



Knights of Columbus

March 2019 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes March 5, 2019

The Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Grand Knight Paul Robert. Roll call was taken. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as amended.

Report of Admissions: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- Council members approved the transfer of AF Officer Chris Dufford into Council 7667.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Paul Robert)

- Ten out of sixteen **Faith In Action 2019 final reports** have been received from the members. As of 10 March 2019 all sixteen reports have been drafted.
- Member attendees needed (minimum of twenty seven) for the **KC Spiritual Activity Retreat** being held on Saturday 16 March at Christ of Redeemer Church. Retreat starts at noon until four pm. Retreat turnout for all is needed to qualify for Star Council of the Year.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Excused.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of March 5, 2019 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$22,377.94

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

February: Expenses/Donations: \$1,888.07

Date	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **	
7-Feb	W19-14	Florida Kof C Charities, Inc.	500.00	P-T Diocese CSA voted on Feb Gen Mtg	B
2/20	W19-15	John Rafferty	188.77	Pasta 2/2	G
2/20	W19-16	Florida Kof C Charities, Inc.	186.00	31 Books, \$372/2 = \$186	B
2/20	W19-17	Ellis Boudreaux	39.32	Salad Mix 24.32 Dessert 15	B
2/20	W19-18	Southern Bingo	238.50	Invoice # 28315 & 28316	B
2/26	W19-19	Holy Name of Jesus	165.00	F/D Dance DJ Insurance	B
2/26	W19-20	Ernie Martinez	207.35	Postage to send State Raffle tickets 7.35 F/D Bank 200	B
2/26	W19-21	Steve Zajac	438.99	Drinks 80.66, Desserts 123.96, 9oz Cur/Chafing Fue 39.07 Decorations - Dollites 6.64	B
2/26	W19-22	Mitch McClaren	308.50	F/D Dance Flyers, Decorations, Photo Paper	B
2/26	W19-23	Jim Reese	38.12	F/D Dance Photo Paper	B
2/26	W19-24	Paul Robert	47.52	Selfie Photo Hats	B
2/26	W19-25	Mark Williams	30.00	Memorial Service Marc Davilo	B

Authority: E Executive Officer Meeting; G General Meeting; GK Grand Knight; FS Financial Secretary

February: Income: \$6,814.00

Date	From	Amount	Notes
4-Feb	Pasta	536.00	2/2 Pasta
4-Feb	Bingo	1,049.00	2/1 Bingo
12-Feb	Bingo	925.00	2/8Bingo(late sch adjustment)
12-Feb	Donation	100.00	Edward (Ted) Schlieper
20-Feb	State Raffle	192.00	Bevel, Williams, Kuzma 16 bks
20-Feb	Donation	13.00	Extra \$13 in State Raffle
20-Feb	Bingo	1,029.00	2/15 Bingo
26-Feb	Dues	70.00	Gp 78
26-Feb	F/D Dance Donation	1,964.00	344 attended
26-Feb	Bingo	936.00	2/22 Bingo

Trustee's Report: (PGK Matt French)

- Only two positions are vacant and volunteers are needed, Warden and Deputy Grand Knight positions.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- Two seminarians have responded favorable with letters for the Council Scholarship offers.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)

Report on Faith in Action Programs:

Faith Program: (Brother Gregg Reese)

- No report.

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP): (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- No Report.

Rosary Program: (GK Paul Robert)

- 5th Sunday Rosary in March. We are making Rosary packs to show people how to say the Rosary.

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: (Brother Peter Karp)

- No report.

Spiritual Reflection Program: (Brother)

- No report.

Family Program: (Brother Karl Eschman)

- Family of the Month: Mitch and Heather MCCLaren
- Knight of the Month: Dan Pike
- Family of the Year: Ernie and Kay Martinez
- Knight of the Year: PGK Matt French

Keep Christ in Christmas: (Brother Ernie Martinez & PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- **District 5 KCIC Poster Contest Winner:**

Food For Families: (PGK Mark Williams)

- No report.

Consecration to the Holy Family: (PGK Tom Elsessor)

- No report.

Community Program: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- One hundred people attended the 2 March monthly event at the Family Life Center.

Coats for Kids: (PGK Mark Williams)

- No Report.

Father/Daughter Dance: (Brother Mitch McClarren)

- No Report.

Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- No Report.

Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)

- Under the theme of Helping Hand Brothers J. Hinds, J. Hank and PGK E. Boudreaux cooked pancakes for the annual Ladies Soldality Lenten breakfast.

Life Program: (PGK Matt French):

March for Life: (PGK Matt French)

- On 3 April there will be a **Life Run or Walk Event** fund raiser at the **3rd Planet Cafe**. For twenty-five dollars participants will receive two coupons for food, beverage an tie or scarf.

Christian Refugee Relief: (PGK Matt French)

- At the Ladies Soldality Pancake Breakfast and for the benefit of the Christian Overseas Relief, twenty five olive tree crosses from Israel, one Pro Life tie and five scarfs were sold.

Novena for Life: (PGK Matt French)

- Community prayer at home will begin on the week of 17 March.

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- Two Knights were recruited and received first degrees into Council.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- No report.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- COR Council and our Council are meeting and discussing various strategies to man bingo operations in the future.

Memorial Committee-Standing committee: (PGK Mark Williams)

- Brother Marc A. Davilo passed away. Masses have been arranged at Holy Name of Jesus Church for 29 April, 8 May and 12 June of this year.

Media Director: (Brent Hobbs)

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

- **DGK C. Kuzma** was awarded his certificate for the Knight of Month of January 2019.
- **Warden T. Kraus** was awarded his certificate of Knight of the Month for September 2018 (?).
- **Father/Daughter Dance/23 Feb 2019 Report. (Brother M. McClaren)**
 - ...344 people attended (largest in previous three events)
 - ...36 Knights assisted in the operation
 - ...2500 flyers were distributed in the community and schools
 - ...\$1,964 was collected
 - ...\$475 profit after expenses paid

New Business:

- **Pro Life:** PGK E. Boudreaux spoke to the Council about sponsoring a billboard advocating a Pro Life theme. Discussion was held regarding cost and theme.
- **Chaplain Report** (Chaplain Rev. S. Voyt)
 1. Diocese and/or Church signed and delivered a Morandum of Agreement with the Columbians and the Council regarding responsibilities of each party with for the new building.
 2. Outdoor Stations/ Crosses: Rev. Voyt inquired about the Council's Outdoor Stations on Council property. PGK E. Boudreaux provided answers to his inquiry. Crosses are in need of repair.
- **State Convention** PGK Steve Zajac made a motion to provide \$80 from the Council for an advertisement in the Florida State Council 2019 Convention Program. The motion was approved. The Convention will be held at the end of May.

- **Lenten Food Support to the Church** (PGK S. Zajck/GK P. Roberts)

For the April business meeting forty cans of food are needed for the Church. Soup dishes will be needed for the Stations of the Cross on the 8 March and food in support of the mission 18-19 March at the Church.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)

- No Report.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Our quota of new "Insured" members is six. We've added four for the year but, unfortunately, have lost two due to men leaving The Order or dropping their coverage or cashing out their annuity, so our "Net" number for the year so far is two, meaning we still need four members to go from "Associate" to "Insured."
- Our old "guaranteed issue" policy was \$6500 available for men who purchased a policy up to age 55, then \$5000 for men who purchased a policy up to age 65. Our new product is \$10,000 up to age 65, then \$5000 up to age 70, so higher amounts and available to purchase up to older ages.

District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)

**DD Notes
Council # 7667
March 5, 2019**

- State Convention your delegates must be named by March. Info is on State web sight I registered and am at table 82 for the banquet...Grand Knights please let me know who your delegates are.
- I would like to purchase a district page add for the convention as we normally do, I am asking each council to donate \$80 toward this effort. A single page add costs \$500 this year
- State awards. If you are not compliant with safe environment your not eligible for state awards.
- An Initiation degree will be held in Crestview March 27th start time is 6:30....Show time is 6:00
- March 26-28 is Catholic Days at the Capitol, considering our Governor and most of his cabinet are Catholic. A local council normally sets up a recruiting/ refreshment table
- I need all councils to provide me with a skills bank and a council phone tree by March.
- It is time to start looking and recruiting new officers to run your councils next fraternal year.
- I am looking for someone to fill the role of District Warden. If you are interested please contact me. 850-499-5077
- As we begin Lent we all make a promise to God and give something up. When we mess up and break that promise it isn't a time to give up its a time to restart ... After all we are human!

Prayer Requests:

Father Seb	Jung Leon	
Margaret Hila		Violet Slayback
Steve Sharpe		Jon Davis
	Linda Gray	Leo & Jessie Robert
Deacon Lou Marini	Ed Lowery	Rachel Robert
Joseph Kerwin	Pyong Woo Harper	Father Toledo
Jean Thompson	Chuck Kuzma	Ken Laird
Cameron Hank	Sharon morton	Gabriel Chavez
Bill Hobbs	Lynn Perk	Gabriel Chavez
Keith & Laura Carnahan	Randy & Maria Wilke	Eric Frodesen
Maria Rivera	Herm Hernandez	Jack Landsverk
Vincent Mayfield	Peg Powers	George Lambert
	Kathleen Moran	John Cathel & Family
Jack McLaughlin	Nancy Reese	Rita Dozier
Eric Gulbranson	Shelia Allman	Tamara Hayes
Deacon & Mrs. Cox		Debra Mevorach
Mary Anhouser	Maj Ngandwe	Richard & Trudy Reilly
Bob Pabel	Zack Laubsch	
Nancy Kramer	Aldesia Fioretti	

Lecturer: (Lou Marini)

- No Report.

Meeting Closure:

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is April 2, 2019 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

Attendees remained for a social at the end of the meeting.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

February 2019 Dan Pike

Brother Dan actively participates in numerous Council activities. He is a reliable kitchen and cook team member in Bingo Team #4. He and the other members of the four Bingo teams have been instrumental in the success of the activity in producing over 80% of the income used in charitable, community, and council support. This equates to over \$25,000 per year and it provides the bulk of the funding needed to support the budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 60 man-hours per year for the floor workers. Brother Dan volunteered to be one of the active participants for this year's annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. Over 340 people attended the recent Fourth Dance. This was open to the community, and most attendees were from outside our parish. The Dance was well covered by the local press as a family oriented dance, and well organized by the Knight responsible for the event. The Dance was supported by over 36 knights and their spouse volunteers. The volunteers greeted the Fathers and Daughters, prepared and served the food, provided individual photos of each set of Fathers and Daughters, and cleaned the Family Center after the event. Additionally, Brother Dan volunteers to support the handicap citizen's (Tootsie Roll) drive every year. He and the other volunteers worked at a key store entrance in the Niceville area and collected contributions, while handing out vast quantities of donated

Tootsie Rolls to the contributors. On a yearly average, an average of \$2500 is typically submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. Brother Dan and his wife Carrie always volunteer to help in our annual Sunland Picnic for severely handicapped every September. Sunland is a facility located in Marianna Florida, about 80 miles from Niceville Florida, which provides full time care and supervision for adults who are mentally handicapped. This activity includes the support of a number of fellow Knights and their family members in purchasing the food and drinks, transporting the food and cooking grill from Niceville to Marianna, and then cooking the food and helping to serve the meals. Some 60 residents and 22 staff members of the training facility typically receive meals. They both provided invaluable assistance during a Council sponsored Christmas Party for a group of over 50 handicapped persons from the Sunland facility. This annual event involves both providing of food for the handicapped, as well as for their family members and staff of the agency, and the distribution of gifts. The Knights purchased presents for the guests and then helped "Santa" to distribute the presents by name to each guest. Brother Dan also supported the district and regional basketball free throw contests for middle-school aged contestants. They were both actively involved with helping with the past Eglin AFB St Michaels' Parish Family Picnics and other social functions. He enjoys the camaraderie, fellowship, community outreach, and challenges associated with actively supporting our Council. Carrie is a Fifth Grade Full-Time teacher, and she assures that each and every student has all the resources for a good educational teaching environment. It is not unusual for her to use her own funds to acquire paper, pens, pencils, tape, and other things for children with needy parents. Brother Dan and Carrie demonstrate through hard work their Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

February 2019 Mitch and Heather McClaren

Brother Mitch McClaren worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Heather have been very active members of the HNJ parish especially in the last year. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. For the fourth year in a row, as our Council Director of Activities, Brother Mitch volunteered to be the Lead Organizer for the annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the event occurred this year, 344 people attended the event. This was open to the community, and most attendees were from outside our parish. The dance was well covered by the local press as a family oriented dance, and well organized. Brother Mitch distributed over 2500 flyers all over the county to advertise the event. His wife Heather helped him to decorate the HNJ Parish Family Life Center, serve the food at the event, and the clean up after the event. Mitch is a full time Air Force Support Contractor assigned to Eglin AFB, and he did this project in concert with the time required to do the detailed planning and execution of this very important KOC program. The Dance was supported by over 36 knights and their spouses. The volunteers greeted the Fathers and Daughters, prepared and served the food, provided individual photos of each set of Fathers and Daughters, and cleaned the Family center after the event. Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. The event collected over 600 pounds of canned food and a \$475 profit that Brother Mitch donated to the Food for families program. Brother Mitch also set up a Deep Sea Fishing Charter Boat for Council Knights to exhibit their capabilities to put food on the table while having fun and socializing with other Knights. During the Parish Family picnic this past Summer, Mitch and 30+ other knights and their wives spent over six hours setting up the Family Parish Center, cooking the food, serving the food, and then performing clean-up. The KOC members grilled over 800 hamburgers and hot dogs to serve over 500 parish members. Almost the entire parish attended this special event and it culminated as a complete success. Mitch has been a Director in the Columbians for the past two years. He and his fellow Columbians were actively engaged in rewriting the By-Laws of the Columbians, which had not been updated for the past ten years. He is also engaged in the planning to utilize the property lots adjacent to the Parish land and owned by the Columbians for joint use by the Parish. He actively participates with the management of the Stock profiles and checking accounts for the Corporation. He is very involved in the planning of a joint venture construction project to combine the funds of the parish and the Columbians to design and build a new facility which includes a new Council Building to perform activities such as the Bingo Program, Social Events, and meetings. He helped to write the Memorandum of Agreement between the Columbians and the Parish to transfer the entirety of the funds to support the new construction project. Heather is a parent leader and food supplier for the Sunday Night Life Teen Catholic Youth program. After Sunday Mass, the teens engage in discussions related to Bible Studies and religious topics. She is also a full-time Guidance Counselor at Plew Elementary School in Niceville. Aside from her normal duties in working with parents and students

regarding education issues, she helps needy student families with regard to providing donations of clothing, school supplies and other items of necessity and also volunteers at a local food bank. She helped lead the annual Children in Crisis Fundraiser, which raised over \$4000 to support the organization. The oldest daughter Morgan attends college at the University of Florida. She is an active member of the Catholic Gator Organization, and the group sponsors important efforts such as assisting with Habitat for Humanity projects to help needy families. She is also a mentor for the Bible Studies program in the Diocese near the college, and a Disciple Mentor of Faith to other Catholic students. The middle daughter Mariah is also attending the University of Florida. She is very active in Catholic Student activities, and is actively involved in four different bible study groups. She also is an active member of the Catholic Gator Organization. Both daughters at the campus are Eucharistic Ministers at the local Parish Church. The youngest daughter Macy is a member of the Niceville High School Band in the highest Ensemble Chair for the Symphonic Winds. She will be performing in the All County Band at the Kennedy center in Washington DC this year. She is on the Parish Youth Council, the Diocese Youth Board, and participated in religious topics discussions at the recent Diocese Youth Conference in Destin. Brother Mitch supports his daughter at NHS by cooking at every football game and leading fundraisers for the Band. The McClaren family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like the McClarens help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

April Birthdays

Name		Birthday
Ordner	Anthony	4/1
Santiago	Carlos	4/2
Goodwin	Edward	4/5
Reese	James	4/7
Holliday	Larue	4/10
Burgess	Paul	4/15
Harrison	William	4/15
Befi	Vincent	4/18
Cortes	Jose	4/19
Elliott	James	4/20
Kirk	Keith	4/20
Wagner	Kendall	4/20
Christopher	John	4/21
Marinan	Robert	4/22
Perkins	Paul	4/22
Rasins	Ryan	4/22
Santiago	Paul	4/24
Davilo	Marc	4/25
Vignolo	Caleb	4/25
Conti	Bruce	4/29
Basch	Eymard	4/30
Bell	Jody	4/30

We would like to thank those Council 7667 Knights and their family that donated their time and talents to the victims of Hurricane Michael. Thank you and God Bless

Last Name	First Name	Hours	Location
Vignolo	Michael	6	Cottondale
Vignolo	Michael	4	St Dominic's
Martinez	Ernie	5	St Dominic's
Martinez	Kay	5	St Dominic's
Martinez	Jake	5	St Dominic's
Martinez	Carol	5	St Dominic's
Gaasch	Tim	12	St Dominic's
Gaasch	Tim	14	St Dominic's
Gaasch	Tim	6	St Anne's
Gaasch	Tim	9	St Anne's
Elsesser	Daniel	21	St Dominic's
Elsesser	Tom	14	St Dominic's
Elsesser	Caitlin	7	St Dominic's
Laird	Michele	7	St Dominic's
Laird	Ken	7	St Dominic's
Smith	David	9	St Dominic's
Smith	Angela	9	St Dominic's
Blythe	Mac	8	St Dominic's
Cloutier	Jim	3	St Dominic's
Cloutier	Jim	3	Marianna
Wagner	Kendall	7	St Dominic's
Wagner	Denise	7	St Dominic's
Wagner	Joshua	14	St Dominic's
Eschmann	Charlotte	10	St Dominic's
Eschmann	Karl	10	St Dominic's
TOTAL		192	

