



Knights of Columbus

January 2020 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes January 7, 2020

The Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Deputy Grand Knight Billy Starnes with 38 members present. Roll call was taken. Minutes from previous meeting were approved with one correction.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Brad Guillory)

Merry Christmas; Fr. Brad talked about the Christmas Season and how it ends next Sunday with the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. We should think of what we have done with the gift of our Baptism.

Report of Admissions: (Franklin Bevel)

- Two new members; Jonathon Zurek, transferring from Tucson and Greg Perry, a new first degree.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- Passed out certificate to Tim Jones for Family of the Month for November.
- We have completed Christmas Card sales both here and on base at St. Michaels.
- On December 7 we participated in the Niceville Christmas Parade. The weather cooperated.
- On December 14 we hosted residents from Sunland for a Christmas Party. The residents look forward to this for months and really enjoy it. Thanks to all those who participated to make this a great event.
- We had the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and had two winners here and two from St. Michaels. These will go on to District.
- December 29 was the fifth Sunday and we had a Patriotic Rosary at Christ Our Redeemer.
- Walk for Life is coming up January 10 and 11 in Pensacola. Weather report is predicting severe weather so check Diocese web site for updates in case things need to change.
- Christ Our Redeemer has proposed another Grand Knight challenge on January 19 with a breakfast at 12:30 P.M. There was an issue with email and details are sketchy. More discussion in new business.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of January 7, 2020 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$19,925.89
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Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Financial Secretary Report as of 31 Dec 2019

Dec Expenses: \$3,036.34

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **
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3-Dec	19-171	Steve Zajac	762.78	\$709.63 Necology Dinner, \$53.15 Christmas Candy
10-Dec	19-172	NCO	856.00	\$500 Christmas Donation, \$356 Council mtg donation
10-Dec	19-173	Ellis Boudreaux	31.57	\$16.57 Pasta Mix, \$15 Dessert
10-Dec	19-174	John Rafferty	185.58	Dec Pasta
10-Dec	19-175	Joe Aikens	150.00	KCIC Poster Prize 1st \$25x3, 2d \$15x3, \$10x3
17-Dec	19-176	Choose Life America	107.50	Purchase Choose life Plates, Holders, and car magnets
17-Dec	19-177	Joe Aikens	12.72	Money cards for KCIC Poster cash awards
17-Dec	19-178	KofC Supreme Council	204.51	HL Lapel Pins and supplies
20-Dec	19-179	KofC Council 13527	221.31	Donation to Sunland Care givers (10x\$25)-28.69
20-Dec	19-180	Helping Heros Fly	300.00	help servicemen return home on emergency lv
27-Dec	19-181	Ken Laird	57.37	Sunland Christmas Party Supplies
27-Dec	19-182	Southern Bingo	147.00	Invoices 2996 & 29997

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

Dec Income: \$5,368.47

Date	From	Amount	Notes
3-Dec	Necorogy Mass	680.00	34 paying & 11 guests
3-Dec	T-Shirts	30.00	Martinez
10-Dec	Council Donation	356.00	Dec Mtg Christmas Food Donate
10-Dec	Christmas Cards	98.50	Boudreaux/G Reese
10-Dec	State Raffle	12.00	Griffin
10-Dec	Council 13527	38.72	Sunland Picnic reinbursement
10-Dec	Dues	25.00	Gp 101
10-Dec	Christmas Cards	70.00	Ellis
10-Dec	Pasta	637.00	12/7 Pasta
10-Dec	Bingo	963.00	12/6 Bingo
17-Dec	State Raffle	24.00	Pike
17-Dec	Dues	25.00	Gp 102
17-Dec	T-Shirts	10.00	Martinez
17-Dec	Bingo	763.00	12/13 Bingo
17-Dec	Christmas Cards	192.00	G Reese
17-Dec	Christmas Cards	125.25	Boudreaux
17-Dec	KCIC extra prize	10.00	No 3rd place winner
27-Dec	Dues 102	50.00	Gp 102
27-Dec	Bingo	838.00	Bingo 12/20
27-Dec	VOID	0.00	VOID
27-Dec	T-Shirts	10.00	12/29 1 3X & med to Fr Brad
27-Dec	Bingo	411.00	bingo 12/27

Trustee's Report: (PGK Paul Robert)

- Still looking for a replacement for Brother Ernie as financial secretary.

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

- Sent Christmas cards to the seminarians to let them know that we are still praying for them.

*** 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.

Rosary Program: (Brother Peter Karp)

- No Report.

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: Jim and Nancy Reese
- Knight of the Month: Eric Frodesen
- 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)

- Program is finished for this year. All projects went well.

Food For Families: (PGK Mark Williams)

- Niceville Catholic Outreach food pantry is closing due to construction. Cash donations from the council to NCO will continue and they are working on procedures to distribute food vouchers.

Scholarships: (Brother Mike Contratto)

- The scholarship effort will be kicking off soon. Judges are lined up and schools have been notified.

Consecration to the Holy Family: (PGK Tom Elsesser)

- No report.

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

Coats for Kids: (PGK Mark Williams)

- Completed for this year.

Father/Daughter Dance: (Brother Mitch McClaren)

- This is the fifth year we will be hosting the Father/Daughter Dance. It is scheduled for February 22, 2020 from 7 to 9 P.M. There is a signup sheet for knights that can volunteer to help. There are a lot of jobs and we will need a lot of help. The sheet will also be emailed out. Mitch also had copies of the flyer that is going out to the schools.

Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- It will be January 18. Need lots of help, contact PGK Ellis if you can help.

Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)

- We delivered 150 gifts to the Maryknoll mission in Blakely, GA. These families are mostly agriculture workers that don't even make minimum wage. The church gets the presents to the family to give to the kids. They also work with the Sheriff's department so that parents that are in the county jail can give one of the gifts to their kids to help foster bonding between the parent and kid. We also delivered 100 gifts to Fr. Dominic in Madison, FL. Some of these families are very isolated and still suffering from hurricane Michael. Fr. Dominic even had to drive out to some of these families to get them help.
- 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 9:30 a.m. Saturday, the 11th, 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. Weather might be an issue; check for updates.

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

- As the Grand Knight reported the Christmas Party was a great success.

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. PGK Matt French will need a few volunteers to help serve.

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 Griffin.
- GK Chuck also showed a certificate from Okaloosa County Head Start for the Coats for Kids.

Unfinished Business:

- PGK Mark Williams noted that when a Brother passes we schedule three Masses and send a card. Brother Jose Cortez just passed and his funeral is Friday. The card has been send and the Masses will be setup.

New Business:

- The not pasta challenge was further discussed. After considerable discussion there was a motion to respectfully decline due to the shortage of time to promote it and the time conflict related to our Masses. The motion passed unanimously. GK Chuck will talk with them and explain the issues with the idea of a pancake breakfast and try to get another event at their facility that works.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)

- If you are not a 4th degree and are interested in joining the Patriotic Order we will be having an exemplification sometime in June. It will be in Montgomery, Alabama. See Brother Matt or Brother Franklin Bevel for a form 4. A Tuxedo is not required.
- 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. There are very few Knights with the new regalia making it hard to provide honor guards.
- There were 42 knights and family at the 5th Sunday Patriotic Rosary.
- The next meeting is January 16 here at Holy Name.

New Members: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- See Membership above.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- The Insurance Quota has changed requiring two fraternal benefits nights. There is only one required before the end of the year. We will be looking at available dates and will get something scheduled.

- Insurance Tip of the Month: With the new Tax laws this could affect the minimum distribution of 401Ks. These moneys were not taxed when they were contributed so they are taxed when they are taken out. These required distributions begin at 72 now. The tax cuts will expire in 2022. Tax laws can change and if the rates go up it might be better to take money out sooner rather than later.

District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)

DD Notes

November 3, 2019 5430

- Supreme announced changes to the Degrees. The exemplification will now include three degrees; Charity, Fraternity, and Unity. Now when someone joins the knights and goes through the ceremony he will be a Third Degree right away. We held a Third Degree in Oct. and that will be the last one held. The Degree team will have to be redone and the new program learned.
- DD Steve Zajac presented the plaque and pins for Star Council.
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities is due at the end of January.
- Regional meeting on January 11 at Our Lady of Victory council hall in Crestview and Grand Knight , Deputy Grand Knight and Financial Secretary.
- DD also gave a description of the new Degree program and details of the program. More details will be forthcoming.

KofC COUNCIL 7667 PRAYER REQUESTS

Dated - January 7, 2020

Deacon Jim & Carolyn Cox	Barry Lambert
Deacon Lou & Katherine Marini	Repose of the soul of Lanny Landsv
Gabriel Chavez	Vincent Mayfield
Naomi Clarkson	Kathleen Moran
Repose of the soul of Jose Cortes	Erica O'Connell
John Davis	Peggy O'Grady
Repose of the Soul of Betsy Dohse	Jeff Pezdirtz
Rita Dozier	Tee Reese
Repose of the Soul of Joan Falise	Repose of the soul of Jerssie Rober
Repose of the Soul of Ralph Gauth	Nicole Robert
Eric Gulbranson	Sharon Soehren
Carmen Hank	Joseph Spinelli
Repose of the soul of Ken Henders	Jean Thompson
Herm Hernandez	Deacon Jack Trevano
Tom Kessinger	jean Thompson
Tom Kraus	Ignacio Zermeno & Family

Meeting Closure:

- GK Chuck closed with the Knights Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.
- Next general membership meeting is February 4, 2020 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

Feb Birthdays

Name	Birthday
William C Ruffin	02-05
Edward P Leech	02-07
Rev. Mathew M Chandrankunnel	02-09
Joseph J Quinn	02-11
Patrick D Barnett	02-14
Steven L Kirkman	02-14
Nicholas J Dokianos	02-15
Ross R Dunn	02-15
Thomas A Marocchini	02-16
Ramon Gutierrez	02-19
Sam J De Arman	02-22
Gilberto J Figueroa	02-24
Deacon Thomas F Elsesser	02-25
Robert A North	02-25
Mark R Rasins Jr	02-26
Vincent P Ricchio	02-27
John T Davis	02-28

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

December 2019

Jim and Nancy Reese

Brother Jim and his wife Nancy are a very conscientious supporters of our KoC programs and can often be found participating in numerous Council and Parish activities. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. In less than six months after joining our Council in 2015, he had already earned his Patriotic 4th Degree. This family was one of the charter members of the Holy Name of Jesus parish in the mid-sixties. Brother Jim was the altar server in the very first mass held in the new church. Brother Jim volunteered to be one of the primary planners for the first, second, and third annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the third event occurred, over 330 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. His wife Nancy helped him to decorate the HNJ Parish Family Life Center, serve the food at the event, and the clean up after the event. The Dance was 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. Brother Jim and Nancy were the camera crew members who processed pictures real-time of all the attendees, and everyone attending the event walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Jim supported the annual Handicapped Citizens Drive. He and the other volunteers work at store entrances in the local area and collected contributions, while handing out a vast quantity of donated tootsie rolls to the contributors. The collections are submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. This year over \$2000 was collected by the Knights. Brother Jim and his brother Greg also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership in their roles as the supporting the annual picnic 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. This activity includes the support of a number of fellow Knights and their family members in purchasing and preparing 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. Every year Jim and Nancy also support the periodic Rummage Sales which provides for additional funding to sustain the Father Butler Family Life Center activities. He

typically helps in collecting large pieces of furniture from contributing households in the Parish with his own trailer, catalogs the pieces, assists in setting up the booths in the Life Center, helps to load items to people's vehicles, and then cleans up the Center after the event. He and his brother Greg also disposed of all the unsold items, trucking almost two tons of heavy obsolete furniture to the local dump to avoid storage of donated items that would probably never sell. They both participate every year during Christmas with the Angel Tree event. They seek out needy mission churches in the Diocese where the parish members cannot afford gifts for their children. The families submit items they would like their children to receive including clothing items, toys, etc. These requests are written on cards resembling Angels, and placed on a Christmas tree in the Parish Lobby. Parish members then purchase the desired items and wrap them with the children's names on them. Brother Jim and Nancy collect the gifts, place them in a large trailer, and then go to the needy churches where the children and their families are members, and distribute the gifts to the children. Brother Jim is very active with the Boy Scouts in the Northwest Florida and Southeast Alabama Region. He is in the local District Committees for the region and is also responsible for planning all Eagle Scout activities. He reviews and is one of the decision authorities for all the submitted Eagle applications in the region to assure all the assigned projects have been accomplished and verified prior to the voting process to grant Eagle Status. Jim is also on the Security team for the Parish. This dedicated group of volunteers provides watchful eyes over the campus during all Masses and large gatherings. They ensure all doors are locked at the start of Mass and then control the two points of entry for anyone arriving late. They monitor the closed circuit television that watches over the campus and provide a roving patrol in all parking areas. On top of everything else, Jim acts as an assistant maintenance man in helping to maintain the premises of all the HNJ facilities, and can often be seen sustaining repairs on equipment and appliances in all areas of the parish grounds and infrastructure. He and his brother also maintain the Rosary path and the religious icons on the parish grounds to insure the path is always safe and clear of debris. Nancy is an active member of the Parish Ladies Sodality. As an active member of the distinguished group of women in the Sodality, she helped to work unselfishly with the set up and execution of social functions such as Cakewalks, picnics, and other Parish events. The group also hosts receptions at Funerals and memorial services while aiding the grieving friends and relatives of those whom have passed on. As a true dedicated Catholic member, she also supports the periodic daily Adoration activities by filling in the times where parish members have left gaps, and often these times are early in the morning or late at night. The Reese family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like the Reese family help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

1. Knight's Full name: James D. Reese
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3. Wife's name: Nancy
4. Children's name: NA
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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

December 2019

Eric Frodesen

Brother Eric Frodesen worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Sheri have been very active members of the HNJ parish since their arrival into the area in 2015. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity are called for. He is a mainstay in our numerous Council operations in helping 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. This includes normal council or executive board meetings, K of C degree ceremonies, social events such as fundraiser picnics for the Family Life Center and Friday night Bingo games. Brother Eric does all these things even though he has been faced with some very critical health issues during the past two years. Eric and Sheri have helped with numerous other Council and/or church programs such as the annual Parish Picnic, Father-Daughter Dance, Sunland Christmas Party, and Bingo. He can always be found supporting the Council Bingo games as a caller and 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 success of the activity in producing over 70% 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. Brother Eric and Sheri volunteered to be active planners and participants for this past year's Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. Every year about 300 people attend 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. The Dance is 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 Frodesens processed pictures real-time at the Costume Booth, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Eric helped out with a Parish Family BBQ sponsored by the Council. He, along with 25 other knights and their wives spent over five hours setting up the Family Parish Center, cooking the food, serving the food, and then performing clean-up. Eric and other brother Knights grilled and served over 800 hamburgers and hot dogs to over 300 members of the parish. Brother Eric provided invaluable assistance during a Council sponsored Christmas Party for a group of over 40

handicapped persons from the Sunland facility in Marianna Florida. 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 council members and Ladies Sodality Group purchased presents for the guests and then helped “Santa” to distribute the presents by name to each guest. Eric and Sheri volunteered to take pictures of all the guests receiving their gifts from Santa, processed the film real-time, placed them in frames, and gave them to the guests before the event was completed. Sheri also is a volunteer in the daily operation of the Ladies Sodality Group’s thrift shop called Angel Attic. Every day the Ladies open up and sell numerous items, mostly donated by Parish members. The funding is used to provide charity to Catholic organizations. Sister Sheri is also an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women; EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College for women and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations. More than 90,000 women have benefited from their organization's educational grants, loans, awards, special projects and stewardship. The Frodesen family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like the Frodesens help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

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3. Wife’s name: Sheri
4. Children’s name: NA
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