



# Knights of Columbus

## March 2018 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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# General Membership Meeting Minutes March 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

- At our last meeting, we approved \$250 for highchairs for the PLC. They were ordered, delivered, assembled and put in to use ahead of schedule and under budget. Thank you to the Reese families for all your help.
- Votes for Knight and Family of the year were cast and counted. I am pleased to announce that our Knight of the Year is John Foley and our Family of the Year is Jim and Nancy Reese. We selected them to attend State Conference as alternate delegates. Their formal award presentations will be at the Installation dinner in July.
- The Father/Daughter dance was another huge success. Thank you to Mitch for all his hard work in making this a great annual event for our council. I think his daughters may have had the most fun of anyone there.
- Two days later, our Parish Mission started. John Michael Talbot brought a great message and fantastic music. Thank you to Brian Quick for making this great event happen.
- Every Friday during Lent, our Parish prays the Stations of the Cross at 6PM immediately followed by a meatless meal. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we provided that meal for all attending parishioners. A veritable smorgasbord was enjoyed by all.
- Last month we took a collection after the meeting and purchased gloves to send to Paul Santiago at Marian Ministries. Your generosity allowed us to send 144 pairs of gloves to the homeless in the Northeast and a little gas money for Paul as well.
- Last Sunday was the first Sunday of the month. Every first Sunday we show our commitment to life by wearing Choose Life ties.
- Our trustees are busy assembling a slate of officers. Anyone who would like to be DGK or Lec, please talk to Mark Williams
- **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 March 6, 2018 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$11,857.03

**Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)**

**Expenses/Donations: \$3,735.13**

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes
2/6	W18-12	John Rafferty	184.86	2/3/18 Pasta Supplies
2/6	W18-13	Ellis Boudreaux	26.33	2/3/18 Pasta Salad Mix
2/6	W18-14	Southern Bingo	186.50	Markers and Supplies
2/6	W18-15	Matt French	29.98	Council Cake for Former DD reception
2/6	W18-16	Steve Zajac	628.50	Ties and Scarfs
2/6	W18-17	John Rafferty	80.00	State Convention Ad
2/6	W18-18	Brent Hobbs	50.00	Prize Money for Free Throw cpntest
2/6	W18-19	Elisa Elsesser	250.00	Elisa Elsesser donations for Christian Appalachian Project Mission work
2/6	W18-20	Danyse Bourgeois	250.00	State Spelling Bee Contest Traveling Expense
2/7	W18-21	Matt French	230.10	High Chairs for PLC
2/7	W18-22	Paul Santiago	90.00	Paul Santiago/Homeless Ministries--CASH GIFT
2/13	W18-23	KofC Supreme	24.23	Order# 145469 FOM & 2d degree certificates
2/13	W18-24	Ernie Martinez	200.00	F/D Dance Seed Money
2/13	W18-25	Florida KofC Charities, Inc	204.00	Bevel 120,Zajac,228,Delanue 12,Froden12,lowery36, frey12, pore12
2/14	W18-26	Florida KofC Charities, Inc	12.00	two checks frey pore
2/20	W18-27	Ernie Martinez	6.70	Postage for State Raffle Tickets
2/20	W18-28	Mitchell McClaren	165.13	F/D Dance Decorations
2/20	W18-29	Paul Robert	44.03	F/D Dance Selfie Hats
2/20	W18-30	Steve Zajac	573.56	F/D Dance Food & Supplies
2/20	W18-31	Florida KofC Charities, Inc	12.00	2/20 Elessor
2/22	W18-32	Brian Quick	487.21	Parish Mission Lodging
		Feb Totals	3,735.13	

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

**Income: \$4,579.50**

Date	Treasure Receipt#	From	Amount	Notes
6-Feb	10	Save Life Ties & Scarfs	20.00	
6-Feb	11	Council meeting	90.00	Paul Santiago/Homeless Ministries \$71 gloves/\$19 cash
7-Feb	12	State Raffle	24.00	Checks from Frey/Pore

13-Feb	13	State Raffle	384.00	Cash Zajac,Bevel,
13-Feb	13	State Raffle	24.00	Elsesser
13-Feb	14	Bingo	534.00	Bingo 2/9
13-Feb	15	Bingo	499.00	Bingo 2/16
13-Feb	16	Dues	25.00	
13-Feb	17	State Raffle	24.00	
13-Feb	18	Father Daughter Dance	1,685.00	
		<b>Feb totals</b>	<b>4,579.50</b>	

**Other topics: Retention Committee Meeting:**

**Trustee's Report: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- No Report.

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

- We received three letters back from the Seminarians showing gratitude for our appreciation for the support and monetary donations. It is urged to continue to send letters to our Seminarians to keep their motivation levels high.

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

**Report on Service Program Committees:**

**Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)**

- We are still short 4 members. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Knights, we need them to sign up before our 20 March 2018 Initiation Degree. We need 4 new members to sign up within a few months to be considered for the Star Council Award.

**Church Director: (Brother Gregg Reese)**

- As soon as it gets warm, we will begin to start cleaning up the Rosary path in order to keep it maintained. We did sell several Choose Life ties and scarfs after several Masses.

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

- There was an improvement with Pasta Dinner this month. Our plate count rose from previous months. Continue to publicize the Pasta Dinner to our Parishioners.
- BINGO is still going good and having fun. However, there are a couple teams that still some volunteers to help run BINGO.

### **Council Director: (Brother Mitch McClarin)**

- Appreciation to all the wives that helped run the Father/Daughter Dance. We had a \$187 profit with the dance. Thanks again to all who helped to make it another great Father/Daughter Dance.

### **Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)**

- January Knight of the month is Paul Santiago
- January Family of the month is Mitch and Heather McClaren

### **Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)**

- No Report.

### **Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)**

- No Report.

### **Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)**

- No Report.

### **Bingo: (PGK John Foley)**

- No report.

### **Memorial Committee-Standing committee: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- List of our deceased Knights could be placed in the new building once it is built. There are about 35 Brother Knights that do not have their name-plate. All this will be discussed in the budget meeting with the officers.
- By-Lay Committee: All By-Laws were sent out to officers and the members to present their ideas for new By-Laws or approval of the existing By-Laws.

### **Media- Standing Committee: (Brent Hobbs)**

- No Report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Rsvp to dinners-drop dead date. Volunteers need to submit receipts within 7 days or reimbursement cannot be made.
- 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.
- 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.
- Building Domestic Church Chair-Couple-Nominations?
- 1<sup>st</sup> degree 6PM team, 630 show, 7PM start. Date has been pushed to March 20. Crestview 4/25
- Altar server party. Altar server of the year
- Food drive at next meeting. 40 cans or \$20
- Scholarship applications in to three area high schools. Suspense date of 4/23
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Planet 4/4
- Need to order more ties and scarves
- Tom Kraus to be Knights representative for footwashing

### **New Business:**

- Certificate presentations-KOM FOM , 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>. Vinnie?
- Parish picnic-need someone to take lead
- Bylaws are approaching a point where we can send out for approval. Be watchful.
- I think we will need more ties and scarves for April 4<sup>th</sup> run

### **Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)**

- The State Meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard request for 7 March. If there is anyone that can show, please let me know after the meeting.
- We donated \$1,000 to the Fisher House.

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

- Live on money and leave on money. You can use Life Insurance for the leave the money to a person or a business, which allows you to leave much more than any other product. You can give your insurance money in installments, if you would like.

### **District Deputy Report: (DD John Rafferty)**

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

DD Notes March 2018:

- 1) Selection of Knight of the Year and Family of the Year - March meeting if not already accomplished
- 2) Election of Delegates - March meeting if not already accomplished; if you have no delegates, FS still required to submit form on State website! After FS submits form, delegates and alternates can register on State Website. Then call and make reservations at hotel.
- 3) Resolutions - March meeting if not already accomplished

- 4) State Awards forms due April 7th; get them done this month!!! Win some awards at the State level! State "year" is April 1 - March 31st.
- 5) Only four more months to achieve STAR COUNCIL: how are you doing towards Membership, Insurance, and Service Program goals/requirements?
- 6) Admissions Degrees in District 5: March 20th at Holy Name (7pm, candidates 6:30); April 25th at Crestview Hall
- 7) Start planning for your next Fraternal year: Officer nominations in April, Elections in May.
- 8) Youth update: No winners in District 5 for KCIC poster contest. 2 State-winning spelling bee competitors from Niceville. Other poster contests only had one council across state submitting entries. Something to consider for next year...?
- 9) Take advantage of Lent to get closer to Christ in the Sacraments.
- 10) Keep selling raffle tickets. I will have some extras if your council is selling out of them.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Deacon Gary McBride	Carmen Hank	Mario Finnested
Father Seb	Violet Slayback	Randy & Maria Wilke
Margaret Hilla	RJ Young	Keith & Laura Carnahan
Steve Sharpe	Yolanda Robert	Lynn Perk
Joe Boudreaux	Roy Contratto	Jean Thompson
Hector Nunez	Jon Davis	Herm Hernandez
Chuck Harvin	Deacon Lou Marini	Anne Strasser
Michael Lang	Jung Leon	Jim Hines
Jack McLaughlin	Shelia Allman	Vignolo Family
Eric Gulbranson	Bill Milligan	Jan Genovese
Deacon & Mrs. Cox	Pete Rodriguez	John Purka
Bob Auger	Kathleen Moran	Kraus Family
Bob Pabel	Hilary Perk	
Nancy Kramer	Father Steve Voyt	
Joseph Kerwin	Nancy Reese	
Peg Powers	FDD Mike Murphy	
Susan Raisins	Joanne Castro	

### **Lecturer: (Lou Marini)**

- A priest at a church was giving his homily, when he engaged the Parishioners in the first few rows. The Priest asked, "What is Lent." An 8 year old boy replied, "It is what you get out of you pant pockets."

### **Meeting Closure:**

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is April 3, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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

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

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

February 2018 Mitch and Heather McClaren

Brother Mitch McClaren worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Heather have been very active members of the HNJ parish especially in the last year. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. For the third year in a row, as our Council Director of Activities, Brother Mitch volunteered to be the Lead Organizer for the annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the event occurred this year, 297 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 Heather helped him to decorate the HNJ Parish Family Life Center, serve the food at the event, and the clean up after the event. Mitch is a full time Air Force Support Contractor assigned to Eglin AFB, and he did this project in concert with the time required to do the detailed planning and execution of this very important KOC program. The Dance was supported by over 25 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. Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Mitch also set up a Deep Sea Fishing Charter Boat for Council Knights to exhibit their capabilities to put food on the table while having fun and socializing with other Knights. Mitch has consistently supported the annual Handicapped Citizens Drive. He and the other volunteers work at store entrances in the local area and collect contributions, while handing out a vast quantity of tootsie rolls to the contributors. This year over \$2200 was submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. During the Parish Family picnic this past Summer, Mitch 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. Mitch has been a Director in 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 participates with 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. Heather is a parent leader for the Sunday Night Life Teen Catholic Youth program. After Sunday Mass, the teens engage in discussions related to Bible Studies and religious topics. She is also a full-time Guidance Counselor at Plew Elementary School in Niceville. Aside from her normal duties in working with parents and students regarding education issues, she helps needy student families with regard to providing donations of clothing, school supplies and other items of necessity and also volunteers at a local food bank. She helped lead the annual Children in Crisis Fundraiser, which raised over \$2500 to support the organization. The oldest daughter Morgan attends college at the University of Florida. She is an active member of the Catholic Gator Organization, and the group sponsors important efforts such as assisting with Habitat for Humanity projects to help needy families. She is also a mentor for the Bible Studies program in the Diocese near the college. The middle daughter Mariah is very active with activities such as the Key Club, the Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, and the Diamond Dolls baseball support team. and the Natural Geographic In-Shore Area protection of Marine Life. She volunteers as an elementary school tutor, and is involved in activities to support the Natural Geographic In-Shore Area protection of Marine Life. She is very active in Catholic Youth activities. She is on the Parish Youth Council, the Diocese Youth Board, and was the Team Leader for religious topics discussions at the recent Diocese Youth Conference in Destin. During the conference, she gave a speech regarding the importance of supporting prayers during Adorations. The youngest daughter Macy is a member of the Niceville High School Band as a First Chair for the Symphonic Winds. She is an active member of the Parish Catholic Youth Organization. The McClaren family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like the McClarens help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH  
February 2018 Paul Santiago

Brother Paul Santiago has been a Knight since 2009, and he has worked hard this year in many selfless activities as a member of the Immaculate Conception Marians Ministry in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He is ready to answer the call of the Marians and volunteers for any activity called for to accomplish their mission. Brother Paul belongs to a special group of Marian Helpers who are committed to living the message of Divine Mercy and sharing it with others by deed, by word, and by prayer. For more than 60 years, the Marians of the Immaculate Conception have helped thousands of people discover this healing message of God's merciful love. He is very involved as one of fourteen other missionaries who act as advisors, friends and mentors for the homeless communities in the smaller towns near Stockbridge, as well as the larger cities of Boston and New York City. He supports the efforts at the Marian Religious House at least 3-4 times a year for 3-4 month deployment periods as a counselor and is a communicator to groups of people to evangelize and provide the joys of the Gospel and Christ to many people living in the outskirts of normal society. The hope is to lead them out of the darkness of their current situations and re-establish normal lives and hopes for the future. Every week for 6 of 7 days, he is a lead mentor to engage with people in places like soup kitchens, parks, alleys where the homeless live, and any other location where they can be found such as Assisted Living Facilities. When they do their visits to the large city of NYC, the deployed missionary team typically stays for a three day period. Since Boston is close to their main base of operations, they usually spend a full day with an early start and late departure. Their ministry actions in the larger cities are not conducive to building long term relationships with the people they are helping, as they rarely see the same people twice between visits. So they use their time to get to know the people, converse with them, pray with them, hug them, feed them, and remind them that they are human beings and not like the lepers of biblical times shunned by society. The most important time with the city visits is during the hard winter months. The homeless have a real need for thick socks and gloves to counter the freezing temperatures and exposure. Brother Paul has periodically requested our council for assistance in obtaining these items, and our council has sent him large quantities of socks and gloves for him to distribute. Since the Marian volunteers are expected to fund their own expenses during their tours, our council has also provided Brother Paul to offset some of his living expenses. The Ministry helpers, including our Brother, for the most part have sacrificed all their own funds and resources to be a Marian Helper. For example, one of Brother Paul's team members was a former NFL Football player earning millions of dollars. He joined the Marians, and gave up all his wealth to support the cause. When the teams work in the local towns close to their operating base, they do have the ability to establish long term relationship with the needy and homeless, and have a higher percentage of successes to turn people around and rejoin society. For example, he worked with a homeless Muslim man for many months. The final result was that the man decided to enter the Catholic faith, and started the year long RCIA process. This Easter period, he becomes a Catholic after completion of the entire process, and has started a new lease on his life. Brother Paul has dedicated his efforts to help those in need as a continuous mission, and our Council is proud of his efforts and accomplishments. Brother Paul embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of knights like Brother Paul help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities. His work with parish, council, and Catholic Church activities is evidence of his solid Catholic credentials. He is a perfect example of trying to "walk in His footsteps."

FATHER HOWARD J LESCH COUNCIL 7667

April Birthdays

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
Anthony L Ordner	04-01
Carlos M Santiago	04-02
Charles B Gill	04-04
Edward J Goodwin	04-05
James D Reese	04-07
Larue M Holliday	04-10

William C Harrison	04-15
Vincent P Befi	04-18
Jose A Cortes	04-19
Keith R Kirk	04-20
Kendall R Wagner	04-20
John J Christopher Jr	04-21
Robert W Marinan	04-22
Paul G Perkins	04-22
Paul K Santiago	04-24
Marc A Davilo	04-25
Caleb M Vignolo	04-25
Bruce J Conti	04-29
Eymard R Basch III	04-30

