



# Knights of Columbus

## November 2017 Newsletter for Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

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# **General Membership Meeting Minutes November 7, 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)**

Brothers, October was a fun month and November is shaping up to be even more fun. Unfortunately, hurricane Irma caused the degree team to cancel the Knighthood exemplification. Even though we cannot host the degree this year, I hope to have as many 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Knights attend the next exemplification in Gulf Breeze.

Following the 8:00 Mass on October 15<sup>th</sup>, we held the first Christian Refugee Relief breakfast. 84 parishioners attended and enjoyed a breakfast buffet. Several items were raffled off and a total of \$900 was raised for Christians in distress in the Middle East. Immediately following the breakfast, one of our youth participated in the soccer challenge at Christ our Redeemer.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, Brother Mitch McClaren organized a fishing trip for the council. For several hours, Steve Zajac was on the leaderboard for the Destin Fishing Rodeo for a 2.2 pound Mingo Snapper. I think Mitch is doing a great job as Council Director and I look forward to his next project. Make sure you remember all the fun you have on these outings when he is asking for volunteers for the Father/Daughter Dance. The Parish Fall Festival was held on the 28<sup>th</sup>. All of the food and beverage booths had at least the support of the Knights if not the actual staff. Bishop Bill was in attendance and appeared to have a good time. The following day, 13 parishioners, led by Brother Vinnie Ricchio, prayed the Rosary on our newly refurbished Rosary path. Greg and Jim Reese did a great job on the path and Vinnie did a great job leading us all in prayer.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, with the help of 13527, we conducted the Spelling Bee. 61 students competed in three categories. We also started selling KCIC cards at the Vigil Mass that evening.

Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, we joined together in communion with the unborn by wearing our Choose Life ties and scarves and kicked off the KCIC poster contest for our youth.

We have purchased coats for all of our Headstart kids and will distribute them soon.

Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Looking for members interested in attending some of the events

## **Chaplain's Report: (Fr. Steve Voyt)**

- Excused

## **Treasurer's Report: (Brother Ken Laird)**

As of November 7, 2017 the report is as follows:

- General Fund Total \$12,860.44

**Financial Secretary Report: (Ernie Martinez)**

**Expenses/Donations:** \$4,695.26

2017 October Warrants			
2-Oct	Tim Pugh	81.19	Date Knight decorations
2-Oct	Niceville Catholic Outreach	150.00	Quarterly Donation
2-Oct	Angela Smith	75.00	Rosary Makers, Quarterly Donation
2-Oct	HNJ	450.00	Quarterly Donation
2-Oct	Southern Bingo	120.50	Invoice #25574
3-Oct	Matt French	175.00	Niceville Valp Chamber of Commence
3-Oct	Mark Williams	75.48	Administration supplies
10-Oct	KofC Charities	250.00	Disaster Relief - Texas - Harvey
10-Oct	KofC Charities	250.00	Disaster Relief -Florida - Irma
10-Oct	KofC Charities	250.00	Disaster Relief - Puerto Rico - Maria
10-Oct	KofC Charities	250.00	Disaster Relief - Bahamas - Maria
10-Oct	Southern Bingo	245.00	
17-Oct	Robert Blythe	123.88	10/14 Pasta Supplies
17-Oct	Ernie Martinez	63.00	10/14 Pasta Sause from Tisanos Garlic Grill
17-Oct	Café Bienville	250.00	Christian Refugee Relief Fund Breakfast food/Supplies
17-Oct	KofC Charities	900.00	Christian Refugee Relief Fund Donation
18-Oct	KofC Charities	536.00	Solidarity Cross Program Donation
30-Oct	Southern Bingo	301.00	
6-Nov	Steve Sharpe	149.21	
6-Nov	HNJ		

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

**Income:** \$5,003.75

	<b>October Collections</b>		
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2-Oct	Bingo	515.50	
2-Oct	Gp 44 Dues	250.00	
6-Oct	KofC Co 13527	128.15	Sunland Picnic reimbursement
10-Oct	Bingo	616.00	10/6 Bingo, \$7 error on \$37 written as \$30
10-Oct	Gp 45 Dues	130.00	
17-Oct	Pasta	445.00	Team 3 10/14/17
17-Oct	Bingo	534.10	10/13 Bingo
18-Oct	Gp 46 Dues	65.00	
18-Oct	Christian Refugee Relief	951.00	
18-Oct	Solidarity Cross Program	536.00	
30-Oct	Bingo	416.00	10/20 Bingo
30-Oct	Bingo	372.00	10/27 Bingo
30-Oct	Gp 47 Dues	45.00	

**Other topics: Retention Committee Meeting:** 14 Nov 1800, Café Bienville  
 DGK Committee Chairman. GK, DGK, Fin Sec, Trustees and Ins Rep will determine fate of remaining 17 Dues delinquent Knights. . .Retain or Suspend.

**Trustee's Report: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- No report

**Chancellor's Report on Vocations: (Brother Franklin Bevel)**

- There will be letters sent out to all three Seminarians to check on them. It is highly suggested that we send Christmas cards to thank them for becoming priest. Typically, the seminarians appreciate the show of support from the Parish, than the checks that we send them. If you are wanting to send a card, contact Franklin Bevel for the seminarians names and address.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR: (DGK Paul Robert ) Reports from directors:**

**Report on Service Program Committees:**

**Membership Director: (PGK Steve Zajac)**

- Currently, we have 9 additions minus one subtraction, which puts our Council 5 members away from Star Council. If we work together throughout November and December, we will be able to reach our goal of Star Council.

**Church Director: (Brother Gregg Reese)**

- If anyone has time this week to help out with the Rummage Sale, we could use extra hands. The tear down for the Rummage Sale will be Saturday 11 November at 2pm. The more people to help out, the quicker tear down will go.

### **Community Director: (PGK Ellis Boudreaux)**

- We could always use help with BINGO and Pasta Dinner. These are our biggest fundraisers. Without these activities it will be hard for us to do our charitable acts. If you have a free Friday come by and help out with BINGO. If you have a free Saturday at the beginning of the month, come by and help out with Pasta Dinner. It is a good way to meet people, and help our Council raise some much-needed funds.
- We have begun to sale Christmas Cards. If you would like to volunteer to sale Christmas Cards after mass, please contact Ellis Boudreaux.

### **Council Director: (Brother Mitch McClarin)**

- The fishing trip was a good time. Everyone that attended had an enjoyable time.
- January 6, 2018, we will be the Council's Biloxi trip. Transportation will be here at church at 9:30am and will return back to the church at 9:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person. \$15 of the \$30 will be used for free play.

### **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.
- It appears that one life was saved during the 40 Days for Life.

### **Family Director: (Brother Karl Eschmann)**

- October Knight of the month is Moe Powers
- October Family of the month is Mr. & Mrs. Kendal and Denise Wagner

### **Youth Director: (Brother Brent Hobbs)**

- The Spelling Bee was good. Thank you to all who volunteered to make the Spelling Bee a good success.
- I am still working on getting a hard date for the Free-throw contest.

### **Round Table Chairman: (Brother Bob Pabel)**

- Excused

### **Bingo: (PGK John Foley)**

- No Report

### **Standing Committee: (PGK Mark Williams)**

- Working on the Necrology Mass. The nameplates will take some time due to the cost of the nameplates. The Necrology Mass will be on November 21, 2017.
- Anti-porn committee is looking to bring in a Catholic speaker to talk at the upcoming anti-porn brief. More to follow at the next officer meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Retention committee. Will meet on 11/14 at Café Bienville at 6pm. Anyone interested in helping, let Paul Robert know.
- Necrology Mass and dinner. Brother Steve Zajac cooking dinner. Make sure you clear your schedule in order to attend. 11/21 Mass at 6PM. Dinner to follow.
- Christmas parade 12/2. Council will buy candy. Everyone should bring a bag of candy as well. Don't throw all candy in the first block
- Sunland Christmas 12/9. Look for gift list soon. 1030 start. Need volunteers for gift list. Please respond to Ken Laird
- KCIC poster contest- 12/3 due date. Have judges to help Ernie. Judging begins 9AM 12/9
- KCIC cards. We need volunteers to man the tables after each Mass
- Rummage tear down 11/11. See Jim Reese

### **New Business:**

- Certificate presentations-KOM FOM , 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Knights to attend. 10 AM show time
- Raffle tickets are here. Many ways to win for salesman and purchaser. \$6 from every book sold goes into our coffers.
- Our Christmas tree lighting will be at our Council meeting on 12/5
- NCO food drive. Stay ready. We collected \$270 and a mountain of food at the November meeting. Please, continue to give to NCO; they are in need.
- Admission degree 11/20 candidates show at 630PM
- November 26<sup>th</sup> will be a day of prayer initiating a week of awareness of the genocide against Christians in the Middle East
- Tootsie roll order-ask DD
- Save the date-2/17/18 Father Daughter Dance

### **Report of the Fourth Degree: (Brother Franklin Bevel)**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
November 5, 2017**

1) Degree Schedule:

Admissions (1st): November 20th at Holy Name 7667; candidates report 6pm. Redeemer 13527 will host one between Dec 16 and 30th (TBA)

Formation (2nd): December 10 at NAS-Pensacola - State website has details

Knighthood (3rd): December 16 at St Ann's in Gulf Breeze; 11am. Candidates report 10am with \$10 per candidate.

Patriotic (4th) : January 13th at St. Sylvesters; applications/Form 4s/fees due to State Master by Jan

5. Need to get them to 4th Degree Comptrollers in December.

2) Congrats to Holy Name and Redeemer for holding a professional Spelling Bee.

3) District and Regional will be held Jan 20 at Holy Name.

4) Presentation of Star Council or Columbian Awards

5) The Region 1 Meeting for Districts 1-5 will be December 30th at St. Sylvester's in Gulf Breeze at 9am. GKs, DGKs, FSs, and Recruiting Coordinators are expected to attend. Make sure you're wearing slacks and your council polo or dress shirts.

6) Continue selling State KofC Charities raffle tickets.

7) e-Membership for the Knights exists in Florida now. I will discuss this at the State Org meeting; if you have questions, please watch the Supreme website training or ask me and I'll pass the questions up the chain.

8) "Christmas Knights" drive: State will award a share of \$2,500 to the councils that recruit at least 5 new members and 2 new insurance members during Oct-Dec.

9) KCIC Poster Contest: Council winning posters need to be given to DD by Jan 1.

**Prayer Requests:**

Deacon Gary McBride	Chuck Harvin	Nancy Kramer
Father Seb	Michael Lang	Deacon Lou Marini
Margaret Hilla	Jack McLaucklin	Jung Leong
Steve Sharpe	Eric Gulbranson	Sheila Allman
Joe Boudreaux	Deacon and Mrs Cox	Bill Milligan
Hector Nunez	Bob Auger	Susan Raisins

Father Steve Voyt	Mario Finnestad	John Davis
Herman Hernandez	Randy and Maria Wilke	Carmen Hank
Hector and Luz Bird	Keith and Laura Carnahan	Gary Hetzel
Nancy Reese	Lynn Perk	Joseph Kerwin
FDD Mike Murphy	Peg Powers	Bob Pabel
Joanne Castro	Violet Slayback	R.J Young
Yolanda Robert	Tony Jeti	Jean Thompson
Father Charlie	Mark Ferguson	

## **Lecturer: (Lou Marini)**

- One day in the Garden of Eden, Eve called out to God: “Lord, I have a problem.”

“What’s the problem, Eve?” asked God.

“Lord, I know you’ve created me and have provided this beautiful garden and all of these wonderful animals, but I’m just not happy.”

Why is that, Eve?” asked God.

“I am lonely, Lord. And I’m sick to death of apples.”

“Well, Eve, in that case I have a solution. I shall create a man for you.”

“What’s a man, Lord?”

“This man,” said God, “will be a flawed creature, with aggressive tendencies, an enormous ego, and an inability to emphasize or listen to you properly. All in all, he’ll give you a hard time. But he’ll be bigger and faster and more muscular than you. He’ll be really good at fighting, kicking a ball about, and hunting fleet-footed ruminants, and he will help populate the Earth.”

“Sounds great,” said Eve, “with an ironically raised eyebrow.

“Anyway, you can only have him on one condition.”

“What’s that, Lord?”

“You will have to let him believe that I made him first



## **Meeting Closure:**

- GK closed with the Knight's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
- Next general membership meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

## **After-meeting Social:**

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
OCTOBER 2017  
Kendall and Denise Wagner

Brother Kendall Wagner worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Denise have been very active members of the HNJ parish and Council 7667. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity called for. Brother Kendall and Denise volunteered to be active participants in 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. Kendall is a full time Air Force Contracting Officer assigned to Eglin AFB, 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 that were taken by Kendall and Denise. Brother Kendall also volunteered to take the position as the Financial Secretary for the Columbian Corporation, responsible for managing the funds for real properties for KOC and Parish use. Most recently, he was involved in in rewriting the By-Laws of the Columbians, which had not been updated for the past ten years. He is also engaged in the planning to utilize the property lots adjacent to the Parish land and owned by the Columbians for joint use by the Parish. He actively manages the Stock profiles and checking accounts for the Corporation. He is very involved in the planning of a joint venture construction project to combine the funds of the parish and the Columbians to design and build a new facility which includes a new Council Building to perform activities such as the Bingo Program, Social Events, and meetings. The 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. Brother Kendall and Denise are one of the teams of the Audio-Visual equipment in the Parish. This capability supports Masses with audio-visual technology using a soundboard and projectors to assist parish members in following the Mass and showing the words of the songs without the need of paper books. They also control the sound management for the choirs and the voice speakers used by the clergy during the mass. They normally perform this function at the weekly youth masses on Sunday afternoon. They have two sons, Alex and Josh. Josh recently graduated from the University of Florida with an Engineering Degree, and is now a civil servant working at Eglin AFB. Their son Alex also recently graduated from Florida State University, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He currently is serving temporarily as an Air Force Recruiting Officer awaiting his assignment as an AF Contracting Officer. In this role he has been an advisor to many high school students in the local area, including our parish, for those students pursuing AF ROTC and college aspirations. The Wagner family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of

families, like the Wagner's, form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

October 2017

Maurice A. "Moe" Powers

Brother Moe Powers and his wife Carol have been an enthusiastic supporter of Council 7667 and Holy Name of Jesus (HNJ) Parish activities for years. He and Carol have been active as Mass ushers for many years. Moe and Carol are faithful supporters of numerous parish programs assisting senior citizens and the youth of not just the Holy Name of Jesus parish, but the community as well. During this past year's KoC Recruiting Drive, Moe was responsible for obtaining numerous new candidates for the council, a good start for achieving Star Council goals for this fraternal year. As a result, our council once again was able to reach Star Council status for the seventh year in a row. He also serves on the Council's College Scholarship Committee, and is one of the raters to determine which of the many candidates get selected for the four \$1500 scholarships from several local high schools. The end result of the scholarship process has provided significant assistance to the four selected students each year. Moe is also a certified instructor at the Northwest Florida State College teaching a highly popular course on wine, from the vineyard to the table. His knowledge in this area resulted in his hosting periodic Council Wine Tasting socials as an appreciation event widely attended by the council members and their wives. He and Carol work tirelessly in support of Council and parish social activities, this being one of the major reasons for the overwhelming success of these events. They are both actively involved with helping with the annual Sunland Christmas Party for members of the State managed Sunland facility for the handicapped located in Marianna, Florida. The two local Councils plan and execute a full up party and Christmas Gift exchange in the Parish Hall. Our Council has sponsored this event annually for the past 31 years. Both he and his wife provided invaluable assistance during the past Council sponsored Christmas Party for a group of over 50 handicapped persons. This event involved 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 purchased presents for the guests and then helped "Santa" to distribute the presents by name to each guest. This past year as one of the Pasta Team leaders, Moe and his team members prepared pasta dinners (a council event after the first Saturday Mass every month). The pasta 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 over 100 people show up for the monthly dinners. Brother Moe can always be found supporting the Council Bingo Team Four as a kitchen crew cook 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 \$30,000 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. Carol is an active member of the Ladies Sodality and regularly directs or assists with the set up and execution of parish social functions such as cakewalks, picnics, and the Fall Festival. The group also hosts receptions following Funerals and memorial services that aid the grieving friends and relatives of those who have passed away. Our brother Moe is one in that small group of truly active members that consistently does the majority of the work with any organization that he belongs to. At various Knights of Columbus meetings, this brother is one who will frequently lead discussions with good ideas and be the catalyst that makes good things happen. He can consistently be counted on to help when help is needed - even when he is already overcommitted with tasks that he's already accepted. The Powers family embodies and exercises those Christian values reflecting the principles of our Order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families such as the Powers help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Good of the Order.



## Member Birthdays

### November

Name	Birthday
Joseph M Blythe	11-01
Joseph A Crisafulli	11-02
Michael P Cary	11-03
Gregory A Reese	11-04
Henry Cliff Alexander	11-05
Jacob B Martinez	11-05
James F Buglewicz	11-07
Timothy H Gaasch	11-09
Chisala C Ngandwe	11-17
Ronald P Harakal	11-18
Edward M Mc Call II	11-18
Edward A Coleman	11-19
Riverus P Toucheck	11-20
Charles D Cuchens	11-21
Kevin M Mendoza	11-22
John J Osborn	11-24

## November

Name	Birthday
Jeff O Pritchard	11-24
Dana Craig Wyman II	11-25
Mark C Anderson	11-26
James M Moore	11-27
Randall A Honeyman	11-29
Joseph A Lessard	11-30
Rev Eugene W Pathe	11-30

**Total: 23**



## 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	