

# The Lancer

**“Strong in Faith and Service”  
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**The Monthly Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus  
St. John the Baptist Council No. 10232**

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

### **Brother Knights:**

In the Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, do you love me, and Peter says yes, Lord, I love you. “Feed my sheep.” Three times he asks him, “do you love me Peter,” and three times he tells him to go out and feed his sheep, feed his people. And this is exactly what Peter sets out to do. He leads by example.

This past couple of weeks we have been busy doing just that by aiding a local family in desperate need of help. I put out the call for help for this family and how you responded! We in essence are “feeding” this family in a worldly sense, raising funds to take care of their physical needs, but this is also Christ working through us to help the least among us. He has no hands but our hands, and no feet but our feet.

Let us follow Pope Francis's example, the Peter of our time. When he reaches out to the poor and the outcasts is he not doing exactly what Peter was commanded to do? He is preaching and living the Truth, regardless of how popular it makes him. He cares nothing about worldly popularity. He is leading us in a world, which is living in darkness; he is bringing the light of Truth, which is Jesus Christ to all, and he is doing it with no fear. So it must be with us.

We must be willing to let that go, deny ourselves, and “Follow Me” as Jesus encouraged the Apostles, and until we do, we are going to struggle, and keep struggling, and never quite taste the true freedom that comes from total obedience to Christ in and through his Church.

The Church is not an institution, it is a mystical body, a reality, united to Jesus Christ as one body, one hope, one baptism, one Truth, it's you and it's me, and it is guided by the Holy Spirit through Peter, as it always has been, to lead us, the sheep, to feed on true food and true drink in the reality of the Eucharist.

As knights, as Catholic men, we, like Peter, must not be afraid to step beyond ourselves and take up our cross and go forward Christian Soldier. To seek and to serve, and not to be served should be our rallying cry.

Fraternally,  
Danny Garcia

### **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 March is **Jeff and Liz Montgomery**.

### **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 Tom O'Donnell**.

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## **Important Council Announcements**

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

The council is beginning to collect dues for the new fraternal year. They can be paid at the council meeting 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 10th, Church Basement**

The February Bunco game will occur on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Service Activities**

### **Church Activities**

#### **Council Prayers for Priests Teams**

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).

### **Community Activities**

#### **Council Support Shelton Rd. Monthly Trash Pickup**

Council members joined with Assembly 2420 4<sup>th</sup> degree knights to pick up along a 1-mile stretch of Shelton Road in Madison. The monthly pickup generally occurs on the fourth Saturday of each month starting at 9:30am. Meeting place is at the parking lot of the old Wyle's building off Shelton near Hwy. 20. Next opportunity to help is on April 23rd.

#### **Wheelchair Ramp Repair**

The council repaired the railing on a wheelchair ramp at the residence of a disabled citizen. The ramp was built by the council approximately 4 years ago and has withstood the test of the elements remarkably well. The work required the replacement of 4 rails.

#### **Council Responds To Local Family In Need of Assistance**

The Grand Knight received an email from the State Deputy, Brother Pete Parrish, a few days ago asking that we look into a request for assistance that was submitted through the Supreme Council's website. The request for assistance was from a local family asking for urgent assistance

for their family. Our council and others around the state have opened their hearts to lend them a helping hand. To date we have received pledges nearing \$2000. If you would like to contribute, there is still time, please contact our Worthy Treasurer at 256-694-0753 for further details.

### Council Activities

#### **Council Membership Recruitment Opportunities**

It is imperative that we make it our business to offer every eligible man at St. John's the opportunity to join our council. Please contact me if you know of someone who would make a good knight.

#### **Blood Drive, Moved to Fourth Saturday April 23rd**

As you all know, the February drive was cancelled because of serious delays on the part of the drive schedulers. This month, we are not canceling the drive, but have had to move it forward a week from our normal Third Saturday to the fourth Saturday. And the drive has been shortened by an hour. The April only situation, then, is this:

Drive day: Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Drive time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Drive location: ARC bus or van, outside the Parish Basement

### Family Activities

#### **Wellness Fair Support, March 11<sup>th</sup> A Success**

The Wellness fair held on March 11<sup>th</sup> was a success and the council received a special thank you from Ms. Pam Roberts, event lead, for our help in setting up the hall for the event.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt, March 19<sup>th</sup> A Success**

The council held an Easter Egg Hunt held on the church grounds on 19 March. The effort, which required a special level of effort from the council, was a rousing success. Several emails from parents and grand parents were received touting the good times had by the kids and the

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### Minutes for Council Business Meeting of February 4, 2016

The Grand Knight (GK) opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

**Guest Speaker Prior To Meeting:** Brother John Horch introduced the guest speaker, Shirley Crutcher, the Disaster Program manager of the Red Cross.

Ms. Crutcher spoke of a program the RC is sponsoring, 'the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign'. This program aims to reduce home fire deaths and injuries over the next few years. The members were given ideas and plans that if carried out would go a long ways to educated the public on the various ways to protect their home and family and those in their neighborhoods. The council agreed to pursue to the next step; do we want to get involved, what would we need to do, what needs doing and how to go about it. John Horch will lead that effort and report back at some future meeting.

**Opening Prayer:** The Grand Knight opened the business meeting at 8PM with a request for prayer petitions from the 33 members present. Of note were special requests for Jim Kaelin, Deacon Greg and Juan Benjamin as they recover from some of life's' challenges.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** followed. The WGK made some special comments regarding some of the brothers:

**Grand Knight Remarks:** Brother Joey Keller will be leaving us as he follows his job to Mississippi. He will be missed.

- **Family of the Month.** The Family of the Month for March is Jerome and Brenda Villarreal.

- ***Knight of the Month.*** This month's Knight of the Month is Brother Dan Frische. Dan, aka, firebug, will also become the council representative on fire prevention in the home.
- Brother Chris Major was singled out for his assistance in the council fish fry projects. Chris also pointed out that the church school was participating with the local IHOP restaurant as a fund raising activity. Unfortunately, the event coincided with the council fraternal meeting.

**Service Reports/Activities:**

- DGK, Joe McCarty mentioned that we now have both the US flag as well as the papal flag displayed in the church hall.
- 3/5/16. 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications at Our Lady Queen of the Universe parish hall.
- 3/19/16. Easter egg hunt at St. Johns. Council members will be called upon to assist.
- 3/19/16. 7 kids from St. Johns going to Montgomery to participate in the statewide free throw contest.
- 3/26/16. Shelton Rd. Cleanup.
- The Tre Deum Liturgies coming up starting on Good Friday.
- The state convention is in town at the end of April.
- The first mass for the Mercy Parrish will be held on Tuesday this coming week.
- Fr. Bazzel is going to Rome. His last mass will this coming Saturday
- The financial secretary will be out for a few weeks. All is in order though.
- The blood drive will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
- The District Deputy Meeting was held on 2/7/16. General discussions on many topics. Of note was that a group of 20 men can petition to start a new council
- The Friday Fish Fry were a success, not only in the number of parishioners enjoying a nice dinner, but in the special presentation by the Knights group from Birmingham. They provided a moving and respectful reenactment of the Last Supper. Each apostle gave a short but insightful story of his life with Jesus and how it started and how it affected them. Even Judas was represented and displayed some of the rationale we use as we display our attachments to worldly goods. This will be well remembered by those in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** A written Treasurer's report was provided.

**FS Report:** No Report

**Trustees' Report:** All in good order.

**Faithful Navigator's Report:**

- The 4th degree ceremony at St. Johns on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**50/50 Raffle:** The Dan Mellon Memorial raffle netted \$56 for the "bottle".

**Concluding Prayer:** The meeting was closed with prayer.

**Adjourn:** 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted;  
Mike Dauphinais

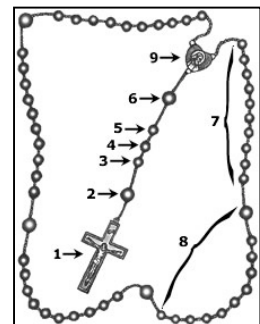
**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**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.

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