



Knights of Columbus

February 2017 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 January 10, 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)

-One application John Cathell

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Mark Williams)

- During January, we had the "Fight the New Drug" seminar.
- The 5th Sunday Rosary in January did not have as good of a turn as it did in December, with 29 attending. Please make time to attend the next scheduled 5th Sunday Rosary is April 30th. There will be an image in which the Pope signs and circulates to Councils around the world.
- We will have a vote tonight for the alternate member to attend the State convention.
- Brother Mike Harris will be invited to one of the meetings to explain the prison ministry he runs.
- Knight and Family of the year will be voted on later during the meeting.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Excused

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Gary Hetzel)

As of February 1st, 2017 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$17,587.40

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Dollars Donated for December: \$3,222.00

- Niceville Catholic Outreach, QRTY Donation \$150
- Rosary Makers QRTY Donation \$75
- HNJ, QRTY Donation \$450
- Bible Replacements, \$74
- Supreme Culture of Life, \$173

- DFS Council 15744, \$1,300
- Anti-Porn Program, \$1,000

Dollars Collected \$3,821.00

- Dues: \$100
- Bingo: 2,629
- Scholarship \$446
- Pasta: \$546
- Vocations: \$100

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)

- 21 February at HNJ 1st Degree Ceremony
- 26 February at HNJ Membership Drive (goal of 2017 20 new members, write invitation to open house to a goal of 300 possible candidates, goal of 30 attendees to attend open house, need a 10 man committee)
- Membership Drive at St. Michaels

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

Church Director: (Brother Mac Blythe)

- Excused
- Chalice Program, there is a sign up sheet if wanting to participate

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- A good turn out for pasta dinner, about 82 people
- Father/Daughter Dance has 129 people signed up. Break even 223.
- Father/Daughter Dance needs help with set-up and tear down. Tear down will consist of setting up for pancake breakfast for the next morning.
- Father/Daughter Dance volunteer meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday, 15 February in Life Center.
- A vote provided the Father/Daughter Dance with \$200 in petty cash to help at the cashier stands.
- Fight for Love, set-up volunteers are meeting the Friday afternoon before the seminar.
- We have 4 Keep Christ in Christmas posters at the state level.

Council Director: (Brother Paul Roberts)

- 40 Days for Life coming up, would like to get a group together
- KofC would like for us to do a day of prayer for the unborn on 25 March
- 5th Sunday Rosary is the 30 April

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- Excused

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Ed Coleman is the Knight of the month
- Family of the month is Mr. & Mrs. Tim Pugh(1 Percenter)
- Vote for Knight of Year, Brother Steve Zajac
- Vote for Family of the Year, Mr. & Mrs. Tim and Karen Jones

Youth Director: (Brother Ed Coleman)

- HNJ has a Regional Free Throw Competitor competing 11 February at St. Paul's in Pensacola
- Two members from HNJ spelling bee competition made it to the Regional and are possibly competing in the State.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Excused

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- Bingo is potentially moving to Monday night. There is talk about scaling back on some games. Keep in mind this is our biggest source of income, so please; try to volunteer to continue making Bingo a success.

Unfinished Business:

1. Tootsie Rolls have been ordered and should be arriving soon.
2. Basketball free throw- our 9 year old girl Kennedy Odom from Council 13527 will be advancing to the regional, which is February 11th at 11am St. Paul's Church, Pensacola.
3. Donated \$1,300 check to DeFuniak Springs KoC Council 15744
4. On February 11th at 10am Holy Name of Jesus Parish, supported financially by ours and other councils, will be hosting an anti-pornography presentation entitled "Fight for Love." Set-up volunteers will meet 10 February at Life Center. Still need volunteers to greet people arriving.
5. Recruitment Drive 26 February at HNJ.

New Business:

1. Holy Family icon maybe to do in conjunction with 5th Sunday Rosary on 30 April.
2. Provided certificates to the ones who attended.
3. 8 cases of Tootsie rolls have been ordered
4. Bingo Recruitment: need Brothers to setup and help.
5. Presented past Grand Knights with a pin.
6. Voted Ernie Martinez to be 1st alternate to the State Convention
7. Voted Paul Robert to be 2nd alternate to the State Convention, if Tim Jones is unable to attend.
8. Sent out Scholarship information to local high schools deadline 24 April.
9. Voted on donating half of the money from the general funds to the State Charities.
10. Bring a total of 40 cans for Lent next meeting.
11. Brother Bob Basch memorial will be this Friday, 10 February. Uniform should be Suit and tie.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- No Report

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- 4 ways to surrender you policy- 1) stop paying and surrender policy 2) use the value of your policy to pay the premiums 3) reduce pay-up, which reduces your policy 4) extended-term, which gives term insurance. These are non-forfeiture.

District Deputy Report: (DD Mike Murphy)

DD Notes Council # 7667 January 10, 2017

- 1) **RECRUITING and MEMBERSHIP:** Council goal is **15 new members** and **6 new insurance** members. Supreme records show **-5** new members and **3** new insurance member.
- 2) **Degree Schedule:**
 - First Degree - 11 Feb COR 12:30**
 - Second Degree - 19 March CV 3:00 PM**
 - Third Degree - 1 April 7272 Gulf Breeze**
 - Fourth Degree - Jan 2018 St Sylvester**
- 3) Congrats on successful membership Drive!
- 4) Regional BB Free Throw 11Feb 11:00 DD 3 St Pauls P'Cola
- 5) **HNJ Anti Porn Briefing** Feb 11 10:00-11:00 / 11:30-12:30 HNJ PLC **Fifth Sunday**
Rosary Program 28/29 Jan
- 6) **Father Daughter Dance** Holy Name of Jesus 25 Feb 2017 7-9 PM
- 7) **Need to ELECT CONVENTION DELEGATES and Alternates**
- 8) **Need a good Push on membership. Orderwide Church Drive 11/12 March**

Notes:

Assist the church in Stations of the Cross During Lent

KofC Day of Prayer for Unborn Child March 25 (Prolife Mass or Prayer Service)

Need to plan 40 Cans for Lent Drive (1,000 lbs / 100 mh service counts as 4 Family Activities)

Council Outreach Drive (charity service project) in Honor of Father McGiveney Mar 27 – April 2

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

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 Milligan	Steve Sharp	Margaret Hilla	Michael Lang
Bob Auger	Joe Boudreaux	Richard Tuznik	Pat Ritchie
Marty Mahoney	Rick Davis	Mary Ellen Bates.	George Lambert
Father Reid	Steve Sadowski	Nancy Kramer	Father Steve
Brother Bob Basch and family		Keith and Laura Carnahan	
Joe Severino and Family	Patrick Barnett	Kevin Mahoney's Mother-in-law	Mrs. Alaba

Good of the Order:

Deacon Lou read literature: A preacher told me the other day that I should be thinking about the here after. I thought, I do that all the time. No matter where I am; upstairs, downstairs, in the kitchen, and in the basement. I always ask myself, where am I here after.

Meeting Closure:

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

After-meeting Social:

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

December 2016

Eric and Sherry Frodeson

Brother Eric Frodeson worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Sherry have been very active members of the HNJ parish since their arrival into the area in 2015. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity are called for. He is a mainstay in our numerous Council operations in helping the project leaders of various activities to set up the hall and get everything, including the kitchen operation, ready for the onslaught of other workers and participants. This includes normal council or executive board meetings, K of C degree ceremonies, social events such as fundraiser picnics for the Family Life Center and Friday night Bingo games. Brother Eric does all these things even though he has been faced with some very critical health issues this past year. He can always be found supporting the Council Bingo games as a floor worker on those weekends when his team has that duty. He 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 \$25,000 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. Eric and Sherry have helped with numerous other Council and/or church programs such as the Sunland Christmas Party, Tootsie Roll Drive, and Bingo. They both provided invaluable assistance during a Council sponsored Christmas Party for a group of over 40 handicapped persons. This annual event involves both providing of food for the handicapped, as well as for their family members and staff of the agency, and the distribution of gifts. The council members and Ladies Sodality Group purchased presents for the guests and then helped "Santa" to distribute the presents by name to each guest. Eric and Sherry volunteered to take pictures of all the guests receiving their gifts from Santa, processed the film real-time, placed them in frames, and gave them to the guests before the event was completed. Together, Sherry is very active in the parish Ladies Sodality Group. This distinguished women's group work unselfishly with the set up and execution of social functions such as Cakewalks, picnics, and the Parish Oktoberfest. The group also hosts receptions at Funerals and memorial services while aiding the grieving friends and relatives of those whom have passed on. She also is a volunteer in the daily operation of the Group's thrift shop called Angel Attic. Every day the Ladies open up and sell numerous items, mostly donated by Parish members. The funding is used to provide charity to Catholic organizations. Sister Sherry is also an active member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women; EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College for women and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations. More than 90,000 women have benefited from their organization's educational grants, loans, awards, special projects and stewardship. The Frodeson family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like the Frodeson's help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Knight of the Month

**December 2016
Thomas (Tom) Kraus**

Brother Tom is are very active in Council and Church activities as leaders and participants. Although Brother Tom only just attained his First Degree in September 2016, he has been very active in with supporting various parish ministries as well as supporting the pastor in many other church projects. He just attained his Third Degree in November 2016. Brother Tom volunteered to work as the table setup person for the annual Necrology Mass, which serves to remember and celebrate the past council knights who have died, and their families. Every widow is invited and sponsored by individual knights, who escort the widows to the Mass and the dinner following the Mass. Every widow is matched up with a knight of the council. The event includes a Mass, a pastor knight to perform the Mass, the lectors, music, audio-visual support, and the dinner program. Tom helped in planning and working for our annual Sunland Picnic in September and the Sunland Christmas Party in December for the severely handicapped adults. 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 picnic 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. He provided invaluable assistance during the annual Council sponsored Sunland Christmas Party for a group of over 40 handicapped persons. This annual event involves both providing of food for the handicapped, as well as for their family members and staff of the agency, and the distribution of gifts. The council members and Ladies Sodality purchased presents for the guests and then helped "Santa" to distribute the presents to each guest. He participated in the annual Niceville Christmas parade with many KOC members from both Niceville parishes while marching with the KOC Float, representing the many good works of both parish KOC Councils. With respect to local community projects, he assists in a bi-annual cleanup of the Henderson Beach areas in Destin. With respect for supporting the Holy Name of Jesus Parish activities, Tom is an Usher for the 0800 masses. Brother Tom embodies and exercises those Christian traits so necessary in today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.