



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



March 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,

(With compliments to this Month's "Upper Room" that gave me these ideas)

Lent is a season of the liturgical year where we focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God. Lent is a great time to "repent" of those things and life activities that distance us from the Lord, to return to God and re-focus our lives.

Consider it a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

FASTING: Going without food for days is not practical for most of us, however many might only eat fish on Fridays, or go without meat during Lent. But you can also fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God that may not even include food. Giving up ice cream or candy, TV, soft drinks, cigarettes or meat can be a way to purify your bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some *activity* just to spend time outside enjoying God's creation. Think about what do you need to let go of, or "fast" from, in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

SERVICE: Some Christians take something on *for* Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend everyday of Lent, remember in serving others, we serve God.

PRAYER: We also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray privately while you walk, at work, or publicly at church Lenten services, or create music or art as a prayer to God, or just savor a time of quiet listening.

And speaking of prayers, please keep brothers Vince Warsheski and Mark Adams in yours, both have had some recent heart issues. Our KoC "Lenten Soup Night" is scheduled for 20 March – please give Ron Rabiansky your support as he coordinates this and asks for volunteers to make and bring a Lenten soup or sandwiches for the children. The Tootsie Roll Drive will be 13, 14, and 15 March and we will be covering the usual places, Winn Dixie and ACE Hardware in Bluewater and Walmart in Destin. Please get with Lenny Smales and volunteer an hour or more to make this easy on everyone.

God Bless, Your Brother in Christ,

**Col. Andy Balding
USAF (Ret.)**

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – February 5th, 2014



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

Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused. Officers excused included: Chaplain, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and 1st Year Trustee.

Visiting Officers: District Deputy, Joe Purka and district Warden Mike Murphy.

1. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the January Meeting were approved as amended.
2. **Application for Membership:** No Report
3. **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a. Thanks to Lenny Smales, Vince Warsheski, and Ron Rabiansky for procuring the new shed. They have also completed installation of the shelving and moved all of the Knights property into it. Great job.
 - b. The State Convention is coming up next month and we need to send two delegates. Think about who should be our nominees and we will vote on it at the meeting next month.
 - c. If you are thinking of a project that requires expenditure of funds we request you bring it to the Executive Meeting prior to the General Membership meeting. This will allow the Board to review and if not a high cost may be able to approve and expedite matters.
 - d. Discussed results of Fraternal Activity Report that just was sent to Supreme. We totaled more than 7500 Man-hours.
 - e. Next Executive Committee Meeting is February 8th.
4. **Chaplain Report:** No Report.
5. **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of 8 January is \$12,698.93. Deposits were \$1,359.05, Interest was \$0.49, and Balance with both cleared and unclear checks as of 5 February is \$10,357.22. Balance in Scholarship account is \$4,779.00. Current combined total is \$15,136.22.
6. **Financial Secretary Report:**
 - a. The cost of the shed came in at \$3261 which came in below what we had raised.
 - b. Audit is due on 15 February.
7. **Chancellors Report:** No Report.
8. **Service Director Reports:**
 - a. **Vocations Director:** No Report.
 - b. **Church Director:**
 - i. Next Corporate Communion is 8 February at the 10:30 Mass. Start time will be 10 A.M.
 - ii. Alter Server awards will be made at the end of this month.
 - iii. The Parish Mission is coming up on 22 February. We are providing meal for the night of the 23rd. Volunteers to help out contact John Rafferty.
 - c. **Council Activity Director:**
 - i. The final balance on the Knights Christmas Party was a \$192 in profit back to the General Fund.
 - ii. The next item being planned will be Deep Sea Fishing trip in M ay. More info to come.
 - d. **Youth Activity Director:**
 - i. Scholarship Awards are coming up. Requesting a couple of volunteers to score the submissions.
 - ii. Basketball Free Throw was held on January 31, 2015. We had 2 kids show up. We will be working on ideas to improve the turnout.
 - e. **Membership Director:** No report.
 - f. **Family Director:** No Report.
 - g. **Community Director:** The next Habitat for Humanity build looks like it will be in the April time frame and it also looks like we will be coming in towards the end of the build. We might be able to leave the shovels at home. This will also be in Crestview.
 - h. **Publicity Director:** No Report.
 - i. **Culture of Life:**

- i. Lent will be here in no time which brings us back to 40 Days for Life. We will again have 2 days scheduled and the word will be put out as soon as available.
- ii. Latest thing out of England is a 3 person In vitro Fertilization. This will give a child 3 parents and will combine genes from all three.
- j. **Retention Committee:** Need a volunteer to head this up.
- k. **Trustees Report:** No Report.
- l. **4th Degree Report:**
 - i. The next meeting of the 4th Degree Assembly will be 19 February at 7 pm here at COR.
 - ii. The Color Guard will be supporting the Black History Mass at St Mary's on 8 February at 2 pm.

9. Old Business:

- a. Parish Mission Dinner being sponsored by the Knights is 23 February. We will be serving a Pasta Dinner. **(CLOSED)**
- b. The Sacrament that had a 1st vote last month is up for its 2nd vote due to the cost exceeding the \$500 limit. The motion before us is that the Knights donate \$1000 to the parish for the purchase of a Sacrament for the secure cleansing of Sacred Vessels and Cloths. Discussion, Motion 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**
- c. Lenten Soup Nights are coming up. Our night will be 20 March, point of contact will be Ron Rabiensky. **(CLOSED)**

10. New Business:

- a. Tootsie Roll Drive will be 13, 14, and 15 March and we will be covering the usual places, Winn Dixie and ACE Hardware in Bluewater and Walmart in Destin. Please volunteer an hour or more to make this easy on everyone. **(CLOSED)**
- b. Niceville Pavilion is in need of supplies and room renovations. The renovations are mostly things like painting rooms and paint is available at the Pavilion. Point of Contact on this is Jack Brennan and Greg Muntzner. A Motion was made to provide \$300 to the Pavilion to purchase recessed can lighting for one of the hallways. Discussion, motion 2nd, and approved. **(CLOSED)**
- c. It was mentioned that we need to purchase additional items of apparel for the council. T-Shirts for those working mostly with Habitat for Humanity, Polo Shirts for members to purchase and Hats. A motion was made to provide up to \$400 to make the purchase of apparel. Discussion, Motion 2nd, and Approved. **(CLOSED)**
- d. Vince Warsheski is planning another Men's Only Yard Sale to try and eliminate his remaining stock of yard equipment, tools and other material. He is planning this for 21 March, So if you have any items to donate, get them to Vince ASAP as he needs to ops check the items and get it all set up. **(CLOSED)**
- e. The Bishop has sent a request for \$300 to help in the purchase of matching vestments for when he has the Priest of the Diocese gather for special services. This way all the priest will match. A motion was made to send the \$300. Discussion, Motion 2nd, Approved. **(CLOSED)**

11. Insurance Agent Report: No Report.

12. Worthy District Deputy Update:

- a. Our Recruiting goals still need to be worked on.
- b. **Degree Schedule:**
 - i. First Degree COR on March 5th. Crestview on March 25th.
 - ii. Second Degree at 11 am on March 21st in Crestview.
 - iii. Third Degree is tentative for April 11th at Our Lady of the Seas, Gulf Breeze.
- c. The Basketball Free-throw will be held February 28th at HNJ. District will also be held at HNJ on February 28. With State on March 14th at Haines City.
- d. **The following Reports are needed:**
 - i. Special Olympics – January 30th.
 - ii. Soccer Challenge – February 15th.
- e. Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child on March 22nd. Suggested activities include Rosary, Prayer Service or possible a special mass.
- f. State Convention May 22- 24 at Renaissance Hotel in Orlando. Submission of State Awards NLT April 15th. Election of Delegates a/Alternates NLT March 15th. And reporting of Delegates/Alternates NLT April 15th or ASAP.

- 13. **Correspondence:** A letter from Bishop Parkes on Vestments for Diocese.
- 14. **Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Guy Jordan, Frank and Ann Liberatori, Moe Powers, Laura Tobia, Mark Adams, and Michael, Shelley and Baby Isaiah.
- 15. **For The Good of The Order:** A welcome back to Guy Jordan and short discussion on how the Government identifies items. Then a short story from a 3rd grader on God.
- 16.

Meeting Closed:
 Respectfully Submitted
 Mark J. Adams, Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
5 Mar	1 st Degree, General Assembly	COR, 1800 1 st Degree, 1900 Mtg
7 Mar	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, (COR Team) 1800
13-15 Mar	Tootsie Roll Drive	POC: Lenny Smales
20 Mar	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
26 Mar	Executive Committee	COR, 1900
27 Mar	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
4 Apr	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
5 Apr	Easter 1030 Mass Parking Detail	COR, 1030
9 Mar	General Assembly	COR, 1800 Fellowship Dinner, 1900 Mtg
12 Mar	Corporate Communion	COR, 0700, Knights in Polos

Knight of the Month

Chris Bankard is a recent addition to Council 13527 transferring from Council 291 of St James Church in West Carthage, NY. He moved to this area to attend the Navy School of Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Eglin AFB. Upon graduating from this demanding school, he will return to NY to continue service as an Army Second Lieutenant in the NY National Guard and pursue a career in accounting. When he arrived to Christ Our Redeemer Church, he immediately began volunteering for Council activities even before his transfer paperwork was finalized. Chris helped distribute baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign that raised approximately \$5,000 for a local maternity center. He helped run the first ever Veteran's Day Mass at Christ Our Redeemer Church when the organizer had to leave town unexpectedly. He also helped decorate and manage the reception table during the 2014 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party attended by nearly 90 Knights and family members.

Family of the Month

Jack & Pat Brennan for all the work they do in various church ministries from Parish council to music to lecturing and KoC. Recently Jack made us aware of Niceville Pavilion needs for supplies and room/hall renovations. The renovations are typical handy man maintenance that they do not have manpower for, mostly things like painting rooms and moving furniture. Jack Brennan and Greg Muntzner are coordinating our efforts and future projects there. Additionally last month at Jacks request we approved a motion to provide \$300 to the Pavilion to purchase recessed can lighting for one of the hallways.

March Birthday Celebrations!

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

Mark Haddorff	2 Mar
Barney Stoffel	4 Mar
Adolph Fejfar	4 Mar
Tim Swope	4 Mar
James Yurack	4 Mar
Thomas Webb	5 Mar
Luis Melecio-Zambrano	6 Mar
John Kenney	9 Mar
John Hillsman	9 Mar
John Wohleber	11 Mar
Vincent Warsheski	12 Mar
Adam Guziewicz	12 Mar
Charles Tobia	13 Mar
Rich Pearson	15 Mar
Chip Bobier	16 Mar
John Rafferty	16 Mar
Sean Coombs	17 Mar
David Erickson	17 Mar
Daniel Young	18 Mar
Christian Dreyer	23 Mar
John Deloach	23 Mar
Jack Starr	25 Mar

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

An Ethical Responsibility

In March of 2014, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute.

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above everything.

But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less.

We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world.

For starters, we were founded by a Venerable Servant of God, who, we pray, is on the path to Sainthood. How many companies can say that?

It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 133 years later.

From our founding to the present day, we are and have been an unapologetically Catholic company.

For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

We are an organization by brother Knights, for brother Knights.

We don't worry about stock price, shareholders, or corporate takeovers. We don't obsess over profit margins and golden parachutes. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're brother Knights too.

As agents, we are rigorously trained to adhere to the highest ethical standards. Each of us must sign a Code of Ethics, which is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," it goes on to say, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." After all, we are our brother's keeper.

That's our commitment to you. And that's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching, and in line with the vision of our holy founder.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has acknowledged that commitment.

Discover the benefits of doing business with one of the World's most ethical companies. Contact me today.



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Saint of the Month – March 2015

St. Frances of Rome, (1384-1440)

Feast Days: March 9th

Patron Saint of: Widows and motorists.

Frances's life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances's care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances's second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances's daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

Looking at the exemplary life of fidelity to God and devotion to her fellow human beings which Frances of Rome was blessed to lead, one cannot help but be reminded of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who loved Jesus Christ in prayer and also in the poor. The life of Frances of Rome calls each of us not only to look deeply for God in prayer, but also to carry our devotion to Jesus living in the suffering of our world. Frances shows us that this life need not be restricted to those bound by vows.

Malcolm Muggeridge's book *Something Beautiful for God* contains this quote from Mother Teresa about each sister in her community: "Let Christ radiate and live his life in her and through her in the slums. Let the poor seeing her be drawn to Christ and invite him to enter their homes and lives." Says Frances of Rome: "It is most laudable in a married woman to be devout, but she must never forget that she is a housewife. And sometimes she must leave God at the altar to find Him in her housekeeping" (*Butler's Lives of the Saints*).

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/saint.aspx?id=1317>

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=49

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

