



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



December 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,

One of the rewards of being the GK is to write this newsletter each month and reflect on the great things you, the Knights of Columbus, have done for our parish and community. I always start the same way; a little nervous I let opportunities go by without getting us involved and failing to serve. That usually last as long as it takes me to open up my calendar and count the many hours and events we participated in.

So here we go: The KoC painted, nailed, shoveled, and cut wood with Habitat for Humanity for a deserving Fort Walton Beach family. We extended the Baby Bottle campaign to collect additional money for Life Inc and their vital mission. Our Keep Christ in Christmas team proudly sold cards, ornaments and magnets after each mass making it yet another huge success. The Veterans of our community were honored at a special Mass in which the council helped organize. Bingo and Pasta crews worked tirelessly to earn money so we can continue to host events such as this month's Spelling Bee, annual scholarships, supplies for the Niceville Pavilion, St. Vincent De Paul, and so on. Finally, the Knights got behind our goal of recruiting new members and on November 22nd, held our first, (OK maybe first in a long time), KoC Open House. In summary, you guys rock!

As we approach the holiday season, keep Christ in Christmas through your prayers, daily acts of kindness and charitable opportunities. God Bless.

YBiC

Tom Means

Knight of the Month

George Rhynedance.

Family of the Month

Adam & Sarah Dieterich.

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – November 5th, 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: Warden as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year Trustees.

Visiting Officers: District Deputy, Mike Murphy.

- 1) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the October Meeting were approved.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** None.
- 3) **Conferring of Degree:** 1st Degree was conferred on James Perkins and George Winedance, 3rd Degree was conferred upon Glen Prescott, Joe Severino, Ken Rodriguez, Mark Olgee, and Tim Swope.
- 4) **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a) We will be holding a Membership Drive on 22 November in the Parish Hall.
 - b) Gave a farewell to Adolph Fejfar, who is moving to Arizona.
 - c) Knight of the Month is Jack Starr for his hard work as a Bingo Team Leader and outstanding support to the Council.
 - d) Family of the Month is awarded to Deacon Bill and Jeanette Schaal for their unselfish work within the Parish.
 - e) Offered a prayer in Honor of the Veterans.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** This past weekend we had 20 of the Parish children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Usher Training was conducted last night. Mass in honor of the Veterans of the parish will be held on 8 November.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of the last meeting was \$14,116.25. Deposits were \$255.00. Interest was \$.33. Checks written last month were five, totaling \$549.58. Four checks outstanding totaling \$449.58. Balance with both cleared and uncleared checks is \$13,821.67. The Scholarship account was at \$4029.00. Balance of combined accounts is \$17,850.67.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** The \$255.00 that was deposited, \$190.00 of that was dues. There was \$25.00 for 50/50 and \$40.00 for shirts that were sold. We have received \$191.00 this month from KCIC, an initiation fee of \$20.00 and dues of \$175.00. Tonight we will put another \$416.00 into the accounts. As for checks written, we wrote a total of \$579.58. This covered the Christian Radio Station (WPSM), St Vincent De Paul, Constitution Week supplies, the Pavilion in Niceville, and our share of the KCIC billboard that we share with HNJ. Tonight we did 2 checks, one for Supreme in the amount of \$77.78 and another for name tags in the amount of 33.39.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** No Report.
- 9) **Trustees Report:** No report.
- 10) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:**
 - i) Corporate Communion on 13 December. Start time is 10am, please wear your Polo shirts.
 - ii) Keep Christ in Christmas kicked off last week and it is off to a good start. We have three weeks to go so volunteer 15 minutes after Mass to help out.
 - iii) I encourage everyone to become involved in the Parish. Look into the different ministries and become a more active member. Make Christ Our Redeemer truly a Parish Alive with your help.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:**
 - i) Baby Bottle campaign ended last week and the only deposit made so far was for \$4000. We will probably still be receiving bottles in to the month of January. We will update as we can.
 - 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 it, otherwise wear something to indicate your service to our country.

- 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 had a day of building on Saturday, 31 October, we had 10 Knights and one person that responded to the bulletin. Thank you for your work painting, installing gutter and digging and framing the driveway and sidewalk. There is an event on Thanksgiving Day where Habitat for Humanity will be serving food to those in need at the Harbor Docks in Destin. If you have some free time that day volunteer to assist.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:** The Spelling Bee will be held on 9 November at the Lewis School. Come on out to help or enjoy the action. The next upcoming event will be the Basketball free throw, which should be towards the latter part of January.
 - e) **Culture of Life:** 40 Days for Life is over for the fall and thank you to everyone that came out and participated.
 - f) **Membership Director:** We are set up for a membership drive the weekend of 21 – 22 November. We have the Parish Hall reserved for setting up information. The Donut Brigade will have their coffee and donuts inside to help draw the people in. We will have people in the hall and we need people to also hand out brochures after mass.
 - g) **Family Director:** No report.
 - h) **Publicity Director:** No report.
- 11) **Old Business:** Sunland Picnic was an outstanding event and thank you for all that participated and donated. We will be submitting an invoice for this council's share of cost, which was \$92.45.
- 12) **New Business:**
- a) Shirts are available. The Polyester Shirt is available for \$2 more. **(CLOSED)**
 - b) Dues cover about 35% of our councils Funds we fund raise to cover the rest. Bingo/Pasta makes up 25% of our income is on the shoulders of about 6 people. If you are interested please sign up and we will get you more information. **(CLOSED)**
 - c) Recruiting clipboard will be going around and we have six areas that people can sign up for. **(CLOSED)**
 - d) Niceville Christmas Parade on the 5 December, that's the 1st Saturday. **(CLOSED)**
 - e) Sunland Christmas Party on 12 December and that will be at HNJ. **(CLOSED)**
 - f) We received an e-mail from State on the 5th Sunday Rosary. They would like us to start a 5th Sunday Rosary which is any month with five Sundays, we get together and say a Rosary before Mass. It is suggested that we combine our 5th Sunday Rosary with our Corporate Communion as much as possible. This will give us credit for both. Will look into this more after the first of the year. **(CLOSED)**
 - g) Belk Sharing Day time again. Tickets available for \$5 and if bought now we get 100% of proceeds go to the council. If purchased on the day of the sale at the door then all proceeds get divided among all charities. **(CLOSED)**
 - h) We will need the 4th Degrees in full regalia on 8 November at the 1030 Mass in honor of Veterans Day. **(CLOSED)**
 - i) Received a Call from the Witmarsh Family that we and the Parish had assisted earlier this year in helping to prepare to sell their home. They moved up to North Carolina with family while planning to go on to the Philippines. We found out he died yesterday, so please keep them in your prayers. **(CLOSED)**
- 13) **4th Degree Report:** No report.
- 14) **Insurance Agent Report:**
- a) Fathers for Good. I have some fliers to pass out that has a lot of good information on being a father.
 - b) Tip of the Month: Leave on money vs. Live on money. Leave on is money you want to leave to someone else. Had a call from a brother and he and his wife wanted to leave some 401K money to someone and a Universal Policy was recommended. We also recommend these, but there are some problems. The problem is that it is on one person and if between that person and the spouse if one of them is in poor health that can mess things up. We do a two person policy. We sell these for specific purposes, 1) special needs children and 2) with our dual life policy one of the people can be in poor health. This resolves the problem with a Universal Policy.

- c) Shameless plugs of the month. 1) The Knights have a lot of good ornaments and figurines for Christmas. I have the brochure. 2) LIFT Program, if you have long term care insurance through the Knights, they will contact you and come out and evaluate your home, exercise program, etc. It is just ways to help you monitor to keep good and healthy habits. 3) two days ago the Knights surpassed \$100 Billion in insurance.

15) Worthy District Deputy Update:

- a) Goal this year is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. Currently we are 3 and 0.
- b) Degree Schedule:
 - i) 1st Degree HNJ is on tap to do this in November. They are forming a new team so it will probably be towards the end of the month.
 - ii) 2nd Degree is not schedule but will probably be around early December.
 - iii) 3rd Degree None scheduled for the area till next year.
 - iv) 4th degree is 16 January 2016, at St Sylvester.
- c) Briefed on a Letter from State Deputy on a Knight that was going to leave the KofC and the reasons why. He had become disillusioned by the lack of concern from his brothers when he developed problems and the only thing he heard from the council was a bill for dues.

16) Correspondence: We have received a Thank You letter from Brian Carrillo, a Seminarian, for the donation made by Lenny Smales through the Council.

17) Brothers or Persons in Distress: Wolfgang Gieberger, Guy Jordan, The Witmarsh Family, Adam Tobia, Orlando Tobia and Family, Gene Poseagl, Adolph Fejfar, Barney Stoffel and wife, and Gene O'Neil and wife.

18) For The Good of the Order: Gave a briefing on information for Bluewater Bay.

Meeting Closed:

Respectfully Submitted
 Mark J. Adams
 Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
3 Dec	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1900 Mtg
4 Dec	Bingo Team 3, (COR)	HNJ, 1800
5 Dec	Christmas Parade	Niceville, 0900
5 Dec	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
6 Dec	Council Christmas Party	COR Parish Hall, 1700
11 Dec	Bingo, Team 4, (HNJ)	HNJ, 1800
12 Dec	Sunland Christmas Party	HNJ
13 Dec	Corporate Communion	COR, 1000, (wear polos)
18 Dec	Bingo, Team 1, (HNJ)	HNJ, 1800
25 Dec	<u>No Bingo</u>	

Also in the News

Habitat for Humanity, (31 Oct 15)





December Birthday Celebrations!

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

Tim Swope	3 Dec
Larry Falk	4 Dec
Ernie Martinez	4 Dec
Jack Sexton	9 Dec
Nicolas Urioste	11 Dec
James Shelingoski	15 Dec
Christopher Coombs	16 Dec
Lenny Smales	23 Dec
Luan To	23 Dec
Wolfgang Geiberger	25 Dec
Joseph Cartenuto	25 Dec
Raymond Jasen	27 Dec
Theodore Berg	28 Dec
James McCarthy	28 Dec
Brian Branagan	29 Dec
Rod Culkin	29 Dec
Philip Fralix	30 Dec
Allan Parke	31 Dec
Tom Means	31 Dec

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 schae@eglin.af.mil & fly-safe@cox.net.

Insurance Corner

Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. How morbid, they may think quietly or aloud. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is a really thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.



The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future, (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people. Call me and let's get your Christmas shopping done early this year!

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Saint of the Month – December 2015

St. Francis Xavier, (1506-1552)

Feast Day: December 3rd

Patron Saint of: Patron Saint of: African missions; Apostleship of Prayer; Australia; Bombay, India; China; East Indies; Fathers of the Precious Blood; Foreign Missions; Goa India; India; Tokyo, Japan; Missionaries; Missioners of the Precious Blood; Navigators; Parish Missions; Plague Epidemics; Propagation of the Faith.



Jesus asked, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534 joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Francis Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, he lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Francis went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and St. Therese of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Francis died on the island of Sancian, a hundred miles southwest of Hong Kong. In his final sickness he had to be removed from the ship because the Portuguese sailors feared that kindness to him would offend their master. They were forced to leave him on the sands of the shore, exposed to a bitter wind, but a Portuguese merchant led him into a ramshackle hut. He prayed continually, between spasms of delirium and the doubtful therapy of bleeding. He grew weaker and weaker. “I [Anthony, his friend] could see that he was dying, and put a lighted candle in his hand. Then, with the name of Jesus on his lips, he gave his spirit to his Creator and Lord with great peace and repose.”

All of us are called to “go and preach to all nations” (see Matthew 28:19). Our preaching is not necessarily on distant shores but to our families, our children, our husband or wife, our coworkers. And we are called to preach not with words, but by our everyday lives. Only by sacrifice, the giving up of all selfish gain, could

Francis Xavier be free to bear the Good News to the world. Sacrifice is leaving yourself behind at times for a greater good, the good of prayer, the good of helping someone in need, the good of just listening to another. The greatest gift we have is our time. Francis gave his to others.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1218>

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=423

<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/F/stfrancisxavier.asp>