better grade than we ordered last time and a surcharge of at least \$10 will be added on top of the cost. The same way with shirts and vests. Our fundraising opportunities are limited at the moment especially with Father’s decree regarding taking a slow careful approach with regards to the parish hall, and the sale of apparel is a good way to raise revenues and provide our membership with some value added items. We would have to sell approximately 30 caps and 30 shirts respectively to bring in the planned revenue. The last time we did this we ordered extra caps and a few extra shirts and they were all sold.

Council Activities In Pictures



Council members attend Choose Life Banquet at May Fair Church of Christ on August 25th.

Pictured (L-R): Jim Kaelin Council 764, Sean Carney (Invited Speaker), Father Roy Runkle, Juan Benjamin Council 10232, Danny Garcia Council 10232



Brother Jim Kaelin, State Pro-Life Chair and Juan Benjamin with Father Mackey at the August 13th Rosary in front of the abortion clinic.



2011 Council hay bale art project at Huntsville Botanical Garden. The project was completed on August 28th.

(L-R) Back Row: Mickey Cook, Joey Cook, John Phillip, Juan Benjamin, Turkey, Frank Herring, Danny Garcia, Norma Garcia, Bill Moeller

(L-R) Front Row: Ed Cronin, Tacey Viegas, Jerome Villarreal, Jerry Hundscheid (sitting), Linda Morton (sitting), Joe Morton (kneeling), Kevin Rodriguez (kneeling), Tom O' Donnell, Seth Tolson

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	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	M None	12:00 p.m.	3:30 – 4:30	None

Queen of the Universe, 852-0788		11:30 a.m.	W-F 12:00 p.m. T 6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	p.m.	
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**

**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
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Kevin Rodriguez
Ron Belz
Tom Scott
Dan Frische
Tacey Viegas
Tom Hart
Joe Morton
Daniel Mellen
Patrick Jemison
Ros Nourse
Miguel Rodriguez
John Phillip
Pat Haas
Shane Duplantis

**Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly 2420
2011-2012 Fraternal Year Officers**

**Faithful Navigator
Faithful Fryer
Faithful Captain
Faithful Comptroller
Faithful Pilot
Faithful Purser
Faithful Scribe
Faithful Admiral
Faithful Inner Sentinel
Faithful Outer Sentinel
1st yr Trustee
2nd yr Trustee
3rd yr Trustee
Color Corp Commander**

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Deacon Skip Graffagnini
Jim Frank
Joe Morton
Jason Esteve
Bill Moeller
Miguel Rodríguez
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Juan Benjamin
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Kevin Rodriguez
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