



Knights of Columbus

November 2019 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes November 5, 2019

The Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Grand Knight Chuck Kuzma. Roll call was taken. Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

No Report

Report of Admissions: (Franklin Bevel)

- We have two transfer requests; Carmine Muscarella and Oscar Valenzurla Jr. The vote was unanimous to accept both of these Brothers into our council.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- We have a new grandfather; Deacon Tom Elsesser's daughter, Caitlin Heath had a daughter, Joselin May Heath, on All Saints Day. Mother and daughter are doing fine.
- On Oct. 26 we had the Fall Festival and many knights participated. In addition to the Knights beer and wine booth most food booths and entertainment areas had knights working to make it successful. We did run out of beer so plan for next year is to get, in addition to a keg, another pony keg to supplement the full keg.
- On Oct. 2 we had the men's retreat. There were 53 attendees, presentation were great and everything went well.
- Christmas Card sales will begin in after Masses in November. This is a good chance to promote keeping Christ in Christmas.
- Dec. 7 is the Christmas Parade in Niceville. If you are going to participate please wear your knight shirt. We need candy; if you are not participating, you can still bring candy and give it to any knight there. It will be distributed to people along the route.
- Today, Nov. 5, we went to Okaloosa County Head Start on Range Road to distribute Coats for Kids. We gave out 31 winter coats. The kids very appreciative.
- The Rummage Sale is going on Friday and Saturday and we will need knights to help tear down and pack things up starting at 1 p.m. Saturday. The women are very appreciative of the help.
- As you saw when you came in, we are collecting Food for Families to go to Niceville Catholic Outreach so they can put together baskets for Thanksgiving. We will do this again at the December meeting to help with baskets for Christmas.
- On the 26th of Nov. we will have a Necrology Mass and Dinner to remember the knights that have passed. The widows will be invited and their dinner is paid by the council. If you can please sponsor a widow. Sponsorship only entails a call to see if they are coming and if they need transportation as some do not drive at night.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

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

- General Fund Total \$13,281.21

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Financial Secretary Report as of 31 Oct 2019

Oct Expenses: **\$4,347.83**

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **
1-Oct	19-132	Ernie Martinez	115.31	200 Stamps \$110 GK Challenge CUP \$5.31	E G
1-Oct	19-133	Café Bienville	576.00	Clergy Appreciation Dinner	B
1-Oct	19-134	Chuck Kuzma	21.28	Clergy Appreciation Dinner Cutlery	B
1-Oct	19-135	Café Bienville	82.81	Sunland Picnic	B
1-Oct	19-136	Sharing and Caring	160.00	Baby's Layette	G
1-Oct	19-137	HNJ	563.13	Coats for Kids	B
1-Oct	19-138	NCO	150.00	Quarterly Donation Food for Families	B
1-Oct	19-139	Ernie Martinez	21.30	GK Pasta Cup Engraving	E G
1-Oct	19-140	Angela Smith	75.00	Quarterly Donation Rosary Makers	B
1-Oct	19-141	HNJ	450.00	Quarterly Donation	B
1-Oct	19-142	Mark Williams	30.00	Memorial Masses for Pete Stadts	B
8-Oct	19-143	Ellis Boudreaux	62.73	GK Cup Pasta Salad Mix	B
8-Oct	19-144	Chuck Kuzma	24.00	Envelopes & postage mail 1st degree certs	B
8-Oct	19-145	John Rafferty	421.98	Pasta 303.89 New Pots x3 118.09	B
8-Oct	19-146	Southern Bingo	439.75	Invoice #29596\$ 373.00 & #29597 \$66.75	B
17-Oct	19-147	KofC Supreme Council	137.91	Kiosk books \$40, Cert Holders, KOM FOM cert, TR recpt	B
17-Oct	19-148	KofC Florida State Council	70.00	7 Knights x \$10 made 3rd degree	B
17-Oct	19-149	Steve Zajac	255.65	3rd Degree Food \$227.45, Widow cover \$18.20 overcharge \$10	B
17-Oct	19-150	Ernie Martinez	17.98	KCIC Poster paper	B
22-Oct	19-151	Mary Lewis	549.00	Bingo POS System (cash register)	E G
22-Oct	19-152	George Lambert	124.00	Bingo Bank	B

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

Oct Income: **\$4,994.00**

Date	From	Amount	Notes
1-Oct	Dues	280.00	Gp 96
8-Oct	Pasta	1,293.00	10/5 Pasta A162 C17 T179
8-Oct	Bingo	888.00	10/4 Bingo
17-Oct	3rd Degree Dinner	226.00	Donations 10/12 3rd degree
17-Oct	State Raffle	48.00	Randy Honeyman
17-Oct	Bingo	1,102.00	10/11 Bingo
22-Oct	Bingo	366.00	10/18 Bingo
22-Oct	Dues	45.00	Gp 97
25-Oct	Bingo	746.00	10/25 Bingo *deposited in No

Reminder: Randy Honeyman has raffle tickets in the back. If you buy them now you are eligible for the two early bird drawings. For the first one the tickets have to be to State by 14 Nov.

Trustee's Report: (PGK Paul Robert)

- Applications are still being accepted for financial secretary. Ernie is going back to work and will have less time to take care of these duties but he can mentor whoever takes over this position.

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

- No Report.

*** FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DGK Billy Starnes)**

Report on Faith in Action Programs: DGK was excused...

*** Faith Program: (PGK Paul Robert)**

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

Rosary Program: (Brother Peter Karp)

- Next 5th Sunday is the 29th of December. More information to follow.

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: (Brother Greg Reese)

- Large groups of books are leaving then returning. Looks like they are being used for Religious Education classes. Since they are coming back this is not a problem.

Spiritual Reflection Program: (GK Chuck Kuzma and PGK Steve Zajac)

- Men's retreat went well. The only issue is that there was an abundance of food.

*** Family Program: (Brother Karl Eschmann)**

Knight/Family of the Month/Year: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Family of the Month: Tim and Susan Gaash
- Knight of the Month: Randy Honeyman
- The write up of the great things these Knights are doing is at the end of the minutes.

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

- We are also working on the poster contest and will start this in November and judge the posters in early December. Poster Winners will be presented awards at the 11:00 Mass the 2nd Sunday in December. Brother Joe Aiken is leading this effort.

Food For Families: (PGK Mark Williams)

- Mark Williams will take the food collected tonight to Niceville Catholic Outreach in the morning. Question about how we document the amount. Since we donate so much throughout the year this is just a tiny portion of the total but Ernie gets these reports. Money goes to Ernie and he writes a check to NCO.
- For information: we will use this food when we make up the bags of food for Thanksgiving. We will do this again next month and again at Easter.

Scholarships: (Brother Mike Contratto)

- No Report

Consecration to the Holy Family: (PGK Tom Elsassor)

- No report.

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

Coats for Kids: (PGK Mark Williams)

- Mark did an excellent job leading this effort and the kids really liked the coats.

Father/Daughter Dance: (Brother Mitch McClarren)

- It is scheduled for February 22, 2020. There may be additional expenses this year as the Church paid for security in the past but they are expecting us to pay for the off duty policeman. This should not be a problem as the budget looks good.

Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Still planning the Spelling Bee. Working to rearrange the words so easier words are asked first and gradually get harder. Will be January 18. Need lots of help.

Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)

- We had a lot of help setting up for Rummage Sale and things progressed smoothly and quickly. There are also knights helping throughout the week and we will need lots of help on Saturday at 1 O'clock when we break everything down and put it away.

*** Life Program: (Brother Jim Cloutier):**

- Brother Jim has "Choose Life" ties and scarves if anyone needs any.

March for Life: (PGK Matt French)

- The Run for Life will be on January 18 at 8 a.m. at Turkey Creek Pavilion to avoid a conflict with the Emerald Coast Walk For Life 2020.
- Brother Jim Cloutier will coordinate the Emerald Coast Walk for Life 2020 in Pensacola for Matt since Matt can't make it. Date is January 11, 2020. Friday at 6:30 p.m. there will be a vigil Mass by Bishop Wack at St. Pauls Church. At 8 a.m. Saturday there will be a Mass at St. Joseph Church geared to youth and young adults. The rally is at 11 O'clock and there are a number of speakers; Keynote speaker is Melissa Ohden, Abortion Survivor. This will be followed by a 1.5 mile walk.
- There will be a fundraising breakfast after both 8 and 11 Masses on Feb. 2 to raise money for Christian Relief for those Christians displaced in the Middle East.

Sunland Picnic and Christmas Party: (Brother Tim Pugh and Brother Ken Laird)

- Brother Jim reported that the Sunland Christmas Party will be Dec. 14 starting at 10:30. Ken Laird is in charge of this and is looking for sponsors for the guests. Tom Kraus will be Santa Clause. If you are providing a gift please put the Name on it and label it "Sunland Christmas Party" and bring it to the Dec. Council Meeting on Dec. 3 or contact Brother Ken Laird. Please do not leave the presents in the Church Lobby as there are several groups doing presents and we want to avoid confusion.
- All guests have been sponsored. Thanks to those who stepped up. Pictures and also covered.

Christian Refugee Relief: (PGK Matt French)

- There will be a fundraising breakfast after both 8 and 11 Masses on Feb. 2 to raise money for Christian Relief for those Christians displaced in the Middle East to help them rebuild their life.

Novena for Life: (PGK Matt French)

- KofC does a Novena for Life in January prior to the March for Life. We will piggy back onto this one by forwarding their emails.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Lee Green)

- Both Chapels will be decorated for Christmas on Dec. 2, starting at 7:30 a.m. If anyone is available we would appreciate the help.
- The Bishop of the Military Chaplains will be here on Feb. 6 at 6p.m. at Chapel Center for Confirmation. They will put in a request for 4th Degree Knights for an Honor Guard.
- A family retreat is being planned at Camp Timpooshee for May 1-3, 2020. They may ask for financial assistance. Other Catholics in the area will probably be invited.

Bingo: (Tim Pugh)

- We received the new point of sale machine. Hector did some programing last week and we plan to meet Thursday to test and train. Friday we plan to mirror it against the current cash register to make sure everything goes good. We are taking it one step at a time. First goal is to ring up sales, secondly to track payouts and hopefully make up the deposit. Once the bugs are worked out we will schedule training along with Christ Our Redeemer.

Pasta:(PGK Mark Williams)

- No Report

Presentations:

- Sir Knight Father Brad Guillory was awarded Honorary Life status for his time as a knight.
- Also presented Knight of the Month to Jacob Martinez; Family of the Month for Sept. to Moe and Carol Powers; Knight of the Month for Sept. to John Griffen.
- GK Chuck also showed a certificate from Okaloosa County Head Start for the Coats for Kids.

Unfinished Business:

- The fishing trip went well and Chuck caught about 20 fish.

New Business:

- Brother Jim Cloutier reported that he has ordered a banner to use in our walks for life and parades stating Knights for Life and our council number. He checked local sources but the on line source was much cheaper.
- It has been proposed that we have t-shirts for our council. Brother Ernie Martinez has looked into this and has a plan to buy 100 t-shirts for \$835 and sell them for \$10 each. He presented a sample and asked about interest. Almost everyone agreed to buy one or more. The motion to purchase these was approved unanimously.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)

- Veterans Day is next Monday. There will be a ceremony at Doolittle Park starting at 11. Show time is 10:45 dress is 4th degree polo shirt.

- Bishop Wack will be at St. Rita Church in Destin and would like an Honor Guard. Uniform will be tuxedo and social baldric. No Swords. Please let Sir Knight Matt French know if you plan to participate.
- As reported by military roundtable the Bishop will be on base Feb. 6. More information to follow.
- Dec. 29 there will be a 5th Sunday Patriotic Rosary at Christ Our Redeemer probably at 3:30
- If you are not a 4th degree and are interested in joining the Patriotic Order we will be having an exemplification sometime before June. It may be in Alabama. See Brother Matt or Brother Franklin Bevel for a form 4.
- There is a new domestic vendor for the uniform. They are in Alabama and the uniform is \$50 cheaper than the Italian version. All 4th degree members are urged to get the new uniform if they can afford it.

New Members: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- See Membership above.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- No insurance tip of the month just a financial tip. Probably have heard about the Stock Market is a little shaky now and talk of fears of a recession. There is currently an “inverted yield curve” which means the return on short term money is higher than long term money. This is not usually the case. Often this precedes a recession. Many of the big banks and money people are holding a lot of money in cash and other safe positions. This is something you might want to keep an eye on.

District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)

DD Notes

October 1, 2019

- Yesterday District Deputy had surgery on his sinuses and is doing well but is not here to give a report.
- Matt French reported that there is a first and second degree in Crestview tomorrow. Show time is 6:30 and if you get with Chuck or Tim they can help.

Prayer Requests:

KofC PRAYER REQUESTS			
Dated – November 12, 2019			
Father Seb	Tricia Dermens	Jack McLaughlin	Tom Pugh
Deacon Jim & Carolyn Cox	Jeff Pezdirtz	Jacob Marshall	Nancy Reese
Deacon Lou & Katherine Marini	Rita Dozier	Fred Mathis	Tee Reese
Deacon John Shin	Keith Etheridge	Vincent Mayfield	Richard and Trudy Reilly
Shelia Allman	Terese Flor	Debra Mevorach	Thomas Roach
Mary Anhouser	Linda Gray	David Mitchem	Nicole Robert
Doug Beisner	Eric Gulbranson	Kathleen Moran	Sharon Soehren
Vi Beisner	Carmen Hank	Sharon Morton	Joseph Spinelli

Bobbie Buckner	Herm Hernandez	Maj Ngandwe	Jean Thompson
Keith & Laura Carnahan	Margaret Hilla	Erica O'Connell	Deacon Jack Trevano
Gabriel Chavez	Joseph Kerwin	Randy O'Conner	Randy & Maria Wilke
Naomi Clarkson	Nancy Kramer	Peggy O'Grady	Randall Wise
Jose Cortez	Tom Kraus	Bob Pabel	Lee Young
John Davis	Barry Lambert	Jeff Pensikt	Ignacio Zermeno & Family
Donlo Delsi	George Lambert	Lynn Perk	Jean Zolak
	Jung Leon		

Meeting Closure:

- GK Chuck closed with a Hail Mary and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is December 3, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Second Meeting:

Grand Knight Chuck Kuzma opened a second session for the purpose of having a second vote on the expenditure of \$835 for 100 t-shirts since an expenditure of over \$500 requires a second vote. This motion was approved unanimously. This meeting was adjourned.

After-meeting Social:

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

Dec Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Michael F Barnes	12-01
Patrick D Ricchio	12-01
Rev Nelson T Toledo	12-01
Michael Roy Contratto	12-02
Robert E Pabel Sr	12-02
David D Day	12-03
Ernest B Martinez	12-04
William R Rusnak	12-04
Joseph E Hank	12-05
PGK Mark J Williams	12-07
Charles S Kuzma	12-08
Morris Allen Stevens	12-10
Bill Readdy	12-15
Brian E Quick	12-16
Jeremy J Lydic	12-19
Robert M Blythe	12-22
Deacon Louis A Marini	12-24
Kevin L Mahoney	12-26
Sean M Williams	12-28
Paul A Sampson	12-31

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

October 2019

Tim and Susan Gaasch

Brother Tim and his wife Susan worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities as members of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish. He has been a knight for over 10 years, and is a Third Degree. He is ready to answer the call of the Parish when volunteers for any activity is called for. He also volunteered to participate in the annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the event occurred this year, over 300 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. He has been attending the Dance with his two daughters in all three years of the event. His oldest Daughter Cassell, already married and out of the house, continues to travel to Niceville to attend the event with her Father. He also escorts his younger daughter, Reese to the annual event. The Dance is typically supported by over 22 knight and 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. The Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Tim and Susan were involved in the Church annual International Food Festival at the Parish Family Center in October. There were seven different varieties of foods from many countries and cultures, and Susan organized the volunteers, cooked and served food in the booth for American foods. Susan is a very proactive member of the Parish Ladies Sodality Group (also known as the Council for Catholic Women), and is currently the President. This distinguished group of women works unselfishly to set up and execute Parish social functions such as Baby Showers for Life, Pancake Breakfasts, senior citizens activities, the annual Sunland Christmas party, and Parish festivals. The group also hosts receptions at Funerals and memorial services while aiding the grieving friends and relatives of those whom have passed on. Brother Tim and Susan actively support the annual Council sponsored Sunland Christmas Party for a group of over 40 developmentally-challenged persons. This annual event involves both providing of food for these handicapped, as well as for their family members and staff of the agency, and the distribution of Christmas gifts for both men and women guests of the facility. The council members and Ladies Sodality purchase presents for the guests and then help "Santa" to distribute the presents to each guest. Brother Tim is an active volunteer in the Catholic Charities Program in the county. He helps to stock up food in Food Pantries in various local churches. He assists in delivering food to needy families, as well as finding homes and shelters for the homeless in the area. Brother Tim is a full time active airline pilot, as well as being a Full-time Father to his six year old daughter Reese and 13 year old son Cale. Susan is a part time Veterinarian in a Niceville clinic. Brother Tim and Susan are very involved with supporting their children in a number of Sport related activities. Their daughter Reese is active in the Girls under-eight sponsored Soccer league, and Susan volunteers as a coach for the team. Reese just started her first year in a young girl's Lacrosse Team and their son Cale is a participant on the Boys under-fourteen Lacrosse Team. The Niceville Eagles Club (NELC) is currently in its third year as an organization in which Brother Tim established this 501 (c) organization in order to bring the sport of Lacrosse to the local area, he is the current Boys Director and Board member which has seen the sport of Lacrosse grow in the local area from a single team of 15 boys to over 170 boys and girls from Kindergarten through Eighth grade. They also are involved with the Swim lesson activities in Destin during the Spring and Summer months. Both Tim and Susan are very involved with parish children's Catholic Youth Ministry Programs. Brother Tim and Susan are Core Team Leaders and Catechist with Life Teen and Edge for the past four years. As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads High School teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church; they meet weekly during the school year and begin each evening by sharing a meal prepared and organized by Tim and Susan. Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program that further develops and prepares our youth for Confirmation. Both Life Teen and Edge provide a safe fun place for pre-teen and teenagers to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Brother Tim participates in the Steubenville Youth Conferences and performs the role of Chaperone and leader for Diocesan and Parish camp-outs and youth retreats. Steubenville is a series of National Youth Conferences organized by Franciscan University bringing Catholic youth from across the country together for a weekend of prayer, praise, and reflection; each conference has nationally recognized speakers, theologians and musicians, Tim helped lead this annual youth retreat for both our local parishes, Holy Name of Jesus and Christ the Redeemer. Their daughter Reese is also a member of the Parish Children's Choir, and she attends Religious Education classes weekly. After school during the week, she also participates in dance lessons at the Premier Dance Studio. Brother Tim, recently retired from the US Air Force with over 31 years of service and he is currently employed as an airline pilot; even with this full time job which keeps him on the road ten days a month and time dedicated to his family activities, Tim has started preparations discerning a vocation as a Deacon; he is currently in his first year of a five year formation program and has begun studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St Louis University. Brother Tim embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like Tim and Susan help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Knight of the Month

October 2019

Randy Honeyman

Brother Randy has been a knight for over 26 years, and he has been a member of Council 7667 as a Third Degree member since

1993. He has been active in leading or supporting various parish ministries as well as supporting the pastor in many other church projects. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. Brother Randy is a mainstay in our numerous Council operations in helping the project leaders of various activities in completing a number of substantial efforts by supporting our Catholic and local communities. This includes normal council meetings, membership drives, KoC degree ceremonies, and social events such as activities in the Family Life Center. He actively participates in the monthly Pasta Dinner program on one of the Teams by setting up the Center, preparing, cooking and then serving the pasta dinners in the effort to fund raise for charitable church activities. The dinners collect hundreds of dollars for pro-life 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 80 -100 people show up for the monthly dinners. Brother Randy can always be found supporting the Council Bingo Team as a floor worker on those weekends when his team has that duty. He and the other members of the four Bingo teams have been instrumental in the activity's success in producing over 70% of the income used in charitable, community, and council support. This equates to over \$30,000 per year and it provides the bulk of the funding needed to support the Council's budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 60 man-hours per year. This year Brother Randy supported the semi-annual Rummage Sale which provides for additional funding to sustain the Parish Family Life Center activities. He worked for eight full days during the weeklong event collecting large pieces of furniture from contributing households in the Parish, cataloging the pieces, assisted in setting up the booths in the Life Center, helped to load items to people's vehicles, and then cleaning up the Center after the event. During the Parish Family picnic this past Spring, Brother Randy, 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 was also a volunteer in helping to set up and tear down during the annual International Festival and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Our Brother has consistently supported the annual Handicapped Citizens Drive. He and the other volunteers work at store entrances in the Niceville area and collect contributions, while handing out a vast quantity of donated tootsie rolls to the contributors. This year over \$1800 was submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. Brother Randy is also actively involved every Tuesday as a volunteer in the operation of the Ladies Sodality Group thrift shop called Angel Attic. Every day the Ladies open up and sell numerous items, mostly donated by Parish members. Randy assists in moving large items such as furniture, and was a big help in moving items for sale at the recent Rummage Sale. The funding is used to provide charity to Catholic organizations. Brother Randy is a retired USAF Civil Engineer plumber, carpenter, and electrician. He recently volunteered to help relocate a widow to the Bob Hope Retirement Community from her house. He and several knights loaded up all her furniture and personal property to her new residence, thus relieving her of the expensive costs of hiring a moving company. Brother Randy embodies and exercises those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in so many varied projects and events.