



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



August 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 write to you as the Grand Knight for the first time from a position of humility, gratitude and excitement. It's an honor to be selected for this role and hope to continue the high standards set by our past Grand Knights. We are truly blessed to have a council filled with dedicated Catholic men performing daily acts of charity in the name of our faith. My promise is to give all I have to our council; leading our activities, listening to your thoughts and praying together as one voice to Christ our Lord.

As we embark on this fraternal year I'd like to focus on new membership and participation as we navigate a busy calendar of events. We need volunteers for Pasta Dinners, Bingo, Membership, Worthy Lecturer, and Community Director to name a few. I'll work with the council officers to develop achievable goals but am confident with a few new members and participation from inactive Knights, we can add new life to 13527. I look forward to hearing your ideas and pray for a successful year.

On a final note I'd like to say a special thanks to the following:

- Brother "Z" Zermeno and the 4th Degree Knights who supported Ed Ehring's funeral. I know the family was very appreciative
- Brother Charles Tobia for organizing the installation dinner which everyone thoroughly enjoyed
- Brother Vince Warsheski and Chris for yet another successful yard sale. Vince collected over \$2000 which he donated back to the KoC!
- Also, my thanks to the Pasta Dinner and Bingo teams this month, making easy work out of both events

I hope to see you at our first General Assemble Meeting on 6 August at 7pm.

God Bless, Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Means

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – (No Meeting)

No July Meeting



Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
31 Jul	Bingo, (Team #2)	HNJ, 1800
6 Aug	General Assembly	COR, 1900 Mtg
7 Aug	Bingo, (Team #3)	HNJ, 1800
14 Aug	Bingo, (Team #4)	HNJ, 1800
21 Aug	Bingo, (Team #1)	HNJ, 1800
27 Aug	Executive Committee	COR, 1900
28 Aug	Bingo, (Team #2)	HNJ, 1800

Knight of the Month

Andrew Balding, for his dedication, service and leadership as Grand Knight for the past Fraternal Year.

Family of the Month

Vince and Chris Warsheski, went far above and beyond to organize their yard sale which earned over \$2000. Vince graciously donated this money back to the KoC which will help the many organizations we give to.

August Birthday Celebrations!

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

Doyle Williams	1 Aug
Gerry Freisthler	3 Aug
Stephen Wolfrom	5 Aug
Michael Sorsdahl	5 Aug
Louis Carter	8 Aug
AJ Manuel	9 Aug
Bill Pezdirtz	10 Aug
Denis Coffey	12 Aug
James Houser	13 Aug
Dustin Minkler	14 Aug
James Lindsay	17 Aug
Steven Tuttle	17 Aug
Father Robert Johnson	21 Aug
Tim Pfeifer	21 Aug
Stephen Sadowski	23 Aug
Matthew Wisslead	24 Aug
Timothy Stapleton	27 Aug
Andrew Johnson	27 Aug
Marc Fournier	30 Aug
Lawrence Blameuser	31 Aug

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

The Knights of Columbus Insurance Guarantees

There's much risk and speculation involved in life these days. With a volatile market and an unsettled economy, there's too much left to chance. In an ideal world, every product would come with clear-cut guarantees that would put you at ease and eliminate the guesswork, or at least some of it. The problem is the ideal is not always achievable. Guarantees are hard to come by. But not when it comes to the Knights of Columbus. Here are six guarantees from the Knights of Columbus that you and your family can count on when you do business with the Knights.



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The beauty of whole life — or permanent — insurance is that it is truly permanent. It's a way to insure your life for life. That's true not only of the death benefit, but of the cash value, which is guaranteed provided that you continue to pay premiums according to the contract.

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Just like permanent insurance with the Knights of Columbus is predictable, so are our level term policies. Your rates as laid out in your contract will not change. No surprises — just reliable, affordable coverage.

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We're not just an insurance company. We're an insurance company for brother Knights, run by brother Knights. We pride ourselves on the quality of service that we provide to members and their families. Our dedicated, full-time, professional agents will be there for you and your family whenever you call on them.

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The Knights of Columbus should be different than all other insurance companies — and we are. We are looking out for you in a way that no other company can because we're your brothers. So join the hundreds of thousands of brother Knights who have chosen to help protect their future with the Knights of Columbus. Talk to your agent, and see what options are available to you and your family.

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Saint of the Month – August 2015

St. Mary MacKillop, (1842-1909)

Feast Day: August 8th

Patron Saint of: Australia, Brisbane, & Knights of the Southern Cross.



If St. Mary MacKillop were alive today, she would be a household name. It's not that she sought the limelight. On the contrary, she simply wanted to serve the poor wherever she found them in her native Australia. But along the way, she managed to arouse the ire of some rather powerful churchmen. One even excommunicated her for a time.

Born in Melbourne in 1842 to parents who had emigrated from Scotland, Mary grew up in a family that faced constant financial struggles. As a young woman she was drawn to religious life but could not find an existing order of Sisters that met her needs. In 1860 she met Father Julian Woods, who became her spiritual director. Together they founded a new community of women—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, also known as the Josephite Sisters. Its members were to staff schools especially for poor children, as well as orphanages, and do other works of charity.

As the congregation grew, so did Mary MacKillop's problems. Her priest-friend proved unreliable in many ways and his responsibilities for direction of the Sisters were removed. Meanwhile, Mary had the support of some local bishops as she and her Sisters went about their work. But the bishop in South Australia, aging and relying on others for advice, briefly excommunicated Mary—charging her with disobedience—and dispensed 50 of her Sisters from their vows. In truth, the bishop's quarrel was about power and who had authority over whom. He ultimately rescinded his order of excommunication.

Mary insisted that her congregation should be governed by an elected mother general answerable to Rome, not to the local bishop. (There were also disputes about whether or not the congregation could own property.) In the end, Rome proved to be Mary's best source of support. After a long wait, official approval of the congregation—and how it was to be governed—came from Pope Leo XIII.

Despite her struggles with Church authorities, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters were able to offer social services that few, if any, government agencies in Australia could. They served Protestants and Catholics alike. They worked among the aborigines. They taught in schools and orphanages and served unmarried mothers.

Money, actually the lack of it, was a constant worry. But the Sisters, who begged from door to door, were bolstered by faith and by the conviction that their struggles were opportunities to grow closer to God.

By the time Mary was approaching the end of her life, the congregation was thriving. She died in 1909 at the age of 67. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1995. In 2010, when Pope Benedict XVI canonized her, she became Australia's first saint.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/Saint.aspx?id=1951>

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.marymackillop.org.au/>

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4958&wf=rsscol