



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



April 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,

The Tootsie Roll Drive managed by brother Lenny Smales was a success. Thank you to everyone that pulled a shift in front of a store or after Mass. The Tootsie Roll Drive collected \$2951.11 which will allow us to present \$625 checks to our designated organizations. A little below last year, but still above the average.

The Altar Server of the year awards were presented at each Mass last month and that was well received. Thanks to our 4th degree brothers for the Honor Guard supporting this and thanks to brother Ron Rabiansky for managing this program.

We have a Corporate Communion scheduled for April 19th at 1000 and then following Mass we'll be having a Wive's appreciation dinner. Brother Charles Tobia is coordinating this. Look for e-mails from him for info.

At our last meeting we voted for our Council Knight of the Year (KoY) and Family of the Year (FoY), by an overwhelming majority in both cases the 2014 KoY is Ron Rabiansky, and the FoY is Chris and Vince Warcheski. I would welcome some assistance in writing up these worthy three for our submission to State. We also discussed our council's representation for the State Council Assembly in May. Both John Rafferty and Adam Dieterich graciously volunteered.

Finally, I'd like to invite as many of you as possible to both our April and May meetings as we will be nominating next year's Officers in April and voting on them in May. I would ask any of you who have not held an office before to prayerfully consider volunteering to nominate yourself.

God Bless, Your Brother in Christ,

Col. Andy Balding
USMC (Ret.)

Knight of the Month

John Rafferty for his unwavering support of the Bingo and Pasta Dinner Teams and organizing our KoC dinner night during Missions week.

Family of the Month

Ralph and Beth MacDonald for their support to Mission Week and organizing support for raising funds to help with drilling water wells in Africa.

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – March 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, Advocate, 2nd and 3rd Year Trustee.



Visiting Officers: District Deputy, Joe Purka, and Fraternal Insurance Agent, Tim Pugh.

1. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the February Meeting were approved.
2. **Application for Membership:** Had three new applicants that met the board and were accepted. A First Degree was held prior to this meeting and our three new members are:
 - a. Joe Severino
 - b. Glen Prescott
 - c. Daniel Soto
3. **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a. We will be sponsoring the Lenten Soup Night on March 20. This is headed up by Ron Rabiensky and the sign up list is available on line.
 - b. Knight of the Year and Family of the Year will be voted on tonight. Ballot is going around and please identify who you vote for.
 - c. Would like to thank "Z" Zermينو, Jack Starr, Steve Sadowski and Ron Rabiensky for putting together the Alter Server of the Year Awards at each of last Sunday Masses.
 - d. The Sacarium that was approved last month for \$1000 will be donated into the General Building fund and used for the repair of the Parish Hall roof.
 - e. May need a parking detail for the 1030 Mass on Easter. Will put out email on this if needed.
 - f. Next Executive Committee Meeting is March 27th. The next General Membership Meeting will be April 9th.
4. **Chaplain Report:** No Report.
5. **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of 5 February was \$15,136.22. Deposits were \$4,322.39, Interest was \$0.39, and Balance with both cleared and unclear checks as of 5 March is \$8,630.46. Balance in Scholarship account is \$4,779.00.
6. **Financial Secretary Report:**
 - a. We had seven checks recently written for the following amounts totally \$3936.78:
 - i. Advertising at Diocesan Hearts Afire: \$50.
 - ii. Helping Life: \$1500.
 - iii. Vocations: \$947.
 - iv. St. Vincent DePaul: \$250.
 - v. Wheelchair Foundation: \$300.
 - vi. Parish Mission Meal: \$317.
 - vii. Work T-Shirts: \$333.
 - viii. Guatemalan Mission: \$200.
 - b. On the good side we also recently received our split from Holy Name of Jesus on Bingo and Pasta of \$3563.80.
7. **Chancellors Report:** Received a Thank You card from the Seminarian, Tom, thanking us for money and prayers and he advised us he would soon be made a Deacon.
8. **Service Director Reports:**
 - a. **Vocations Director:** No Report.
 - b. **Church Director:**
 - i. Next Corporate Communion is 19 April at the 10:30 Mass. Start time will be 10 A.M.
 - ii. Alter Server awards were accomplished on 1 March at the individual Masses.
 - iii. 20 March is the Knights Lenten Soup Night followed by Stations of the Cross.
 - c. **Council Activity Director:** In place of a Wives Appreciation Dinner this year we are looking at doing a Luncheon. This will be following the Corporate Communion Mass on 19 April. More information next month.

- d. **Youth Activity Director:**
 - i. Scholarship Applications have gone out. We will need some volunteers to review applications and determine who the lucky 4 individuals are.
 - e. **Membership Director:** No report.
 - f. **Family Director:** No Report.
 - g. **Community Director:** Tootsie Roll Drive will be from 11 thru 15 March. Please sign up to support this fund raiser. Signup sheets are going around.
 - h. **Publicity Director:** No Report.
 - i. **Culture of Life:** Had a report on a woman that had an abortion and something went wrong. She had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital. Due to Privacy Act no further information is available.
 - j. **Retention Committee:** No Report.
 - k. **Trustees Report:** Financial Audit was completed on 15 February a copy is available for anyone wishing to review.
 - l. **4th Degree Report:** Looking for assistance in providing snacks at the VA Clinic on the 1st Monday of the month.
- 9. Old Business:**
- a. Lenten Soup Nights are in progress with some wonderful showings so far. Our night will be 20 March, point of contact will be Ron Rabiansky. **(CLOSED)**
 - b. 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)**
- 10. New Business:**
- a. During the Parish Mission a fund raiser was started to support drilling a water well in Uganda where Molly McCormick is doing missionary work. Motion was made to provide \$400 in support of this fund raiser, 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**
 - b. A few people are requested to assist a member of the parish with occasional transportation. **(CLOSED)**
 - c. The Pavilion in Niceville is in need of some continuing support of certain items for the patients. A motion was made to provide \$100 per month in support of patient sanitary needs, 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**
 - d. A Bible study course will be starting on 12 April on the subject of The Prophets. This will be headed up by Deacon Bill Schaal. More info available in the Narthex. **(CLOSED)**
 - e. Nominees to attend the State Convention are Ron Rabiansky and Adam Dieterich. **(CLOSED)**
- 11. Insurance Agent Report:** A report was provided on the subject of Annuities and how it is possible for you to collect more money than you put in. This can help a lot for your older age. Insurance on the other hand is to provide for the survivors after the person has passed. Tim also passed out some Holy Cards of St John Paul II.
- 12. Worthy District Deputy Update:**
- a. With the three new recruits we still need to work on our recruiting goals.
 - b. Degree Schedule:
 - i. First Degree at Crestview on March 25th at 7 pm.
 - ii. Second Degree at 11 am on March 21st in Crestview.
 - iii. A Second and Third Degree is scheduled for April 11th at Our Lady of the Seas, Gulf Breeze. Second at 9:30 with Third at 11:30.
 - c. The Basketball Free-Throw for State will be on March 14th at Haines City.
 - d. The following Reports are needed.
 - i. Report of Delegates to State – NLT 15 April.
 - ii. Submission for State Awards – NLT 15 April.
 - e. Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child on March 22nd. Suggested activities include Rosary, Prayer Service, or possible a special Mass.
 - f. Lenten Suggestion: 40 cans for Lent. This is a good way to build up St Vincent DePaul and qualify for Food for Families Program.
- 13. Correspondence:** Previously Mentioned.
- 14. Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Guy Jordan, Laura Tobia, Vince Warsheski, Steve Sadowski, Deacon Bill Schaal, Ed Ehring, Fr Kevin Johnson, and Michael, Shelley and Baby Isaiah.

15. For The Good of The Order: Guy Jordan provided a short story about the need to say thank you to God for Blessings received.

Meeting Closed:
Respectfully Submitted
Mark J. Adams, Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
26 Mar	Executive Committee	COR, 1900
27 Mar	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
5 Apr	Easter 1030 Mass Parking Detail	COR, 1030
9 Apr	General Assembly	COR, 1800 Fellowship Dinner, 1900 Mtg
11 Apr	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
12 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday	COR, 1000
19 Apr	Corporate Communion, Wives Appreciation Dinner	COR, 1000, Knights in Polos, Dinner after Mass location TBD
23 Apr	Executive Committee	COR, 1900

April Birthday Celebrations!

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

Jacob Vallimont	2 Apr
Guy Jordan	3 Apr
Hong Nguyen	5 Apr
Cosima Ricciardi	9 Apr
Mike England	13 Apr
Pete Blaise	15 Apr
Steven Clark	18 Apr
Joe Allard	22 Apr
Joseph Deloach	26 Apr
Tim McKelvey	26 Apr
Matthew Williams	29 Apr

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

Plan For This Tax Day and Into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.



Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Timothy Dugh, FIC, FICF
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Saint of the Month – April 2015

St. Stanislaus, (1030-1079)

Feast Day: April 11th

Patron Saint of: Poland.

Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More (June 22) and Thomas Becket (December 29) for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government.

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. The latter, enraged, ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed him with his own hands. Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

John the Baptist, Thomas Becket, Thomas More and Stanislaus are a few of the prophets who dared to denounce corruption in high places. They follow in the footsteps of Jesus himself, who pointed out the moral corruption in the religious leadership of his day. It is a risky business: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone..." (John 8:7b).

"Men desire authority for its own sake that they may bear a rule, command and control other men, and live uncommanded and uncontrolled themselves" (St. Thomas More, *A Dialogue of Comfort*).

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1350>

Related St. Anthony Messenger article, *Stanislaus: Speaking Truth to Power Cost His Life*, by Lawrence S. Cunningham:
<http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Apr2003/Saints.asp>

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=207
<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/S/ststanislaus.asp>
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14246a.htm>

