



# Knights of Columbus

## December 2019 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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# General Membership Meeting Minutes December 3, 2019

The Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Deputy Grand Knight Billy Starnes. 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 one candidate; Mr. Arvil Barnes.

## Grand Knight's Report: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- We had the Necrology Mass and dinner. There were 44 in attendance for the very meaningful Mass and enjoyable dinner. Several widows and others shared memories of past knights
- The Rummage Sale was a big success and the council put in 405 Volunteer hours and the sale made over \$14,000 that mostly goes to the building fund. The women were very appreciative of the help. They have scheduled a Mass for the intentions of the volunteers to be on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.
- 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 Christmas.
- On December 7 we will participate in the Niceville Christmas Parade. There is some candy here that has been donated. If you can, bring more as we give out a lot.
- On December 14 we will host residents from Sunland for a Christmas Party. Setup is at 9 and the guests arrive about 11.
- December 29 is the fifth Sunday and we will have a Patriotic Rosary at Christ Our Redeemer at 12.30 P.M.

**Correspondence:** We got a thank you letter from Niceville Head Start for the coats we provided to each kid on November 5.

We also got a thank you letter from Niceville Catholic Outreach for the food and money we donated for Thanksgiving baskets. They provided baskets to 60 clients and due to our donation they were able to give each client a voucher to purchase a turkey or other meat for the meal. Brother Ernie reported that we donated \$277 to NCO from Council 7667.

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

As of December 3, 2019 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$17,627.30

## Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Financial Secretary Report as of 30 Nov 2019

Nov Expenses: \$3,353.59

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **
5-Nov	19-159	Ellis Boudreaux	17.67	Pasta 11/02 Salad Mix	B
5-Nov	19-160	Mark Williams	70.98	Necrology Invitations	B

5-Nov	19-161	Southern Bingo	138.75	Invoice #29757	B
5-Nov	19-162	Tim Pugh	77.44	Sunland Picnic	B
12-Nov	19-163	Niceville Catholic Outreach	777.00	T-Giving \$500 + Council collection \$277	B
12-Nov	19-164	Mark Williams	14.85	Necrology Invitations Postage	B
12-Nov	19-165	Rev Steve Voyt	100.00	Men's Retreat	G K
12-Nov	19-166	KofC Supreme Council	13.38	Council Supplies	B
16-Nov	19-167	Ernie Martinez	330.00	Fl KofC Charities/Raffle	B
26-Nov	19-168	Ernie Martinez	8.00	Postage for State Raffle Early Drawing	B
26-Nov	19-169	Jim Cloutier	32.59	KofC Life Banner	G K
26-Nov	19-170	Southern Bingo	138.25	Invoice #29845	B

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

**Nov Income: \$5,962.55**

Date	From	Amount	Notes
5-Nov	State Raffle	108.00	10/23 Honeyman
5-Nov	Ties and Scarves	10.00	Cloutier 1 license Frame
5-Nov	Mens Retreat	74.00	11/02 Retreat
5-Nov	Bingo	768.00	11/1 Bingo
5-Nov	Pasta	773.00	11/2 Pasta
5-Nov	Dues	230.00	Gp 98
13-Nov	Council	277.00	Council Mtg Food Collection
13-Nov	State Raffle	120.00	Martinez
13-Nov	Bingo	1,072.00	11/08 Bingo
13-Nov	Kay Fritz	50.00	Donation
13-Nov	Card Sales	50.00	Greg Reese
13-Nov	State Raffle	264.00	Honryman, Zajac, Bevel, Griffin
13-Nov	T-Shirts	320.00	32 Shirts sold
13-Nov	Dues	108.00	Gp 99
18-Nov	State Raffle 1st payment	84.00	Laird, Boudreaux, Martinez
19-Nov	Bingo	693.05	11/15 Bingo
19-Nov	KCIC Cards	140.50	Ellis
26-Nov	KCIC Cards	175.00	Greg Reese
26-Nov	Bingo	536.00	11/22 Bingo
26-Nov	T-Shirts	40.00	Martinez
26-Nov	Dues	70.00	Gp 100
30-Nov	Interest		

### 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. We are looking for someone to step up and fill this important 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:**

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

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

- We have sent out Christmas cards to the seminarians. The Burse club also has pre-addressed cards available after Mass that you can send to a seminarian.

### **Rosary Program: (Brother Peter Karp)**

- Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: (Brother Greg Reese)**

- No Report

### **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 Karen Jones
- Knight of the Month: Hector Bird
- 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)**

- Cards are selling well and Greg has also approached some other churches to make these available.
- The Keep Christ in Christmas billboard is up at Turkey Creek.
- We are also working on the poster contest and will start this in November and judge the posters in early December. Joe Aikens 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. Money goes to Ernie and he writes a check to NCO.

### **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)**

- Completed for this year.

### **Father/Daughter Dance: (Brother Mitch McClarren)**

- It is scheduled for February 22, 2020. We are going with a new DJ this year as we had some issues with the DJ last year. Brother Mitch is contacting volunteers and everything is on track so far.

### **Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)**

- Letters will be going out to the Schools announcing the spelling bee contest. It will be January 18. Need lots of help, contact PGK Ellis if you can help.

### **Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)**

- Continue to report any hours you put in to DGK Billy Starnes so he can track them.

## **\* 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. On Friday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a vigil Mass by Bishop Wack at St. Pauls Church. At 8 a.m. Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. We have created a Knights of Columbus for Life banner and it is displayed here.
- There was a question if the Diocese charters busses to the National March in D.C. They do not but grant up to \$1000 are available to those going. Contact person is Deacon Ray Aguado. The deadline to apply has passed but it is something to keep in mind for next year.
- 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 all guests have sponsors. Tom Kraus will be Santa Clause. Even if you didn't sponsor a guest you can still come and add your voice to the group singing Christmas Songs.
- 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)**

- No Report

### **Bingo: (Tim Pugh)**

- We received the new point of sale machine. We shadowed Brother George doing what he did. We couldn't keep up but we will do this again and try to get matching results. If this works we will have training and then begin using the new point of sale cash register.

### **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:**

- Brother Tim Pugh asked for Knights and/or wives to come to the Sunland Christmas Party to help with the singing.

### **New Business:**

- After Masses Father talked about the Petition for Life that is being circulated. The State Knights of Columbus are supporting this petition drive to get a Right to Life amendment on the ballot in Florida. All are encouraged to sign the petition. Petitions can be put in the box at the office and the church will mail them in or you can send it to the address on the form. The goal is one million for the state and for our diocese the bishop wants 44,000.

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

- If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and are planning to be in the Niceville Christmas parade, please wear your Tuxedo and social baldric.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree had an honor guard for Bishop Wack at St. Rita Church in Destin. There was one Knight in the new regalia; others were in tuxedo and social baldric.
- As reported by military roundtable the Bishop will be on base Feb. 6. More information to follow.
- The first Patriotic Rosary for 2020 will be on March 29 at Resurrection Church in Destin in the courtyard.

- If you are not a 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> degree members are urged to get the new uniform if they can afford it.
- The next meeting is December 19 at Christ Our Redeemer.

**New Members: (GK Chuck Kuzma)**

- See Membership above.

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

- The new Star Council goals include holding two fraternal benefit presentations. The plan it to hold one here and one at Christ Our Redeemer and invite Knights from both councils. This will also be a recruiting night. The presentations will be different but both will speak to the benefits of being a Knight.

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

**DD Notes**

**November 3, 2019**

- Need the results of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest by December 28.
- The Spelling Bee was originally scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> and no one told the District that the date had changed to January 18. Communication is important. Please work to improve communication.
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities is due at the end of January.
- The recent change in suspensions has caused problems all the way up to the State. Please keep information flowing upward. It will be difficult to make Star Council and will take a lot of work. The Knights have a new format for membership drives and we need to do a membership drive in the Spring.

**Prayer Requests:**

<b>KofC PRAYER REQUESTS</b>			
Dated – November 12, 2019			
Father Seb	Rita Dozier	Jack McLaughlin	Nancy Reese
Deacon Jim & Carolyn Cox	Keith Etheridge	Jacob Marshall	Tee Reese
Deacon Lou & Katherine Marini	Terese Flor	Fred Mathis	Richard and Trudy Reilly
Deacon John Shin	Linda Gray	Vincent Mayfield	Thomas Roach
Shelia Allman	Eric Gulbranson	Debra Mevorach	Nicole Robert
Mary Anhouser	Carmen Hank	David Mitchem	Sharon Soehren
Doug Beisner	Repose of soul of Ken Henderson	Kathleen Moran	Joseph Spinelli
Vi Beisner	Herm Hernandez	Sharon Morton	Jean Thompson

Keith & Laura Carnahan	Margaret Hilla	Maj Ngandwe	Deacon Jack Trevano
Gabriel Chavez	Joseph Kerwin	Erica O'Connell	Randy & Maria Wilke
Naomi Clarkson	Tom Kessinger	Randy O'Conner	Randall Wise
Jose Cortez	Nancy Kramer	Peggy O'Grady	Lee Young
John Davis	Tom Kraus	Bob Pabel	Ignacio Zermeno & Family
Donlo Delsi	Barry Lambert	Jeff Pensikt	Jean Zolak
Tricia Dermens	Ken Henderson	Lynn Perk	
Jeff Pezdirtz	Pat Henderson	Repose of the soul of Lennie Landsverk	

### **Meeting Closure:**

- DGK Billy closed with the Knights Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is January 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.

### **After-meeting Social:**

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

### **Jan Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
Clayton William Schuety	01-01
PGK John R Foley	01-05
Robert A Keefe	01-05
David Byrne	01-07
R Kyle Hodgen	01-08
Nicholas E Davidson	01-10
Paul M Robert	01-10
Hector Nunez	01-16
Dmytro Schabla	01-16
William Brentley Hobbs	01-20
Deacon Ong In Shin	01-20
PGK Maurice A Powers	01-21
Joseph P Siberski	01-21
Vincent P Mayfield	01-22
Robert Sam Sowell	01-22
Christopher T Erk	01-23
Daniel F Elsesser	01-25
John A Libby Jr	01-25
Jeremy A Vignolo	01-26
PGK Patrick A Ritchie	01-29
Michael A Vignolo	01-29



Family of the Month  
November 2019  
Tim and Karen Jones

Brother Tim and his wife, Karen, are very active in Council and Church activities as leaders and participants. The Jones family can always be found supporting the Council Bingo games, Tim as a team caller and floor worker. They 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 \$30,000 per year and it provides the bulk of the funding needed to support the council budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 80 manhours per year for Tim. They are both active in leading or supporting various parish ministries as well as in supporting the pastor in many other church projects. They also participate in the monthly Pasta Dinner program by preparing and serving the pasta dinners in the effort to fund raise for charitable church activities. Tim is the Pasta Team # 1 Leader and Cook, and Karen assists with the cooking (a day long process), setups and food serving. 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 80 -100 people show up for the monthly dinners. With respect for supporting the Holy Name of Jesus Parish activities, Brother assisted in moving large items such as furniture, and was a big help in moving items for sale at the recent Parish Rummage Sale sponsored by the Ladies Sodality group. Over \$14,000 was raised during the Sale this year, and the funds are used to provide additional support for the Parish Building Construction efforts. Tim is a Lector and usher for the Saturday masses and Karen is an usher. Their daughter is attending Nursing classes in the Northwest Florida Campus in Niceville. She and Brother Tim participated in the Emerald Coast Mud Run at the NWF Campus Field to fundraise for the Orphans of the county. The other daughter, Elaine, recently attained a Bachelor's Degree at the University of West Florida. She was previously a full time worker as the Activities Assistant for a Memory Clinic. For people with Alzheimer's and dementia, the clinic provided a chance to be social and to participate in staffed activities such as music and exercise programs. She is using the skills of this program to support a needy family where the father was involved in a serious accident, and she is now a Health Care Provider supporting the family. Brother Tim also has been filling the position as the Secretary for the Columbian Corporation, responsible for managing the funds for real properties for KOC and Parish use. He has 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 to build a new Ministry Building. He is very involved in the planning of this 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. It will also house the Ladies Sodality Angels Attic thrift shop store and the Niceville Catholic Outreach program. He is a full time civil servant assigned to Eglin AFB on a weapon program, and he does this job in concert with the time required to volunteer for some very important KOC programs. Karen is very much involved with the local USO programs. Every week she volunteers to support the USO facility located at the Fort Walton Beach – Destin Airport providing refreshments and a waiting area for active duty, retired military personnel and their dependents. Brother Tim is currently in the training program to perform the same role. Karen also is involved with the USO in assisting the Deployment Center at Hurlburt Field for airmen preparing to deploy overseas. She also manned the USO Booth at the annual Boggy Bayou Festival in Niceville to provide information regarding support to military families. Brother Tim is also currently enrolled in a distance learning class for Air Command and Staff, and he is involved in the setup and execution of numerous Air Force unit related social functions. In between all these activities, he spends a lot of time at the base Auto Hobby Shop performing the maintenance to keep his cars running efficiently. Tim, Karen and their daughters embody and exercise those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Knight of the Month  
November 2019

## Hector Bird

Brother Hector and his wife Luz worked hard this year in the Christ Our Redeemer (COR) parish and council related activities. He can always be found supporting the weekly Council Bingo games, and he participates every month on Bingo Team Number Four or other teams needing added support. 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. This equates to over \$30,000 per year and it provides the bulk of the funding needed to support the council budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 60 man hours per year. He primarily is tasked to be a caller and a cashier on Team Four. He has also been very involved in doing the programming of the new cashier equipment that automates all the cash flow and the sales to customers. This will save at least over 100 hours of manually doing this task on pieces of paper each week. During each week's mass at COR, he helps his wife to perform the setups before the mass starts. Sister Luz is also a Eucharistic Minister at the Sunday Mass. Brother Hector is a full time Physician's Assistant at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Sandestin. He also has been an EMT reserve member for the past seven years, and he volunteers to train new EMTs for their critical job. He also serves as a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) as a pilot instructor and performing critical missions when required. He provides the means to take pictures and imagery products in times of disaster, such as after a hurricane or destructive fires. During controlled burns by the Range Jackson Guard, he orbits the areas to insure things do not get out of hand. He also patrols the ranges for law enforcement to insure that unauthorized people are not on the ranges breaking laws or in the area when they will be bombing missions scheduled. Brother Hector embodies and exercises those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.