



Knights of Columbus

February 2020 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes February 4, 2020

The Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Grand Knight Chuck Kuzma with 32 members present. Roll call was taken. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of Admissions: (Franklin Bevel)

- No Report.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- **Correspondence:**
 - Rosary Makers thanked us for donation for materials to make 10250 rosaries.
 - Emerald Coalition for Life thanked us for the donation.
 - Niceville Catholic Outreach thanked us for donations of \$777 and \$856.
 - Sharing and Caring thanked us for our donation to them.
 - Helping Heroes Fly that unites service members with their families thanked us for the donation.
 - Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the organization that supports Sunland that we provide the Picnic and Christmas Party for, thanked us.
 - Council 7968 in Crestview thanked us for supporting the spaghetti dinner that they put on for a family in need.
 - Knights of Columbus Supreme sent a letter thanking Ernie Martinez for his years as Financial Secretary for our Council.
 - GK Chuck introduced the new Financial Secretary, Greg Smedley.
- **Presentations:**
 - Past Grand Knight was presented a Pin for achieving Star Council last year. This was the seventh year in a row that Council 7667 has made Star Council.
 - Presented the certificate for Knight of the Month for December to Eric Frodeson.
 - Presented the certificate for Family of the Month for December to Jim Reese.
 - Called on Ellis Boudreaux to receive certificates on behalf of his wife, Judy, for Outstanding Support of the Pasta Dinners by providing the Deserts for several years, and a Certificate of Merit for all of her support of this council.
- **Visitors:**
 - William Reese works on base and is member of Parish Advisory Council for St. Michaels. Has been a member since June.
 - Fernando Terrafa, moving from Connecticut, Council 1213, Our Lady of Sorrows council. He is shopping around for a great council to join in this area. Grand Knight Chuck invited him to join our council.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of February 4, 2020 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$15,112.50

Financial Secretary Report: (Brother Greg Smedley)

Financial Secretary Report as of 31 Jan 2020

Dec Expenses: \$8705.22

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes	Auth ority **
7-Jan	3	NCO	150.00	Quartly Donation	B
7-Jan	4	Angela Smith	75.00	Quartly Donation	B
7-Jan	5	HNJ	450.00	Quartly Donation	B
7-Jan	6	Chris Torres	200.00	F/D Dance DJ	B
14-Jan	7	Southern Bingo	392.75	Invoice #301.75	B
14-Jan	8	KofC Supreme Council	58.42	Kiosk Booklets (45) Clergy Appreciation Certs (30)	B
28-Jan	9	Mark Williams	30.00	Memorial Mass Henderson	B
28-Jan	10	Southern Bingo	320.50	Invoice # 30167	B
28-Jan	11	COR KofC Council 13527	5948.65	Bingo \$4,286.52, Sch \$908, Pasta \$754.13	B
28-Jan	12	Café Beinville	632.51	Christan Relief Breakfast	B
28-Jan	13	Patrick Ricchio	300.00	Sick newborn - Day care Service for toddler	E

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

Dec Income: \$3848.10

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)

- Greg Smedley is the replacement for Brother Ernie as financial secretary.
- Financial report has been completed and signed by all required.

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)**

- No Report.

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

Rosary Program: (Brother Peter Karp)

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk: (Brother Greg Reese)

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

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

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

- Family of the Month: Jim and Joan Cloutier
- Knight of the Month: Greg Reese
- An email went out to vote for Family and Knight of the Year. Still need those who have not responded to vote for the one that you think is most deserving. If you did not get the email see Brother Karl tonight to give him your vote.
- 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)

Food For Families: (PGK Mark Williams)

Scholarships: (Brother Mike Contratto)

Consecration to the Holy Family: (PGK Tom Elsesser)

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

Coats for Kids: (PGK Mark Williams)

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. Everything is on track for another great event. There are still a few positions where we need some help. If you can help please see Brother Mitch to sign up. Mitch also had copies of the flyer that is going out to the schools. There will be a meeting on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. for the volunteers, especially those in charge of an area, to go over final details.

Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- The spelling bee went well. If the families take the winners to the state competition we will reimbursement each family up to \$250 for expenses.

Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)

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

- On January the Walk for Life in Pensacola had to cancel the walk portion due to the weather but the other events went well.
- The Novena for Life prayers were emailed to all knights; hopefully everyone prayed this Novena.
- We held the breakfast to support Christian Relief and it went well and raised over \$1300.
- Brother Jim Reese also reported on Catholic Days at the Capitol. One to the bills we were lobbying for was the Parental Consent for Minors to get an Abortion and it looks like it will pass this year and the Governor has said that he will sign it.

March for Life: (PGK Matt French)

- The Run for Life will be on February 15 at 8 a.m. at Turkey Creek Pavilion.

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

Christian Refugee Relief: (PGK Matt French)

Novena for Life: (PGK Matt French)

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Lee Green)

- William Reese gave a short report. Confirmation is next Tuesday.

Bingo: (Tim Pugh)

- The new point of sale machine is in use and is providing much better documentation of monies. We will be retiring the old machine and honoring Brother George in some way to be decided at the officers meeting.

Pasta:(PGK Mark Williams)

- No Report

Unfinished Business:

- PGK Mark Williams reported that Brother Kenneth Henderson passed and somehow it was overlooked. He has scheduled the three Masses and contacted his widow and expressed condolences on behalf of the council.

New Business:

- PGK Steve Zajack reported that Mary Beth O'Connor, the wife of the State Deputy, passed away two weeks ago. There has been a fund set up, the Holy Angles Fund, to support vocations. PGK Steve

made a motion for our council to donate \$300 to the Holy Angles fund in Memory of Mary Beth O'Conner. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)

- We will be attending a Fourth Degree exemplification in Montgomery, Alabama on June 20. If you are a 3rd Degree and would like to join the Fourth Degree please see one of us. We are currently rebuilding our Color Corp and we would welcome you. There is also a Florida Exemplification in Bradenton. It is a long way but if you want to do this we can help make arrangements.
- The Black History Mass was at St. Mary's and there were 4 Sir Knights there. Pictures are on our Facebook page.
- Tuesday, February 11, Confirmation at St. Michael's on base. If any 4th Degree Knights would like to join us it is at 6 P.M. at East Gate Chapel.
- March 29 is 5th Sunday Patriotic Rosary at Resurrection Church in Destin.
- Fish fry is going on in Destin at Corpus Christi Church in Destin February 14 and every other Friday from 4-7. Cost is only \$10 and it is very good.
- The next meeting is February 20 at Christ Our Redeemer.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Shameless plug of the month: The Knights have a new product. It is a Universal Policy with a "no lapse" guarantee. If you want more information see Brother Tim. KofC insurance is best in the industry with great dividends.

District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)

DD Notes

February 4, 2020

- District Deputy Steve Zajac tore a ligament in his sleep and is on crutches.
- This Council needs 15 new members to make Star Council this year.
- Need a date when Council 7667 will be doing a new combination degree ceremony.
- There is a State bowling tournament and he had flyers.
- Council 17182 is having a golf tournament in Jacksonville.
- The Invocation is the State newsletter and they are looking for articles to publish. Our breakfast or Father/Daughter Dance would be the type of things they are looking to highlight.

KofC COUNCIL 7667 PRAYER REQUESTS	
	Dated - February 7, 2020
Deacon Jim & Carolyn Cox	Barry Lambert
Deacon Lou & Katherine Marini	Repose of the soul of Lanny Landsverk
Gabriel Chavez	Vincent Mayfield
Naomi Clarkson	Kathleen Moran
Repose of the soul of Jose Cortes	Erica O'Connell

John Davis	Repose of the Soul-Mary Beth O'Conner
Repose of the Soul of Betsy Dohse	Peggy O'Grady
Rita Dozier	Jeff Pezdirtz
Repose of the Soul of Joan Falise	Tee Reese
Repose of the Soul of Jeff Foley	Luke Ricchio, infant son of Patrick
Eric Frodesen	Repose of the soul of Jerssie Robert
Repose of the Soul of Ralph Gauthier	Nicole Robert
Eric Gulbranson	Annelise Smedley
Carmen Hank	Sharon Soehren
Repose of the soul of Ken Henderson	Joseph Spinelli
Herm Hernandez	Jean Thompson
Randy Honeyman	Deacon Jack Trevano
Tom Kessinger	Ignacio Zermeno & Family
Tom Kraus	

Meeting Closure:

- GK Chuck closed with the Knights Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.
- Next general membership meeting is March 3, 2020 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

Mar Birthdays

Name	Birthday
John L. Landsverk	3-3
Francis Huttle	3-3
Gary Tenczar	3-3
Mark Untisz	3-4
David Smith	3-7
Thomas Kraus	3-9
Matthew French	3-10
Godwin Dike	3-11
Michael Loos	3-12
Joshua Wagner	3-12
Robert Farabaugh	3-13
Dan Evers	3-16
Eric Frodesen	3-16
Ryan Novack	3-16

Tim McCool	3-17
Charles Frey	3-18
James Cloutier	3-19
Timothy Jones	3-19
Stephen Zajac	3-19
Damien Padilla	3-19
James Ruiz	3-23
Phillip Blackford	3-25
Charles Foy	3-25
Eric Gulbranson	3-29
Gary McBride	3-31

Family of the Month

January 2020

Jim and Joan Cloutier

Brother Jim and his wife, Joan, are very active in Council and Church activities as leaders and participants. Brother Jim is at the forefront in many of our numerous charitable, church, community, and social council activities. With respect for supporting the Holy Name of Jesus Parish activities, Jim and Joan are both Ushers. 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. While performing that duty, he distributed many of the Yellow Pro-Life Ties and Scarves designed by one of our Council members years ago. Jim 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. Jim helped in supporting 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. In December, the Council also hosted a Christmas Party for the Sunland residents in the Parish Hall with food, games and a visit from Santa complete with gifts addressed to each resident. Brother Jim is an active leader in the LIFE programs for the Faith in Action Council activities. He was representing our Council in the recent March for Life programs with our Diocese Bishop in Pensacola. There were a number of important speakers presenting topics regarding the fight against Abortions in the St Paul's Catholic Church. The speakers represented people who had actually survived real abortions, women who saw pro-life billboards and decided not to abort, and people who survived being thrown like trash in garbage cans. Brother Jim witnessed all the talks and reported the summaries to those of us whom missed the speeches. In other important Pro-Life activities, Brother Jim leads the local chapter of LIFE Runners. LIFE Runners use prayer and teamwork to defend Life from conception to natural death. They also participate in the Run Around the Planet for Life events, whereby people can purchase tickets for food and drink, run or walk in several planned out routes near the Third Planet restaurant area in Niceville, and assist in a fundraiser for Pro-Life activities. Brother Jim also designed a banner with our Council designations for use in Right to Life Parades and other activities. Jim and Joan also assist the Niceville Catholic Outreach program throughout the year with the two combined Niceville KOC Councils in preparing food packages for the needy families in the county. Recently they both assisted in serving the food at two morning breakfasts after Mass to support the Christian Refugee Relief program to raise funds. The KOC councils throughout the US are signed up to rebuild the Christian towns destroyed by ISIS during their occupation of portions of Iraq, and millions of dollars are being raised to complete this mission. Their daughter Christa is also serving as our Parish Leader of the Music Ministry. She always performs above and beyond her normal expected job responsibilities to provide an outstanding music support for every weekend Mass, all funeral Masses, and the Christmas and Easter celebrations. The support provided by these wonderful people help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. Their work with Parish and Church activities is evidence of their solid Catholic credentials. Brother Jim, his wife Joan, and their daughter Christa exemplify the ideals that so many of the KOC periodicals describe.

Knight of the Month

January 2020

Greg Reese

Although Brother Greg only just attained his First Degree in early 2017 and earned the Second, Third, and Fourth Degrees later that year, both he and his wife Teresa are very active in leading or supporting various Knight activities 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 Greg 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. His family was one of the twelve original founders of the Holy Name of Jesus Church in 1959. He was one of the first original altar servers in the Parish. Brother Greg consistently volunteers to help maintain the Gardens and the Grounds in the HNJ Campus when requested by Deacon Gary McBride, our Parish CEO, and Father Voyt, our Parish Priest. He has volunteered his time over several weekends to perform the maintenance and repair of the Rosary Path, repairing the prayer stations, clearing brush, and installing fences with cabling to prevent the entry of trespassing four wheelers from outside the church. He and a small team are responsible for the supplying the hay and tractors for the Hayride at the annual International Fall Festival at the family center. After the event, he takes the bales and provides them to the Boy Scouts for target practice with bows and arrows. Brother Greg volunteers every year to be an active planner and participant for the Parish Rummage Sale supported by the Knights and Ladies Sodality. Hundreds of people from the community attend the event and thousands of dollars are collected for the maintenance sustainment of the Parish Building complex. Brother Greg volunteers to move the heavy furniture items donated to the sale, and he also uses a truck vehicle to provide delivery of large and heavy items to the people's houses after a sale. Teresa often serves as the cashier during the event. Teresa has been an active member of the Parish Ladies Sodality, except for a brief duration when she was facing some significant health issues. 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. Teresa also has been a volunteer in the daily operation of the Group's thrift shop called Angel Attic, and was one of the original founders of the shop. 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. Teresa has supported, and taught in the important Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program, and has been instrumental in bringing dozens of new members into the Catholic faith. During each RCIA period, she typically teaches and fully explains all the traditions and symbolism involved in the church and the masses. This is basically a Catholicism 101 course for new church members, and is also well worth a periodic attendance by other members of the parish for a refresher of our religion. They both also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership in their help in hosting 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 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 received the meals during this year's event. Both our Brother and his wife 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. Along with his brother Jim, they 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. Over 250 gifts and food baskets were delivered by the Reese family this past Christmas. Additionally, he is an active member of the Northwest Florida Firefighters Association all volunteer activities related to fireman training activities. He teaches all the safety related procedures and processes during the periodic training classes for all new volunteers, and has done this for many years. Brother Greg and his wife Teresa embody and exercise those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in many varied activities.