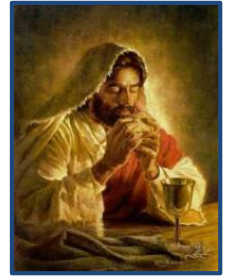




Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



February 2016 Newsletter

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
Grand Knight	Tom Means
Deputy Grand Knight	Gregory Muntzner
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Financial Secretary	Leonard Smales
Warden	Ken Rodriguez
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Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church

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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,

On January 1st we welcomed in the New Year but also hit the halfway mark in our fraternal year. At the last general meeting I briefed our impressive list of accomplishments which supported the COR parish and the local community. With six months left in this cycle there is much more to do and ask for your help.

We have volunteer opportunities each and every month that could use some new faces to support. You'll see these in this newsletter and on the weekly bulletin in the form of Habitat for Humanity, Lenten Dinner, Bingo, Pasta Dinner, Tootsie Roll drive, 40-Days for Life, Corporate Communion and so forth. As a 200-member council we easily have the capacity to support any event with extra manpower to spare.

So my challenge is simple, between now and June volunteer at least one event that you haven't participated in before. Some of them may only require minutes so even those with busy schedules can participate. Also, if you've been dormant in the council and want to jump back in please give me a call and I'll personally ensure you're welcomed back.

God Bless,

YBiC

Tom Means

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – January 7th, 2016



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, Lecturer, 2nd and 3rd Year Trustee.

Visiting Officers: District Warden, John Rafferty.

- 1) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the December Meeting were approved.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** None.
- 3) **Conferring of Degree:** Brian Mikus, new 1st degree and Gary Bennett, past Grand Knight and coming back after a short break.
- 4) **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a) Gave a synopsis of what the Council had accomplished for the past six months.
 - b) A request to look forward during the next six months and consider applying for a position as an officer.
 - c) Thank You to Ralph McDonald for putting together the Pancake Breakfast. To bring in \$525 for the breakfast and Bake Sale was outstanding.
 - d) Knight of the Month is Jason Sartori.
 - e) Family of the Month is awarded Charles and Laura Tobia.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** None.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of the last meeting was \$14,073.71. Deposits were \$1,120.47. Interest was \$.32. Checks written last month were four, totaling \$1,290. One check outstanding totaling \$92.45. Balance with both cleared and uncleared checks is \$13,904.50. The Scholarship account was at \$4029.00. Balance of combined accounts is \$17,993.50.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** The \$988.50 that will be deposited is from, the Helping Ministry \$200.00, \$50 for a Yard Sale item, Pancake Breakfast was \$525, Christmas Party was \$261 and some dues and initiation fee totally \$988.50. As for checks just written, we had \$554.66 for Supreme, \$152.16 for Spelling Bee Prizes, \$175 for Chamber of Commerce, \$100 for the Niceville Pavilion, \$250 for St Vincent DePaul and \$65.72 for KCIC Poster Contest. For a total of \$1297.54. We had a deposit into the Kochel Scholarship Fund of \$600.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** No Report.
- 9) **Trustees Report:** Next report is due to Supreme on 15 February, this will be taken care of in the next 4 to 5 weeks.
- 10) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Corporate Communion will be on 30 January. This will coincide with the Altar Server awards, start time is 10am, please wear your Polo shirts.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:**
 - i) Council Christmas Party was a lot of fun and went off without a hitch. Thanks to all that pitched in to help and were there.
 - ii) We will be having the Wives Appreciation Dinner in April/May. More on that to come.
 - iii) Due to family involvement I need to request someone pick up the position of Council Director. You can pick up some training by shadowing me on the Wives Dinner.
 - c) **Community Director:** Habitat for Humanity in DeFuniak Springs will be 16 January, light to moderate work, such as installing cabinets and hardware. Nothing in Okaloosa County until possible mid-February, but we will keep you informed.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:**
 - i) The Basketball Free throw will be held at Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday, 24 January.
 - ii) District/Regional Spelling Bee Competition will be 23 January at the Crestview Knights of Columbus Hall.
 - iii) We had 80 children in the Religious Education Classes participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster competition. We had 6 posters go forward to District.
 - e) **Culture of Life:**
 - i) There will be a Walk/Run for Life at Turkey Creek on 9 January by the Niceville Life Runners.

- ii) 40 Days for Life is coming up for the Lenten Season. First day will be February 14 which is a Sunday. No business that day but we will still be seen and is a perfect opportunity for those that normally have to work and can't come out in support.
 - iii) There will be in May a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat held in Chipley.
 - iv) This is the Year of Mercy and we are looking for those interested in going to St Mary's Church in support of the program. More on this later.
- f) **Membership Director:** No Report.
 - g) **Family Director:** No Report.
 - h) **Publicity Director:** No Report.
- 11) **Old Business:** None.
- 12) **New Business:**
- a) The Fraternal Report is due again. Please provide Greg Muntzner with your hours as soon as possible. If you have any questions as to what counts as hours please contact him.
 - b) 40 Cans for Lent will be kicking off. For the next couple of months when you come to the meeting bring either some canned goods for St Vincent DePaul or some personal items for the Pavilion; (things like body wash, shampoo, diapers, denture cleaners, etc.).
- 13) **4th Degree Report:** The Christmas Parade went well. The 4th Degree also provided Honor Guard for the funeral of a long time member of this council, BGen. Christian Dreyer.
- 14) **Insurance Agent Report:** Long Term Care is a very expensive program. This is more so for patients that are diagnosed with Dementia or Alzheimer. Normal Long Term Care may last 1 to 3 years, but extended can last up to 7 to 10 years at a cost of approximately \$100,000 per year. The cost is not only financial but on the Caregivers themselves. The caregivers suffer from great emotional stress and frequently they themselves suffer from Depression. They also start to worry about their own health since becoming a caregiver. Tip of the Month is that you can choose the benefit that you want. You can go with all inpatient care or home care. Final item, the Knights Insurance Program has grown its sales every year for the last 15 years. Great Record.
- 15) **Worthy District Warden Update:**
- a) Goal this year is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. Currently we are 3 and 0. Still need 11.
 - b) Degree Schedule:
 - i) 1st Degree is not currently scheduled.
 - ii) 2nd Degree is not schedule but will be in mid-January.
 - iii) 3rd Degree scheduled for 2 April in Gulf Breeze at St Anne's.
 - iv) 4th degree is 16 January 2016, at St Sylvester. See Lenny Smales for anyone that wants to sign up for this.
 - c) District Meeting is scheduled for 9 January at 8 AM at the Ft Walton Beach Council Hall.
 - d) Changes are coming in what programs we support or we need to put emphasis on within the councils. More information will be coming down from Supreme in the future.
 - e) Time to start thinking about your Convention Delegates for the state convention for this year.
- 16) **Correspondence:** Received a letter from Life Inc. thanking us for our work on the Baby Bottle Campaign. They received from us the amount of \$3958.32.
- 17) **Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Wolfgang Gieberger, Guy Jordan, Joe Severino, Fred Dreyer, Father Tom, Jason Sartori, Jane Suller, Jeanette Schaal, Niceville Student that recently lost his life.
- 18) **For The Good of the Order:** We were given a short story on the Preservation of Life.
- 19) **Meeting Closed:**

Respectfully Submitted
 Mark J. Adams
 Recorder

Knight of the Month

Ken Rodriguez.

Family of the Month

Bob and Sharon Hargreaves.

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
31 Jan	Corporate Communion & Altar Server Awards Recognition	COR, (1000, wear polos)
4 Feb	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
5 Feb	Bingo Team 2, (COR)	HNJ, 1800
6 Feb	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
12 Feb	Bingo, Team 3, (COR)	HNJ, 1800
14 Feb	40 Days for Life	Pensacola, (Call Dave Halupowski)
18 Feb	Assembly 3236 Meeting	COR, 1900
19 Feb	Bingo, Team 4, (HNJ)	HNJ, 1800
20 Feb	Father / Daughter Dance	HNJ, 1900
25 Feb	Executive Committee	COR, 1900
26 Feb	Bingo, Team 1, (HNJ)	HNJ, 1800

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.

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Saint of the Month – February 2016

St. Josephine Bakhita, (c. 1868-1947)

Feast Day: February 8th

Patron Saint of: Sudan.

Born to herders in the Darfur district of Sudan around 1871, Bakhita was kidnapped by Arab slave raiders when she was barely seven years old. She was sold in the market of El Obeid, first to an Arab chieftain and later to a Turkish military officer who had her branded with 114 razor-cut scars.

She was resold to the Italian vice counsel, Luigi Legnani, who lived in Khartoum. The Legnani family returned to Italy in 1885. There Bakhita, whose name means “Fortunate One,” was given to Augusto Michaeli, a merchant with ties to Sudan.

She was enrolled in a Catholic school as companion to Michaeli’s daughter Alice in 1889. When the Michaeli family returned to Africa, Bakhita did not. An Italian judge’s interpretation of Sudan’s anti-slavery laws freed her.

Even as a child, Bakhita evidently had an innate religious sense, nourished by her wonder at the beauty of the natural world: “Who could be the Master of these beautiful things? I felt a great desire to see Him, to know Him and to pay Him homage.” That innate sense of awe and her experiences in a Catholic school led her to the faith.

Bakhita was baptized and confirmed in Venice, taking the name Josephine Margaret in 1890. She then entered the novitiate of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. She was admitted to first vows after a searching interview with the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, Joseph Sarto, who would later become Pius X.

In 1902 she was assigned to a Canossian convent near Padua, where the superior asked the young sister to write about her life in Africa, which she did in a 30-page memoir in Italian.

Sister Josephine Bakhita spent her vowed life as a doorkeeper at Canossian convents in Italy. Evidence put forth in the beatification process makes it clear that all who knew her held Sister Josephine in high esteem.

In 1935 she made a tour of Canossian convents telling her life story, despite her own reluctance and shyness. She was delighted to serve three years (1935-1938) in Milan where young sisters prepared for the African missions.

When she was in her 80s, she contracted pneumonia. Crying out to Our Lady in her final illness, she died on February 8. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000, in St. Peter’s Square.

One cannot ponder the life of this transparently good woman without remembering that children are still kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan and put into bonded labor or sexual slavery in other parts of the world.

When we honor Josephine Bakhita, we ought to do so not with any spirit of sentimentality but with a vigorous sense of outrage at those who rob children and adults of their dignity, their freedom and their physical



and spiritual integrity. We honor Josephine Bakhita not as a humble nun, (which she surely was), but as an emblematic figure who stands for all who are enslaved.

In Bakhita's final days her nurse heard her cry out on more than one occasion: "Please loosen the chains ... they are heavy." In her sick delirium she must have recalled her childhood when she was yoked, with other slaves, with chains.

Those early days were never forgotten. Her words form a powerful prayer for all who are enslaved today.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Feb2003/Saints.asp>
<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1453>

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.ewtn.com/v/news/getstory.asp?number=118411>
http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5601
<http://www.catholic.org/search/?q=St.+Josephine+Bakhita>

February Birthday Celebrations!

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

Daniel Flynn	1 Feb
Winston Fletcher	3 Feb
"Z" Zermeno	7 Feb
Sean Fox	7 Feb
Shane Vetter	7 Feb
Richard Welch	9 Feb
Jed Clements	14 Feb
John Tebbetts	15 Feb
Gary Groop	18 Feb
Ramsey Chaplin	19 Feb
Derek Abel	19 Feb
"Ski" Krasauskas	21 Feb
Roland Rosario	22 Feb
Francis McKinney	23 Feb
Douglas Block	24 Feb
John Marino	26 Feb

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.