



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



November 2015 Newsletter

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Our History

Unless otherwise posted, the Council's General Assembly convenes on the first Thursday of each month and the Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Both meetings are conducted in the Christ Our Redeemer Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

Fourth Degree members of Council 13527 and Council 7667 comprise Assembly 3236. The Fourth Degree Assembly convenes on the third Thursday of each month, alternating meeting locations between Christ our Redeemer Parish (even months) and Holy Name of Jesus Parish (odd months).

In June 2004, the Knights of Columbus conferred the Charter establishing Council 13527 at Christ Our Redeemer Parish. On July 1, 2004, our first Grand Knight, Len Casey, convened the Council's inaugural meeting and fraternal year. The Council earned the Star Award that year and Double Star Awards each of the next five years. In 2007-2008, under the leadership of Past Grand Knight, Jack Starr, 13527 earned the Best Florida Council (Division II) distinction. In 2009, Sir Knight Dave Halupowski was honored as the State of Florida Knight of the Year.

From the Grand Knight's Desk



Brothers,

I had the opportunity to brief our council's October activities at the last 4th Degree Assembly meeting and was once again amazed at how much you men do. The bingo and pasta teams continue to plan, organize and execute perfectly in order to keep our biggest fund raiser going. This is no easy task considering the three to four hour commitment needed to pull it off successfully. Brother Charles Tobia kicked off the annual Baby Bottle Drive on October 3rd to support Life Inc. in Fort Walton Beach.

Funds received help women through all stages of their pregnancy by offering an alternative to abortion through sound emotional and physical support. Charles has set our collection goal this year at \$6000 and with God's grace we hope to make that.

Still on our calendar is the Habitat for Humanity (H4H) on the 31st of October. This is a great opportunity to flex your spiritual and physical muscles in the name God. For more information contact Jim Yurack at 729-1838.

In addition to all the busy work this month our membership director Joe Purka has reinvigorated our council's program. His experience and ideas are greatly appreciated and know he'll lead the charge to build our roster with new energetic members. Under his watchful eye we had two new members make their first degree, two members earn their second degree, and five members earn their third degree this month.

On a final thought, membership is one of our top priorities this year and we're slowly marching towards our goal of 14 new members. The status of achieving this goal isn't as important to me as is getting quality men into the council. We need those new ideas and energy to grow our fraternity and share God's gift of giving. If you remember, I challenged each of you to participate in this goal by just asking one neighbor, co-worker or family member if they considered joining the Knights of Columbus.

God Bless, Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Means

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – October 1st, 2015



Meeting Opened: The Grand Knight opened the meeting at 7pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused. Officers excused included: Chaplain, Financial Secretary, Inside Guard, and Trustee 3rd Year.

Visiting Officers: District Deputy, Mike Murphy.

- 1) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the September Meeting were approved.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** We currently have 1 new application pending. We have a new transfer, 3rd Degree Jason.
- 3) **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a) Discussed importance of giving your time or talent for God. Proceeded to list a lot of the hours that were logged just recently for things like cutting grass, 9 – 11 Memorial, the Sunland Picnic, and the Parish Picnic among other projects. A job well done to all of those that provided time and talent.
 - b) Next Corporate Communion is 10 October. Show time is 5pm.
- 4) **Chaplain Report:**
 - a) Deacon Bill briefed us on the fact that Father Bob will be out on retreat 22-23 October. This will be followed by the Deacons on the following weekend.
 - b) All priest are mandated to give a talk on the weekend of 24 -25 on the Cavan Project dealing with increasing offertory funds.
- 5) **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of the last meeting was \$14,759.75. Deposits were \$1333.00. Interest was \$.35. Checks written last month were eight, totaling \$1976.85. Five checks outstanding totaling \$1016.85. Balance with both cleared and uncleared checks is \$14,116.25. The Scholarship account was at \$4029.00. Balance of combined accounts is \$ 18,145.25.
- 6) **Financial Secretary Report:** Received \$105 in dues and \$600 in donations. Outgoing funds included a Check to the University of Central Florida for Scholarship, Supplies for the Pavilion, wrote a check for Polo Shirts that were received and are for sale if you need a new one. We paid for Soccer Awards, a tank of propane, and donated some funds to a Seminarian that was passing thru the area.
- 7) **Chancellors Report:** No report.
- 8) **Trustees Report:** No report.
- 9) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Corporate Communion on 10 October. Start time is 5pm, please wear your Polo shirts.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:**
 - i) Baby Bottle campaign kicks off on Saturday 3 October and runs through the end of the month. Money goes to Life Inc. Goal this year is \$6000.
 - ii) There will be a Veterans Day Mass held on 8 November at the 10:30 Mass. All that can still fit in a uniform are welcome to wear.
 - iii) Council Christmas Party will be on 6 December. It will be held at COR Parish Hall. With each family providing a side dish or desert. Joey's Italian Grill will cater the Turkey and Ham.
 - c) **Community Director:** Habitat for Humanity, Saturday 31 October, work could be anything from dry wall installation to interior or exterior painting. Will not be digging foundation.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:** All Scholarship checks have gone out and were cashed. The soccer Challenge was held last Sunday at the Parish Picnic. We had 6 boys and 2 girls participate. We ended up being the only council that got to hold their challenge and therefore the winners on our challenge are also the District winners. Regionals will be held October 10 in Pensacola.
 - e) **Culture of Life:** 40 Days for Life is running from 23 September to 1 November. The first day we had was 24 September and our next day is Friday, Oct. 23. Come out and support us in Pensacola at the Abortion Clinic behind Hobby Lobby. Tuesday, Sept 29 Bishop Parkes was there to pray the Rosary starting at 7pm.

- f) **Family Director:** Knight of the Month is Ken Rodriguez and the Family of the Month is Bob and Sharon Hargreaves.
 - g) **Publicity Director:** John Rafferty has volunteered to handle this and if you have and stories or photos get them to him and he will handle them.
- 10) Old Business:** No old business.
- 11) New Business:**
- a) The Parish has formed a Little Flowers Circle. This is a Catholic version of the Girl Scouts with ceremonies and working on badges based on the Saints and Virtues. We currently have 19 girls in the group and they are in need of some financial help. A Motion was made to provide \$200 to help the group become more firmly established. Motion was 2nd, and approved. **(CLOSED)**
 - b) Shirts are being looked at again and will reported on again at a later date. **(CLOSED)**
 - c) Mark Ericson will be giving a briefing on Cyber Security. If interested see John Rafferty. **(CLOSED)**
 - d) Purchased a Box of Coats for Kids that will be presented to St. Vincent De Paul when it arrives. **(CLOSED)**
 - e) Ken Rodriguez will be working with Lisa Hall on a Poster Campaign for Keeping Christ in Christmas. **(CLOSED)**
- 12) 4th Degree Report:** The 4th Degree will meet at COR on 15 October. About half way through the meeting they will take a break and hold a flag retirement Ceremony. If you have a flags in need of retirement, please see a 4th Degree Member. Also Greg Muntzner gave a talk at the Niceville Library for Constitution Week.
- 13) Insurance Agent Report:** No Report.
- 14) Worthy District Deputy Update:**
- a) Presented the Council with the Columbian Award which was earned last year.
 - b) Goal this year is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. Currently we are 1 and 0.
 - c) We tentatively have a 4th Degree scheduled for 16 January at St. Sylvester.
 - d) October 10 and 11 is Order wide Church Membership Drive.
 - e) October 12 through the 18 is an Order wide First Degree Week.
 - f) Gave a briefing on the responsibilities of a 1st Degree Sponsor. You do not just get them to fill out a Form 100 and then turn them loose. You need to follow-up, help him along, and encourage him along the way. Get him involved in what is happening with the Council. Explain about the Shinning Armor Program.
- 15) Correspondence:**
- a) A thank you letter from K. Fritz of Holy Name, thanking us for the Bibles we donated to the Cursillo Retreat.
 - b) Received a booklet from the Resources for Human Development in appreciation of our donation from the Tootsie Roll Sales.
 - c) Received a verbal thank you passed on from the President of the Pastoral Council for the Knights work on the recent Parish Picnic.
- 16) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Wolfgang Gieberger, Guy Jordan, Frank and Anne Liberatori, Mark Adams, David Miller, Victims of the Oregon Shooting, Grace Starr, and David Branscome.
- 17) For The Good of the Order:** Gave a briefing on some statistics of how often Catholics pray and attend church. We need to do what we can as Knights to help to bring people back into the faith. Then gave some tips on how to communicate better with people. Touching, shaking hands, smiling, use your hands while talking.

Meeting Closed:
 Respectfully Submitted
 Mark J. Adams
 Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
1 Nov	Baby Bottle Campaign Continues	At All Masses Through 1 Nov 15
5 Nov	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1900 Mtg
6 Nov	Bingo, Team 4	HNJ, 1800
7 Nov	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
8 Nov	Veteran's Day Mass	COR, 1030 Mass
9 Nov	Spelling Bee	Lewis Middle School, 1800
13 Nov	Bingo, Team 1	HNJ, 1800
19 Nov	4 th Degree Meeting, (Assembly 3236)	HNJ, 1900
20 Nov	Bingo, Team 2	HNJ, 1800
TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1830
21-22 Nov	Membership Open House	COR, after all Masses
27 Nov	<u>No Bingo</u>	

Knight of the Month

Jack Starr.

Family of the Month

Deacon Bill & Jeanette Schall.

Also in the News ... Knights In Action!



November Birthday Celebrations!

Please extend best wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with many blessings to:

Mark Adams	3 Nov
Bob Camoin	9 Nov
George Wagner	9 Nov
Kirk Kloeppe	10 Nov
Paul Dooley	11 Nov
Jack Dennis	13 Nov
Dale Olds	13 Nov
Ronald Rabiansky	14 Nov
Michael Catanese	15 Nov
Stephen Erickson	16 Nov
Martin Marler	17 Nov
Brett Nelson	17 Nov
Mike Rosenbleeth	20 Nov

We apologize if we did not recognize your birthday. Please update your information with a council officer so that we may give you the recognition that you deserve.

Send all inputs for the Newsletter to Steve Schaefer NLT 7 days after the General Assembly meeting. Please send to both schaeaf@eglin.af.mil & fly-safe@cox.net.

Insurance Corner

Shopping That All Men Should Do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.



When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flat screen television. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never," it's time you speak with me. Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse need it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

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Saint of the Month – November 2015

St. Cecilia, (c. 2nd century – c. 3rd century)

Feast Day: November 22nd

Patron Saint of: Musicians.



Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.

The story of St. Cecilia is not without beauty or merit. She is said to have been quite close to God and prayed often.

In the city of Rome there was a virgin named Cecilia, who came from an extremely rich family and was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian. She wore sackcloth next to her skin, fasted, and invoked the saints, angels, and virgins, beseeching them to guard her virginity.

During her wedding ceremony she was said to have sung in her heart to God and before the consummation of her nuptials, she told her husband she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he traveled to the third milestone on the Via Appia, (Appian Way), and was baptized by Pope Urbanus.

Following his baptism, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side. The angel then crowned Cecilia with a chaplet of rose and lily and when Valerian's brother, Tibertius, heard of the angel and his brother's baptism, he also was baptized and together the brothers dedicated their lives to burying the saints who were murdered each day by the prefect of the city, Turcius Almachius.

Both brothers were eventually arrested and brought before the prefect where they were executed after they refused to offer a sacrifice to the gods.

As her husband and brother-in-law buried the dead, St. Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban.

Cecilia was later arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for one night and one day, as fires were heaped up and stoked to a terrifying heat - but Cecilia did not even sweat.

When Almachius heard this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head in the baths. The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding and she lived for three days. Crowds came to her and collected her blood while she preached to them or prayed. On the third day she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married, and is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand.

Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt, the first of all incorrupt saints. She was draped in a silk veil and wore a gold embroidered dress. Officials only looked through the veil in an act of holy reverence and made no further examinations. They also reported a "mysterious and delightful flower-like odor

which proceeded from the coffin."

St. Cecilia's remains were transferred to Cecilia's titular church in Trastevere and placed under the high altar. In 1599 Cardinal Paolo Emilio Sfondrati, nephew of Pope Gregory XIV, rebuilt the church of St. Cecilia.

Like any good Christian, Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art. In the present confused state of Church music, it may be useful to recall some words of Vatican II:

Liturgical action is given a more noble form when sacred rites are solemnized in song, with the assistance of sacred ministers and the active participation of the people.... Choirs must be diligently promoted, but bishops and other pastors must ensure that, whenever the sacred action is to be celebrated with song, the whole body of the faithful may be able to contribute that active participation which is rightfully theirs.... Gregorian chant, other things being equal, should be given pride of place in liturgical services. But other kinds of sacred music, especially polyphony, are by no means excluded.... Religious singing by the people is to be skillfully fostered, so that in devotions and sacred exercises, as also during liturgical services, the voices of the faithful may ring out.

(Vatican II, *Constitution on the Liturgy*, 112-118)

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