



Knights of Columbus

March 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 Brent Hobbs Brent201129@gmail.com (Upcoming Dates: Access KofC calendar by clicking on the following link: <http://parishcalendar.com:8080/80/21973>)

Council 7667

General Membership Meeting Minutes March 7, 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)

- Currently, we have 9 additions with 13 deductions, which puts us at a negative 4.
- We have a transfer, Hector Nunez, which he was unanimously voted in the council.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Mark Williams)

- February was a busy month with the “Fight the New Drug” as well as the Father/Daughter Dance. Thanks to all who helped.
- The next 5th Sunday Rosary will be April 30th with the Holy Family Icon present. Let’s attempt to have a better participation than the 5th Sunday in January.
- The Holy Family Icon is an annual program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each year an image is circulated to the Councils throughout the world. The Icon is signed by the Pope, which is accompanied by a prayer or prayer service that all Knights are asked to pray.
- Brother Deacon Cox and Brother Mike Harris are leading the Prison Ministry have passed books out at the correctional facility. They are spreading the Catholic word to inmates who are incarcerated.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Thankful for how well the Father/Daughter Dance succeeded in spreading the word of what the Knights of Columbus do to help out the community.
- After any event in the Life Center, when the kitchen is in use, we need to ensure that we maintain the county inspectors cleaning standards so the kitchen does not get shut down.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Gary Hetzel)

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

- General Fund Total \$13,314.82
- However, there is still a \$2,000 check remaining, which will bring us down to \$11,000

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

- Knights of Columbus Supreme Council received our 2016 Fraternal Survey Report and our June – December 2016, Semi-Annual Audit.
- 2016 Federal Tax Report was mailed

Dollars Donated: \$3,337.00

- Donations for Elisa Elessor, for Florida “Catholic Gator” Spring Break mission work at Christian Appalachian Project Mission \$300
- Florida Knights of Columbus Charities, Helping Life \$870, Vocations \$1,946
- Prison Apologetics books (27) for Prison Ministries \$221

Dollars Collected \$4,664.00

- Dues: \$50
- Bingo: \$1,876
- Scholarship \$276
- Pasta: \$615
- Father Daughter Dance: \$1,847

Trustee's Report: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- Our Council is very busy, and need as many brothers of the Council to help us push through the end of the Council year.

Chancellor's Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- Excused

Vocations Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- No Report.

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- Father Steve and Deacon Gary provided the Parish roster to help identify possible future members. We need to develop a team to scrub that roster to find the best possible candidates for our Council.
- There were two names that were picked up from the previous membership drive at St Michaels, with one sounding like a potential candidate.

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

Church Director: (Brother Mac Blythe)

- 29 March we are providing chicken dinner for the Parish Mission. We still need 6 volunteers to help with the dinner. Unfortunately, we will not be able to participate in the mass before due to setting up for the dinner.

- As a Council, we are unable to provide any support for the Fish Fry due to our Council being busy on Fridays.
- We encourage as many of our Knights to attend the Stations of the Cross and Soup on Friday nights during Lent.
- We are waiting for Father Steve's full recovery, sometime in April, to re-start the Chalice program.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Father/Daughter Dance – 22 Knights helped out, 4 husband and wives team, 2 photo booths, 1 selfie station, 6 tables of food, 2,000 fliers, 3 videos that will be posted on YouTube, Patriotic Knights, \$1,847 collected, excess funds of \$414, 338 beautiful memories for Fathers and Daughters of our community.
- Father/Daughter Dance excess funds of \$400 had unanimous vote to be donated to Niceville Catholic Outreach.
- There will be a few BINGO games to be modified to help with the efficiency of BINGO. We are still looking to have more volunteers for BINGO. BINGO is an important function for our Council due to it bringing in many of our funds that help support our many charities our Council is involved with.

Council Director: (Brother Paul Roberts)

- 12 March there will be 2nd Degree at St. Mary's in Fort Walton Beach starts at 2pm with a show time at 1pm
- 19 March there will a 2nd Degree in Crestview starts at 3pm with a show time at 2pm
- 15 March there will be 1st Degree in Crestview
- St. Patrick's Day party will be on 21 March at 6:30pm. Try to invite a non-Knight. The purpose is to expose them to who and what Knights of Columbus are. The cost is \$10 a person.

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- We would like to have Knights sign up to have a presence at the Abortion Clinic on April 3rd.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Mitch McClaren is the Knight of the month
- Family of the month is Franklin and Joanne Bevel

Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)

- One of our 5-7 age group members took 1st place in her age group for the Florida State Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Winner will receive a gift certificate from the state and \$50 from our Council.
- Brother Brent Hobbs is taking over as the Youth Director.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Recruiting Drive at St Michael's was a success. We are grateful for all our Knights who helped out.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- Excused

Unfinished Business:

1. Eight cases of Tootsies rolls have been ordered and received. The drive will be June 3rd.
2. February 11th, our Council financially supported the "Fight for Love" program. The show was good, but would like to be better. We need to find a way for more people to open up about the situation to attend the next program.
3. Holy Family Icon will be in conjunction with the 5th Sunday Rosary on April 30th. Please, try and find time to attend.
4. Brother Bob Basch's funeral was well attended.
5. Again, pray on finding volunteers for BINGO. BINGO is very important to our Council.
6. The applications for the scholarship funds were sent out to all 3 local High Schools. The due date for the essays is April 24th.

New Business:

1. The year $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done. We need to start thinking about the 2017/2018 group of officers and directors. Preliminary work has been started with DGK Matt. We need Trustees to start work with DGK Matt on officer nominations, as well as, helping out with the directors where needed.
2. St. Patrick's Day is scheduled for March 21st. Look to bring a non-Knight friend.
3. Wives appreciation dinner is scheduled for May 16th. Brother Tim Pugh has volunteered to take lead.
4. The Parish picnic is scheduled for May 7th. We need volunteers and someone to take the lead for the picnic. Please, pray on finding a volunteer. Grand Knight Mark is willing to help advise the lead volunteer on what needs to be done.
5. Need to have volunteers to beautify the Rosary path, also, to set-up occasional Rosary walks.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- Worthy District Warden John Raffetry reported the Color Corps will formed an honor guard for Brother Joe Severino's funeral at Christ Our Redeemer Church. The Corps will also joined the color guard at the Black History Mass at St. Mary Church Feb 26. The Color Corps will participated in ceremonies at the Father-Daughter Dance at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on Feb 25.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- No report.

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 **-4 new members** and **5 new insurance member**.
- 2) **Degree Schedule:**
 - First Degree - 15 March CV 6:30/7:00**
 - Second Degree - 12 March St. Mary's 1:00/2:00**
19 March CV 3:00pm
 - Third Degree - 1 April 7272 Gulf Breeze 10:00/11:00 DD 4**
 - Fourth Degree – 17 June Enterprise, AL**
Jan 2018 St Sylvester
- 3) Need a good push on membership. Orderwide Church Drive 11/12 March
- 4) Good Webinar March 11, 2pm EST, “Recruitment in the Spirit of Father McGivney”
- 5) Wednesday, March 1st, we begin the 40 Days for Life Campaign in Pensacola
- 6) **Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for Unborn Child is March 25th (Profile Mass or Prayer Service)**
- 7) **40 Cans for Lent Drive** (1,000lbs/100mh service counts as 4 Family Activities)
- 8) **Council Outreach Drive** (charity service to Honor of Father McGivney Mar 27 – April 2)
- 9) **Holy Family Icon April 22 for 14 days – 30 April**
- 10) **Habitat for Humanity Build 25 March** contact GK 13527
- 11) **Suspense for FOY KOY is April 7**

Notes:

Will you be doing Convention AD?

Set aside time to review council By Laws

Now that audits are finished, look at membership for those in arrears, let's talk with them.

Look at EOFY State and Supreme Reports, let me know if you have nay questions.

Prayer Requests:

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| 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 |
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Good of the Order:

Deacon Lou advised that all Knights should make an attempt to attend the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m
- Next general membership meeting is April 4th at 7 p.m.

After-meeting Social:

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
February 2017
Mitch McClaren

Brother Mitch McClaren worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Heather have been very active members of the HNJ parish especially in the last year. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. In less than eight months after joining our Council last year, he earned his Patriotic 4th Degree. For the second year in a row, Brother Mitch volunteered to be the Lead Organizer for 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. His wife Heather helped him to decorate the HNJ Parish Family Life Center, serve the food at the event, and the clean up after the event. Mitch is a full time Air Force Officer assigned to Hurlburt Field on the Inspector General team, 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. Heather is a parent leader for the Sunday Night Life Teen Catholic Youth program. After Sunday Mass, the teens engage in discussions related to Bible Studies and religious topics. She is also a full-time Guidance Counselor at Plew Elementary School in Niceville. Aside from her normal duties in working with parents and students regarding education issues, she helps needy student families with regard to providing donations of clothing, school supplies and other items of necessity and also volunteers at a local food bank. She helped lead a Children in Crisis Fundraiser, which raised over \$1200 to support the organization. The oldest daughter Morgan has recently started college at the University of Florida. She is an active member of the Catholic Gator Organization, and the group recently spent their Spring Break in Kentucky assisting with a major Habitat for Humanity project to help needy families. The middle daughter Mariah is very active with activities such as the Key Club, Girl's Weight Lifting, the Humanities Club, the Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Diamond Dolls baseball support team, and the Natural Geographic In-Shore Area protection of Marine Life. She volunteers as an elementary school tutor. The youngest daughter Macy is a member of the Ruckel Middle School Band as a Drum Major. She is an active Chorus member and is a member of the County and All State Chorus Teams. Macy volunteers at a local food bank. The McClaren family embodies and exercises

those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families like, the McClaren's help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
February 2017
Franklin and Joana Bevel

Brother Franklin and his wife Joana work hard in many parish and council activities. Franklin was the Faithful Navigator in 2014, was the Faithful Admiral last year and is a 1st Degree team member for council 7667. He attends every KOC Council meeting, and is active in the many social and program events sponsored by the council. Brother Franklin 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, 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 Franklin 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. He also manned the sign-in table as the attendees registered at the door. For the past recent years he has supported, and taught in the important Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program, and has been instrumental in bringing dozens of new members into the Catholic faith. During each RCIA period, he typically teaches 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. He can always be found supporting the Council Bingo Team One 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 activity's success 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 Council's budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 60 man-hours per year. Whenever he is performing his job as the floor worker on Bingo nights, his wife Joana can often be found supporting the team as well as a floor worker. Joana is an active participant in the Fraternal and Charity events, and always volunteers to help with the preparation and serving of food at numerous Parish special events and festivals. This past year this included numerous newcomer breakfasts, and a huge parish International Festival. She is an active leader in the Parish Filipino-American ministry, which supports the annual International Cuisine picnic, as well as periodic get-togethers of the Filipino-American members of the parish.

Franklin and Joana also volunteer as Sunday morning providers of juices along with the normal coffee and donuts after mass. This provides a great forum for fellowship for parishioners after masses to socialize with other members of the parish. They both also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership in their help in hosting the annual picnic for handicapped members of the Sunland facility. 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 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 received the meals during this year's event. 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. Both of them have also supported the numerous parish Rummage Sales which is a major fundraiser effort in support of providing funds for the sustainment of the new Family Life Center. The most recent sales event netted about \$12,000. Joana is a very proactive member of the Parish Ladies Sodality Group. This distinguished group of women works unselfishly to set up and execute Parish 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. Both Franklin and Joana also support the parish as members of the HNJ Parish Council, discussing and proposing alternatives to improve the parish activities and ministries. In support of the parish masses, Joana is an usher, and Franklin is a Eucharistic Minister. Also, they are involved in the healing prayer ministry at St Mary's Church, and Brother Franklin is the Assistant Leader for this activity. In addition to supporting the parish and Knights, They both sponsor a young child in Africa with monthly support. Franklin is a life time member of AMVETs, an American Legion member and a Muscular Dystrophy Association coordinator for the US Postal Service National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 4559 which bowl in the charity bowling league at White Sands Bowl. The support of our church is a true calling for the Bevel family and they definitely deserve the award as our family of the month.