



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



September 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,

And just like that August is over. It started easy enough with our general meeting but then a full sprint into the corporate communion, pancake breakfast and bake sale.

Once again our council, with the support of our spouses, answered the call and executed another flawless event despite the rain and lightning. After the last pancake was eaten and cookie sold, the Knights walked away with an impressive \$825! What most impressed me was the number of Knights who graciously volunteered and made

this fundraiser a huge success - I thank you all.

At our first general meeting in August I spoke of getting more involved in our council and so far you stepped up. For those that are still looking for an opportunity, September is wide open. We need volunteers for the Ministry Fair, 9/11 Memorial, Sunland Picnic, and the Parish Picnic. Signup sheets for these events will be passed around at the general meeting next Thursday and ask you please to take part.

On a final note, there is one area I need help from each of you – membership. By recruiting we open the door for new members to receive the gifts and blessings we get from doing our charitable deeds. Additionally, new members are the future of the council, maybe the next financial advisor, committee director, or even grand knight. There is no perfect science to it so I ask each of you reach out to your catholic neighbor or co-worker and just say ... “have you considered joining the Knights of Columbus?” Give it a shot.

God Bless, Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Means

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – August 6th, 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 and Outside Guard.

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



- 1) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the June Meeting were approved.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** We currently have 3 new applications pending.
- 3) **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a) Next Corporate Communion is 16 August. Show time is 7AM. This will be followed by the Back to School Pancake Breakfast after the 7:30 and 10:30 Mass.
 - b) New member, Mark Olguin.
 - c) Please encourage other members to become involved if they are not already.
 - d) Thanks to the 4th Degree for their participation in the short notice funeral for Ed Ehring.
 - e) Other items coming up are the Executive Council meet on 27 August. In September we have the Parish Picnic and the Ministry Fair.
 - f) The officers are calling all the members on the roster for the Council. We will be updating as we go and trying to get more participation at the Council meetings.
- 4) **Chaplain Report:** No Report.
- 5) **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of the last meeting was \$8470.20. Deposits were \$3814.95. Interest was \$.23. Checks written last month were five totaling \$2158.54 and seven checks today before the meeting was \$1069.68. One check outstanding totaling \$100.00. Balance with both cleared and uncleared is \$9057.16. The Scholarship account was at \$4779.00. We had one transfer to the General Fund of \$750.00 to cover scholarship. New balance is \$4029.00. Balance of combined accounts is \$13,086.16.
- 6) **Financial Secretary Report:** So far for this Fraternal Year we have received \$4708.95 in revenue. We of course have already started spending this in the amount of \$3348.34. Half of that was for Scholarships. So far 51 percent of members have paid their dues.
- 7) **Chancellors Report:** No Report.
- 8) **Trustees Report:** The Semi Annual Audit report is completed and ready for signatures.
- 9) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Corporate Communion on 16 August. Start time is 7am. Please wear your Polo shirts. Pancake breakfast follows. Setup starts at 6:30am.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:** No Report.
 - c) **Community Director:** Go to the Fisher House on base and cook a meal for those that are there to see family in the Hospital. 4th Degree is looking into this and the Council may be able to get involved.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:** Scholarships are being sent out as soon as the College information is available to us. Next activity will be the Soccer Challenge during the Parish Picnic.
 - e) **Culture of Life:**
 - i) With recent release of the videos, Planned Parenthood found themselves under investigation in a few States. Here in Florida, 4 of the 12 Clinics were found to be in violation of State rules and regulations. 3 of the 4 were found to be performing abortions in the 2nd trimester without the State authorization. For 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) 40 Days for Life is going to be running from 23 September to 1 November. We have 2 days and they are Thursday, Sept. 24 and Friday, Oct. 23. Come out and support us in Pensacola at the Abortion Clinic behind Hobby Lobby. Tuesday, Sept 29 Bishop Parkes will be there to pray the Rosary starting at 7PM.
 - f) **Family Director:** Knight of the Month is Andy Balding. The Family of the Month is Vince and Chris Warsheski.
 - g) **Publicity Director:** John Rafferty has volunteered to handle this and if you have and stories or photos get them to him and he will handle them.
- 10) **Old Business:** No old business.

11) New Business:

- a) Sunland Picnic will be held on Sept. 26. We are passing the signup list around and request you volunteer as you can for this worthy get together. Looking for food items to take up and Joey's Italian Grill will again be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the buns. **(CLOSED)**.
- b) We are in need of volunteers for some of the committees. We especially need help with Membership Director, Community Director, and Family Director. We need someone for the fellowship Hour to get things set up, and arrange for food. We need a Worthy Lecturer as Guy has been doing this for some time and needs a break. Need new Council Shirts so we need someone to pick this up. **(OPEN)**.
- c) Parish Picnic is coming up and we need to look at the purchase of a Keg to keep the adults going. Request a donation of \$100 for this worthy cause. Motion was made to provide \$100.00, 2nd and approved. **(CLOSED)**.

12) 4th Degree Report: Holy Name of Jesus Council is looking at getting an Ultrasound Machine. Maybe this Council would consider becoming involved with some type of fund raiser to help them along. The cost is \$15,000 and it will be donated to Life Inc.

13) Insurance Agent Report:

- a) Insurance Tip of the Month: 401K's came in to being back in the 70's and 80's. They are just now starting to show how well they have performed. It hasn't been that great since they are tied to the Stock Market and goes up and down with it. More recently people have been buying Whole Life Insurance Policies as investments. If they die early the family gets the money, if they live a good long time there is cash value involved and the family may be greatly reduced where they do not need it all as a lump sum for your funeral.
- b) Knights of Columbus is one of the top rated companies in the United States. They have some of the most innovated policies like disability insurance for stay at home wives. For more information on these and other policies and plans give Tim Pugh a call.

14) Worthy District Deputy Update:

- a) Goal this year is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. Currently we are 1 and 0. We have the Pancake breakfast coming up and that is an excellent opportunity to recruit.
- b) 1st Degree is scheduled for Sep 23 in Crestview. You may also be doing one here in Sep.
- c) In the past we have had 2nd and 3rd Degree on the same date. Higher up does not want this done anymore but I have appealed this. If it is still disapproved we will be doing 2nd Degree on Sep 19 in Crestview and 3rd Degree on Oct 10 at Holy Name of Jesus.
- 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 due in August:
 - i) Service Program Personnel due Aug 1, (Form 365).
 - ii) Semi Annual Council Audit due Aug 15, (Form 1295).
- g) Knights of Columbus Family Week is 9 – 16 Aug. To look at some ideas go to kofc.org.
- h) Regional Seminar with State Officers on Aug 29 at St Sylvester 3:30 to 6:30 PM. GK, DGK, FS, Program Director and Membership Director are to attend.
- i) World Peace Day is Sept 11th. Mark the day with prayer and Acts of Charity.

15) Correspondence:

- a) A letter from Ed Ehring's brother thanking us for the assistance provided to Ed and a donation to the Council.
- b) A letter from Jordan Pierson as a recipient of one of our Scholarships.
- c) The final letter was from the Florida State Chaplain thanking us for our donation to the Guatemalan Fund.

16) Brothers or Persons in Distress: Wolfgang Gieberger, Flinn Family, Guy Jordan, Joe and Julia Scheid.

17) For The Good of the Order: No Report.

Meeting Closed:

Respectfully Submitted
Mark J. Adams, Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
3 Sep	General Assembly	COR, 1900 Mtg
4 Sep	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
5 Sep	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
5 & 6 Sep	Ministry Fair	COR Parish Hall, (after all Masses)
11 Sep	9/11 Memorial Ceremony	Winn Dixie, 0900
11 Sep	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
17 Sep	4 th Degree, (Assembly 3236)	HNJ, 1900
18 Sep	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
24 Sep	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1830
25 Sep	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
26 Sep	Sunland Picnic, (7667 has the lead)	Marianna, FL
27 Sep	Parish Picnic, (Knights in Polos)	COR, (following 1030 Mass)

Knight of the Month

Ron Rabiansky.

Family of the Month

Ralph and Beth McDonald.

September Birthday Celebrations!

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

Erik Fredmonsky	1 Sep
John Meinberg	2 Sep
Rich Johnson	3 Sep
Greg Rackley	4 Sep
Patrick O'Connor	5 Sep
Joe Purka	6 Sep
Charles Galati	8 Sep
Andrew Balding	10 Sep
Jason Ryan	10 Sep
Arthur Jean	11 Sep
Arthur Diekmann	12 Sep
Benjamin Messing	12 Sep
Deacon James Murray	12 Sep
Raymond Swansiger	12 Sep
Colin Parker	14 Sep
James Doty	15 Sep
Patrick Ryan	15 Sep
Michael Veth	16 Sep
Harry Paulus	16 Sep
Eugene O'Neil	19 Sep
Mark Manship	21 Sep
Thomas Franz	22 Sep
Adam Dieterich	23 Sep
Ralph McDonald	25 Sep
Warren Kerrigan	26 Sep
David Rauch	28 Sep
James Cockrum	29 Sep
Christopher Cartenuto	30 Sep

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

Facts About Life Insurance



September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering:

Fact 1: Nearly 75 percent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. I'm at 850-678-0962 or timothy.pugh@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

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Saint of the Month – September 2015

St. Wenceslaus, (907-935)

Feast Day: September 28th

Patron Saint of: Bohemia, Prague, & the Czech Republic.



If saints have been falsely characterized as "other worldly," the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary. He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia.

He was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, (who favored the anti-Christian factions). Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church and peace-making negotiations with Germany, (a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition). His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting and, in September of 935, invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bunzlou for the celebration of the feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian; (September 26). On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav. (Some other sources claim that this took place in the year 929.)

Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith and venerated as a saint virtually from the moment of his demise. His tomb, (which is located at St Vitus Cathedral in Prague), became a major pilgrimage site with many miracles being reported.

His feast has been celebrated at least since 985 in Bohemia. He might best be known from the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslaus", (a Saint Stephen's Day carol written in 1853), that remains popular to this day. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of former Czechoslovakia.

Wenceslaus was able to incarnate his Christianity in a world filled with political unrest. While we are often victims of violence of a different sort, we can easily identify with his struggle to bring harmony to society. The call to become involved in social change and in political activity is addressed to Christians; the values of the gospel are sorely needed today.

Quote:

"While recognizing the autonomy of the reality of politics, Christians who are invited to take up political activity should try to make their choices consistent with the gospel and, in the framework of a legitimate plurality, to give both personal and collective witness to the seriousness of their faith by effective and disinterested service of men."

(Pope Paul VI, *A Call to Action*, 46)

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=592
http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=2040

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/W/stwenceslaus.asp>