



Knights of Columbus

February 2018 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes February 6, 2018

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

Report of Admissions: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- We have 11 new members and 1 candidate that will be attending the 1st Degree this month. We are still 4 members shy of having enough new members to receive the Star Council Award.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Matt French)

- Since our last meeting, we have had two first Sunday's. Every first Sunday we show our commitment to life by wearing Choose Life ties.
- Our annual Survey of Fraternal Activity has been submitted. Thank you to those of you who reported your service hours. We used your responses to extrapolate total service hours for the Council. Through complex mathematical calculations, we estimate that our council contributed 6737 hours of service to our church and community. Great job. Keep up the good work.
- On Jan 13th, the ECCfL held their 2nd annual March for Life. 16 parishioners were in attendance including 8 youth. In spite of the cold, we enjoyed inspirational talks from national and local pro-life speakers. Ernie promised warm turkey sandwiches but did not deliver.
- On the same day, our council saw six brothers attain the 4th Degree. Sir Knights Chuck Kuzma, Joe Aikens, Greg Reese, Ed Lowrey, Tom Kraus and Mario Finnestad are the newest members of Assembly 3236
- The regional spelling bee was held on January 20th. Jack Scheidt and Logan Bourgeois from our community will be moving on to the state competition. Update-both won at state. Congratulations
- John Michael Talbot will be here February 19-20th. Our budgeted funds for the mission will be used to help make this happen.
- The semi-annual audit is complete as of January 30th
- Voting is underway for Knight and Family of the year. Please send your selections directly to Karl.
- **Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Looking for members interested in attending some of the events**

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- No Report

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of February 6, 2018 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$11,604.31

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Expenses/Donations: \$5,884.31

Date	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **	Per Capita	
2017 Jan Warrants						
2-Jan	Florida Department of Revenue	120.42	Bingo Kitchen Taxes, certificate # 56-8012110183-6	B		
2-Jan	Niceville Catholic Outreach	150.00	Quarterly Donation	B		
2-Jan	Angela Smith	75.00	Quarterly Donation - Rosary Makers	B		
2-Jan	HNJ	450.00	Quarterly Donation	B		
2-Jan	Mitch McClaren	192.72	F/D Printer \$129 Hard Case 32.99 ink/paper 28.99	B		
14-Jan	Ellis Boudreaux	25.75	Pasta Salad Mix	B		
14-Jan	Mitch McClaren	123.60	F/D Flyers	B		
14-Jan	Ernie Martinez	25.00	KCIC poster Dist 1st place Kaylee Hedges	B		
14-Jan	John Rafferty	238.10	1/6/18 Pasta supplies	B		
30-Jan	Knights of Columbus Supreme Council	49.64	Booklet 937 and decals 1517 32.56- youth info 17.08	B		
30-Jan	COR 13527	4434.08	Bingo3061.12 /Pasta489.97 Sch883 Jun-Dec Split	B		
					104.00	Cath Adv F
					199.00	Cult of life
					364.00	PC
Jan Totals		5,884.31			667.00	1

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

Income: \$2,731.24

Date	From	Amount	Notes
Jan Collections			
17-Jan	Pasta	639.00	1/6/18 100 adult, 9 child = 109
17-Jan	Gil Meisner	41.00	Donation from 1/2/18 50/50 mtg
17-Jan	Bingo	443.00	1/5/18 Bingo
17-Jan	Bingo	615.00	1/12/18 Bingo
30-Jan	COR 13527	25.29	Sunland Xmas party
30-Jan	Bingo	471.00	1/19/18 Bingo
30-Jan	Bingo	496.95	1/26/18 Bingo
Jan totals		2,731.24	

Other topics: Retention Committee Meeting:

Trustee's Report: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- We had an audit of our Council the other day. A deficiency that was found in the audit was that some people would not turn in their receipts until four months after the activity. The Trustees will recommend to the officers that all receipts need to be turned in within two weeks after the event. After two weeks, the receipts will not be paid back.

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

- This week, we will check on the Seminarians to see if they are still in the Seminary. Once that has been established, three letters with checks will be mailed to them.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DGK Paul Robert) Reports from directors:

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- We still need 4 more members to achieve the Star Council award for the 7th straight year.

Church Director: (Brother Gregg Reese)

- No report.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Bingo still could use some volunteers to help out.
- We had 98 people show up for Pasta Dinner, the numbers are good; however, we can do better. Please, continue to promote the Pasta Dinner. The proceeds help us to do the acts of charities that our Council is known to do.

Council Director: (Brother Mitch McClarin)

- The Father/Daughter Dance will be on 17 February 2018. If you would like to volunteer, please email or call Mitch McClarin. We still need door greeters and clean-up crew for after the dance. If anyone has a video camera, we would like to borrow for the dance.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- January Knight of the month is Mac Blythe
- January Family of the month is Paul and Yolanda Robert

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- We had 13 Parishioners show up for the March of Life in Pensacola. Thank you, to all, who showed up for such a great cause.
- We have ordered a surplus of Choose Life ties and scarves. If you would like to purchase one, let the GK know. The ties and scarves are how we and our wives show support for Choose Life by wearing at the 1st Sunday mass of each month.

Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)

- Congratulation to Logan and Jack who won the State Spelling Bee.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- There was a Confirmation with the Arch Bishop of the Military in attendance at St. Michael's.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- No report.

Memorial Committee-Standing committee: (PGK Mark Williams)

- There will be a review of how much name plates will cost for our Brothers who have passed away. The total cost will be presented at the officer's meeting in hopes that we can put it in the budget for next year.

Media- Standing committee: (Brent Hobbs)

Unfinished Business:

- Rsvp to dinners-drop dead date. Volunteers need to submit receipts within 7 days or reimbursement cannot be made.
- Scholarship applications suspense date 4/23
- Push pasta dinner on email and facebook
- Raffle tickets are here. Many ways to win for salesman and purchaser. \$6 from every book sold goes into our coffers.
- 2/17/18 Father Daughter Dance preparation is in full swing
- Tootsie rolls are ordered. New manager at Walmart. Dates in April had to be scheduled in November. May dates not scheduled til April 2. Shooting for May 12.
- 1st degree 6PM team, 630 show, 7PM start. Date has been pushed to March 20.
- Scholarship applications in to three area high schools. Suspense date of 4/23

New Business:

- Certificate presentations-KOM FOM , 1st and 2nd
- Monica A-Food storage procedures
- Building Domestic Church Chair-Couple-Nominations
- Need to select delegates at Feb Meeting
- Elisa Elsesser-request for \$250 while serving at CAP. Approved
- Purchasing highchairs for PLC- \$250 for use during any church function. Ordered 2/7. \$230.10
- Soups and Stations. Feb 23 is our date. Meatless meal following Stations. Need help
- St Pats party- 3/14. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, fellowship.
- Rosary 3/25 for life. Supreme program on the feast of the Annunciation. Vinnie?
- Life runners event with 3rd Planet 4/4 tentatively

- Bulk order for ties and scarves being placed. Will sell for \$10
- Gloves for Marian Ministries-Cash contributions to Greg Reese or bring gloves to _____?
- Altar server party. Altar server of the year
- Food-drive at next meeting. 40 cans or \$20
- District Ad in convention program \$80. Approved
- Allocate \$250 for spelling bee to offset Bourgeois family travel expenses.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- 4th Degree supported the funeral for Father Kevin Johnston, Black History month mass, and conducted a dinner for the Altar Servers at Christ Our Redeemer.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- The stock market can be if at times. The Knights of Columbus Insurance has great annuities that many should look in to. If there are any questions, please, contact Tim Pugh, our Insurance agent.

District Deputy Report: (DD John Rafferty)

**DD Notes
Council # 7667
February 6, 2018**

- 1) Audits and Fraternal Activity Reports are mostly complete. Thanks! Remember to select your State Convention delegates at this February meeting.
- 2) Next Raffle seller drawing at State in March for \$400 cash per region. Need to be received by DD Gizewski on Feb 20th.
- 3) George Washington University in DC had winter damage to their Neumann Catholic Center. Their college council is requesting donations from Brother Knights to repair building. <http://www.gwkofc.com/dues-and-donations.html>
- 4) Upcoming District 5 Degrees: COR on Feb 11 (candidates report 1:30), Holy Name on March 20, Crestview on April 25th.
- 5) Crestview Council celebrating 35 years this month. Having a dinner on Feb 10th.
- 6) Youth Activity Update: Basketball competitors from Holy Name are also District 5 winners. Regional is Sat, Feb 17th in Pensacola.
- 7) KCIC Poster contest district winners being judged at State level.
- 8) Schedule your Handicapped Citizens Drive for Intellectual Disabilities: one of the main national fundraisers we're known for.
- 9) There is a new pregnant/young mothers home opening up in DeFuniak Springs; consider requesting a donation at your officers boards, at the council meeting, or by passing the hat.

Prayer Requests:

Deacon Gary McBride	Jack McLaughlin	Shelia Allman
Father Seb	Eric Gulbranson	Bill Milligan
Margaret Hilla	Deacon & Mrs. Cox	Kraus Family

Steve Sharpe	Bob Auger	Pete Rodriguez
Joe Boudreaux	Bob Pabel	John Purka
Hector Nunez	Nancy Kramer	Kathleen Moran
Chuck Harvin	Deacon Lou Marini	Hilary Perk
Michael Lang	Jung Leon	
Father Steve Voyt	Joseph Kerwin	Jon Davis
	Peg Powers	Jean Thompson
Nancy Reese	Susan Raisins	Herm Hernandez
FDD Mike Murphy	Carmen Hank	Anne Strasser
Joanne Castro		Father Kevin Johnson
Mario Finnested	Violet Slayback	
Randy & Maria Wilke	RJ Young	
Keith & Laura Carnahan	Yolanda Robert	
Lynn Perk	Roy Contratto	

Lecturer: (Lou Marini)

- There was a Bishop that came in for a haircut. At the end of the haircut, the Bishop asked, “How much?” The barber replied, “Nor charge. I consider it an act of the Lord.” The next day the barber arrived at work with 12 bibles and a thank you note at the door. That day a police officer got a haircut. The police officer asked, “How much?” The barber replied, “No charge, I consider it an act of service to the community.” The next morning, the barber came to work with a dozen doughnuts and a thank you note. That day a politician came to get a haircut. The politician asked, “How much?” The barber replied, “No charge, I consider it an act of service to our country.” The next day the barber came to work with 12 politicians at the door.

Meeting Closure:

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is March 6, 2018 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

January 2018 Paul and Yolanda Robert

Brother Paul and his wife, Yolanda, are very active in Council and Church activities as leaders and participants. Although Brother Paul only just attained his First Degree in April 2016, he had already attained his Fourth Degree in June 2017. They actively participate in the monthly Pasta Dinner program On Team Number Four by preparing and serving the pasta dinners in the effort to fund raise for charitable church activities. 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. Brother Paul and Yolanda volunteered to handle the RSVP process for the annual Clergy Appreciation Mass and dinner to acquire an exact number of people attending for a full-up prepared dinner. They also assisted in the primary set-up, serving of the dinners and clean-up. The event serves to remember and celebrate the efforts of our Clergy in Holy Name of Jesus in Niceville, and St Michaels Parish at Eglin AFB. Every widow is invited and sponsored by individual knights, who escort the widows to the Mass and the dinner following the Mass. With respect for

supporting the Holy Name of Jesus Parish activities, Paul and Yolanda are both Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Within the past few months, Brother Paul has become even more active in KoC activities by volunteering to be the Council's new Deputy Grand Knight. This job requires that he has to fully support and direct guidance to the various POCs responsible for all projects and events. At each Council meeting, he calls out each activity chairman to report on the status of their respective programs. He was very involved in the planning for such projects as the annual Necrology Mass and dinner for the twenty plus widows in our Parish. As in the case of the Clergy Mass and Dinner, he assured that every widow was invited and sponsored by individual knights, who then escorted the widows to the Mass and the dinner following the Mass. Also, he was involved in the Council's activities in support of the annual International Food Festival at the Parish Family Center in October 2017. The knights manned the table for all liquid refreshments, and Brother Paul was responsible for picking up the kegs and wine, and then serving to the Parish members attending the event. There were seven different varieties of foods from many countries and cultures, and Yolanda cooked food in the booth for Spain and Latin America. He also manned the KOC Booth at the Parish Ministry Fair, and he was responsible for providing information about the Knights to new possible members. Paul 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 \$2300 was submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. Paul helped in planning and working for our annual Sunland Picnic in September for the severely handicapped adults. 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 picnic 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. During the Parish Family picnic this past Summer, Paul 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. Brother Paul volunteered to be one of the primary team members for the second annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights, and attended by 338 people. 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. Yolanda helped him to register all attendees at the entry point, run the Selfie Picture Booth for each set of Fathers and Daughters, and then clean up after the event. The Dance was supported by over 22 knight and spouse volunteers. He assisted a member knight to sponsor a seminar called "Fight for Love" from a national private agency that presents the issues associated with pervasive pornography. This is a seminar about fighting pornography, raising awareness with social media dangers, and helping with addictions. It is targeting our youth from middle and high schools in the local community. All parents and youths from the community and all denominations were welcome to attend. Paul assisted a fellow knight in planning and executing a dynamic Wives Appreciation Night with humorous skits and each knight serving their wives for each stage of the meal in a restaurant owned by a fellow Knight. Both of them have participated in the past two fifth Sunday Rosaries, with Paul leading the decades and corresponding sets of mysteries. They are both active participants in the Travelling Chalice Program to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Yolanda is an active member of the Parish Ladies Sodality Group. This group of distinguished women works unselfishly with the set up and execution of social functions such as cakewalks, picnics, Sunland Christmas Party and the Parish Oktoberfest. The group also hosts receptions at funerals and memorial services while aiding the grieving friends and relatives of those whom have passed on. She is also a volunteer Religious Education teacher for pre-K children every Sunday. Both our Brother and his wife are full time Nurses assigned to the Veteran's Administration Medical Facility at Pensacola, and he does this job in concert with the time required to volunteer for some very important KoC programs. They are both active members of the Northwest Florida Track Club. They often volunteer to do all the organizing, set-ups of courses, water and food stations for runners at many of the events. They both donate blood every six weeks to the Big Red Bus in the county, and periodically donate double red blood cell transfusions to help keep the blood stocks up for use by people with that critical need. Paul and Yolanda embody and exercise those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
January 2018 Mac Blythe

The Blythe family worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. They have been very active members of the HNJ parish for 18 years, and Brother Mac has been a member of the Knights for 15 years. Mac has been the President of 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 leads 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. The 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. Brother Mac is the Parish Scheduler for all ministries, to include the Eucharistic Ministers, the ushers, altar servers, and the Lectors. He serves also as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He is the Chairman of the Traveling Chalice Ministry Program. The purpose of the Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. Each week at Mass, an assigned family is invited to take the gifts up at the Offertory Procession. At the end of Mass, the family is called by the priest to come forward to receive the chalice bag and a blessing. (This bag contains a consecrated chalice in a wooden chest, a poster of the seminarians to hang up, the prayer card, and stationery to send notes of encouragement to the Seminarians, Priests and Religious). The family takes the chalice home and puts it in a place of honor. Each day for a week, during prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals), the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations. They can also send a note of support to a Seminarian, Priest or Sister. The following Sunday the family returns the chalice bag for another family to take home. Brother Mac has consistently supported the annual Handicapped Citizens Drive. He and the other knight volunteers work at store entrances in the Niceville area and collect contribution, while handing out a vast quantity of donated tootsie rolls to the contributors. This year over \$2300 was submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. He is also a member of the parish's Contemporary Music group and the instrumental ensemble. Linda serves as a Religious Education teacher for pre-Kindergarten children each week. She is an active supporting member of the parish Ladies Sodality Group. This group of distinguished women works unselfishly with the set up and execution of social functions such as cakewalks, picnics, Sunland Christmas Party and other parish social events. The group also hosts receptions at funerals and memorial services while aiding the grieving friends and relatives of those whom have passed on. Additionally, Linda is a major contributor in setting up the monthly senior luncheons. Their oldest daughter, Laura graduated from Florida State University with a double major in Child and Family Services and Religion. Laura also earned her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and is now a family therapist for foster children, helping to make the foster child and foster parents as a real foster family. She is currently involved in her Church Young Adult activities. Their other daughter Emily attended Florida State University, and graduated with a degree in Applied and Computational Mathematics. She is now a Department of Defense contractor. Their youngest, a son named Joseph, graduated from Niceville High School and is now a Junior at the University of Central Florida, majoring in Legal Issues. Joseph joined the Knights of Columbus Council 7667 in August 2015. Brother Mac and Linda, and their children demonstrate through hard work their Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

FATHER HOWARD J LESCH COUNCIL 7667

March Birthdays

NAME	Birthday
Francis P Huttle	03-03
John L Landsverk	03-03
Gary J Tenczar	03-03
Mark D Untisz	03-04
David R Smith	03-07
Thomas L Kraus	03-09
Matthew A French	03-10
Michael F Loos	03-12

Joshua S Wagner	03-12
Robert F Farabaugh	03-13
Michael E Harris	03-14
Eric W Frodesen	03-16
Tim D Mc Cool	03-17
Charles H Frey	03-18
James R Cloutier	03-19
Timothy D Jones	03-19
Damien A Padilla	03-19
Stephen J Zajac	03-19
James P Ruiz	03-23
Charles D Foy	03-25
Eric A Gulbranson	03-29
Michael A Chapa	03-30
Gary M Mc Bride	03-31

