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Dear Faithful Brother Knights and Families:

I hope that everyone experienced a blessed and holy Christmas. We can look back at all the council's many activities in 2016 from the fish fries to our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign and realize that we have been a very busy council. As I have always maintained, it takes all of us for our activities to be successful. This is not meant to be an idle boast for we value first the contributions of others, and give respect where it is due. We do not boast of our accomplishments; if they are worthy, others will naturally do this for us. Men, we must let all of our actions exhibit humility and in every case, be ethical, so they speak louder than our words and others will see by our example, that the Knightly path we have chosen is worthy of membership.

Our personal resolution in the coming year must be to seek to live our Knightly principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity as they were meant to be lived. This means to accept no compromises in our commitment to these principles by acting on our personal integrity and accepting accountability for our actions.

When we commit an error, make amends in as public or powerful a fashion as that in which we made the error. Strive to explain ourselves in the simplest, most clear terms, and never make excuses. Own not only our own mistakes, but the mistakes of others when theirs resulted from ours. We must maintain in all ways possible the appearance and station of a Knight. Let us endeavor to comport ourselves in the present as the person you wish to become. We must be a reflection upon our fellow Knights, and keep their honor safe within our ranks. We should not restrict our exploration of these principles to a small world, or exempt them from some portion of our life. We must not display them only to those who you think deserve them from us. Instead, we must actively seek to infuse the very essence of each of these principles into every aspect of our life. Remember that our expression of these principles is most powerful when it is easier to do something else, something lesser, and that when we live them with all sincerity we create a true legacy. Should we succeed, in even a small measure, we will be worthy of the rank and station of a Knight. Let our renown be because others see and spread our reputation through their lips and not ours.

Let us also remember that our council also requires that each of us meet our annual 2017 membership obligation of \$40. A significant part of our success as a council is a direct result of our combined ability to pay our annual dues. By that I mean that our council is able to conduct a limited number of fundraisers because of your dedication in paying your dues, thus permitting more time to perform meaningful projects to support our church and community. As many of you are aware, our council has an annual obligation to pay annual assessments to the Alabama State Council and to the KofC Supreme Council for each member on our roster. Thus, for every member that is not current on their dues, we as a council are still obligated to pay their state and supreme assessments. Brothers, with all due respect, I ask that if you owe 2017 dues please

take the necessary action to get them to our Financial Secretary, Ron Belz as soon as possible and let's focus on the things that matter instead of trying to collect dues.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the new year on Thursday January 5th at 7:30pm.

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 January is **Tom and Dianne Hart**.

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 Ron Belz**.

Important Council Announcements

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

Your dues can be paid at the council meeting on **January 5th** 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 January 8th, Church Basement**

The October Bunco game will occur on Sunday January 8th 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.

Council 10232 Service Activities

Church Activities

First Saturday Mass and Benediction January 7th

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.

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.nd64@gmail.com.

Light Bulb Changing In Church Sanctuary Accomplished

A great deal of thanks to everyone that helped with this important project. The altar area looks a lot brighter thanks to you.

Council Activities

Council Caps and Shirts

A small inventory of caps remain for purchase. A cap can be had for \$15. A council shirt order will be taken at the meeting.

Christmas Knights Night Out Thank You!

A word of thanks to John Horch for arranging another successful dinner event for the council at Terra Nova's. The dinner was well attended and it was a great evening for everyone. I would like to most especially thank all of our deaconate candidates for being there it made it that much more special.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Our 23rd annual Lenten Fish Dinners are just around the corner with Ash Wednesday being on March 1st our first dinner will be held on Friday March 3rd. The last dinner will be on April 7th. Hope everyone is looking forward to another season of fun every Friday evening.

Youth Activities

Basketball Free-throw Competition

Is being scheduled for Friday, January 20th at the school gym after the last basketball game, which will be around 5:30pm. Please contact Tom O' Donnell to volunteer to help.

Minutes for Council Business Meeting of December 1, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30pm

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1ST DEGREE: The meeting began with the 1st degree exemplification of a new member, Carlos Fernandez.

FS REPORT: Financial Secretary Ron Belz reported that we now have 300 members. Announced that 2017 membership dues are being collected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brother Tom O'Donnell provided a written report and mentioned the following items:

- Received a donation of \$125 to help with billboard display cost.
- A \$500 stipend was paid to our seminarian, Christopher Green.
- The ID drive check was received by the State Treasurer and has been handed over to Madison City Schools.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Concurrence with the financial report provided by the Treasurer.

ACTIVITIES:

Church

- Father Phil requested parking assistance from the council at the Christmas Eve Mass as it provides order and control over a potentially chaotic time.
- Father Phil also noted he was pleased with the assistance provided during the recent election.

Council

- Brother O'Donnell Tom is spearheading the effort to get a "float" in the upcoming Madison Christmas parade. He is looking for some volunteers to march with the float. The parade will be on 12/10/16 at 5:30PM.
- Brother John Phillip gave a summary of the Christmas banner orders and sales. The orders are complete and the banners will be at St. Johns for pickup during the weekend of 12/11-12/16. There are still crosses available for sale. The proceeds of these sales support Christian refugees.
- Our night at the Galaxy of Lights is scheduled for December 16th. Everyone was asked to be at the garden no later than 4:30pm.
- The Knights Night Out is scheduled for 12/17/16 at Terranova's. This night will also honor our clergy and deaconate group.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORT OF THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

- Assembly 2420 FN, Joe McCarty, reported a nice message from the family regarding the honor guard for Brother George Sloan at the funeral mass.
- He also reiterated the 4th degree support for the Queen of the Universe Jubilee celebration and the honor guard at the Christ the King Mass.
- Shelton Road Trash pickup is scheduled for 12/17/16 at 8:00AM. We gather at the usual place.
- The blood drive is scheduled for 12/17/16, beginning at 9AM.

REPORT OF THE FIELD AGENT: Brother Paul Zack announced his retirement and introduced brother Leland Wallace as the new man taking his place in the near future.

LECTURER: 50/50 Raffle

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting ended with prayer petitions.

ADJOURN: 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted;
Mike Dauphinais, Recorder

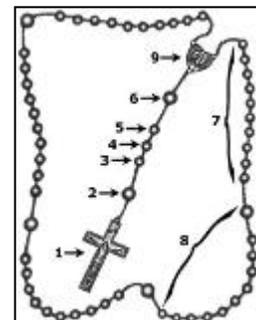
Divine Mercy Chaplet

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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