



Knights of Columbus

May 2018 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes May 1, 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 two new members in our Council. We would like to welcome Brother Adam Yebis and Paul Ketner. Lastly, we would like to welcome our transfer Mike Logan.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Matt French)

- Our bylaws have been proofread and are ready for approval in new business.
- Our trustees have assembled a slate of officers for the next fraternal year. Any other nominations will be solicited in new business.
- On April 4th, we co-sponsored the Run around the Planet for Life. We raised \$634 for ECCL and a good time was had by all.
- Scholarship applications are in and Brother Mike Contratto and his team are hard at work deciding which students will receive the \$1500 scholarships this year
- Council 7968 in Crestview held an Admission degree on April 2th. Paul Kenter and Adam Ybos joined our ranks leaving us 2 short of our recruiting goal.
- We supported RJ Cassem's Eagle Scout project this weekend. He built a kicking wall to be used for soccer practice. And, when he had finished his project, he went to Meigs park to assist another scout with his Eagle project.
- April 29th was the last 5th Sunday of our fraternal year. Vincent led 10 Knights and wives in praying the Rosary on the path.
- **Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Looking for members interested in attending some of the events**

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- I would like to say in advance thank you for all that you are doing for the Parish Picnic. If it was not for this Council, the Parish Picnic would be hard to pull off. We at the Parish are grateful for what this Council does at our Parish Picnic.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of May 1, 2018 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$8,664.35

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Expenses/Donations: \$5,245.54

3-Apr	W18-47	Ernie Martinez	21.18	Security Jackets/Envelopes	B
3-Apr	W18-48	Florida KofC Charities	3187.50	\$2187.50 for Vocations and \$1000 for Helping Life)	B
3-Apr	W18-49	Angela Smith	75.00	Quarterly Donation - Rosary Makers	B
3-Apr	W18-50	HNJ	450.00	Quarterly Donation	B
9-Apr	W18-51	3rd Planet Brewing	66.00	Run around the Planet	G
9-Apr	W18-52	Florida KofC Charities, Inc	60.00	State Raffle split 108/2=\$54 OWE \$6 from Mar 20 =\$60 to State	G
9-Apr	W18-53	Ellis Boudreaux	13.64	Pasta Salad Mix	B
9-Apr	W18-54	John Raffery	239.22	4/7 Pasta supplies	B
10-Apr	W18-55	Café Bienville	60.00	Run around the Planet	G
19-Apr	W18-56	Emerald Coast Coalition for life	634.00	Run around the Planet Donation	G
23-Apr	W18-57	Southern Bingo	139.00		B
30-Apr	W18-58	RJ Cassem	300.00	Eagle Scout Project - Soccer Wall	B/G

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

Income: \$3,927.00

Date	From	Amount	Notes
9-Apr	State Raffle	108.00	Zajac, Hetzel, Martinez 4/3 meeting
9-Apr	Ties and scarves	360.00	16 ties&14 scarves & 3 License Fram
9-Apr	Run Around the Planet	760.00	9 ties, 14 Scarves
9-Apr	Pasta	578.00	4/7 Pasta 99 folks
9-Apr	Bingo	613.00	4/6 Bingo
16-Apr	Bingo	752.00	4/13 Bingo
23-Apr	Bingo	756.00	4/20 Bingo

Other topics: Retention Committee Meeting:

- Christmas Card Sales for 2016 - \$452.60, compared to Christmas Card Sales for 2017 - \$826.50. \$374 more this year than last. Minus \$150 for billboard.

Trustee's Report: (PGK Mark Williams)

- No report.

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

- No Report.

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

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- We need two more new members to reach Star Council by the end of the Knight year. There will be some admissions degrees coming up at CoR. If needed, we will run our own admissions degree.

Church Director: (Brother Gregg Reese)

- No report.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Bingo still could use some volunteers to help out. The work is not hard, but fun. Bingo is a way to hang out and have fun, while helping our Council make money. The money earned during Bingo helps us pay for all the great acts of charity we do.
- Pasta Dinner needs some volunteers to help this Saturday. If you would like to volunteer, please, contact Moe Powers.

Council Director: (Brother Mitch McClarin)

- Blue Wahoos game is this Friday. If anyone is interested in attending, please, reach out to Mitch McClarin. He is the point of contact for this event.

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- Excused.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- May Knight of the month is Brent Hobbs
- May Family of the month is Tim and Anna Pugh

Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)

- No Report.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- No Report.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- Excused.

Memorial Committee-Standing committee: (PGK Mark Williams)

- No Report.

Media- Standing committee: (Brent Hobbs)

- No Report.

Unfinished Business:

- 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.
- Blue Wahoos 5/4
- Steve and Tim are coordinating Parish picnic. Still need a few volunteers
- Tootsie rolls are here. Our date is: June 2.

New Business:

- Officer vote
- Bylaw vote
- Certificate presentations-KOM FOM , 1st and 2nd
- Budget is posted on website. Please review for approval at June 5 meeting
- Life Runners will run/walk Turkey Creek 5/12 at 9am.
- Rummage sale helpers needed-5/13 1PM, 8-10 ppl. 5/19 1PM, 8-10 ppl. Also furniture movers Monday-Thursday 9-3
- Philipino Dinner fundraiser-checking on 3rd Sat in July

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- 4th Degree was present for the Bishop at our Parish Confirmation Mass, where we confirmed 10 Parish memebrrs.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- No Report.

District Deputy Report: (DD John Rafferty)

**DD Notes
Council # 7667
May 1, 2018**

- Please make sure to submit your slate of officers at the meeting this May. If you already submitted them in April, they can be voted on at this meeting. Otherwise, your council can vote in the new officers in early June.
- FSSs, the last submissions for the State Charities Raffle have to be turned in by May 8th! Please send in the check with half the ticket value to DD Mike Gizewski (cc: line). All unsold raffle tickets should also be returned at the State convention or mailed it with your last sales package. If you bring the unsold booklets to me at your council meeting, I will drop them off at the state convention.

DD Report:

- 1) Thanks for turning in your State reports. We should have a very fun convention over Memorial Day weekend. Last major reports to complete are the SP-7 Columbian Award application and Officers Form 185 from the Supreme website. Need to be turned in by June 30, but you can turn SP-7 in now if you wish.
- 2) Start scheduling your Installation of Officers ceremony; consult myself and DW Steve Zajac to make sure we can make it.
- 3) Two remaining months to achieve Star Council status. Redeemer will host an Admissions Degree in May and Holy Name will host in June. Crestview may host another one in June if there are more candidates. Our Field Agents will help those close to Star Council achieve their Founders Award requirements.
- 4) If you're considering getting an annuity, long-term care insurance, or life insurance, now is the time!
- 5) I have been very pleased with District 5's support of Seminarians this Fraternal Year! Combined, the councils have supported approximately 30 in our Diocese. That is phenomenal use of our funds.
- 6) I checked with Saint Mary's in Fort Walton and they do not require assistance fixing the classrooms damaged by the tornado.

Prayer Requests:

Deacon Gary McBride	Jack McLaughlin	Shelia Allman
Father Seb	Eric Gulbranson	Bill Milligan
Margaret Hilla	Deacon & Mrs. Cox	Nancy Reese
Steve Sharpe	Bob Auger	Pete Rodriguez
Joe Boudreaux	Bob Pabel	Bruce Breest
Hector Nunez	Nancy Kramer	Kathleen Moran
Chuck Harvin	Deacon Lou Marini	Hilary Perk
Michael Lang	Jung Leon	Jordan Foley
Fr. Steve Voyt	Joseph Kerwin	Jon Davis
Anna Harakal	Peg Powers	Jean Thompson
Nancy Reese	Susan Raisins	Herm Hernandez
FDD Mike Murphy	Carmen Hank	Anne Strasser
Joanne Castro	Jim Hines	Father Kevin Johnson
Mario Finnested	Violet Slayback	Henry Fair
Randy & Maria Wilke	RJ Young	Jan Genovese
Keith & Laura Carnahan	Yolanda Robert	Aldesia Fioretti
Lynn Perk	Leo & Jesse Robert	Mark Davilo
Charlotte Ponto	Maria Rivera	Zack Laubsch

Lecturer: (Lou Marini)

- Don was driving along a country road when a police officer pulled him over. He rolled down his window and said, “Is there a problem officer?”

No Problem at all. I just observed your safe driving and am pleased to award you five-thousand dollar Safe Driver Award sponsored by the state. Congratulations! What do you think you’ll do with the money?”

Don thought for a minute and said, “I guess I’ll get my driving license!”

Hearing this, Carla, sitting in the passenger seat, said to the officer: “Oh don’t pay attention to him – he’s a bit of a smartass when he’s drunk and stoned.

Aaron from the back seat said. “I told you guys we wouldn’t get far in a stolen car!”

Just then, there was a knock from the trunk and muffled voice said, “Are we over the border, yet!”

- A younger boy ran down the street in search of a police officer. Finding one, he begged, “Please, officer, come back to the bar with me. My dad is in a fight.”

The policeman accompanied the boy back to the bar where he found three men involved in a fistfight. “Okay, son” he said to the boy. “Now which one is your father?”

“I don’t know, officer,” replied the boy. “That’s what they’re fighting about!”

Meeting Closure:

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is June 5, 2018 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

April 2018

Timothy (Tim) and Anna Pugh

Brother Tim and Anna Pugh worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. They have been very active members of the Holy Name of Jesus parish since they joined our parish a little over four years ago. Brother Tim has served the role as our district insurance field agent and his wife Anna is his office manager and administrative assistant. They can be counted on to accomplish this job above and beyond the required duty description, and have assisted many Knights and their families in attaining financial stability and helping the widows of recently passed members in the district. His outstanding role as our insurance agent in our district has earned him a distinction as one of the top insurance and financial advisor in the KoC. He and Anna received a paid for Incentive Trip to Ireland and Scotland as part of a group tour of other top performing agents. As part of the trip, they visited the St. Mary’s Church in Ireland, the church of the Father of Father Michael McGivney before he went to the United States as an immigrant. The Knights presented the church with a nice plaque during a mass and celebration for Father McGivney. Carl Anderson, the CEO for the Knights, also presented a very good presentation relating to the goals and objectives of the KoC and protection of the unborn. Tim and Anna are ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity are called for. Tim 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, the fraternal benefits sessions, membership drives, KoC

degree ceremonies, social events such as activities in the Family Life Center, Spelling Bees, Tootsie Roll Drives, Sunland Picnics, and Keep Christ in Christmas card sales and poster contests. The Pughs can always be found supporting the Council Bingo games, Tim as a team captain, cashier, and caller and Anna works in the kitchen as well as preparing mouth-watering desserts. They 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 for each of them. They both perform the role as lectors during the late Sunday masses they attend. They both also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership in their help as the leader for 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 typically receive meals. Together, Tim and Anna started the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest two years ago, and Anna continued in the role of judge for this year's contest. They both coordinate and assist with membership drives and ministry fairs in all the councils that Tim represents as insurance field agent. His proactive activities in recruiting and insurance sales have resulted in our council earning Star Council Status in the past six years. Tim is the captain of our council's First Degree team, which requires him to staff and train the roles and to schedule and coordinate the exemplifications. This is a busy role, since our council has inducted numerous new members in the last five years of attaining Star Council. Tim has consistently supported the Handicapped Citizens Drive not just for our council, but other councils within the district, as their insurance field agent. 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. Tim has also volunteered at Special Olympics track and field days and paddleboard competitions along with brother Knights of other councils that he represents as insurance field agent. Brother Tim helped out with a Parish Family BBQ sponsored by the Council. He, along with 18 other knights and their wives spent over five hours setting up the Family Parish Center, cooking the food, serving the food, and then performing clean-up. Tim and other brother Knights grilled and served over 800 hamburgers and hot dogs to over 300 members of the parish. They both are involved with Pro-Life group activities, including peaceful anti-abortion protests near the entrances to the several clinics in the area. He contributes funding to many KOC social activities, including Golf outings for Knight Councils and the "Brite Stars" annual fund-raising event for St. Mary's Catholic school in Fort Walton Beach. Tim is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight and is a member of the assembly Color Guard for funerals, parades, and visits by the Bishop. Along with fellow Sir Knights, Tim distributes snacks for the patients at the local VA clinic. Brother Tim 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 about 300 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 Tim 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. Brother Tim and Anna also planned and executed 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. Anna is also an active and long-time volunteer for the Red Cross and Hospice organizations. Their daughter Allison, who previously assisted Tim in his agency office, recently gave Tim and Anna their first grandchild. She and her husband Travis, an active duty Army Captain, just moved to Fort Bragg NC, where Travis will assume command of a Company Unit. Alison and Travis are active leaders and participants in their new church in NC. The Pugh family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order -- charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like theirs help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

April 2018

Brent Hobbs

Brother Brent Hobbs and his wife Christina worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities as a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish. He has been a knight for over two years, and he had already earned his Third Degree in less than six months in 2016. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. Brother Brent 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. He volunteered to take on the position as the Council recorder for another year, as well as taking on the most difficult position as the Director of Youth activities. He has already executed our council's planned youth activities to include the annual Spelling Bee, Soccer, and the Free Throw Competitions. As the lead project officer he was the Spelling Bee Contest Director for the annual Council and District Spelling Bee competitions. This is an annual project involving the 5th through 10th graders in all the Niceville-Valparaiso schools and a Destin Middle School, and as in previous years, Brother Brent was supported by the various school principals who entered the teams from their respective schools. Brother Brent organized the judges, scorekeepers and concessionaires from the group of knights who volunteered to support the event from all the local councils, making this a real community event. The winners in each of the categories (5/6, 7/8 and 9/10 grade breakouts) won savings bond certificates and plaques. Over 60 students participated in the Spelling Bee events. Two of them, a 5th and 9th grader, proceeded to compete in the State events. He supports our monthly Parish Paste Dinners by providing youth activities and games during the dinners to allow the parents to engage in social discussions with other friends during and after the meals. Brother Brent has also helped with other Council programs to support Handicapped Citizens. He and the other volunteers work at several key store entrances in the Niceville area and collect contributions while handing out vast quantities of donated Tootsie Rolls to the contributors in support of the Handicapped Citizens Drive. Typically over \$2200 is collected each year for this charitable activity. During the Parish Family picnic this year Brother Brent, his daughter Dominica, 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 typically grill over 800 hamburgers and hot dogs to serve more than 500 parish members that show up for the event. Almost the entire parish attends this special event and it is always a complete success. He also volunteered to help with all three of the past 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. He and his daughter Dominica helped to perform the cleaning up after the event. 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. The Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. He just retired from the US Army, has started his own private business as a Home Inspector, as well as being a Full-time Father to his 21 month son Lazio and teen daughter, and he has supported council projects in concert with the time required to do the detailed planning and execution of these very important KoC programs. Brother Brent is very involved with supporting his daughter in a number of Sport related activities. His daughter Dominica is active in the PAL sponsored Soccer league, and Brent volunteers as a coach for the team. Brother Brent also supports her with her softball league activities. Dominica is also involved in the School of Combat Jiu Jitsu and kick boxing martial arts. Brother Brent embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of knights like Brent and his family help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

FATHER HOWARD J LESCH CO 7667

June Birthdays

Lawrence E. Carney 06-01

John E. Quinn 06-01

Robert J. Bartleson 06-06
Kenneth E. Henderson 06-07
Francis X. Reidy 06-07
Stephen A Sharpe 06-07
Christopher J. Beattie 06-08
James M. Moore 06-08
David R. Underwood 06-11
Joseph A Pedone II 06-12
Leo P. Tisa 06-12
Mathew M. Berggren 06-16
James C. Underwood 06-16
Samuel J. Underwood 06-16
Mark S. Schniepp 06-18
Timothy J. Pugh 06-19
Michael W. Restey 06-19
Daniel M. Delaune 06-20
Sean E. Marshall 06-20
Robert M. Schwartz 06-20
Markus Rudolph Deiters 06-23
Paul A Armitage 06-23
Robert J. Provost 06-24
Paul M. Fox 06-25
Charles B. Harvin Jr. 06-26

