



Knights of Columbus

December 2017 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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General Membership Meeting Minutes December 5, 2017

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 3 new applications to our Council; two new applicants and 1 re-instated.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Matt French)

- At our last meeting, brothers, you donated two carts of food and over \$300 for NCO. This month, NCO is still in need. Let's help make this Christmas a little better for families in need in our community.
- KCIC card sales are going full steam ahead. We still need your help manning the tables after Mass.
- For all of you who helped with the rummage sale, thank you. It was a great success.
- On November 14th, the retention committee met to finalize the dues paying process. For all of you who were not on the retention committee list, thank you.
- As of November 15th, twenty-nine kids in Headstart are now prepared for whatever winter we get this year, thanks to your generosity.
- We welcomed two new brothers, Joe Hank and Larue "Doc" Holliday, to our ranks on November 20th. We are currently only five short of our recruitment goal.
- The following day, we celebrated Mass in remembrance of our departed brothers. Thirty-three Knights and their wives hosted seven of our beloved widows.
- On November 22nd, Ernie mailed \$132 and 22 raffle books to State.
- This past weekend, we participated in the Niceville Christmas parade. Thank you to our brothers in 13527 and members of the 4th degree assembly for handling most of the arrangements
- On Sunday the 3rd the KCIC posters were turned in. Judging will be complete this weekend.
- At all Masses on Sunday, our council showed its solidarity with the unborn by wearing our Choose Life ties.
- Great job all of you who have already sold tickets. Remember we keep half of all raffle ticket sales right here in our council.
- On Jan 6th, Brother Mitch McClaren has organized a trip to Biloxi for the council. If you are interested in going, RSVP to Mitch soon. RSVP's are EXTREMELY important to ensure all of our events are fun and rewarding for all
- **Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Looking for members interested in attending some of the events**

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- No Report

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)

As of December 5, 2017 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$13,459.50

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Expenses/Donations: \$2,196.35

6-Nov	Steve Sharpe	149.21	Coats for Kids
6-Nov	HNJ	512.13	Coats for Kids
7-Nov	KofC Supreme	64.09	Order#130739 Certificates folders
7-Nov	Steve Zajac	387.66	Pasta Supplies \$324.16, Xmas Candy63.50
7-Nov	Mark Williams	40.00	Necrology Mass Invites
13-Nov	Mo Powers	234.06	Fall Festival W Wine 30.49, R wine 60.48, Beer 143.09
13-Nov	Ernie Martinez	209.24	Office-paper, ink 152.91. KCIC poster paper & mounting tape 56.33
20-Nov	Florida KofC Charities, Inc	108.00	half of 7 nov \$96 & 20 nov \$120
28-Nov	Ernie Martinez	30.65	FL KofC Charities half of \$48 & 6.65 stamps for \$132 of tickets
28-Nov	Steve Zajac	445.00	Necrology Mass Dinner supplies
28-Nov	Ellis Boudreaux	16.31	Pasta Salad Mix

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

Income: \$3,306.00

7-Nov	NCO 40 Cans of Food	300.00
7-Nov	State Raffle	96.00
13-Nov	KCIC Cards	37.00
13-Nov	Pasta	439.00
13-Nov	Bingo	576.00
13-Nov	Bingo	430.00
20-Nov	Gp 48 Dues	25.00
20-Nov	KCIC Cards Sales	211.00
20-Nov	State Raffle	120.00
28-Nov	Gp 49 Dues	90.00
28-Nov	Necrology Mass	660.00
28-Nov	State Raffle	52.00
28-Nov	KCIC Cards Sales	270.00

Other topics: Retention Committee Meeting:

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 are 3 members away from reaching Star Council. Please, continue to reach out to the males in our Parish to see if they are interested in joining our Council.

Church Director: (Brother Gregg Reese)

- No report.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Pasta Dinner did not have a very good presence. It is unknown why there is a decline, but we will look into the reason. Please spread the word on Pasta Dinner to others in the Parish. The pasta is always good, and there are kids games for the children to enjoy.
- We have begun to sale Christmas Cards. If you would like to volunteer to sale Christmas Cards after mass, please contact Ellis Boudreaux. Christmas cards are going well; however, we could still use volunteers to help sale the cards after all the Masses.

Council Director: (Brother Mitch McClarin)

- The Biloxi Trip has been cancelled due to not having enough people sign up. Brother Mitch is working on his next fun Fraternal trip.

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- There will be a Pro-life march in Pensacola, FL on January 13, 2018. Let's strive to get 100 people from the church to join in on the march. Please donate to the march, it will cost over \$8,000 to close the roads, and other administrative work.
- The next 40 Days of Life starts on 14 February 2018. Please consider volunteering some time to go to Pensacola to pray for the unborn.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- October Knight of the month is John Foley
- October Family of the month is Jim & Nancy Reese

Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)

- The Free=Throw Contest will be at 12pm on 14 January 2018 in the Life Center of Holy Name of Jesus.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Excused

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- Bingo is going good. There is a good system to run Bingo; however, we can always use extra help. Bingo is our biggest fund raising activity we do for our Council. If you have time, please, consider volunteering some time to help our Council, as well as, having fun.

Standing Committee: (PGK Mark Williams)

- The widows' list has been updated with all of the corrections that have been sent in. There will be another list that will be sent out to everyone to re-check the list.

Unfinished Business:

- Have judges to help Ernie. Judging begins 9AM 12/9
- Sunland Christmas 12/9. 1030 start. Hopefully, all gifts are here. If not, please get them here ASAP
- KCIC cards. We need volunteers to man the tables after each Mass
- I hope to have many 2nd degree Knights attend the next exemplification in Gulf Breeze. Show time at 6PM at St Anne's in Gulf Breeze.
- Knighthood degree scheduled for 12/16 in Gulf Breeze. This is not as convenient as hosting one, but it is still fairly close. I encourage all 2nd degree Knights to attend. 10 AM show time Raffle tickets are here. There are many ways to win for salesman and purchaser. \$6 from every book sold goes into our coffers.

New Business:

- Fraternal survey coming out soon-All service hours performed by you and your families. Estimates
- 5th Sunday 12/31
- \$450 to Archdiocese for Military Service vocations. Vote was Unanimous.
- \$350 to Paul Santiago. Vote was Unanimous. Also, if you would like to donate socks, contact the Grand Knight so he can make arrangements to send socks to Brother Paul Santiago.

- RSVP to dinners-drop dead date. This will help the ones who are in-charge of running the activity, as well as, having the right amount of food to feed all that attend. Please, be kind to your Brother and RSVP when asked. If you cannot afford the price, the Financial Secretary is willing to work with you.
- 12/17 Admission 13527
- NCO is in need now. Please, look through your pantry to see if you have any food to give.
- Save the date-2/17/18 Father Daughter Dance

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- 4th Degree will be presenting the Colors for the AmVet this Saturday November 11, 2017.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Long-term care awareness month this month. Long-term care is expensive and premium is expensive. You can buy partial policy due to having other types of income. This will help keep the cost of Long-term Care Insurance cheap. If there are any questions on insurance, please, contact Tim Pugh.

District Deputy Report: (DD John Rafferty)

DD Notes Council # 7667 December 5, 2017

1) Merry Christmas to all: take the time to go to confession/penance to "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord!"

2) Youth Activities in full swing. Here is the upcoming schedule:

Events	Council 7667	District 5	Location	Region 1	Location	State	Location
Spelling Bee	11/4/2017	1/20/2018	Holy Name	1/20/2018	Holy Name	2/3/2018	Kissimmee
Free Throw	01/14/2018					???	Destin?
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster						1/1/2018	John Rafferty
Substance Awareness Poster						2/1/2018	John Rafferty
Catholic Citizenship Essay						1/15/2018	John Rafferty

Please let me know if you're planning to host any of the items I don't already know about.

If there are no submissions for Substance Awareness or Catholic Citizenship, there won't be a District competition.

3) Degree Schedule: Admissions on Dec 17 at Redeemer. Candidates show time is at 1:30 pm.

Formation (2nd) Degree on Dec 12. Knighthood Degree on Dec 16. Patriotic Degree on Jan 13. Forms are due in early January. Submit forms/checks to Lenny Smailes.

4) Youth Activities coordination needs to have background check and Safe Environment training completed or Supreme will remove them! GKs need Safe Environment training as well. Please send me your completion dates so that I can track them.

5) Tootsie Roll orders are coming soon, start preparing for the Tootsie Roll Drive

6) Insurance policies should be in effect on Jan 1. Will ask about them more at State Meeting. POC is Walter Howell at State.

7) As expected, Regalia deadline has shifted to July 1, 2019 (One year later)

- 8) End of year Survey of Fraternal Activity forms are due right around Jan 1.
- 9) Recruiting is the life-blood of the order. Two councils are doing great; 3 need to start recruiting. State and Supreme incentives currently in place!
- 10) Meet with your field agent. It's important to talk to them every once in a while to make sure you have appropriate insurance products in case of injury or death.

Prayer Requests:

Deacon Gary McBride	Jack McLaughlin	Shelia Allman
Father Seb	Eric Gulbranson	Bill Milligan
Margaret Hilla	Deacon & Mrs. Cox	Tom Churan
Steve Sharpe	Bob Auger	Pete Rodriguez
Joe Boudreaux	Bob Pabel	Bruce Breest
Hector Nunez	Nancy Kramer	Steve Zajac Family
Chuck Harvin	Deacon Lou Marini	Hilary Perk
Michael Lang	Jung Leon	Jon Davis
Fr. Steve Voyt	Joseph Kerwin	Jean Thompson
Leo Robert	Peg Powers	Herm Hernandez
Nancy Reese	Susan Raisins	Tony Jette
FDD Mike Murphy	Carmen Hank	Mac Blythe & Family
Joanne Castro	Gary Hetzel	
Mario Finnested	Violet Slayback	
Randy & Maria Wilke	RJ Young	
Keith & Laura Carnahan	Yolanda Robert	
Lynn Perk	Mark Froderson	

Lecturer: (Lou Marini)

Meeting Closure:

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is January 2, 2018 at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
November 2017
Jim and Nancy Reese

Brother Jim and his wife Nancy are a very conscientious supporters of our KoC programs and can often be found participating in numerous Council and Parish activities. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. In less than six months after joining our Council two years ago, he has already earned his Patriotic 4th Degree. This family was one of the charter members of the Holy Name of Jesus parish in the mid-sixties. Brother Jim was the altar server in the very first mass held in the new church. Brother Jim volunteered to be one of the primary planners for the first and second annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the second 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. His wife Nancy helped him to decorate the HNJ Parish Family Life Center, serve the food at the event, and the clean up after the event. 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. Brother Jim and Nancy were the camera crew members who processed pictures real-time of all the attendees, and everyone attending the event walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Jim supported the annual Handicapped Citizens Drive. He and the other volunteers work at store entrances in the local area and collected contributions, while handing out a vast quantity of donated tootsie rolls to the contributors. The collections are submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. This year over \$2200 was collected by the Knights. Every year Jim and Nancy also support the periodic Rummage Sales which provides for additional funding to sustain the Father Butler Family Life Center activities. He typically helps in collecting large pieces of furniture from contributing households in the Parish with his own trailer, catalogs the pieces, assists in setting up the booths in the Life Center, helps to load items to people's vehicles, and then cleans up the Center after the event. He and his brother Greg also disposed of all the unsold items, trucking almost two tons of heavy obsolete furniture to the local dump to avoid storage of donated items that would probably never sell. They both participate every year during Christmas with the Angel Tree event. They seek out needy mission churches in the Diocese where the parish members cannot afford gifts for their children. The families submit items they would like their children to receive including clothing items, toys, etc. These requests are written on cards resembling Angels, and placed on a Christmas tree in the Parish Lobby. Parish members then purchase the desired items and wrap them with the children's names on them. Brother Jim and Nancy collect the gifts, place them in a large trailer, and then go to the needy church and distribute the gifts to the children. Brother Jim is very active with the Boy Scouts in the Northwest Florida and Southeast Alabama Region. He is in the local District Committees for the region and is also responsible for planning all Eagle Scout activities. He reviews and is one of the decision authorities for all the submitted Eagle applications in the region to assure all the assigned projects have been accomplished and verified prior to the voting process to grant Eagle Status. On top of everything else, Jim acts as an assistant maintenance man in helping to maintain the premises of all the HNJ facilities, and can often be seen sustaining repairs on equipment and appliances in all areas of the parish grounds and infrastructure. He and his brother also maintain the Rosary path and the religious icons on the parish grounds to insure the path is always safe and clear of debris. Nancy is an active member of the Parish Ladies Sodality. 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. The Reese family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like the Reese family help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November 2017

John Foley

Brother PGK John received the honors of the 4th Degree Knight in 1991. He actively participates in numerous Council activities, including the Sunland summer and Christmas events, youth outreach programs such as the KoC sponsored Spelling Bee, Soccer Challenge, and Free Throw Competition, and annual celebrations including the Council's Widows' Social and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. He can usually be seen in the background of many Council functions doing behind the scenes clean-up duties. He is the combined HNJ and COR Bingo Chairman, is also a reliable caller and team chief in charge of Bingo Team #4. He and the other members of the four Bingo teams

have been instrumental in the success of the activity in producing over 80% of the income used in charitable, community, and council support. Additionally, he volunteers to support the handicap citizens' (Tootsie Roll) drive every year. In past years, he and his wife Ann, and 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. On a yearly average, over \$2200 is typically submitted to the State Council to help various groups assisting the handicapped. They were both actively involved with helping with past annual Sunland picnics and Christmas Parties. John assists in the efforts of the HNJ and COR Councils in providing a picnic for handicapped members of the State managed Sunland facility for the handicapped located in Marianna, Florida, and a full up party and Christmas Gift exchange in the HNJ Parish Hall. Our Council has sponsored these events annually for the past 30 years. John serves within the Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Usher Ministries, rarely participating in Mass as strictly an observer. He is also a core member of the Parish Bereavement Ministry, reaching out to parishioners during their grief. John enjoys the camaraderie, fellowship, community outreach, and challenges associated with actively supporting our Council. He is a full time civil servant assigned to Hurlburt Field, and he does this job in concert with the time he volunteers for some of our important KoC Council programs and activities. Ann is a member of the Parish Ladies Sodality and a Choir member. 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. In the Choir, she participated in the last five Holy Name of Jesus Parish Annual Christmas and Easter Choral presentations. Ann participates in virtually all Council and many Parish activities, to include the Knights' Widows Social, the Clergy Appreciation Dinner, and together with John, uses her Master Gardener knowledge to provide perpetual upkeep of the Council's Memorial to Unborn Children in front of Holy Name of Jesus, as well as managing plant sales during both our Spring and Fall Rummage Sales. She also is a primary POC for the ministry to upkeep the church grounds. She received training to operate the Audio-Visual system used during masses, and performs this duty on a regular basis at the 0800 Sunday masses. She is a regular team member of the Bingo Kitchen crew during the Team 4 scheduled support. Ann is a mainstay volunteer for short-notice set-ups and clean-ups at Council functions, where her quick smile and community spirit motivates others to pitch in. Both Ann and John prepare and serve Polish food during our Annual Fall International Food Festival, which raises funds to support our local Seminarians. Brother John and Ann demonstrate through hard work their Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

January Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Karl H Lang	01-02
John R Foley	01-05
David Byrne	01-07
R Kyle Hodgen	01-08
Nicholas E Davidson	01-10
Paul M Robert	01-10
Hector Nunez	01-16
Dmytro Schabla	01-16
William Brentley Hobbs	01-20
Deacon Ong In In Shin	01-20
Maurice A Powers	01-21
Vincent P Mayfield	01-22
Robert Sam Sowell	01-22
Daniel F Elsesser	01-25
Patrick A Ritchie	01-29
Michael A Vignolo	01-29

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Member Birthdays

December

Name	Birthday
Michael F Barnes	1-Dec
Patrick D Ricchio	1-Dec
Rev Nelson T Toledo	1-Dec
Michael Roy Contratto	2-Dec
Robert E Pabel Sr	2-Dec
David D Day	3-Dec
Ernest B Martinez	4-Dec
William R Rusnak	4-Dec
Richard Giafaglione	6-Dec
Mark J Williams	7-Dec
Charles S Kuzma	8-Dec
Morris Allen Stevens	10-Dec
Bill Readdy	15-Dec
Brian E Quick	16-Dec
Rev James A Hamel	20-Dec
William R Milliken	21-Dec
Robert M Blythe	22-Dec
Deacon Louis A Marini	24-Dec
Kevin L Mahoney	26-Dec
Paul A Sampson	31-Dec
Total: 20	