



Knights of Columbus

April 2017 Newsletter for Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Notes: Please send announcements, upcoming events, pictures of KofC activities, and other pertinent info to Ken Laird pklaird@gmail.com

To improve the accuracy of meeting minutes and newsletters, please provide meeting reports to the Recorder in writing before, during, or after the general meeting.

General Business Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. every 1st Tuesday of each month in the HNJ parish hall. Social Meetings/dinners generally occur the 3rd Tuesday - approximately every other month in the HNJ parish hall. Officers' Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the HNJ parish hall.

Newsletter and calendar inputs can be given to Patrick Barnett harryheadys@live.com (Upcoming Dates: Access KofC calendar by clicking on the following link: <http://parishcalendar.com:8080/80/21973>)

Council 7667

General Membership Meeting Minutes April 4, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Grand Knight Mark Williams. Roll call was taken. Minutes from previous meeting were approved as amended.

Report of Admissions: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- Two new candidates wanting to join our Council, Gregory Reece and Patrick R.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Mark Williams)

- March was another busy month with supporting the Parrish Mission, which was a success. Thanks to all who volunteered.
- The next 5th Sunday Rosary with the Holy icon will be held this month. Check the Sunday bulletins for information.
- Electing new officers for the upcoming new year.
- The officers are working on the upcoming new year budget. Brother Ernie will have more detail in his section. The budget will be posted on the website. You will be able to leave any notes or comments on the budget.
- Baby bottle drive will be talked about at a later date. Father Steve does not have time for a drive at this time.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Excused.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Gary Hetzel)

As of April 1, 2017 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$10,135.88

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Expenses for March: \$2,904.11

- Father Daughter Dance - \$86.29
- Pasta Night Food - \$248.14
- Bingo Supplies - \$234.41
- Council Supplies - \$237.99
- Bible Covers - \$74.98
- Niceville Catholic Outreach - \$400.00
- Southern Bingo - \$120.00

- KCIC Prize - \$50.00
- Bingo Bank - \$317.00
- Lent Mission Meal - \$771.61
- 3rd Degree Admin Fee - \$20.00

Income for March: \$2,661.50

- Bingo: 1,206.50
- Scholarship \$367
- Pasta: \$588
- St. Pat's Dinner Donations: \$300
- Brother Robert Starling Memorial Donation: \$200

Budget Review: Review by 18 April 2017

- Emailed to all Officers
- Posted on 7667 website for all others (<http://kofc7667.org>)
- Budget meeting, GK and Trustee Meeting 25 Apr, 6pm, HNJ Parish Hall
- General Membership approval, 2 May Meeting

Revised Council By-Laws

- Emailed to all officers
- Posted on 7667 website for all others (<http://kofc7667.otg>)
- By-Laws meeting, GK and Trustee Meeting 25 Apr, 6pm, HNJ Parish Hall

Trustee's Report: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- No Report.

Chancellor's Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- Excused.

Vocations Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- No Report.

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- 1st Degree coming up on May 16th.
- Membership drive 29 & 30 April. Need a bunch of volunteers after the mass. May 1st the invitations will be mailed. May 5th & 6th phone calls will be made to potential candidates. May 9th is the open house for the membership drive.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DGK Matt French) Reports from directors:

Church Director: (Brother Mac Blythe)

- The Boy Scouts will help clean up the Rosary path on April 13th.
- Parish picnic on May 7th. Need volunteers to help set up and clean up.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- 75 people showed up for the past dinner.

Council Director: (Brother Paul Roberts)

- 5th Sunday Rosary is on April 30th. This 5th Sunday rosary will be a little bit longer due to the Holy Family Icon; however, it will be a memorable rosary. We still need 10 more volunteers. Start time is 3pm.
- Wives appreciation dinner is TBD.

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- There was not much of a show for the Abortion Clinic.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Henry Bevin is the Knight of the month
- Family of the month is Matt and Melisa French

Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)

- Excused.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Excused.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- Excused.

Unfinished Business:

1. 8Tootsies rolls have been ordered and received. The hand out will be June 3rd.
2. Michaela Allen won 1st place in the state for 5-7 year old Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.
3. Recruitment drive May 16th.

4. Have not received any essays for the scholarship, but those usually come in at the last minute.
5. Brother Bob Starlings funeral was a success. Thank you to the 4th Degrees for attending. We got \$200 in donations from his funeral.
6. We still need volunteers for Bingo. Bingo is highly important to our Council. Please pray on volunteering for Bingo.
7. We have candidates to fill in all officer positions for next year.
8. The idea for wives appreciation dinner is to have the dinner at Matt French's restaurant, and we serve the wives dinner. An email will be sent out at a later date for a thumbs up.

New Business:

1. Council By-Laws are in the works, and will be open up for votes in May.
2. April 9, 10, and 11 need help to hand out food.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- No Report

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- We have 7 new insurance members.

District Deputy Report: (DD Mike Murphy)

**DD Notes
Council # 7667
April 4, 2017**

- 1) **RECRUITING and MEMBERSHIP:** Council goal is **15 new members** and **6 new insurance** members. Supreme records show **-5 new members** and **7 new insurance members**.
- 2) **Degree Schedule:**

First Degree - 9 April 7968 2:30/3:00 Tentative
18 April 13389 P'Cola 6:30/7:00
16 May 7667 6:30/7:00

Second Degree – 6 May 15366 0930/10:00am
Third Degree - 19 August 12929 Tallahassee 12:15/1:00
Fourth Degree – 17 June Enterprise, AL
Jan 2018 St Sylvester
- 3) We need to finish the year strong on membership: You have made the insurance quota
- 4) Good Webinar April 5th, 8pm EST, "Connecting our Mission to the Parish"
- 5) 40 cans for Lent Drive (1,000lbs/100mh service counts as 4 Family Activities)
- 6) **Holy Family ICON April 30th.**

7) All Supreme and State Reports suspense April 7th (Don't forget SP-7)

8) Start looking at Officers/Directors for Next Fraternal Year

Notes:

Set aside time to review council By-Laws

Prayer Requests:

Father Seb

Bill Milligan

Bob Auger

Marty Mahoney

Father Nick Reid

Father Steve

Brother Bob Starling and family

Joe Severino and Family

Chuck Harvin

Margaret Hilla

Richard Tuznik

Mary Ellen Bates

Steve Sandowski

Joe Boudreaux

Keith and Laura Carnahan

Deacon Lou Marini

Deacon and Mrs. Cox

Michael Lang

Steve Sharp

George Lambert

Nancy Kramer

Eric Froderson & son

Pat Ritchie's Grandson

Family of Becky Sobel

Good of the Order:

- Please try to attend Stations of the Cross.

After-meeting Social:

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

March 2017

Henry Batton

Brother Henry Batton worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities as a member of the Round Table at St Michaels Parish at Eglin AFB. He has been a knight for over 15 years, and earned his Third Degree in 2000. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. Brother Henry 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, social events such as activities in the Family Life Center, Keep Christ in Christmas card sales and poster contests. He volunteered to help with the annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the event occurred this year, 338 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 helped to cook and serve the food at the event, and cleaning up after the event. He is a full time Civil Servant 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 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 Henry can always be found supporting 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. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 60 man-hours per year. He most recently volunteered to assist in the setup of a seminar sponsored by the Council called "Fight for Love" from a national private agency that presents the issues associated with pervasive pornography. This is a seminar about fighting pornography, raising awareness with social media dangers, and helping with addictions. It is targeting our youth from middle and high schools in the local community. All parents and youths from the community and all denominations were welcome to attend. This was addressed as a public health issue rather than from a religious or moral venue. When the Pasta Dinner Chairman put out an urgent call for kitchen workers several years ago, he was one of the first to volunteer to help. He has been a permanent team member on Pasta Team Four from that point on, with Brother Henry serving as cook assistant and serving the food. 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. In support of local community activities, Brother Henry volunteers with the Red Cross in distributing medicine prescriptions at the Eglin AFB Pharmacy. He also volunteers in supporting the local VA Center at the Entrance Front Desk and as a driver to assist patients that need to go to appointments at the main VA Center in Pensacola. Brother Henry embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of knights like Henry help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Family of the Month

March 2017

Matt and Melissa French

Brother Matt and his wife, Melissa, are very active in Council and Church activities as leaders and participants. They are both active in leading or supporting various parish ministries as well as in supporting the pastor in many other church projects. They also participate in the monthly Pasta Dinner program by preparing and serving the pasta dinners in the effort to fund raise for charitable church activities. The program provides members of the parish with an excellent dinner on Saturday nights at a very reasonable cost. Typically 80 -100 people show up for the monthly dinners. Brother Matt volunteered to be an active planner and participant for the annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the event occurred, 338 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. The Dance was supported by over 22 knight and spouse volunteers. The volunteers greeted the Fathers and Daughters, prepared and served the food cooked by Matt and Melissa, 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 Matt was one of nine Patriotic Fourth Degree Honor Guard members dressed in regalia, who lined up in an arch formation as the fathers and Daughters walked between them for a photo opportunity. 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. Brother Matt is also the Vice-President of the Columbians. He led the effort in working with a committee to revise and update the By-Laws of the Columbians. As the Council's current Deputy Grand Knight, he has led the efforts to also revise the Council By-Laws. He will be the new Council Grand Knight during the next Fraternal Year. With respect for supporting the Holy Name of Jesus Parish activities, Matt is a Lector for the Sunday masses and is also a Eucharistic Minister and often serves as an usher. Melissa is very involved with her children in the Middle School Youth and Catholic Youth Ministries. For the past year she has supported, and taught in the important Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program, and has been instrumental in bringing and educating dozens of new members into the Catholic faith. During each RCIA period, the RCIA volunteers typically teach several full classes, 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. Their son Zane is an Altar Server, usher, a Lector and participates in Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) activities. Their daughter Kate participates in the Children's Choir and participates in Middle School Youth (MSY) activities. Within the past few months, Brother Matt has become even more active in KoC and parish activities. He and Melissa are full time owners of a prominent restaurant in Niceville, he is an active member of the Niceville Chamber of Commerce, and he does this job in concert with the time required to volunteer for some very important KoC programs. Both Brother Matt and Melissa provide excellent dinners produced from their restaurant for a number of Council social events which this year included the annual Father Daughter Dance, the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, the Necrology Mass and Dinner, the Parish International Festival, and the St Patrick's Social Dinner. Melissa also provides food for a number of MSY and CYM activities. Melissa Home Schools her daughter Kate and both of their children are involved in a number of outside activities. Zane is a Life Scout in the local Troop 157, and is a Senior Instructor Leader. He is currently pursuing the steps to become an Eagle Scout. He currently attends Niceville High School and is active with the Air Force Junior ROTC Program as a Drill Team and Honor Guard

member. He is also a youth advisor for the Church MSY. Kate spends her time learning and performing dance routines at the local Ballet Conservatory, and is a member of a Christian Dance Company. Matt, Melissa and their children embody and exercise those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.