



# Knights of Columbus

## June 2020 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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# General Membership Meeting Minutes June 2, 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 7:15 p.m. by Grand Knight Chuck Kuzma with 17 members initially on line. GK started with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as distributed.

## Report of Admissions: (Franklin Bevel)

- No new applications at this time.
- A new form 100 is available on line. Please use this form if 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 State Convention was held on line and we received 4 awards:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Vocation donations with over \$3000.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Vocations program
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Faith Activities for Church Kiosk, Church ministries support, Rosary program, vocations support, Memorial Masses, Spiritual reflection program, Novena for Life, and the special project of the Silver Rose Ceremony.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Service Project Award for Father/Daughter Dance.
- Christ Our Redeemer Council, Bob Gualtieri was selected as State Knight of the Year.
- There are numerous opportunities (16) for on-line Exemplifications coming up. If you recruit a new knight make sure you get the information to GK Chuck so he can get them scheduled for one. GK Chuck will also email this information out all the First and Second Degree Knights so hopefully many of these will upgrade to Third Degree.
- Calendar items that are coming up:
  - **Officers Installation Mass** on June 30, 2020 at 6:30. Due to budget constraints we will forgo flowers for the wives. Due to the Bishop's guidelines we cannot have a dinner in the hall. It was proposed to have a dinner at Café Bienville. This was approved. More info to follow by email.
  - Officers meeting will be June 23 at 7p.m. GK Chuck will let us know format, on line or in the hall.
  - July 7 will be the next Council meeting. More info to come on how this will take place.
  - The officers meeting will be July 28, 2020
  - July 21 will be the Silver Rose Ceremony. Mass will be in morning then a couple of hours of adoration. Working with Father to finalize details.
- A calendar for next fiscal year will be emailed to all knights along with a contact list for the new officers for the coming year.

## Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of June 1, 2020 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$18,898.92
- We will have a \$6000 expense for the Scholarship fund coming soon.

- We will begin working on the budget for next year.

**Financial Secretary Report: (Brother Greg Smedley)**

**Financial Secretary Report as of 31 May 2020**

**May Expenses: \$235.00**

Date	Warrant	Written To	Amount	Notes	Authority
6-May	47	Chuck Kuzma	200.00	KofC Leave No Neighbor Behind Fund	G
27-May	48	Paul Robert	35.00	Online Registration Convention Fee	B

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

**April Income:** *In April there was no income due to COVID-19 Pandemic.*

**May Income: \$185.00**

Date	From	Amount	Notes
27-May	Donation to KofC	100.00	Kay Fritz
27-May	Dues Collected	85.00	3 Members paid early

- Reminder: Dues are coming up. It helps if people pay early so we don't have to mail letters. Send dues checks to the P.O. Box. G.K. will send out an email with the dues form.
- We have 11 new members so we accomplished Star Council.
- In July the new Deputy Grand Knight, Ryan Novack, will form a "Retention committee" to check on any knights that haven't paid dues yet. With the economic issues due to COVID 19 there may be more knights is financial difficulty that what we normally experience.

**Trustee's Report: (PGK Paul Robert)**

- No Report

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

- The vocations program completed all actions and we received two awards as noted above. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this a success.

**\* 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)**

- On hold due to pandemic.

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

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

- Family of the Month: Father Steve Voyt and Parish Staff
- Knight of the Month: Michael Contratto
- 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)**

- No Report.

**Food For Families: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- Need to make sure the Food For Families report gets submitted so we will get our reimbursement from State.
- NCO will be out of the building by June 27 as demolition is scheduled to begin July 1.

**Consecration to the Holy Family: (PGK Tom Elsesser)**

- No Report.

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

- We are not sure how we will be able to interface with the kids due to the pandemic but will be looking for guidance on this from State and Supreme.

### **Coats for Kids: (PGK Mark Williams)**

### **Father/Daughter Dance: (Brother Mitch McClaren)**

### **Spelling Bee: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)**

### **Scholarship Program: (Brother Mike Contrato)**

- We have selected the top 4; 3 were from Holy Name Parish.
- Brother Aaron Slayback is working to arrange a Baccalaureate Mass and celebration for the Graduates and we would like to present the scholarships at this.

### **Helping Hands: (DGK Chuck Kuzma)**

- No Report.

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

- The Life Runners will be having “virtual” run/walk with each person doing their own run/walk and praying for life.

### **March for Life: (PGK Matt French)**

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

- We still do not know what Sunland will be doing going forward. We have proposed dates for the picnic of September 12 or 19.

### **Christian Refugee Relief: (PGK Matt French)**

### **Novena for Life: (PGK Matt French)**

### **Round Table Chairman: (Brother Lee Green)**

- No Report.

### **Bingo: (Tim Pugh)**

- No Bingo at this time and we do not know when we can restart due to current social distancing rules.

## **Pasta:(PGK Mark Williams)**

- Pasta is suspended until further notice. We evaluated doing take-out from the parish hall but after evaluation it was determined to not be cost effective.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Brother Mark reported that NCO will be out of their building by June 27 so demolition can begin in preparation for construction of the new Ministry Center.
- Brother Steve reported that the Building committee met and cost will be almost \$2.4 Million. Father Steve and Deacon Gary will be meeting with the Bishop and diocesan representatives. About first of July ground work will begin. There is extensive ground work; moving sewer lines, drilling geothermal wells, burying utilities, etc.
- The Knights Shed is empty and ready for demolishing. GK Chuck has someone interested in moving it which would save us demolition.
- Recorder will get photo albums and keep them for use at special events.
- COR GK Jim Urick wants to get rid of "Challenge Cup." Working with Father and Staff to find a good weekend to have a food drive for Catholic Charities as a competition between our two councils. Brother Jim Reese proposed using his enclosed trailer to collect food then weigh it for amount.

## **New Business:**

- The Warden is still being discussed. A motion was made to reelect Brother Fran Huttle until a suitable replacement can be found. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Report of the Fourth Degree: (PGK Matt French)**

- The Fifth Sunday Rosary went well except for an issue with the live streaming. Brother Matt's phone overheated and dropped out.
- The Assembly is planning a flag retirement ceremony for next meeting at Christ Our Redeemer on June 18.
- Assembly is still looking for a Faithful Captain so if anyone is interested please contact Matt.
- Installation of new officers will be July 16 here at Holy Name of Jesus Hall.

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

- No Report.

## **District Deputy Report: (DD Steve Zajac)**

### **DD Notes**

**May 5, 2020**

- The State Planning Meeting will be virtually this year so DD Steve will be going to Jacksonville to pick up trophies that the District won. Presentation will probably be at next meeting.

<b>KofC PRAYER REQUESTS</b>	
	Dated - June 4, 2020
Father Angelo	Eric Gulbranson
Deacon Jim & Carolyn Cox	Carmen Hank
Deacon Lou & Katherine Marini	Tom Kraus
Deacon Jack Trevano	Barry Lambert
Jackie Bevel	Vincent Mayfield
Gabriel Chavez	Kathleen Moran
Naomi Clarkson	Erica O'Connell
Gina Contrato, Sister Of Mike Contrato	Peggy O'Grady
John Davis	Jim Reese
Erma Dezel	Tee Reese
Stephen Erk	Nicole Robert
John Foley	Stephanie Smedley, Wife of Greg
Evie Fox	Sharon Soehren
Eric Frodesen	Billy Starnes
Noy Greene, Wife of Lee Greene	Jean Thompson
Herm Hernandez	Brian West
Tom Kessinger	Edward Williams Brother of Mark

**Meeting Closure:**

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

## After-meeting Social:

No Social.

## *Happy Birthday July Brothers!*

S.K. Carmine A Muscarella	7-1	Michael E Fealko	7-22
Michael G Moran	7-6	Paul K Laird	7-23
Christopher O Pelfrey	7-6	Gilbert L Meisner	7-24
PGK Kenneth E Elliott	7-7	Peter P Prestarri	7-24
William C Rees	7-8	Robert A Young	7-27
Gary M Mc Morrow	7-10	Travis Lang	7-28
David R Swanick	7-10	Kammrin A Mahoney	7-28
Adam J Ybos	7-15	Alexander J Saucedo	7-28
Joseph F Aikens Jr	7-16	John I Landsverk	7-29
James L Hinds	7-16	Billy W Starnes	7-29
Jonathan D Zurek	7-19	Charles E Laubsch	7-31

## Family of the Month

May 2020

### Parish Staff of Holy Name of Jesus

#### **Pastoral care**

Fr. Stephen Voyt; Deacons Gary McBride, Tom Fraites, Tom Dwyer and Tom Elsesser

#### **Office Support**

Monica Pepler, Tonya Muscarella and Anna Gugliemino

#### **Accountant**

Randy O'Connor

#### **Audio Visual/Technical Support**

Aaron Slayback and Caitlin Heath

#### **Music**

Christa Cloutier

#### **Maintenance and Janitorial services**

Fran Huttler and Annie Hankins

When our churches were closed due to the pandemic, Father Stephen Voyt (who is a conscientious supporter of our council programs and is often found participating in numerous Council and Parish activities) started to formulate plans to bring pastoral care back to his parishioners. Deacon Gary along with Aaron Slayback devised a plan to live stream 0800 daily Mass, including a Virtual Communal prayer. Being one of the first parishes in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee to start live streaming daily mass, he set the benchmark for other parishes to follow. In the meantime office manager Monica Pepler, along with fellow staffers Tonya Muscarella and Anna Gugliemino, started calling all the parish families to make sure their physical needs were met, especially those members aged 65 and over. Our Youth Ministry Director, Aaron Slayback, led his office co-workers, Caitlin Heath and Anna Gugliemino in providing the technical expertise to set and employ the live streaming of the masses and recording them for members of the Parish to view at their own convenience at any time on the parish facebook account. Brother Aaron, a Knight Council 7667 member, provided this service every day for over two months without a break. Our Music Ministry Director, Christa Cloutier, provided live music for many of the masses in the same timeframe. During the Easter Masses, she also supplemented the masses by running videos taped from previous Easter services. Father Steve, Deacon's Gary, Tom, Tom and Tom, also provided the opportunity for Catholics to receive communion every Sunday at 1100 in a drive-by communion process on the church grounds. Catholics traveled as far as from Pensacola and Tallahassee to receive the Holy Body of Jesus. The process was safely controlled by the Parish Security Teams, mostly composed of Knights of Columbus Council 7667 members and led



by Brothers Billy Starnes and Paul Burgess. All parish members stayed in their cars while Father and the Deacons placed the Body of Christ into the member's hands without any physical contact. Father and the Deacons continuously used hand sanitizers to insure that their hands were always clean. Over 600 people took part to receive communion from Tallahassee to Pensacola on a weekly basis. Two outstanding Knights, Brothers Steve Zajac and Matt French, provide Communion to the sick or home bound via personal visit at the request of the parishioners or by a weekly phone call where they prayed with the home bound every week after the Sunday 0800 Mass. The Staff Maintenance Director, Fran Huttle, continued day to day maintenance on Holy Name's campus and clean-up of a number of storage sheds that will be removed in preparation of a new ministry facility that will be built on campus. In May, restrictions were eased to allow parish members to attend masses in the Family Parish Life Center. The chairs in the PLC were separated by six foot intervals and restricted to only 150 parishioners in the building. There were overflow areas in the main church building, where parishioners could follow the Mass via live stream. By instituting the safe practices, Father Steve and his entire staff were involved in setting up the First Communion Masses and Confirmation Masses presided over by Bishop Wack. After each mass, the areas were sanitized and scrubbed down by Annie Hankins, a parishioner who volunteered to perform the role as the cleanup person. She insured that every chair in the PLC was carefully sanitized, all the altar areas, all the bathrooms, as well as the church office areas were 100% cleaned up. Live streaming of Fr. Steve's Masses proved fruitful as his former parishioners from as far away as Hawaii and Alaska were able to reconnect and weekly donations actually went up and in one case, a former member of the parish was following each daily mass via live streaming, and they donated over \$2000 to the parish. Randy O'Connor, the parish accountant has been kept busy ensuring donations were properly categorized. Some parish members donated their entire government stimulus checks to either the parish or Catholic Charities. There was no financial strain in the parish to fund the staff or maintenance costs with the support of the parish members. Father Steve is greatly respected by our current Bishop, and he has been assigned several duties of importance to serve the Diocese. Last year, he was elected to serve as the Vice President of the Diocese Priest Council, whose purpose is to advise our Bishop regarding all issues over a number of critical subjects. He was also designated by the Bishop to be the Dean of the West Central Deanery (Eleven Churches), which requires him to review and inspect every one of the Diocese Parish procedures and record keeping processes, especially the sacramental records for accuracy and timeliness. The duty of the dean is to watch over the clergy of the deanery, to see that they fulfill the orders of the bishop, and observe the liturgical and canon laws. He summons the conference of the deanery and presides at it. Periodically he makes a report to the bishop on conditions in the deanery. He has performed many of these duties by long distancing methods during this crisis period. This national pandemic has required a lot of changes in the way this nation operates, and in the case of this parish, many of the new safety and health practices are probably here to stay in future services and activities. The live streaming technical processes will be instituted permanently, even after the virus problem is minimized to provide these services to the sick and those in the home bound categories. This Council is truly blessed in having such a dedicated member of the clergy and his superb staff members so actively involved in the daily endeavors of the Knights of Columbus and the Parish.

Knight of the Month

May 2020

Michael Contratto

Brother Mike worked hard this past year in several parish and council related activities. He has been a very active member of the Knights since earning his 3rd degree status in 2015. He attends and supports as many K of C activities as possible between his active working schedules as a full time Technical Director for the 96th Range Group at Eglin AFB. He and his wife Tanja have been active members as servers and cleanup crew on one of the Knight's Pasta Teams. The monthly event has become a model of success, and usually collects over five thousand dollars a year in support of such programs as Life Incorporated. This activity has attracted dozens of interested volunteers such him, allowing several designated teams to take turns in supporting the preparation and serving of the dinners, as well as the cleaning up of the Parish Hall after each dinner. It has also provided members of the parish with an excellent dinner on Saturday nights at a very reasonable cost, and typically over 100 people show up for the monthly dinners. Recently this project has been suspended due to the Corona Virus crisis, but it is expected that it will restart in full swing again soon. Brother Mike supported the periodic parish Rummage Sales which provides for additional funding to sustain the Father Butler Family Life Center activities. He helped in setting up the booths in the Life Center, and then cleaning up the Center after the event. Our Parishes' most recent top priority project has been to utilize the property lots adjacent to the Parish land and owned by the Columbians for joint use by the Parish. Brother Mike was a Group Leader for the fundraising efforts required to obtain the cash contributions to fully fund

the project. The project leaders were involved in the planning of the joint venture construction project to combine the funds of the parish, Angels Attic property sale, and the Columbians to design and build a new Ministry building which will include a new Council All Purpose Room, a new home for the Niceville Catholic Outreach activity, and a new facility for the Angel Attic Thrift Store. The fundraising effort achieved its goal of obtaining all the funds required to start and finish the project within a year. Our Parish has already been granted permission by the Dioceses to push forward with proposals, designs and groundbreaking of the new building by mid-summer 2020. Brother Mike, Tanja and his daughters Sophia and Liza also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership in their help for supporting the annual picnic and Christmas party 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. In the summer these activities include 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. In winter, the Sunland members travel to Niceville where the council hosts an annual Christmas party at which the Contratto family members escorted the participants, distributed gifts and helped lead the assembled in Christmas carols. Some 60 residents and 22 staff members of the training facility typically receive meals and gifts. Mike serves as the Council's College Scholarship Chairman. The end result of the scholarship process has provided significant assistance to four selected students each year. He personally worked hard last year to maintain the amount of funding assistance to deserving students, and the Council agreed to continue the funding at a \$1500 level per student. This year there were thirteen outstanding candidates, and the top four scoring students rated by his team will receive the \$1500 checks to support their college endeavors. Due to the COVID-19 virus, this year it was a more difficult process for Brother Mike working with the high school counselors to coordinate the scholarship packages prepared by the students, and then to acquire them by the required suspense date for rating. He worked closely with the Knights on the selection committee to assure a quick turnaround of the grading process, and final selection of the four winners. This year, three of the four selected individuals were from our own parish. His daughters Sophia and Liza participate in the Parish Choir Ministry at the weekly Sunday afternoon Youth Masses. Both daughters are also active in the Niceville High School Music programs and are on the Marching Band, the School Orchestra, and Chorus. Brother Mike supports these activities as a member of the Band Parents Association by working at the concession stands at all the NHS football games. Mike and Tanja will celebrate their three year wedding anniversary this July and are both very active in supporting all the family activities with his daughters, the Parish and the Knights. Brother Mike demonstrates through hard work his Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.