



Knights of Columbus

April 2018 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes April 3, 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)

- No Report.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Matt French)

- Our food drive at the last meeting yielded 2carts of food and \$434. Combined with our budgeted Easter and quarterly gifts, we contributed nearly \$1100 to NCO.
- On March 14th we held our St Patrick's day party. 32 Knights and their spouses enjoyed Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and fellowship. Brother Moe was belle of the ball.
- Supreme promotes a program on the feast of the Annunciation to pray for the unborn. This year it coincided with Palm Sunday. Thirteen Knights and parishioners prayed a Rosary for the unborn on our newly refurbished Rosary path. We were led by Matt French, John Foley, Greg Reese, Jim Reese and Paul Robert
- Tom Kraus represented Knights on Holy Thursday for the footwashing.
- All reporting for State convention is complete.
- RSVP checks have been received and replied to. Remember, these men need our prayers.
- Last Sunday was Easter and 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, 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 April 3, 2018 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$7,916.21

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Expenses/Donations: \$4,784.29

Date	Warrant #	Written to	Amount	Notes
3\6	W18-33	Ellis Boudreaux	15.40	Salad Mix - Pasta
3\6	W18-34	John Rafferty	105.02	Pasta Supplies
3\6	W18-35	Southern Bingo	257.00	Bingo Supplies
3\12	W18-36	Raymond Herard	500.00	Seminarians
3\12	W18-37	William Gibson	500.00	Seminarians
3\12	W18-38	Jared Wark	500.00	Seminarians
3\12	W18-39	NCO	434.00	3/6 Council Meeting, 40 cans for Lent \$247, F/D \$187
3\12	W18-40	Florida KofC Charities, Inc	18.00	State Raffle
3\12	W18-41	NCO	650.00	Easter \$500/ 2nd qrt Donation \$150
3/27	W18-42	Café Bienville	250.00	Dinner Receipt - Matt French
3/27	W18-43	Southern Bingo	146.00	Supplies
3/27	W18-44	Steve Zajac	689.50	50 ties & 50 Scarves @\$6 and 5 metal frames@ \$20
3/27	W18-45	Steve Zajac	469.37	St Pat's Decorations \$370.63 and Cakes \$98.74
3/27	W18-46	Charles Naslund	250.00	Fr Seb's roof payment

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

Income: \$4,109.34

6-Mar	Bingo	428.00	2/23 Bingo
6-Mar	Bingo	451.00	3/2 Bingo
6-Mar	Pasta	706.00	3/3 116, 107A, 9C
12-Mar	Gp 52 Dues	20.00	
12-Mar	40 cans of Lent	247.00	
12-Mar	Bingo	683.00	3/9 Bingo
12-Mar	State Raffle	36.00	
20-Mar	Bingo	516.04	3/16 Bingo
20-Mar	St Pats Dinner	435.00	3/14 St Pat's dinner donations
20-Mar	State Raffle	12.00	Kay Fritz
20-Mar	Ties and Scarfs	10.00	Kay Fritz
27-Mar	Bingo	595.00	3/23 Bingo

Other topics: Retention Committee Meeting:

Trustee's Report: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- We are still in search of a Deputy Grand Knight for next year. If anyone is interested, please, contact one of the Trustees so we can place your name as a candidate for Deputy Grand Knight.

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

- We have received letters back from the Seminarians that we are sponsoring. They are very grateful for the monetary contributions that we have given them. However, they are very grateful for the letters that they receive. Please, continue to send our Seminarians a letter of thankfulness.

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

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- We had 1 candidate that was a no show for the Admissions Degree, which still has a us needing 4 more new candidates to receive the Star Council Award. If anyone knows of a quality candidates let me know so we can them in an Admissions Degree.

Church Director: (Brother Gregg Reese)

- No Report.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Bingo is doing well, but we still need some help with volunteers. This is to ensure that we have replacements ready for when Knights are needing or ready to step down.
- Pasta will be this Saturday on 07 April 2018. Please, continue to advertise the Pasta Dinner. We hope to have a better crowd, now that the weather is warming up.

Council Director: (Brother Mitch McClarin)

- COR Council is inviting us to join them for a Wahoo Baseball game on 04 May 2018. If anyone is interested in a night of baseball with fellow Brothers, please, let me know so I can mark you down.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- March Knight of the month is Vincent Ricchio
- March Family of the month is Franklin and Joana Bevel

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)

- No Report.

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. Our date is: June 2. Didn't know I could call in. I was sitting outside the office waiting for her to get off the phone.
- Building Domestic Church Chair-Couple-Tom and Pia Elssesor
- 1st degree ?. Crestview 4/25
- Scholarship applications in to three area high schools. Suspense date of 4/23
- St Pats party- 3/14. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, fellowship.
- Run around the Planet 4/4. \$25 entry fee gets you: Tie or scarf, beer, sandwich. Run/walk as far as you want. Proceeds go to ECCL

New Business:

- Honorary and Honorary Life-Randall Honeyman(H), Paul Fox(HL)
- Certificate presentations-KOM FOM , 1st and 2nd
- Representatives for convention. State direction states GK and immediate PGK. Need to vote. One dissention
- Bingo agreement. Vote. Approved
- 5th Sunday April 29th. Vinnie is leading. Path is primary, chapel is secondary.
- Officers voted to assist Fr Seb with \$250 for roof repairs
- Parish picnic-need someone to take lead. Steve is handling food. Need set up crew
- Bylaws are ready for presentation. Will vote on at next meeting.
- We are supporting RJ Cassem's Eagle Scout project. \$300
- Next officer's meeting, discuss supporting religious awards.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- There is a request for Fourth Degree at Brother Victor Rivera's funeral on 04 April 2018. If you are able to make it, let DD John Rafferty know.
- There is another Fourth Degree request in DeFuniak Springs, FL to celebrate the blessings of several marriages in the Catholic Church. Inform DD John Rafferty if you will be able to attend.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- In order to help you family from paying too many taxes on Roth IRAs and other retirement funds that you leave behind for your kids; you can turn it into a Life Insurance policy. The great thing about this is that you will be able to make back the money you spent on taxes when you turn it into a Life Insurance policy.

District Deputy Report: (DD John Rafferty)

DD Notes Council # 7667 April 3, 2018

- 1) April 15th is the due date for State Awards forms. Should be entered on state website (www.floridakofc.org) by the Program chair and then submitted by GKs. Let me know if you need a tutorial on this.
- 2) State raffle has only 100K tickets sold so far out of 1 million goal. Odds are in your favor if you purchase them or sell to friends/family. Remember, half stays in your council to determine how to support charities.
- 3) 4th Degree State meeting occurred; Niceville Assembly resolution to restore the regalia (or delay implementation of new uniform 5 years) was passed by the delegates approximately 130-11.
- 4) Convention Delegates / Alternates selected should have signed up on State website and made room reservations if they plan to attend.
- 5) DeFuniak Springs Convalidation Ceremony (Catholic blessing of marriages) is Saturday, April 7th at 11:30am. 4th Degree Honor Guard requested at St. Margaret's of Scotland.
- 6) Scouting organizations in the Diocese have requested Knights councils donate \$50 each to their new fund to provide medallions to those Boy, Girl, Little flowers, Heritage Scouts, etc who learn about their Catholic faith. Crestview has already voted to support this fund.

Let's finish this Fraternal Year strong!

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	Aldesia Fioretti
Bob Auger	Kathleen Moran	Leo & Jessie Robert
Bob Pabel	Hilary Perk	Mark Davilo
Nancy Kramer	Father Steve Voyt	Michael Varturi
Joseph Kerwin	Nancy Reese	Charlotte Ponto
Peg Powers	FDD Mike Murphy	Maria Rivera
Susan Raisins	Joanne Castro	Zach Laubsch
Henry Fair		

Lecturer: (Lou Marini)

Meeting Closure:

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is May 1, 2018 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

March 2018 Franklin and Joana Bevel

Brother Franklin and his wife Joana work hard in many parish and council activities. Franklin is the current Fourth Degree Third Year Trustee and is a 1st Degree team member for council 7667. He attends every KOC Council meeting, is our current Chancellor, and is active in the many social and program events sponsored by the council. Brother Franklin volunteered to be an active planner and participant for the past three years at all the Father-Daughter Dances sponsored by the Knights. Every year over 330 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. Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Franklin was one of the Patriotic Fourth Degree Honor Guard members dressed in regalia, and available to the Fathers and Daughters for a photo opportunities. He also manned the sign-in table as the attendees registered at the door. For the past recent years he 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, he typically provides mentor and advisory support during the class teachings, which 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. Joana is an active participant in the Fraternal and Charity events, and always volunteers to help with the preparation and serving of food at numerous Parish special events and festivals. This past year this included numerous newcomer breakfasts, and a huge parish International Festival. She is an active leader in the Parish Filipino-American ministry, which supports the annual International Cuisine picnic, as well as periodic get-togethers of the Filipino-American members of the parish. Franklin and Joana also volunteer as Sunday morning providers of juices along with the

normal coffee and donuts after Mass. This provides a great forum for fellowship for parishioners after Masses to socialize with other members of the parish. They and the Church Filipino community also sponsored the annual Devine Mercy Devotion event, which occurs the following Sunday after the Easter celebration. The participants take part in prayers and devotions held in honor of Devine Mercy, and recite the Our Father and the creed. 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. Our Brother has consistently supported the Handicapped Citizens Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive). He and the other volunteers worked 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. Joana is a very proactive member of the Parish Ladies Sodality Group. This distinguished group of women works unselfishly to set up and execute Parish social functions such as Cakewalks, picnics, 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. In support of the parish Masses, Joana is an usher, and Franklin is a Eucharistic Minister. Also, they are involved in the healing prayer ministry at St Mary's Church, and Brother Franklin is the Assistant Leader for this activity. In addition to supporting the parish and Knights, They both sponsor a young child in Africa with monthly support. Franklin is a life time member of AMVETs, an American Legion member and a Muscular Dystrophy Association coordinator for the US Postal Service National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 4559 which bowl in the charity bowling league at White Sands Bowl. The support of our church is a true calling for the Bevel family and they definitely deserve the award as our family of the month.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH March 2018 Vincent Ricchio

Brother Vinny is very active in Council 7667 and HNJ Church activities. Although Brother Vinny only just attained his First Degree in September 2016, he has been very active in with supporting various parish ministries as well as supporting the pastor in many other church projects. He attained his Third Degree in 2017, and is preparing to attain his Fourth Degree in 2018. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. Brother Vinny has recently started to support the Council Bingo games as a Floor Worker. His support 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 budget. When the Pasta Dinner Chairman put out an urgent call for help during the monthly Pasta Dinners, he is always available to assist where required, especially in the clean-up and reconfiguration of the Family Life Center after the event has been completed. 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 over 100 people show up for the monthly dinners. During the Parish Family picnic this past Spring, he 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 K of C 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. He plans to support with the next Parish Picnic sponsored by our Council in May 2018. With respect to local community projects, he volunteered to replace the entire roof for a retired priest in our Parish. The roof had massive leaking on one side of the house during a rainstorm, so Brother Vinny and another knight leading the project worked for an entire week full time to remove the old roof, rebuild the framework, and install a new metal roof and flashing. Aside from responding to this emergency effort, Brother Vinny and his roofing team saved the Priest thousands of dollars in donating their labor efforts to complete the job quickly. He is involved with Pro-Life group activities, including peaceful anti-abortion protests near the entrances to the several clinics in the area. He always prayed the Rosary while stationed outside the clinic entrances in the hopes of changing the minds of those women planning for an abortion. Brother Vinny also volunteers to lead the Council sponsored Fifth Sunday Rosaries whenever those are scheduled throughout the year. With respect for supporting the Holy Name of Jesus Parish activities, Vinny is a Eucharistic Minister for

the Sunday Masses. Brother Vinny embodies and exercises those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

FATHER HOWARD J LESCH COUNCIL 7667

May Birthdays

NAME	Birthday
Dr John P Geis II	05-01
Steven A Lambert	05-02
Paul B Talty	05-02
John H Cathell	05-03
Peter A. Karp	05-03
Blaine Z Underwood	05-03
George C Underwood	05-03
Troy D Underwood	05-03-
Charles Lloyd George	05-04
Mike Fantaski	05-05
John Childs	05-06
Jason J Gallina	05-08
Darren R Boisjolie	05-13
Alan M Gardner	05-16
Verlin J Friedly	05-22
Dr Scott A Wiltz	05-24
Blake A Jones	05-26
Alberto D Morales	05-28
Stanton M Slaman	05-29
Motto R Villarojo	05-29
Joseph P Kerwin	05-30
David L Figueroa	05-31

