

# The Lancer

**“Strong in Faith and Service”**  
**April 2014**



**The Monthly Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus**  
**St. John the Baptist Council No. 10232**

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

### **Dear Faithful Brother Knights and Families:**

One of my favorite spiritual axioms is the famous line from St. Augustine: “Oh, Master, make me chaste and celibate - but not yet!”

Look around, what do you see? I observe much restlessness, and many failed searches by people to find a real purpose in life. We have, for a long time attempted to create happiness by our own ingenuity. Promiscuity, drugs, gambling, alcohol, and other forms of vice and addiction, are our desperate and vain search for something to fill up the emptiness many of us feel. Responsibility and stress burden us, and we seek relief. But, every one of us sooner or later discovers that joy is not found at the bottom of a bottle, or in a fleeting moment of pleasure. The emptiness within us is a bottomless chasm that can only be filled with the divine. Man is made in God's image, and nothing less than God is worthy of serving as man's end or fulfillment. Even the greatest of earthly loves are not things or events, but persons: beings capable of reciprocal love, which is itself a foretaste of the divine love we crave. Evil will persist on earth as long as man chases after mirages, and counterfeit loves. We will be empty until we allow God to fill us.

The bottom line is to surrender to God. In order to do this we must divest ourselves of the attachments of this world, and its fading realities. Furthermore, one needs to overcome fear and anxiety in order to give to God the openness of our hearts, allowing him to come into our lives in a profound way. People today don't want to commit to God, and the Church, for fear they might miss out on something better that might come along. They might lose something of themselves, or have to give up something fun. The Final Four might be great to watch, but it will not bring us salvation! Will it?

We cannot serve God while remaining a slave to the anxieties of the world: fashion, popularity, sex, and financial security. Our part is to strip away all that is not of God, and to use the things of this world in a healthy way, always devoted to seeking first the kingdom of God and all will be added unto you. Trying to provide for all our needs on our own will only lead to frustration. We soon realize we cannot do everything on our own, and that we need to surrender and allow God to take over and direct our paths. Serving two masters leads to inevitable failure.

Each morning, as your feet hit the floor, and you begin getting ready for the day, make a morning offering. Offer your life to God in total surrender. Ask him to use you, each new day, for his purpose, trusting that he will provide for your needs. Be not anxious about the days to come, but seek only to serve God faithfully today. Hand over your fears and worries. Rest in the Lord, and discover a peace that ends your restlessness.

Fraternally,  
Danny Garcia

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### **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 April is David and Sabrina Agrusa.

### **Knight of the Month**

The Knight of the Month is involved in many activities within the council. This month's Knight of the Month is Brother John Copen.

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## **Important Council Announcements**

- **Council 10232 Dues Now Being Collected!**

The council is zeroing in on getting all of the dues for the fraternal year collected. We need just 47 more and we are done! Please pay your dues if you haven't they can be paid at the council meeting on **April 3rd** or by remitting a check (**please no cash**) 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. Please contact the Grand Knight for relief of dues should a financial or medical condition exists.**

- **Bunco, Sunday April 13th, Church Basement**

The February Bunco game will occur on Sunday April 13 beginning at 6:30pm. Bunco is a fun dice game for adults, which permits fun adult fellowship. No skill is required, only \$5 a person and a covered dish to share.

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## **Council 10232 Service Activities**

### **Church Activities**

#### **First Saturday Mass and Benediction April 5th**

The council has been actively supporting the First Saturday devotion conducted on the first Saturday of each month. Mass begins at 8:30am in the chapel, which will be followed by Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **Strong Men Strong Faith at Holy Spirit Catholic Church Deemed A Success!**

The conference designed to bring men together to examine their spirituality as it relates to their lives as husbands, fathers, and work colleagues hosted approximately 400 men from North Alabama. The conference featured two outstanding speakers, Allen Hunt and Tom Peters.

#### **Council Prayers for Priests Team Being Formed**

The purpose of this program is to pray for our priests by name on a daily basis for his priestly intentions and his personal sanctification. This is accomplished through a team concept. When a priest is selected, a Team Leader is identified to recruit six other team members thus forming a seven-member team. Each Team Member attends Mass on his designated day of the week, recites at least one decade of the Holy Rosary daily, also recites the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, and says the Daily Commitment Prayer daily. Participation in this program is not restricted to members of the Knights of Columbus, but would be open for participation to any Catholic desiring to participate. I hope you will offer your full support to this program and will be an active participant. Please contact Brother Joe McCarty to volunteer at [joemccarty@ohiocpa.net](mailto:joemccarty@ohiocpa.net).

#### **Last Supper Reenactment**

Brothers from council 10354 will be coming to St. Johns on Friday April 4 to put on a special reenactment of the Last Supper in the parish hall after Stations of the Cross services. The 14 actors that make up the cast are all members of the Gardendale council and this performance is their special way of remembering the Lord's Supper. They recently performed at a non Catholic church for the first time ever. It is truly a treat you and your family will not want to miss. In order

to be successful we will need as many men there as possible to assist our brothers with setup and extending to them our hand of fraternity.

### **Parking Help Needed with Easter Morning Masses**

Help will be needed for parking assistance on Easter morning. Brother Fred Sharp will once again lead the effort and at least 6 men are needed for this detail. Stay tuned for details as we get closer to Easter.

## **Council Activities**

### **Council Members Advance to Full Knighthood**

Congratulations are in order for brothers Travis Bailey, Gary Suckow, Dan Coltey, and Tim Huber who advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree of the Order at the exemplifications held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The exemplifications were held in honor of two outstanding and dedicated members of council 4080 honored for their commitment to excellence and whose exceptional service over many years has contributed significantly to council 4080. The 2<sup>nd</sup> degree was conducted in honor of James Miller and the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree was conducted in honor of Bill Stejskal.

### **Council Closing In On Membership Quota**

We are very close to meeting our membership quota of 17 members for the fraternal year. We are 5 short after the April scheduled degree. Let me encourage everyone to ask eligible friends to consider joining the Order and give them the gift of brotherhood in the Order.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Fish Dinners**

Council members are once again firing up the fryers and frying fish on the Friday evenings of Lent. Dinners began on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue until April 11<sup>th</sup>. The dinners were originally envisioned as a way to attract parishioners to Stations of the Cross services held on the Friday's of Lent and will continue to serve that purpose. Therefore, serving will commence at 4:45pm and will end at 6:15pm. Everyone's help is needed to make the dinners a success.

### **Council Cap and Shirts**

An order for council polo shirts will be gathered starting at Thursday's meeting. I think it might be a good idea to standardize the color to either navy, burgundy, or green or perhaps some other color. I think we should discuss this at the meeting and as a council decide on our color. Shirts and caps will contain the council name and KC logo embroidered on them. Those wanting a shirt are asked to please send me an email indicating how many you would like and your size. Please contact me at [dgarcia227@gmail.com](mailto:dgarcia227@gmail.com). Cost for the shirts has not been determined yet, but a guess is that they will be in the range of \$25 to \$30 each. Caps will be an addition \$10-\$15.

### **Priesthood Scholarship Fund**

The council will be submitting a check to the State Treasurer for \$1250 in order to meet our council's obligation to support this worthy cause. Our council raised its dues several years ago by \$5 per member to support this worthy cause. The State collects funds from subordinate councils and uses the funds to provide each bishop in the state with a check in the amount of \$5000 for this cause.

### **Council Officer Nominating Committee Formation**

The grand Knight will establish a nominating committee in order to find eligible candidates for the council's officer positions for the coming fraternal year. The committee will be formally established at the April meeting.

## **Culture of Life Activities**

### **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 each Saturday morning of the month. We continue to encourage all knights to turn out to support this event. The council will continue to

support the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of this event. Anyone wishing to attend can meet in the lower parking lot at 8:00am and carpool down with brother Juan Benjamin.

### Youth Activities

#### **Annual Council Scholarship Opportunities**

The council is once again pleased to award scholarships to deserving students from our parish community. The council will award two \$500 scholarships to 8<sup>th</sup> graders from our parish school going to John Paul II High School or St. Bernard's in Cullman. Also, the council will award two \$500 scholarships for graduating highschool seniors from our parish. Scholarship information and an application can be obtained through the council website at the following link, <http://madison-kc.org/scholarships>. Completed applications will be accepted through the end of the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> and applications should be deposited in the KC mail slot located near the Church office.

#### **Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast Approaches**

The annual baccalaureate Mass and breakfast will be held on May 18th in the parish hall. The council will once again be in the thick of it with preparing and serving breakfast for the graduates and their families. Stay tuned for details as the date approaches.

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### **Minutes for Council Business Meeting of March 6, 2013**

Council called to order at: 7:30pm By: GK Danny Garcia

Prayer offered by: The council prayed, gave their prayer petitions, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Rosary by Joe McCarty

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present; A-Absent, E-Excused):

Chaplain - Fr. Phil O'Kennedy	E	Financial Secretary - Ron Belz	P	Inside Guard - James Cook	P
Grand Knight - Danny Garcia	P	Treasurer - Tom Hart	P	Outside Guard - Joey Cook	P
Deputy Grand Knight - Jerome Villareal	P	Lecturer - Dan Mellen	E	Trustee (3 <sup>rd</sup> yr.) - John Phillip	P
Chancellor - Seth Tolson	E	Advocate - Pat Haas	P	Trustee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr.) - Juan Benjamin	P
Recorder - Sam DiPiazza	P	Warden - Tom O'Donnell	P	Trustee (1 <sup>st</sup> Yr.) - Kevin Rodriguez	P

Total present at meeting = 33 members + GK

Meeting was conducted in the Church basement meeting room.

**Minutes of preceding meeting were:** The reading of the February meeting minutes was dispensed. They were posted on the website and distributed by e-mail.

**Grand Knight read applications for membership approved by the Admissions Committee:** None.

**The results of voting were:** none

**The following notices of applications in other councils were read:** None

**The Council Conferred 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on the following:**

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:** WGK Danny Garcia reported

March 15<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at Good Shepherd; Support Women’s Ministry – Speaker Cindy Adams on abortion

WGK Danny Garcia presented awards:

1. Knight of the Month – Br. James Kaelin
2. Family of the Month - Br. Jerome & Brenda Villareal
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Jerome reported –

- Fish dinners
- Knights Night Out
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events
  - Novena – Up until March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Special Adoration on March 18<sup>th</sup> 24-hours (asking us to do the overnight hours)
  - Special rosary for vocations on March 12<sup>th</sup>

**The Treasurer reported as follows:** Br. Tom Hart, see report

**The following bills and communications were read and referred:** None

**Financial Secretary report:** Br. Ron Belz - see report (273 members +8 so far, quota of 17)

**The Trustees reported as follows:** Treasurer's report reviewed and in order.

**The Chancellor reported on Vocations:**

**The following Service Program Committees reported:**

The Program Director is Br. Kevin Rodriguez.

Family Director – Tom Hart	- Bunco game on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
Church Director –	-
Community Director – John Phillip	- appreciation for work on nativity sets
Council Director – Dan Mellen	• Good of the order drawing (represented by Pat Haas)
Youth Director –	-
Pro-Life – Juan Benjamin	

**The Worthy District Deputy (WDD) reported as follows:** Br. Pat Jackson –

- Pro-life Mass and March on the 8<sup>th</sup> (St Mary of Visitation)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Good Shepherd March 15<sup>th</sup>
- State Convention in Mobile April 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>
- Membership
- Every council in the district (including ours) is up to date on every report!
- Recognition – Danny Garcia

**Faithful Navigator 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

Exemplification on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd – deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

Voting for delegates for the state convention

- Grand Knight delegate
  - Danny Garcia
  - Alternate – Jason Esteve
- Deputy GK alternate
  - Ron Belz nominated
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**General Announcements:**

**ProLife:** Support Pro-Life March and Prayer Vigil March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Under Good of the Order:**

1. Prayers:

- Alexander Grant (newborn with complications)
- Br Bill White (Texas)
- Br William Alvarez mass card
- Fr Wrigley from St Barnabas, Birmingham – collapsed at a retreat
- John Howell - seminarian
- Heather Johnson, Jerry Kent, Janet Donahue (repose), Peggy Moller, Tom Hart's neighbors that lost their house to fire.
- Hickman - passed away; Bishop Baker back problems; Andrea having surgery ; victims of Bengazi consulate attack; victims of the hurricane
- Jerome's aunt bladder cancer, Dana's wife,
- Dave McCannen (sp?) ALS, Carla Staggs, Dan Scott ALS,
- Joe Morton, Jerry Morton
- Alice Hayes, wife of Br. Keith Hayes, Br. Bill Moeller's wife Peggy, Br. Jerome Villareal 's father, Pat Jackson - knee replacement surgery
- Continuous prayers: The good health of Brs. Rich Webber and Michelle Webber, Dan Frische, Tom Hart's mother, John Horch's daughter Stephanie, Ron Belz's wife Betty, Betty Frank, Ronnie Rickabough, Bob Moser, Ada Smith, Dan Mellen's family (mother Roberta, brothers Tony and Mike and sister Cecilia Meredith), Chuck Wesolowski's father Frank, Joe Leahy, Sr. Susanne Thibault, Br. Jack Beal and Br. Don Murphy
- St. John's students Catherine Jordan.
- All Knights of Columbus Members and their families at the Council and State level;
- Members of the Armed Services and those lost in battle, Chaplains in the Armed Forces;
- Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Baker, the Church and all priests in our diocese, especially for Fr. Phil O'Kennedy and his mission; the religious vocations of Br. Ben Butler and Br. Greg Thomson.
- Law officers, Fire fighters, Emergency personnel.

2. Raffle -

Closing Prayer was said by: Danny Garcia	GK Danny Garcia and the Council Members
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Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.  
Minutes taken by Sam DiPiazza

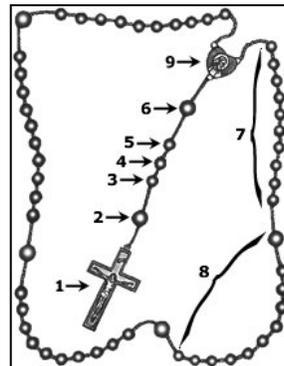
## Devine Mercy Chaplet

### **1. Make the Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **2. Optional Opening Prayers**

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!



### **3. Our Father**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

### **4. Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

### **5. The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **6. The Eternal Father**

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### **7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### **8. Repeat for the remaining decades**

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

### **9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### **10. Optional Closing Prayer**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

## Mass Schedule

Parish/Pastor	Masses				Reconciliation (Confession)	
	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Holy Day	Saturday	Sunday
<a href="#">Good Shepherd</a> <b>Fr. Louis Giardino</b> 13550 Chaney Thompson Road 882-1844	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	M, W, F 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	None
<a href="#">Holy Spirit,</a> <b>Reverend Michael                      MacMahon</b> 625 Airport Road 881-4781	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:40 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
<a href="#">Our Lady of the                      Valley Catholic                      Military Chapel                      (Redstone Arsenal)</a> <b>Rev. George                      Rzasowski</b> Bldg 376 876-2409	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	M-F 12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
<a href="#">Our Lady Queen of                      the Universe,</a> <b>Fr. Joy Chalissery</b> 2421 Shady Lane Drive 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
<a href="#">Saint John the                      Baptist,</a> <b>Fr. Phil                      O'Kennedy,</b> 1055 Hughes Rd Madison 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 6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Vigil 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	W-Th 6:00 – 6:25 p.m. S 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	None
<a href="#">St. Joseph,</a> <b>Rev. Gary New</b> 2300 Beasley Avenue 534-8459	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	8:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	T, W - F 7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m. Vigil 7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	None
<a href="#">St. Mary Of the                      Visitation</a> <b>Rev. Glen Sayers</b> 222 N. Jefferson St 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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<b>Grand Knight</b>	Danny Garcia
<b>Chaplain</b>	Rev. Phil O'Kennedy
<b>DGK</b>	Jerome Villarreal
<b>Fin. Sec.</b>	Ron Belz
<b>Chancellor</b>	Seth Tolson
<b>Warden</b>	Tom O'Donnell
<b>Recorder</b>	Sam DiPiazza
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Hart
<b>Advocate</b>	Pat Haas
<b>Lecturer</b>	Daniel Mellen
<b>Inside Guard</b>	James Cook
<b>Outside Guard</b>	Joey Cook
<b>Trustee – 1<sup>st</sup> Yr</b>	Kevin Rodriguez
<b>Trustee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr</b>	Juan Benjamin
<b>Trustee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr</b>	John Phillip

**Knights of Columbus Field Agent**

<b>Field Agent</b>	Michael Dake
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**Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Assembly No. 2420  
2013 - 2014 Fraternal Year Officers**

<b>Faithful Navigator</b>	Gregory Stefanovic
<b>Faithful Friar</b>	Father Phil O'Kennedy
<b>Faithful Captain</b>	Jerome Villarreal
<b>Faithful Comptroller</b>	Joe Morton
<b>Faithful Pilot</b>	Joe McCarty
<b>Faithful Purser</b>	Jason Esteve
<b>Faithful Scribe</b>	John Horch
<b>Faithful Admiral</b>	Bill Moeller
<b>Faithful Inner Sentinel</b>	Danny Garcia
<b>Faithful Outer Sentinel</b>	James Cook
<b>1st yr Trustee</b>	Dan Frische
<b>2nd yr Trustee</b>	Dana Beaudry
<b>3rd yr Trustee</b>	Kevin Rodriguez

**Sir Knight James P. Frank Color Corp of Assembly No. 2420**

<b>Commander</b>	Seth Tolson
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