



Knights of Columbus

December 2016 Newsletter for 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 December 6, 2016

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)

No Report

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Mark Williams)

1. Necrology Mass went very well, thank you for the volunteer's participation.
2. \$500 was given to Niceville Catholic Outreach for Thanksgiving and we received an appreciation letter for their gratitude.
3. Coats for Kids was well received and we donated to Head Start for younger children and Sharing and Caring received the larger sizes. They as well sent letters of appreciation for their gratitude.
4. Niceville Parade had great participation from our council and Christ our Redeemer 4th Degree teams.
5. A tree lighting ceremony will be held after the meeting as long as some very unique and delicious Hors d'oeuvres, please stick around.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Excused

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Gary Hetzel)

As of November 30th, 2016 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$19,333.39
- However as of December 1st, the new balance is \$15,776.69
(\$2500 ultra sound, \$946.70 Widow dinner and candy, \$110 life Inc.)

Financial Secretary: (Ernie Martinez)

Dollars Donated for November: \$3,940

- Coats for Kids \$440
- Niceville Catholic Outreach, Food for Families \$1000 (\$500 Thanksgiving, \$500 Christmas)
- Ultra Sound Training \$2500

Dollars Collected \$2,477

- Dues: \$110
- Bingo: \$1,196
- Scholarship \$294
- Vocations: \$100
- Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales: \$777

Trustee's Report: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- No report

Chancellor's Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- No report

Vocations Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- No report

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- No Report

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

Church Director: (Brother Mac Blythe)

- Accent Signs can make a decal to cover the entire new door and it should be covered with the original budget for the door.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Sunland Christmas party to be held this Saturday. We have a volunteer to play Santa.
- This Saturday the Free throw contest will be held at the parish life center as well.

Council Director: (Brother Paul Roberts)

- No Report

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- Motion to give money to students for life at Ave Maria University to attend a right for life march in Washington D.C. January 21st.
- January 14th at 11:15 in Pensacola for a Walk for Life.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Father Steve Voyt is the Knight of the month
- Family of the month is John and Mary Quinn

Youth Director: (Brother Ed Coleman)

- Excused but Brother Matt French gave an update.
- Keep Christ in Christmas contest which will be judged December 10th

- Also, free throw contest is December 10th
- Still looking for someone to step up as youth director, brother Ed is willing to guide whomever would feel moved to do so.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Christmas Card sales doing well.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- Ultra Sound has been wrapped up with a mass and ceremony held last Friday. On November 20th a breakfast was held with the Supreme Knight celebrating as this is the 700th machine. Special thanks went to: Parish of Holy Name of Jesus, Parish of St. Michaels, Council 7667, Council and State Deputy Don Goldsby, Christ our Redeemer Council 13528. A follow up flier will be in the bulletin highlighting the achievement. Closed
- Keeping Christ in Christmas, billboard is up, cards did well and the poster contest coming up.
- New door cost \$592, installation \$815, total \$1407. Motion to add \$400 for decal installation. Passed
- Sunland Christmas will be doing photos before food. Santa will need to be there 10:30-11:00.

New Business :

- 5th Sunday Rosary in January
- Annual Survey of fraternal activities is due January 15th
- Pole carriers for banner for future parades was suggested.
- Niceville Catholic Outreach looking for volunteers for food distribution
- Meeting for next week will be on the second Tuesday of January because of The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
- Father Daughter dance coming up in February

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- Marched in the Christmas Parade
- Presentation of the Ultra Sound Machine
- Giving juice and snacks at the VA on the first Monday of the Month

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Annuities lifetime interest rate of 1.5% may be a good investment to lock in now.
- Accumulate and taking it off the back end for an income stream.

District Deputy Report: (DD Mike Murphy)

1. **RECRUITING and MEMBERSHIP:** Council goal is **15 new members**
2. and **6 new insurance** members. Supreme records show **1** new member and **2** new insurance member.
3. **Degree Schedule:**
 - a. **First Degree - TBD - CV on for January**
 - b. **Second Degree –6 December 6:30 / 7:00 Milton**
 - c. **Third Degree –10 Dec 2016 15836 P’Cola 12:00/1:00**
 - d. **Fourth Degree— TBD**
4. **JUMP START Membership DrivesGet on Track for Star Council**
5. Need to Plan **Semi-Annual Council Audit** Due Feb 15
6. **Survey of Fraternal Activity 1728A;** Report due Jan 31
7. Need to plan **Council Spelling Bee District / Regional 21 Jan 2017 CV**
8. Need to plan **Council BB Free Throw** (Council 10 Dec) (Dist Jan14 HNJ)(Regional 11Feb 11:00 St Paul’s Church- Pensacola)
9. Plan **KCIC Poster Contest** (Council by Dec 31) (District Jan 15) (Regional DFS if needed)
10. **Emerald Coast Walk for Life** – Jan 14, 2017..The are looking for support people and \$\$\$
11. **HNJ Anti Porn Briefing** Feb 11 10:00-12:30 HNJ PLC Donations Needed
12. **Father Daughter Dance** Holy Name of Jesus 25 Feb 2017 7-9 PM

Jan 1 Supreme Per Capita will be sent out

Look at EOY State and Supreme REPORTS, let me know if you have any questions

District Mid-Year Meeting Saturday Jan 7 12:00 Christ Our Redeemer MANDATORY

Tootsie Rolls have been ordered: 7667 (8), 7968 (8), 11893 (9), 13527 (10), 15744 (2)

Prayer Requests:

Father Seb	Eric Frodeson	Chuck Harvin	Deacon and Mrs. Cox
Bill Miligan	Jacob Vallimont	Steve Sharp	Margaret Hills
Michael Lang	Bob Auger	Joe Boudreaux	Judy Boudreaux
John Quinn	Richard Tuznik	Keith and Laura Carnahan	
Marty Mahoney	Rick Davis	Lee Greene	Jose Zamora
Blaine Lambert.			
Nicole Ruiz			

Good of the Order:

Excused

Meeting Closure:

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m
- Next general membership meeting is January 10th at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

Attendees remained for a social at the end of the meeting. PGK Steve Zajac provided special snacks and beverages.

Knight of the Month
November 2016
Father Stephen Voyt

Brother Father Stephen Voyt is our current parish priest of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Although Father is relatively a newcomer attendee to our Council (one year), he is a very conscientious supporter of our programs and can often be found participating in numerous Council and Parish activities. Father is first and foremost a thoughtful people person, and he is deeply dedicated towards providing comfort and aid to anyone in need. He also feels strongly that the duty of pastors and parents is to help and guide young people, and to properly listen and answer to the call of God when summoned. He retired as an Air Force Chaplain after spending 20 years in overseas and Continental US Bases. Father Voyt took it upon himself to also work many ministries to assist the parish. He actively sought volunteers in the parish to sign up and work in the many ministries offered in the parish during a recent ministry fair, and many members signed up to do so. His most recent top priority project has been the supervision and management of all the activities to progress towards the improvements, sustainment and scheduling of events for the reconstruction of our new wing of the Parish Family Life Center. On top of everything else, he often acts as an assistant maintenance man in helping to maintain the premises of all the HNJ facilities, and can often be seen repairing and cleaning up the many facilities, Rectory, Religious Education Center, and the grounds on the HNJ campus. He volunteered his time over a full weekend to repaint the Garden Furniture in back of the Church, which is used by members of the Parish to reflect on religious thoughts and prayers. He attends every KOC Council meeting, and is active in the many social and program events sponsored by the council. He volunteered to be our Council Chaplain. His homilies are well thought out and provide down-to-earth messages that are readily received by all parish members of all ages. He initiated a time at the end of all masses to identify all members of the parish with birthdays and wedding anniversaries, drawing the members of our parish even closer than they were before at a more personal level. During Christmas and Advent, he sets up a magnificent display of lights and music in front of the Rectory. He did the same during our Parish International Festival for the young adults and children on the grounds near the Hay Ride area. This Council was truly blessed in having such a dedicated member of the clergy so actively involved in the daily endeavors of the Knights of Columbus.

Family of the Month

November 2016

John and Mary Quinn

Brother John Quinn just concluded his 11th year as a Knight of Columbus. The Quinn family worked hard this year supporting many council and community related activities and they have been very active members of the HNJ parish for several years. 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 with all of his family members. They have been permanent team members on Pasta Team One from that point on, with John serving as cook and the other family members 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. He also helps on other work details such as supporting Mass with the new audio-visual capabilities using the soundboard and projectors to assist parish members in following the Mass and showing the words of the songs without the need of paper books. He has consistently supported the Handicapped Citizens Drive. He and the other volunteers work at several key store entrances in the Niceville area and collect contribution, while handing out vast quantities of donated Tootsie Rolls to the contributors. On a yearly average, over \$2300 is typically submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. Recently, he and other brother knights re-sodded the grounds adjacent to the church, which was in dire need since they have not been maintained for years. Two of their children, Kathryn, and Kevin are involved in sports programs in school. Joseph, the oldest is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science at the University of West Florida, and earned his Third Degree Knights status soon after attaining the First Degree five years ago. Kathryn is active with softball at Fort Walton High School and is in a Travelling Team competing with other prominent schools. Kevin is active in Football and Basketball at Niceville High School. He is also an active member of the parish Youth Group. Both Kathryn and Kevin are parish altar servers. John's wife Mary is a very active Mother who supports every activity involving her husband and children. Without her support, John could not perform the various church and community activities. They are both working as team partners in John's physical therapy business. When not helping her husband on the job, Mary helps with the Ladies Sodality Group. As an active member of the distinguished group of women in the Sodality, she helped to work unselfishly with the set up and execution of social functions such as Cakewalks, picnics, and other Parish events. The group also hosts receptions at Funerals and memorial services while aiding the grieving friends and relatives of those whom have passed on. Mary also serves the parish as a Eucharistic Minister. Brother John and Mary, and their children demonstrate through hard work their Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. They serve as examples to be emulated by other Council members if the good and generous work of the Council is to be perpetuated.