



Knights of Columbus

April 2020 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes April 7, 2020

Due to required Social Distancing the General Membership meeting of Council 7667 was held using ZOOM. The log-on information was sent out to all members by an email from Grand Knight Chuck Kuzma. The Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Grand Knight Chuck Kuzma with 15 members initially on line. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Report of Admissions: (Franklin Bevel)

- There are no new applications. A new form 100 is available on line. Please use this form is you recruit a new candidate. Note that only the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary or the candidate can input the form online.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Chuck Kuzma)

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity will be presented as an online Exemplification by the Supreme Council on April 16, 2020.this month at 7:00 pm.
- The Knight of the Month for March is Ryan Novack
- The Family of the Month for March is Mark & Barbara Williams
- DKG Billy Starnes and Deacon Tom Elsesser are working to bring the Silver Rose Ceremony to our council later this year.
- Aaron Slayback, the Parish Youth Minister, is in the process of applying for Seminary in the next year. He is working to pay off his debt, as for admission, Seminarians must be debt free. There is a gofundme.com account if you would like to assist in his quest.
- **Correspondence:**
 - None

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

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

- General Fund Total \$20,612.60

Financial Secretary Report: (Brother Greg Smedley)

Financial Secretary Report as of 31 Mar 2020

Mar Expenses: 1258.14

Date	Warrant	Written To	Amount	Notes	Authority
3-Mar	28	Yolanda Robert	47.39	F/D Dance Selfie Station	B
3-Mar	29	Jim Resse	205.59	F/D Dance Decorations & Paper/Ink	B
11-Mar	30	Florida Department of Revenue	61.40	Sales & Use Tax	FS
11-Mar	31	Gregory Smedley	66.83	Office Supplies	B
11-Mar	32	Ellis Boudreaux	38.82	Pasta Salad & Desserts	B
11-Mar	33	John Rafferty	133.53	Pasta Dinner Supplies	B
12-	34	Steve Zajac	85.00	State Convention Ad	B

Mar					
17-Mar	35	John Rafferty	80.79	Pasta Dinner Supplies	B
17-Mar	36	Southern Bingo	288.79	3 Invoices: \$101.50, \$70.25, & \$117	B
31-Mar	37	Obaid Siddiqi	250.00	Spelling Bee Reimbursement	B

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

Feb Income: 7569.36

Date	From	Amount	Notes
1-Feb	Pasta	744.00	Feb. Pasta Collection
2-Feb	Christian Relief 8AM	958.59	2 Feb after 8 AM mass/PLC
2-Feb	Christian Relief 11AM	990.72	2 Feb after 11 AM mass/PLC
2-Feb	T-Shirts	30.00	sold 2/2 @ Christian Relief
4-Feb	State Raffle	180.00	18 bks. sold - R. Honeymoon
7-Feb	Bingo	556.00	2/7 Bingo
19-Feb	Bingo	1,078.00	2/14 Bingo & Kitchen Sales
24-Feb	Bingo	694.05	2/21 Bingo
24-Feb	F/D Dance	1,562.00	2/22 Collected Donations
28-Feb	Bingo	776.00	2/28 Bingo (Deposited Mar)

Trustee's Report: (PGK Paul Robert)

We will have elections coming up. An email will be sent to all members asking if there are any nominations for any officer position up for election. Please check with the member you might nominate to ensure that they are willing to serve.

This is the slate of officers selected by the nominating committee:

KofC Council 7667 Slate of Officers 2020-21

NAME	Office	Y = Election Required N = Appointed, not elected
Billy Starnes	Grand Knight	Y
Ryan Novack	Deputy Grand Knight	Y
Franklin Bevel	Chancellor	Y

Fran Huttie	Warden	Y
Jim Reese	Recorder	Y
Ken Laird	Treasurer	Y
Ellis Boudreaux	Advocate	Y
Greg Reese	Inside Guard	Y
Randy Honeyman	Outside Guard	Y
Greg Smedley	Financial Secretary	N
Chuck Kuzma	Trustee	N
Paul Robert	Trustee	N
Matt French	Trustee	N
Deacon Tom Elsesser	Lecturer	N
Rev. Stephen Voyt	Chaplain	N

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

- The two checks were sent out this week. The RSVP report is ready to send.

*** 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)

- The RSVP report is ready.

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: Mark & Barbara Williams
- Knight of the Month: Ryan Novack
- 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)

Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)

- The rummage sale was scheduled for May. We anticipate that it will be cancelled for this Spring.

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

- No report.

March for Life: (PGK Matt French)

- The Life Runners have temporarily suspended meetings.

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)

- No Report.

Bingo: (Tim Pugh)

- Due to "Safer at Home" all bingo is suspended until further notice.

Pasta:(PGK Mark Williams)

- Pasta is suspended until further notice.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- There was discussion of the on line exemplification.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)

- Fifth Sunday Rosary was done live streaming with 150 views. If the social distancing restrictions are still in place the next Fifth Sunday Rosary will be live streamed also..

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Knights of Columbus Insurance Update

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)

DD Notes

April 7, 2020

The requirements for Star Council were revised based on the social distancing so required new members was reduced by 40%. Based on this Council 7667 is close to meeting the new member requirements. If anyone knows of anyone that has been considering becoming a knight now is the time to encourage them to join.

There were probably additional knots but I didn't get them.

KofC PRAYER REQUESTS	
	Dated - April 8, 2020
Deacon Jim & Carolyn Cox	Chuck Kuzma
Deacon Lou & Katherine Marini	Barry Lambert
Deacon Jack Trevano	Tracy McMorrow
David Balding, father of A. Balding	Vincent Mayfield
Gabriel Chavez	Kathleen Moran
Naomi Clarkson	Erica O'Connell
Erma Dezel	Peggy O'Grady
Rita Dozier	Lynn Pabis, sister of Tim Pugh
Evie Fox	Tee Reese
Eric Frodesen	Nicole Robert
Eric Gulbranson	Annelyse Smedley
Carmen Hank	Sharon Soehren
Herm Hernandez	Jean Thompson
Tom Kessinger	Mark & Barbara Williams
Tom Kraus	The Family of Ignacio Zermeno

Meeting Closure:

- GK Chuck closed with the Knights Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.
- Next general membership meeting is May 5, 2020 at 7 p.m. If "Safer at Home" is still in effect this meeting will also be on line. An email with details will be sent out.

After-meeting Social:

Since the meeting was held on line the Grand Knight adjourned attendees to go to their kitchen for whatever snacks they could find.

Happy Birthday May Brothers!

Dr John P Geis II	5-1	Mike F Fantaski	5-5	Blake A Jones	5-26
Steven A Lambert	5-2	Jason J Gallina	5-8	Alberto D Morales	5-28
Paul B Talty	5-2	Paul J Kenter	5-12	Stanton M Slaman	5-29
John H Cathell	5-3	Liam Ordner	5-12	Motto R Villarojo	5-29
Peter A. Karp	5-3	Darren R Boisjolie	5-13	Joseph P Kerwin	5-30
Blaine Z Underwood	5-3	John Childs	5-16	David L Figueroa	5-31
George C Underwood	5-3	Alan M Gardner	5-16		
Troy D Underwood	5-3	Scott A Wiltz	5-24		

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

March 2020

Mark and Barbara Williams

Brother Mark and his wife Barbara worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He has been a member of the Knights for over twenty-six years. He is at the forefront of our numerous charitable, church, community, and social council activities. He helped the project leaders of various activities such as the International Fall Festival, the Father-Daughter Dance, the annual Parish Picnic, and the Clergy Appreciation dinners to set up the hall and get everything, including the kitchen operation, ready for the onslaught of other workers and participants. During the Parish Family picnic this past June, 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 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. He volunteers as a working member of the Pasta Night Support Team Number 3, with a great deal of the effort with his wife Barbara's help. 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 are served at the monthly dinners. Mark and Barbara have also helped with numerous other Council programs to support Handicapped Citizens. He and Barbara, with the other volunteers, worked at several key store entrances in the Niceville area and collected contributions while handing out vast quantities of donated Tootsie Rolls to the contributors in support of the Handicapped Citizens Drive, which collected over \$2100 this year. One very important Council activity he assisted in providing the food for with along with the Ladies Sodality Group was the annual Sunland picnic. Sunland is a facility in Marianna, Fl. for mentally handicap citizens. For the summer picnic the council volunteers packed up food, grills snacks and drinks and hauled it to the Sunland facility to provide a bar-be-cue for 80 residence and staff. In other important activities, Brother Mark led the effort to donate 26 coats to the Coats for Kids program for children in the local Head Start program. He had to order smaller sizes from a local store paid for by our Knight Council funds because the standard coats from the program were too large for the children we helped. The council also donated over 20 tons of food to 3 local food banks and charities through the food for families program and the Niceville Catholic Outreach (NCO) program. Recently, Mark and other knights packed up foodstuffs and Turkey dinners for a large number of families for Thanksgiving. They did the same for needy families during the Christmas holidays. With the planned demolition of the building being used to store the foodstuffs due to the construction of the new Parish Ministry Building, Brother Mark is shifting the mission of the NCO to collect only those items to support the local Caring and Sharing agency and the Baptist Church food bank. Our council's most successful program this past year was the Fifth Annual Father Daughter dance. When the event occurred, over 300 people attended the dance. This was open to the community, and 200 attendees were from outside our parish. The Dance was supported by 22 volunteers, including 15 knights from the council. 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 Life Center after the event. Brother Mark processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Mark greatly assisted the Lead Organizer for the

annual Necrology and Clergy Appreciation Masses, which serves to remember and celebrate the past council knights who have died, and their families, and the local clergy members within our area. Bishop William Wack, the Bishop of our Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, was also invited and attended the Clergy Appreciation mass and dinner. Every widow was invited and sponsored by individual knights, who escort the widows to the Mass and the dinner following the Mass. Brother Mark also volunteered to maintain the Parish Grounds area around the Pope Pius X statue. He trims all the adjoining hedges, tends to the flower beds, and keeps the statue cleaned up. He is a Life member of the Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and that organization provides help and support to the retired NCOs and their widows, including such activities as assisting those people with processing their annual tax reports and the annual Rummage Sale at the Air Force Enlisted Village complex. Sister Barbara also teaches classes on Yoga for Parish women, and she donates all her proceeds to our Parish funds. Brother Mark and Barbara demonstrate through hard work their Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

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2. Membership Number: 3201071
3. Wife's name: Barbara
4. Children's names: NA
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Knight of the Month

March 2020

Ryan Novak

Brother Ryan worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. Although Brother Ryan only just attained his First Degree in the summer of 2019, he has already participated in many major events and projects in our Council. He intends to attain his Second and Third Degrees as soon as he can. The plan will probably be to use the new video for the ceremony due to the temporary lapse of group activities due to the ongoing virus restrictions. Brother Ryan then plans to become our next Deputy Grand Knight in our Council. Ryan 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, KofC degree ceremonies, social events such as activities in the Family Life Center, and Bingo Game support. He can always be found supporting the weekly Council Bingo games, and he participates every month on two Bingo Teams as a Caller. 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 \$30,000 per year and it provides the bulk of the funding needed to support the council budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 300 man-hours per year. When the current crisis regarding the COVID 19 Virus is over, our Brother plans to become even more involved in Knight activities such as the Tootsie Roll Drive to support the handicapped, and many of the other planned Knight projects supporting the community. He manned the KOC Booth at the Parish Ministry Fair, and he was responsible for providing information about the Knights to new possible members. This event is one of the primary reasons the Knights are able to sign up many new candidates and continue to build up our membership. Our council has been able to win Star Council status for the past seven years with our recruiting efforts. He also participates weekly in Adoration prayers at the Parish Chapel. He has been involved in a number of local Community efforts. He and another member of the Parish have strongly supported the youth LaCrosse teams by manufacturing the LaCrosse game sticks to the players for only the costs of the materials to produce them. Every year, Brother Ryan donates blood platelets 23 times a year (the maximum allowed for any donor). This adds up to almost six gallons of donated blood. Platelets are blood cells that help control bleeding. When a blood vessel is damaged, platelets collect at the site of the injury and temporarily repair the tear. Unlike giving blood, platelet donations require the use of both arms. During the process, whole blood is drawn from one arm while a machine extracts the platelets and returns the rest of the blood components into the other arm. Brother Ryan embodies and exercises those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.