



Knights of Columbus

May 2017 Newsletter for Father 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 May 2, 2017

The Meeting 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 new admission to join our Council, Christopher Beattie. His sponsor is Mac Blythe.
- 18 new names to join Council from the membership drive, which can place us over the Star Council standards.

Grand Knight's Report: (GK Mark Williams)

April was another busy month. We had the 5th Sunday Rosary with the Holy Icon. Great showing! I appreciate all who attended. We had the Easter "Niceville Catholic Outreach (NCO)" food distribution. Thank you everyone that was involved and who helped.

- The Boy Scouts cleared the rosary path on April 13th.
- As the year ends we will be electing new officers
- We are working on the 2017 – 2018 budget. Financial Secretary and Treasurer are doing a great job keeping things straight
- Supreme came out with a new template for the By-laws. We filled in the blanks and submitted it for review. We will be voting in it this evening. Keep in mind there may be an addendum at a later date to address details we deem important.
- Father Steve's surgery has been delayed for at least a month to see if the blood test numbers stay as good as they have been. Things are looking great, keep up the prayers.

Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)

- Thanks for all the support the Knights have given the past month, and preliminary thanks for the help with the parish picnic. Without the Knights, the Parish picnic would not happen.

Treasurer's Report: (Brother Gary Hetzel)

As of May 1, 2017 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$9,912.60

Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)

Expenses/Donations: \$1,191.13

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| Steve Zajac | 46.61 | | Lent Mission part 2 |
| Ellis Boudreaux | 14.31 | | Pasta supplies |
| Mark Williams | 61.57 | | GK supplies folders, RSVP cards, Recruiting |
| Julie Mikulec | 59.70 | | Adoration Books |
| NCO | 150.00 | | Qrtly Donation |
| Angela Smith | 75.00 | | Rosary Makers Qrtly Donation |
| HNJ | 450.00 | | Qrtly Donation |
| John Rafferty | 51.52 | | Pasta supplies |
| Southern Bingo | 103.50 | | Bingo Supplies |
| John Foley | 104.00 | | Bingo Bank out |
| George Lambert | 61.00 | | Bingo Bank out |
| KofC Supreme Council | 13.92 | | Honorary Member Certificates |

Income: \$1,642.00

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| Pasta | 472.00 | |
| Bingo | 447.00 | |
| Susan Bilhorn | 100.00 | Brother Robert Starling Memorial Donation |
| Jacobs | 100.00 | Brother Robert Starling Memorial Donation |
| Bingo | 473.00 | |
| Supreme | 50.00 | |

Members Change:

Deceased: Robert Starling

Transfer in: Hector Nunez

Transfer out: Stephen M Haughton, military member transfer to Patrick AFB area council

New Admissions Members: Gregory Reese
Patrick Ricchio

Early Dues Collection Period: Email notice coming before 5 May, please pay early. Regular snail mail billing will be sent in June, if you pay early you save council postage and envelop fees.

Dues Amount:

Regular: \$25

Honorary: \$15

Honorary Life: \$0

Student: \$5

Suggested Donation:

Vocations: \$15

Culture of Life: \$5

Trustee's Report: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- No Report.

Chancellor's Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- Supporting two seminarians, Raymond and Brent with \$750 each
- Someone needs to take lead on repairing the Angel's Attic. Their building is in need of repairs,

Vocations Report: (Brother Mike Vignolo)

- No Report.

Report on Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)

- 18 signed up at the membership drive. We need callers to reach out to get them to come to the open house. We have the potential to make Star Council by the end of the Knights fraternal year.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DGK Matt French) Reports of Directors:

Church Director: (Brother Mac Blythe)

- Excused.

Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)

- Rummage sale made \$11,000. Thanks for all the help, we were able to set up and clean up in record time.

Council Director: (Brother Paul Robert)

- Pasta dinner will be on the 13th of May due to parish picnic.
- 10 June in Enterprise, AL is 4th Degree.

Culture of Life Director: (Brother Mike Flinn)

- Start planning for 40 Days of Life in fall. We should strive to help make time for this good cause. You stay and pray for the people going into the abortion clinic, and handout literature if anyone comes to you.

Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)

- Brent Hobbs is the Knight of the month
- Family of the month are Dave and Lisa Underwood and Lambert Families

Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)

- Nothing to Report.

Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)

- Nothing to report.

Bingo: (PGK John Foley)

- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- **Our Tootsie Roll Drive** will be June 3rd.
- **Poster contest** – Mikayla Allen was the State of Florida 1st place winner in the 5-7 Age category.
- **Scholarships** – 16 applications are in for the scholarship. Nominees will be given once grading is completed.
- **Bingo Recruitment** – Brother John Foley noted we are looking good now.
- **Council By-Laws** are complete. Voted on and approved
- **Budget** has been gone over and approved by the council officers to be voted on by the membership. Delayed one month
- Trustees have been tasked with helping our DGK Matt with finding candidates for a **new slate of officers** for the 2017-2018 year. The slate of officers for 2017-2018 have been identified. Voting will be in June.
- **Wives appreciation dinner** – TBD.
- The **Parish picnic** is scheduled for May 7th.
- Brother Mac brought up the need to have volunteers to beautify the Rosary path; also, to set-up occasional Rosary walks. As noted already the Boy scouts helped with the path clean up. We need someone to take a look at the path and determine what if anything else should be done and we still need someone to coordinate Rosary walks.
- Brother Tim Pugh was reimbursed for his expenses on the membership drive.

New Business:

- State Convention is in May. Our family of the month cannot make it.
- We have two new first-degree brothers. Brother Gregory Reese and Brother Patrick Ricchio

- Bother Tim Pugh made a motion to help a young lady with \$475 to help pay for her expenses to travel to Tennessee to help build homes for the less advantage. After a debate, it is agreed to provide this young lady with \$475, if, the council can afford it. If not, the council will provide what it can, and seek private donors to help provide this young lady with \$475 to help with her expenses.

Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)

- Supported the Holy Family Icon at Holy Name and Christ Our Redeemer.

Field Agents Report: (Tim Pugh)

- Nothing to report.

District Deputy Report: (DD Mike Murphy)

May 2, 2017

- **RECRUITING and MEMBERSHIP:** Council goal is **15 new members** and **6 new insurance** members. Supreme records show **-3** new members and **8** new insurance members.
- **Degree Schedule:**
 - First Degree – 16 May 7667 6:30/7:00**
 - Second Degree –6 May 15366 Pensacola 0930/10:00 AM**
 - Third Degree ---19 August 12929 Tallahassee 12:15/1:00**
 - Fourth Degree— 10 June Enterprise AL / Jan 2018 St Sylvester**
- **Congratulations for qualifying for Founders Award**
- **Officers for Next Fraternal Year Elections 1 May to 15 June FS need to complete form 185 (due NLT 7-1)**
- **Ladies PINK Button** on State Website. Get the word out
- **Council / Assembly IRS 990** due May 15
- **State Convention 26- 28 May Caribe Royal Hotel Orlando**

UPCOMING REPORTS Due 6/30

- **Round Table Report 2630**
- **RSVP 2863**

- **Columbian Award SP-7**
- **Food for Families 10057**
- **TRD 13203** file when drive is complete. (Include # of cases received with District Order)

Prayer Requests:

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| Father Seb | Chuck Harvin | Deacon and Mrs. Cox | Bill Milligan |
| Margaret Hilla | Michael Lang | Bob Auger | Richard Tuznik |
| Steve Sharp | Marty Mahoney | Bob Pabel | George Lambert |
| Father Nick Reid | Steve Sandowski | Nancy Kramer | Father Steve Voyt |
| Joe Boudreaux | Eric Froederson & Son | Bob Starling & Family | Keith / Laura Carnahan |
| Pat Ritchie's Grandson | Jean Zoldak | Deacon Lou Marini | Family of Becky Sobel |
| Deacon Gary McBride | Ed Lowery | Jung Leong | Lynn Perk |
| Michael Kraus | Jack McLaucklin | Sheila | Pam Tisca |
| Troy McClain | | | |

Good of the Order:

Their Mothers May Have Said It:

- Sampson! Get your hand out of that lion. You don't know where it's been.
- David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We pay good money for those lessons.
- Abraham! Stop wandering around the countryside and get home for supper.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! I told you never to play with fire.
- Cain! Get off your brother! You're going to kill him some day.
- Noah! No, you can't keep them. How many times do I have to tell you, don't bring home any more strays.
- Gideon! Have you been hiding in that winepress again? Look at your clothes.
- James and John! No more burping contests at the dinner table, please. People are going to call you the sons of thunder.
- Judas! Have you been in my purse again?
- Jesus! Be careful with those tools; you don't want to put a nail through your finger.

After-meeting Social:

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
April 2017
Brent Hobbs

Brother Brent Hobbs and his wife Christina worked hard this year in many parish and council

related activities as a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish. He has been a knight for only one year, and he already earned his Third Degree in less than six months in 2016. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. Brother Brent is a mainstay in our numerous Council operations in helping the project leaders of various activities in completing a number of substantial efforts by supporting our Catholic and local communities. This includes normal council meetings, membership drives, KoC degree ceremonies, and social events such as activities in the Family Life Center. He volunteered to take on the position as the Council recorder for another year, as well as taking on the most difficult position as the Director of Youth activities. He is already planning for our year's planned activities to include the annual Spelling Bee and the Free Throw Competitions. He is planning to support our monthly Parish Paste Dinners by providing youth activities and games during the dinners to allow the parents to engage in social discussions with other friends during and after the meals. Brother Brent has also helped with other Council programs to support Handicapped Citizens. He and the other volunteers work at several key store entrances in the Niceville area and collect contributions while handing out vast quantities of donated Tootsie Rolls to the contributors in support of the Handicapped Citizens Drive. Typically over \$2000 is collected each year for this charitable activity. During the Parish Family picnic this year, he and 30+ other knights and their wives set up the Family Parish Center, cooked the food, served the food, and then performed clean-up. The KoC members typically grill over 800 hamburgers and hot dogs to serve more than 500 parish members that show up for the event. Almost the entire parish attends this special event and it is always a complete success. He also volunteered to help with 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. He and his daughter Dominica helped to perform the cleaning 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. The Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. He is a full time active military Army member assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group at Eglin AFB, as well as being a Full-time Father to his eight month son Lazio and young daughter, and he has supported council projects in concert with the time required to do the detailed planning and execution of these very important KoC programs. Brother Brent is very involved with supporting his daughter in a number of Sport related activities. His daughter Dominica is active in the PAL sponsored Soccer league, and Brent volunteers as a coach for the team. Dominica is also involved in the School of Combat Jiu Jitsu and kick boxing martial arts. They also are involved with the Eglin Swim Team activities, and they practice laps consistently every week. Brother Brent embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of knights like Brent and his family help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Family of the Month

April 2017

Dave and Lisa Underwood and Lambert Families

The Underwood family worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. They

have been very active members of the HNJ parish during the past year. The combined family support to this Council consists of the Underwood Family and their nine children, Lisa's Father George Lambert, and her brother Steven. Dave and Lisa have consistently assisted with set-up and tear down for many HNJ events. Their oldest son Trevor has written a book that is based on his Catholic upbringing. The name of his first book is "Saint of Shadows". The story is about a dark angel working for Satan and is starting to question his actions and looking to the church for answers. Their son Gregory graduates from Northern Illinois University-Aurora May 10th with a Master's Degree in Music Performance. Their 24 year old Quadruplets, George, Blaine, Troy and Gloria recently all graduated from the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Blaine and George just received their BS in Electrical Engineering Degrees, Troy graduated with a degree in Social Work, and Gloria finished a degree in Anthropology and Archeology. George and Blaine were also members of the Air Force ROTC at UWF. They both were commissioned on 2 May 2017 as Second Lieutenants in the USAF. They received their first salutes from their Grandfather George, a retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant. Brother Dave and Lisa, both former AF Officers, swore the Oath of Office to the new Lieutenants. They were both assigned their first tour of duty to the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio to obtain a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. They were very involved in their local Church, Church of the Nativity, near the UWF Campus. George was the President of the local UWF Campus Ministries and Gloria is the Liturgical Coordinator. Troy now works as the custodian for the Nativity Church. All the Quads just recently participated in a Mission Trip to Mountain Top TN where they helped the poor of that community in a multitude of service projects. Gloria now works as a college task coordinator at Pensacola High School. She and her family attend St Paul's Parish and she supports activities such as the annual Parish Picnics. Danna is also attending UWF and pursuing a degree in Biology Pre-Med. She also is the Treasurer for the local UWF Campus Ministries at Nativity. She will be performing mission duty to also serve the poor in Mountain Top TN, and will receive some financial assistance from our Council. The twins, James and Samuel are graduating in May 2017 this year at Niceville High School (NHS), and both will be starting college also at UWF. James will be working towards a degree in Electrical Engineering, and Sam will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. James played baritone/melophone and Sam played Tuba for the NHS Marching Pride. Dave, Lisa and the children are very reliable members of the Bingo team. As time allows the children's schedule they serve as an "Early Bird" and core helpers on the floor and running the kitchen. Every Friday Lisa runs the kitchen supporting her father, Brother George Lambert, the Founder of the Bingo Program. This equates to volunteering over 250 hours of her time a year, surpassed only by her Father in this extensive and profitable cash enterprise. She and the other members of the four Bingo teams have been instrumental in the success of the activity in producing over 70% of the annual income of the \$25,000 used in charitable, community, and council support. Lisa also volunteers to bake goods and cook each Friday for the Bingo sessions. Brother Dave comes to help clean up each week and stands in as cook as needed. Lisa's brother Steven Lambert is also a reliable member of the Bingo team where he serves as an "Early Bird" and core helper on the floor every single Friday to assist his Father and family. Brother Steven also works as an office receptionist at the Catholic Charities Office, helping to perform charitable acts to assist those in dire need within the diocesan area. He also helps in supporting numerous other council activities such as the youth Free Throw Contests, the handicap citizens' (Tootsie Roll) drive, Sunland picnic and Sunland Christmas party. He and the other volunteers work at several key store entrances in the Niceville area and collect 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. He and his Father George have both also demonstrated outstanding energy, perseverance and leadership by assisting in helping to host 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 typically receive meals. They have been actively involved every year with helping with the annual Sunland Christmas Party for handicapped members of the State managed Sunland facility which involves a full up party and Christmas Gift exchange in the HNJ Parish Hall. Brother George also actively supports the assistance through a respected charity organization to several poor families in Guatemala. He sponsored a drive in our parish where numerous families signed up to support dozens of families in dire need. Brother Dave is busy keeping all these activities going for the family. During Marching Band Season, Brother Dave filled his Fridays nights during the football season by working the Concession Stands at NHS Home Games. The whole family has also worked in support of other Parish social functions such as setup and clean-up members for the Pasta Night Support Team, where Lisa also cooks her famous cakes. 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 80-100 people show up for the monthly dinners. Additionally, the Quad Boys are all active members of the Knights of Columbus. Brothers Dave, George, Steven, Lisa, their children, demonstrate through hard work their Christian values and the KOC principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.