



# Knights of Columbus

## June 2019 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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# General Membership Meeting Minutes June 4, 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)

- No Report.

## Grand Knight's Report: (GK Paul Robert)

- Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$1,728.21.
- Our Council won several awards at the State Convention: Excellence in Membership & Insurance Growth Award, Faith in Action Family Program for Keep Christ in Christmas Program, and Matt French was warded Knight of the Year.
- Our Council achieved Star Council for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- Four \$1,500 Scholarships were given to local High School Students.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Run Around the Planet's proceeds of \$227 was given to the Emerald Coast Coalition for Life.
- We had 6 new Knights join our Council.
- The Rummage sale went well, thanks to all who helped out.

## Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- No Report.

## Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of June 4, 2019 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$17,162.60

## Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

May: Expenses/Donations: \$10,311.35

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **
7-May	W19-55	Ellis Boudreaux	46.53	Pasta Salad 15.66, Ice Cream 5.87, Desserts 15, Crosspath 10	B
7-May	W19-56	John Rafferty	288.32	May Pasta	B
7-May	W19-57	Paul Robert	400.00	2019 FL KofC State Convention Representative	B
7-May	W19-58	Matt French	400.00	2019 FL KofC State Convention Representative	B
7-May	W19-59	Chuck Kuzma	400.00	2019 FL KofC State Convention Representative	B
7-May	W19-60	Ernie Martinez	400.00	2019 FL KofC State Convention Representative	B
7-May	W19-61	Emerald Coast Coalition for life	227.00	Run around the Planet for Life Donation	B
7-May	W19-62	KofC Charities	560.00	Christian Refugee Relief	E
7-May	None	Bounce Check	69.00	3/8 Bingo Check Bounce	
10-May	W19-63	Southern Bingo	5,500.00	Half payment for Bingo 502PL Desk #28797	G
11-May	W19-64	Mark Williams	1,895.00	Five 58 inch TV Monitors for Bingo Hall	G
28-May	W19-65	Southern Bingo	125.50	Invoice #28871	B

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

**May: Income: \$6,527.21**

Date	From	Amount	Notes
7-May	Pasta	509.00	5/4 Pasta A69 C 3
7-May	Bingo	736.00	5/3 Bingo
7-May	Run for Life	260.00	Paid 3rd Planet 17.50 & Ricos 40
8-May	Dues	450.00	Gp 79
13-May	Bingo	803.00	5/10 Bingo
28-May	Bingo	483.00	5/17 Bingo
28-May	Bingo	858.00	5/24 Bingo
28-May	Tootsie Roll Drive	1,728.21	5/18/19 Drive
28-May	Dues	700.00	GP 80

- Sold 99 Bks, \$607 went to both the State and Council, NO Winners from Council
- 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year Dues Season is now open Pls pay today
- 2019-2020 Budget will be posted on the Council Web Site in the next few days in time for a 2 Jul Gen Council Vote. Exec Officer vote will at 18 Jun meeting

**Trustee's Report: (PGK Matt French)**

- No Report.

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

- One of our Seminarians was ordained as a Priest.

**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)**

- No report.

**Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: (Brother Peter Karp)**

- Kiosk books have arrived.

**Spiritual Reflection Program: (Brother)**

- No report.

### **Family Program: (Brother Karl Eschman)**

- Family of the Month: Michael and Tanja Contratto
- Knight of the Month: Steve Zajac
- 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)**

- No Report.

### **Food For Families: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- No Report.

### **Consecration to the Holy Family: (PGK Tom Elsessor)**

- No report.

### **Community Program: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)**

- Several Knights have been helping one of the Knights move around.

### **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)**

- No Report.

### **Life Program: (PGK Matt French):**

- 11 States have signed Pro-Life laws.
- BBC had report that has acknowledged genocide for Christians in the Middle East.

### **March for Life: (PGK Matt French)**

- No Report.

### **Christian Refugee Relief: (PGK Matt French)**

- No report.

### **Novena for Life: (PGK Matt French)**

- Thanks to all who participated in the Council Novena for Life.

### **Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)**

- Franklin will be taking over as the Membership Director. I want to thank all of you for the help the past six years.

### **Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)**

- No report.

### **Bingo: (PGK John Foley)**

- We are looking for 2 people who will be able to recruit volunteers for Bingo.

### **Memorial Committee-Standing committee: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- You will be able to read in the bulletin who the Mass is for, and who is requesting the memorial Mass.

### **Media Director: (Brent Hobbs)**

- I urge everyone to start a Twitter account. In order for us to get a good message out, we need people to start an account to help spread the message. We can help turn the page of social media by spreading inspirational and good messages out.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- No Report.

### **New Business:**

- There are still Polo Shirts available.
- Pasta Dinner was a success.
- Installation Mass Tuesday 25 June 2019 with mass starting at 6pm and dinner following at 7pm.
- \$200 gift certificate was approved to give to Tom Elssesser.
- 9 June 2019 will be the Parish Picnic. It will be a little more special this year as we will be celebrating the ordination of Deacon Tom Elssesser.
- 30 June 2019 will be 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.
- St. Sylvester will be having a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in the fall. MTF.
- 15 June 2019 Life Runners of Niceville will meet at Turkey Creek.

### **Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)**

- State Council sent a Resolution to Supreme to delay the new uniforms.

### **Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)**

- No Report.

**District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)**  
**DD Notes**

**Council # 7667  
June 4, 2019**

- Congratulations to Council 7968 for winning the Altar Server of the Year.
- Congratulations to Tim Pugh for being top Agent for the Spinelli Agency.
- Form 165 needs to be submitted by 30 June 2019.
- Ensure to link up with the new Officers to explain the role of the program.
- New Grand Knights share your vision with Council.
- SP 7 are due by 30 June 2019.
- I would like to fund the Pro-Life billboard in front of Northwest State Florida. The cost is \$10,000. MTF
- 8 June 2019 we will have several men become ordained as Deacons for our District.

**Prayer Requests:**

Father Seb	Jung Leon	Jeane Poschel
Margaret Hila	Mark Untisz	Violet Slayback
Steve Sharpe	William Gillen	Jon Davis
Hector Nunez	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
Carlos Santiago	Kathleen Moran	John Cathel & Family
Jack McLaughlin	Nancy Reese	Rita Dozier
Eric Gulbranson	Shelia Allman	Tamara Hayes
Deacon & Mrs. Cox	Godwin & Ebony Dyke	Debra Mevorach
Mary Anhouser	Maj Ngandwe	Richard & Trudy Reilly
Bob Pabel	Zack Laubsch	John Davis
Nancy Kramer	Aldesia Fioretti	

**Lecturer: (Lou Marini)**

- No Report.

**Meeting Closure:**

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is July 2, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**After-meeting Social:**

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

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

May 2019 Stephen J. Zajac

Brother Steve worked hard this month in many parish and council related activities. He has been a very active member of the Holy Name of Jesus parish for fifteen years, and has been a member of the Knights for over thirty-two years. In our mid fraternal year he was thrust into the role of District Deputy #5 with the sudden resignation of the District Deputy. Five councils counted on him to keep the trains running and that he did – and then some. As council membership director he oversaw initiation of 22 new knights to achieve the councils 7th consecutive STAR Council award. He is at the forefront of our numerous charitable, church, community, and social council activities. He helps the project leaders of various activities to set up the hall and get everything, including the kitchen operation, ready for the onslaught of other workers and participants. After each general membership meeting he sees that refreshments are ready quickly so members can socialize and newer members can get to know “the regulars” better. Steve has used this social time to get to know members better and encourage them to participate more actively in council events. He and his team identified a number of new people to put in a number of officer and director positions so as to refresh our leadership positions for the next fraternal year with a new Grand Knight. Brother Steve volunteers to work every month as a substitute Bingo Team Floor member. He and the other members of the four Bingo teams have been instrumental in the success of the activity in producing over 70% of the income used in charitable, community, and council support. Steve has led numerous Council and parish social events like the Parish Mission, Necrology dinner, Clergy Appreciation Dinner and Newcomers brunch as the organizer and chef and his made from scratch meals are always well attended. During the Parish Family picnic this past April, he 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. He volunteers as server and clean-up duties for the Pasta Night Support Team Number One. The dinners collect hundreds of dollars for charity programs supported by the Knights, while also providing members of the parish with an excellent dinner on Saturday nights at a very reasonable cost. Typically over 100 people are served at the monthly dinners. Steve has also helped with numerous other Council programs to support Handicapped Citizens. He and the other volunteers work at several key store entrances in the Niceville area and collect contributions while handing out vast quantities of donated Tootsie Rolls to the contributors in support of the Handicapped Citizens Drive. Two important Council activities he sponsored along with the Ladies Sodality Group was the Sunland picnic and Christmas Party. Sunland is a facility in Marianna, Fl. for mentally handicap citizens. For the summer picnic the council volunteers packed up food, grills snacks and drinks and hauled it to the Sunland facility to provide a bar-be-cue for 80 residence and staff. At Christmas the Council hosted a Christmas party with food, games and a visit from Santa complete with gifts addressed to each resident. In other important activities, Steve led the effort to donate 102 coats to the Coats for Kids program, support three seminarians with \$750 dollar stipends and gave out four \$1500 dollar scholarships to local high school seniors. The council also donated over 20 tons of food to 3 local food banks and charities through the food for families program. Our council’s most successful program this past year was the annual Father Daughter dance. This program blew away all our expectations and was an idea brought forth by a new Knight. When the event occurred, 315 people attended the dance. This was open to the community, and 200 attendees were from outside our parish. Nearly 600 pounds of canned goods were collected and donated to local food banks from the event. The Dance was supported by over 20 volunteers, including 15 knights from the council. 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. Steve’s primary area of expertise is as a resource person, or one who looks for and finds the things needed by those unfortunate families. He assists another Council Brother to find and restock personal care items needed by the residence at the Pavilion Assisted Living facility by providing basic essentials like toiletries, blankets, and also provides minor maintenance in their rooms and on a weekly basis. He also provides the residents with transportation to and from medical appointments and they share in bringing Catholic residents to mass on Sunday mornings. He serves in the parish ministries as the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Visitation Ministry Coordinator. He visits and brings Holy Communion to parish residents in the local nursing homes on Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Easter Sundays and also visits these folks on their birthdays. In his spare time, he was accepted to the Lay Formation Institute sponsored by the Dioceses of Pensacola - Tallahassee completing 24 course courses in 6 months. Brother Steve demonstrates through hard work his Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

May 2019 Michael and Tanja Contratto

Brother Mike worked hard this past year in several parish and council related activities. He has been a very active member of the Knights since earning his 3rd degree status in 2015. He attends and supports as many K of C activities as possible between his active working schedules as a full time Technical Director for the 96th Range Group at Eglin AFB. He and Tanja have been active members as servers and cleanup crew on one of the Knight's Pasta Teams. The monthly event has become a model of success, and usually collects over five thousand dollars a year in support of such programs as Life Incorporated. This activity has attracted dozens of interested volunteers such him, allowing several designated teams to take turns in supporting the preparation and serving of the dinners, as well as the cleaning up of the Parish Hall after each dinner. It has also provided members of the parish with an excellent dinner on Saturday nights at a very reasonable cost, and typically over 100 people show up for the monthly dinners. Brother Mike supported the periodic parish Rummage Sales which provides for additional funding to sustain the Father Butler Family Life Center activities. He helped in cataloging the pieces, assisted in setting up the booths in the Life Center, helped to load items to people's vehicles, and then clean up the Center after the event. He assisted in the disposal of all the unsold items, and fellow knights trucked almost two tons of heavy obsolete furniture to the local dump to avoid storage of donated items that would probably never sell. Brother Mike, Tanja and his daughters Sophia and Liza also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership in their help for supporting the annual picnic and Christmas party for handicapped members of the Sunland facility. 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. In the summer these activities include 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. In winter, the Sunland members travel to Niceville where the council hosts an annual Christmas party at which the Contratto family members escorted the participants, distributed gifts and helped lead the assembled in Christmas carols. Some 60 residents and 22 staff members of the training facility typically receive meals and gifts. Mike serves as the Council's College Scholarship Chairman. The end result of the scholarship process has provided significant assistance to four selected students each year. He personally worked hard last year to maintain the amount of funding assistance to deserving students, and the Council agreed to continue the funding at a \$1500 level per student. This year there were ten outstanding candidates, and the top four scoring students rated by his team received the \$1500 checks to support their college endeavors. His daughters Sophia and Liza participate in the Parish Choir Ministry at the weekly Sunday afternoon Youth Masses. Both daughters are also active in the Niceville High School Music programs and are on the Marching Band, the School Orchestra, and Chorus. Brother Mike supports these activities as a member of the Band Parents Association by working at the concession stands at all the NHS football games. Mike and Tanja will celebrate their two year wedding anniversary this July and are both very active in supporting all the family activities with his daughters, the Parish and the Knights. Brother Mike demonstrates through hard work his Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

## **July Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
Michael G Moran	07-06
Christopher O Pelfrey	07-06
PGK Kenneth E Elliott	07-07
William C Rees	07-08
Gary M Mc Morrow	07-10
David R Swanick	07-10
Adam J Ybos	07-15
Joseph F Aikens Jr	07-16
James L Hinds	07-16
Michael E Fealko	07-22
Paul K Laird	07-23



Gilbert L Meisner	07-24
Peter P Prestarri	07-24
Robert A Young	07-27
Kammrin A Mahoney	07-28
Alexander J Saucedo	07-28
John I Landsverk	07-29
Billy W Starnes	07-29
Charles E Laubsch	07-31

