



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



July 2015 Newsletter

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
Grand Knight	Andrew Balding
Deputy Grand Knight	Gregory Muntzner
Chancellor	Adolph Fejfar
Financial Secretary	Leonard Smales
Warden	Thomas Means
Recorder	Mark Adams
Treasurer	John Wohleber
Advocate	James Yurack
1-Year Trustee	Adam Dieterich
2-Year Trustee	M. John Rafferty, Jr.
3-Year Trustee	Rodger Culkin
Inside Guard	Art Jean
Outside Guard	Ralph McDonald
Lecturer	Guy Jordan

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).

Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church

1028 White Point Road
Niceville, Florida 32578



Our History

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,

This year seemed to go by very fast, you should be proud of your council's achievements and charitable works, and I thank all of you who participated and helped out on our many endeavors. I have included a copy of this year's Columbian Report electronically with this Newsletter so that you can get a grasp of just some of the varying things our council did.

At our General Assembly Meeting on June 4th next year's slate of Officers was elected and I am pleased to turn over the Grand Knight Duties to Tom Means. I am sure you will support him and give him the same great assistance you so kindly showed me. The Installation Mass for new officers will be on Wed 24 June at 1800.

As a reminder we do not have a General Assembly Meeting in July.

After coordination with the church office Tom will publish the new Fraternal Year 2015-2016 calendar.

There also will likely be State Training for new Officers sometime late in July, place and time is TBD.

Our last Pancake Breakfast on the 7th of June 0730 and 1030 Masses was very successful and I'd especially like to thank all the Knights that helped out wives that baked.

God Bless, Your Brother in Christ,

Col. Andy Balding
USMC (Ret.)

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – June 4th, 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, Treasurer and 1st Year Trustee.

Visiting Officers: District Deputy, Joe Perka, District Warden, Mike Murphy, and Fraternal Insurance Agent, Tim Pugh.

1. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the May Meeting were approved.
2. **Application for Membership:** No new Applications.
3. **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a. The Budget will be discussed and voted on later.
 - b. The Election of Officers will be discussed and voted on later.
 - c. There will be a 1st Degree held this month. We may have some new members and HNJ does have 2 that need to go. Date and time will be provided.
 - d. We are having a Pancake Breakfast on 7 June and have invited the 25 families new to the parish to attend at no charge with their invitation.
4. **Chaplain Report:** Deacon Bill Schaal informed us that the Bishop will be at Christ Our Redeemer on 27 Sep and will be saying the 1030 Mass. This is for a general visit as opposed to a special occasion.
5. **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of the last meeting was \$7590.39. Deposits were \$837.00. Interest was \$.39. Checks written last month were five totaling \$1722.07 and two checks outstanding totaling \$310.34. Balance with both cleared and uncleared is \$6705.71. The Scholarship account is at \$4779.00. Balance of combined accounts is \$ 11484.71.
6. **Financial Secretary Report:** No Report.
7. **Chancellors Report:** No Report.
8. **Trustees Report:** No Report.
9. **Service Director Reports:**
 - a. **Church Director:** Corporate Communion on 7 June. Start time is 7am, please wear your Polo shirts. Pancake breakfast follows. Setup starts at 6:30am.
 - b. **Council Activity Director:**
 - i. We will be setting a date for Officer Installation and dinner and we will notify all by email.
 - ii. Update of State Convention in Orlando Top 10 List.
 1. Adoration Chapel was available.
 2. Had displays from State History Museum of K of C items.
 3. As Representatives of Council 13527 we voted for Joe Perka to attend the National Convention in Philadelphia.
 4. Membership, some councils are achieving triple and possible a quadruple Star Council rating.
 5. Hotel may be changed next year for Convention location.
 6. Don Goolsby elected to State Deputy.
 7. There may be changes coming to the 4th Degree Uniform, more info to follow.
 8. Mass was said in three different languages; English, Spanish, and Creole.
 9. We have received two State Awards. Both are for being number one for different things under the area of Helping Life Funds.
 10. First Resolution that was voted on this year was that the Councils within the State of Florida will continue to support Pope Francis.
 - c. **Community Director:**
 - i. The monthly donation to the Pavilion was made and next month will be handled by John Wohleber.
 - ii. Habitat for Humanity: We will notify everyone on the team by email as soon as we get firm information. This will be a digging of foundation.
 - d. **Youth Activity Director:** Scholarships were awarded. Next activity will be the Soccer Challenge.

e. **Culture of Life:**

- i. Some good news. We had a turn around. A woman came out of the clinic and stopped long enough to tell us she was keeping the baby.
- ii. The Bishop had requested money to purchase new vestments for all of the diocese priest. This way at certain convocations they all could be dressed the same. The Bishop was given a check at a recent luncheon in the amount of \$10400.

- f. **Family Director:** Knight of the Month is John Wohleber. The Family of the Month is Larry and Betsy Blameuser.

10. Old Business: No old business.

11. New Business:

- a. Ken Rodriguez volunteer to be Council Warden. We have one person per position. No additional volunteers came forward for any office. **(CLOSED)**
- b. Motion was made to approve the Slate of Officers as currently posted below. Motion was 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**. The new Council Officers are:
 - i. Grand Knight – Tom Means
 - ii. Deputy Grand Knight – Greg Muntzner
 - iii. Chancellor – Adolph Fejfar
 - iv. Warden – Ken Rodriguez
 - v. Recorder – Mark Adams
 - vi. Treasurer – John Wohleber
 - vii. Advocate – James Yurack
 - viii. Inside Guard – Art Jean
 - ix. Outside Guard – Ralph McDonald
 - x. 1st Year Trustee – Adam Dieterich
 - xi. 2nd Year Trustee – Rod Caulkin
 - xii. 3rd Year Trustee – Andy Balding
- c. Motion was made to pass the Budget as written and distributed. Motion was 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**
- d. A motion was made to provide \$200 for the purchase of Bibles for the Cursillo. Motion was 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**
- e. A request was made for volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast on 7 June. **(CLOSED)**
- f. A motion was made to provide \$100 for a member of the parish that is going to Uganda as a teacher under a missionary status. Motion was 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**

12. 4th Degree Report:

- a. On 16 May the award presentation was made for the winners of the Essay Contest. We had 5 winners and their families plus a teacher from St. Mary's and Rocky Bayou.
- b. The new Slate of Officers for Assembly 3236 will be inducted on 5 July.

13. Insurance Agent Report: No tip of the month this time. Did provide a short story in reference to Ephesians 6:10 – 18. Dealing with "Put on the armor of God and hold faith as a shield".

14. Worthy District Deputy Update:

- a. The Council is still in need of 9 new members. We have the Pancake breakfast coming up and that is an excellent opportunity to recruit.
- b. A 1st Degree will be scheduled here for the month of June.
- c. 2nd and 3rd Degree will be 10 October at HNJ.
- d. New Form 100's will be used for new applicants. Old Forms will no longer be accepted after 30 June.
- e. Installation of Officers should take place in early July. We need to coordinate with new District Deputy, Mike Murphy, as soon as possible.
- f. Following Reports are required prior to 30 June:
 - i. Columbian Award Application.
 - ii. RSVP Reimbursement Form.
 - iii. Food for Families Reimbursement Form.
 - iv. Form 185, Officers Chosen for the Term.
- g. Knights of Columbus Family Week is 9 – 16 August. We may want to look at doing something. There are ideas available at kofc.org.
- h. Fortnight of Freedom is schedule for 21 June through 4 July. Council of Catholic Bishops suggest pray and fasting in support of the preservation of Religious Freedom.

15. Correspondence: None.

16. Brothers or Persons in Distress: Fred Dryer, Wolfgang Gieberger, Steven Pugh, Vince Warsheski, Ed Ehring, Guy Jordan, Father Sebastian, Roy Schaefer, and Brianna Means, daughter of Tom Means.

17. For The Good of The Order: Tonight we were treated to a list of comments by George Carlin over 20 years ago about his views on how we live our life. It still applies today.

Meeting Closed:
Respectfully Submitted
Mark J. Adams, Recorder

Rest in Peace

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our Brother Knight:

Ed Erhing



Let us pray for the repose of their souls.

May God Bless them and let perpetual light shine upon them.

(It is important that we remember all deceased Brother Knights for their valuable contributions to our fraternity. Please keep the families of all who we've lost in your prayers.)

Jule Birthday Celebrations!

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

Chris Marshall	2 Jul
Frank Liberatori	5 Jul
Deacon Jack Trevino	6 Jul
John Gunter	7 Jul
Rev. Michael O'Neill	13 Jul
David Halupowski	15 Jul
George Sullivan	16 Jul
Rick Spitznagel	19 Jul
Michael Townsend	20 Jul
Evan Fox	20 Jul
Joe McHugh	23 Jul
Victor Rivera	25 Jul
Gregory Muntzner	26 Jul
Jack Brennan	30 Jul

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

Insurance Corner



Ways to Pay for Whole Life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values, (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed), through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop, (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

Timothy Pugh, FIC, FICF
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Saint of the Month – July 2015

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, (1656-1680)

Feast Day: July 14th

Patron Saint of: The Environment and Ecology.



The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf, (October 19 feast day), were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Kateri lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes, (Jesuit missionaries), but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk brave and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine) on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, she received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, she stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity and in strenuous penance. At 23 she took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman, whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: She did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died the afternoon before Holy Thursday, April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

We like to think that our proposed holiness is thwarted by our situation. If only we could have more solitude, less opposition, better health. Kateri repeats the example of the saints: Holiness thrives on the cross, anywhere. Yet she did have what Christians—all people—need: the support of a community. She had

a good mother, helpful priests, Christian friends. These were present in what we call primitive conditions, and blossomed in the age-old Christian triad of prayer, fasting and alms: union with God in Jesus and the Spirit, self-discipline and often suffering, and charity for her brothers and sisters. Kateri said:

I am not my own; I have given myself to Jesus. He must be my only love. The state of helpless poverty that may befall me if I do not marry does not frighten me. All I need is a little food and a few pieces of clothing. With the work of my hands I shall always earn what is necessary and what is left over I'll give to my relatives and to the poor. If I should become sick and unable to work, then I shall be like the Lord on the cross. He will have mercy on me and help me, I am sure.

She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks". Devotion to Kateri is responsible for establishing Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada. Kateri was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and she was Beatified in 1980. Hundreds of thousands have visited shrines to Kateri erected at both St. Francis Xavier and Caughnawaga and at her birth place at Auriesville, New York. Pilgrimages at these sites continue today.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1444>
http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=154

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/cover/201209.html>
<http://americancatholic.org/samo/default.aspx?issueid=41>

