



Knights of Columbus

January 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)

- There is a Columbians meeting after this one, so please plan on staying for this.
- Saint Mary's is having their 8th annual frosty 5k run/walk to support PTO.
- Knight and Family of the year will be coming up soon. Reports need to be submitted by April 15th.
- Voting for delegates to the State convention has been moved up. They want it by the 15th, but will be acceptable after February meeting.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Excused

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Gary Hetzel)

As of December 31st, 2016 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$15,469.71

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Dollars Donated for December: \$719

- Niceville Catholic Outreach, coats for kids \$350
- Emerald Coast Coalition for Life, Pensacola March for Life Donation \$100
- Sunland Christmas Party \$39
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Prizes \$230

Dollars Collected \$1,995

- Dues: \$50
- Bingo: 1,457
- Scholarship \$267
- Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales:\$221

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)

- Recruited 8 members, with a deduction of 13 members = -5 members for the year

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

Church Director: (Brother Mac Blythe)

- Excused
- Door of the sacristy is finished with decal under budget

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Not a great turn out for pasta dinner, about 75 people
- Bingo always looking for new team members. Looking for a new set up person to replace all the great work George has done for 32 years.

Council Director: (Brother Paul Roberts)

- Saturday is Walk for Life in Pensacola
- 5th Sunday Rosary is the 29th
- Father Daughter Dance still looking for volunteers

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- Excused

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Tom Kraus is the Knight of the month
- Family of the month is Mr. & Mrs. Eric Frodeson

Youth Director: (Brother Ed Coleman)

- Excused

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Father Reed is deployed and Father Toledo will step in.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- No report

Unfinished Business:

1. 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.
2. Regional spelling Bee is at the Crestview Council on January 21st at noon. Contestants should be in place by 11:30 for registration.
3. 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." We will need 3 volunteers the day before and 4-8 the day of. All parishes and diocese have been informed. (Also my son goes to Rocky Bayou Christian School and an email was sent by the principal recommending that all parents and adolescents.)
4. Annual Survey of Fraternal activity is due January 15th. All financials are in.

5. Father Daughter Dance is February 25th 7-9pm. Asking for 10 volunteers for cleanup and set tables up for the pancake breakfast Sunday morning night of. Volunteer meeting is February 22nd.
6. March for Life-Emerald Coast Walk for Life- January 14, 2017
7. Poster Contest- Regional is January 31st, State is February 15th.
8. Chalice program starts 2/26.
9. MFL-AVE Maria University Recommend college or local council.

New Business:

1. Holy Family icon maybe to do in conjunction with 5th Sunday Rosary in April
2. Donation to Defuniak Springs Council banner 15744 \$800
3. Additional donation of \$500 to help offset costs and help them get on their feet.
4. 8 cases of Tootsie rolls have been ordered
5. Semiannual Council Audit due Feb 15th
6. Recruiting drive at Saint Michael's we need 20 to get star council. Brother Tim suggests using the parish roster and send a letter out for a open house and pizza.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- No Report

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FGLI) and Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) tend to get expensive as you get older and are better off getting a Knights of Columbus life insurance policy.
- We surpassed last year's totals and have sustained that for the past 16 years.

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** members.
- 2) **Degree Schedule:**
 - **First Degree – 25 Jan CV 6:30/7:00
11 Feb COR 12:30**
 - **Second Degree – 4 February St. John P'Cola 10am (TBD)
19 March CV 3:00 PM**

- **Third Degree – 1 April 7272 Gulf Breeze**
 - **Fourth Degree— Jan 2018 St Sylvester**
- 3) **JUMP START Membership Drives /?/Get on Track for Star Council**
 - 4) **Spelling Bee Regional 21 Jan 2017 CV 12:00 Will Ask for Help**
 - 5) **BB Free Throw Regional 11Feb 11:00 St Paul's Church- Pensacola**
 - 6) **Emerald Coast Walk for Life – Jan 14, 2017..The are looking for support people Sign ups**
 - 7) **Fifth Sunday Rosary Program 28/29 Jan**
 - 8) **HNJ Anti Porn Briefing Feb 11 10:00-11:00 / 11:30-12:30 HNJ PLC**
 - 9) **Father Daughter Dance Holy Name of Jesus 25 Feb 2017 7-9 PM**
 - 10) **Reports:**
 - **Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 Due Jan 31**
 - **Semi-Annual Council Audit #1295 Due Feb 15**
 - **BB Free Throw Report Due #FT-1**
 - **KCIC Report Due #5023**

Need to ELECT CONVENTION DELEGATES and Alternates (This Month- Jan)

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 Miligan	Jacob Vallimont	Steve Sharp	Margaret Hills
Michael Lang	Bob Auger	Joe Boudreaux	Richard Tuznik
Keith and Laura Carnahan		Marty Mahoney	Rick Davis
Jose Zamora	Mary Ellen Bates.	George Lambert	Father Reid
Susi Culkin	Steve Sadowskii	Nancy Kramer	Jason Sartori

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 February 7th 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.

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.