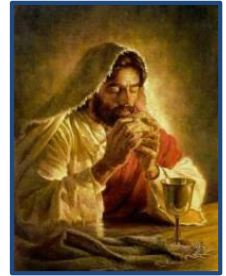




Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



March 2016 Newsletter

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
Grand Knight	Tom Means
Deputy Grand Knight	Gregory Muntzner
Chancellor	Adam Dieterich
Financial Secretary	Leonard Smales
Warden	Ken Rodriguez
Recorder	Mark Adams
Treasurer	John Wohleber
Advocate	James Yurack
1-Year Trustee	Adam Dieterich
2-Year Trustee	Rodger Culkin
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Inside Guard	Art Jean
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Lecturer	Joe Severino

Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church

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Niceville, Florida 32578



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 Lenten season is upon us and you might have already participated in some of the special church activities like Station of the Cross, Reconciliation, Adoration or the Lenten Mission. I encourage you as Knights to take advantage of the many opportunities this season to grow in your faith. For me, I've come to understand and treasure the Passion more deeply through all the COR events during Lent.

As I reflected on what to give up for Lent I noticed a message from Pope Francis that gave me pause. In short, his theme was "Works of mercy and not sacrifice on the road to Jubilee". Looking closer at what this meant I found the following:

"Pope's burning desire that during this Jubilee the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead."

The good news is, through many of our council programs we already support our community with food, shelter, comfort, and monetary donations. However, when it comes to 'mercy' or 'merciful acts' there's no such thing as too much. Our KofC council will continue our mission to include seeking those new opportunities of mercy. Please keep an eye on the calendar below or weekly bulletin for our events.

As always, thank you for all you do.

God Bless,

Tom Means

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – February 4th, 2016



Meeting Opened: The Grand Knight opened the meeting at 7pm with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused. Officers excused included: Chaplain, Lecturer, Advocate, Trustee 1st Year.

Visiting Officers: District Deputy, Mike Murphy.

- 1) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the January Meeting were approved.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** None.
- 3) **Conferring of Degree:** None.
- 4) **Grand Knight Report:**
 - a) Reported on the activities accomplished in January and upcoming events in February.
 - b) Briefed the Keep Christ in Christmas poster winners and thanked Brother Ken Rodriguez for setting it up.
 - c) Discussed annual income from Bingo and Pasta dinner and options to replace it if we do not get enough volunteers to support.
 - d) Knight of the Month is Ken Rodriguez.
 - e) Family of the Month is awarded Bob and Sharon Hargreaves.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** Deacon Bill talked about awards presented at a local church by Bishop Parks.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** Balance as of the last meeting was \$13,904.50. Deposits were \$1,107.50. Interest was \$.32. Checks written last month were ten, totaling \$1,567.56. Two checks were outstanding totaling \$104.83. Balance as of February 4th was \$13,444.76. The Scholarship account was at \$10,306.73. Balance of combined accounts is \$18,073.76.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** The motion to reimburse the Financial Secretary for the Parish Plaque was voted and approved. FS brief the upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive and distributed the sign-up sheets.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** No Report.
- 9) **Trustees Report:** The council audit was completed and is awaiting signature from the 1st Year Trustee.
- 10) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Briefed Lenten activities such as Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, and the council's responsibility to provide dinner on the 11th of March. Alter server awards were distributed in January.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:** There are plans to have the Spouse Appreciation Dinner in April.
 - c) **Community Director:** It was discussed that there is an upcoming H4H event on 20 February with more information to follow.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:** The Basketball Free Throw Competition was held at HNJ on 24 January with winners posted to State. KofC Scholarships will be sent to the local high schools and due back in April.
 - e) **Culture of Life:** 40 Days for Life starts on Ash Wednesday with vigils set for 14 February, 1 March, and 15 March.
 - f) **Membership Director:** Two transfers were reported: Ben Orr and Tom Kessinger.
 - g) **Family Director:** No Report.
 - h) **Publicity Director:** No Report.
- 11) **Old Business:** None.
- 12) **New Business:**
 - a) 4th Degrees in Regalia is requested by St Mary's for Black History Month Mass on 28 February.
 - b) The motion to send \$250 to Our Lady of La Leche for a prayer shrine was voted and approved.
 - c) 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 such as body wash, shampoo, diapers, denture cleaners, etc.).
 - d) It was discussed that a new Polo Shirt order will be placed.
- 13) **4th Degree Report:** The 4th Degrees visited the VA to distribute juice and fruit in January. Also, the 4th Degrees will be planning a pilgrimage to St Mary's in FWB on 10 April.
- 14) **Insurance Agent Report:** No Report.

- 15) Worthy District Deputy Update:** Thanked John Rafferty and Joe Purka for their help at the BB Free Throw Competition and special thanks to Ken Rodriguez for putting together the KCIC poster contest.
- 16) Correspondence:** None.
- 17) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Ben Orr, Larry Falk, Wolfgang Gieberger, Guy Jordan, Rose Berg, Joe Severino, Father Tom, Jeanette Schaal, Father Kevin, Tom Gido, Pastors and Deacons of COR.
- 18) For The Good of the Order:** None.
- 19) Meeting Closed:**

Respectfully Submitted
 Tom Means
 Grand Knight

Knight of the Month

Joe and Dee Purka.

Family of the Month

Lenny Smales.

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
3 Mar	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
4 Mar	Bingo Team 2, (COR)	HNJ, 1800
5 Mar	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
11 Mar	Bingo, Team 3, (COR)	HNJ, 1800
11 Mar	KofC Lenten Soup Night	COR, 1730
17 Mar	Benefit Night	HNJ, Time TBD
17 Mar	Assembly 3236 Meeting	HNJ, 1900
18 Mar	Bingo, Team 4, (HNJ)	HNJ, 1800
25 Mar	Good Friday, No Bingo	
31 Mar	Executive Committee	COR, 1800

Insurance Corner

An Ethical Responsibility

In 2015, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the second year in a row.

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above all else.

But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less.

We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members.

As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world. Writing in *Columbia*, the Supreme Knight reflected on that uniqueness, noting that:

Whether we consider the development of our insurance products, the investment strategies that support them, or the outstanding agents who make them available to our brother Knights, our Catholic fraternal "business" model is truly unique in today's marketplace. We do not divide the world among consumers and customers, shareholders and stakeholders, union members and management. Instead, our business decisions are measured by a fraternal calculus: What is best for our brother Knights and their families?

There's a certain counter-culturalism inherent in this approach, which is part of what makes the label of "World's Most Ethical" so rare. "Some may say that this is a kind of idealism that cannot compete in the real world of business," the Supreme Knight continued. "On the contrary, the tremendous success we have achieved in recent years demonstrates that our approach is the height of what I would describe as Catholic realism. We deal with real persons, not with economic abstractions. Our focus is on the person who is always worthy of respect and who always should take precedence over profit."

That focus stems from our roots. It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 133 years later.

That's why from our founding to the present day, we are and have been an unapologetically Catholic company.

For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

We are an organization by brother Knights, for brother Knights.



We don't worry about stock price, shareholders, or corporate takeovers. We don't obsess over profit margins and golden parachutes. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're brother Knights too.

We rigorously train our agents and hold them to the highest ethical standards. Our Agent Code of Ethics is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," it goes on to say, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." After all, we are our brother's keeper.

That's our commitment to you. And that's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching, and in line with the vision of our holy founder.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has yet again acknowledged that commitment. It is what makes doing business with the Knights of Columbus truly different.

Let's talk soon to see how the Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family.

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Saint of the Month – March 2016

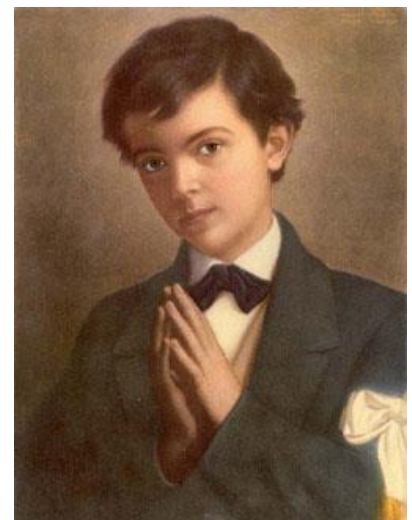
St. Dominic Savio, (1842-1857)

Feast Day: March 9th

Patron Saint of: Choirboys, Falsely Accused People, Juvenile Delinquents, Pueri Cantores.]

St. Dominic Savio was born in Italy in 1842. One day when he was just four, he disappeared and his good mother went looking for him. She found the little fellow in a corner praying with his hands joined and his head bowed. He already knew all his prayers by heart! At five, he was an altar boy. When he was seven, he received his First Holy Communion. On that solemn day, he chose a motto: "Death, but not sin!" and he kept it always.

"A teenager such as Dominic, who bravely struggled to keep his innocence



from Baptism to the end of his life, is really a saint," said Pope St. Pius X.

Yes, Dominic was an ordinary boy with an extraordinary love for God. At the age of twelve, Dominic entered the school run by St. John Bosco. Don Bosco examined him first and at the end of the questions, Dominic asked, "What do you think of me?"

"I think you're good material," answered the priest, with a big smile.

"Well, then," said Dominic, "You are a good tailor, so if the material is good, take me and make a new suit out of me for Our Lord!"

Everyone in the school saw from the way he prayed that this boy was different. He greatly loved all the boys, and even though he was younger, he used to worry about them. He was afraid that they would lose the grace of God by sinning.

One day, a fellow brought a magazine full of bad pictures to school. In a minute, a group of boys had gathered around him to see it. "What's up?" wondered Dominic, and he, too, went to look. Just one peek was enough for him. He grabbed the magazine and tore it to pieces! "Poor us!" he cried in the meantime, "Did God give us eyes to look at such things as this? Aren't you ashamed?"

"Oh, we were just looking at these pictures for the fun of it," said one boy.

"Sure, for fun," answered Dominic, "and in the meantime you're preparing yourselves to go to hell!"

"Oh, what's so wrong about looking at these pictures anyway?" another fellow demanded.

Dominic had a ready answer. "If you don't see anything wrong," he said sadly, "this is even worse. It means you're used to looking at shameful things!"

No one said anything after that. They all realized that Dominic was right. Another time he stopped a terrific stone-throwing fight between two angry boys. Holding up a little crucifix between them, he said, "Before you fight, look at this and say, 'Jesus Christ was innocent and He died forgiving His murderers. I am a sinner, and I am going to hurt Him by not forgiving my enemies.' Then you can start - and throw your first stone at me!"

The two boys were so ashamed of themselves that they apologized, and promised to go to confession too.

One day Dominic began to feel sick and was sent home to get better. While at home he grew worse, instead, and received the last Sacraments. He was only fifteen then, but he did not fear death. In fact, he was overjoyed at the thought of going to Heaven. Just before he died, he tried to sit up. "Goodbye," he murmured to his good father. Suddenly his face lit up with a smile of great joy and happiness. "I am seeing such wonderful things!" he exclaimed. Then he spoke no more, for he had gone to Heaven.

This latter title was given to him due to the following incident. One time, two boys filled the school stove with snow and garbage during the cold winter months. When the teacher came back into the room, they falsely accused Dominic of doing the "dirty" deed. Although disciplined in front of the entire class, Dominic refused to tell on the two mischievous boys. When the truth was later revealed, Dominic was asked why he didn't confess to his innocence. He remarked that he was imitating Our Lord, Who remained silent during His persecutions and crucifixion.

Additional information can be found at: http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=43
<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/D/stdominicsavio.asp>
<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1318>

March Birthday Celebrations!

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

Mark Haddorff	2 Mar
Barney Stoffel	4 Mar
Adolph Fejfar	4 Mar
Tim Swope	4 Mar
James Yurack	4 Mar
Thomas Webb	5 Mar
Luis Melecio-Zambrano	6 Mar
John Kenney	9 Mar
John Hillsman	9 Mar
John Wohleber	11 Mar
Vincent Warsheski	12 Mar
Adam Guziewicz	12 Mar
Charles Tobia	13 Mar
Rich Pearson	15 Mar
Chip Bobier	16 Mar
John Rafferty	16 Mar
Sean Coombs	17 Mar
David Erickson	17 Mar
Daniel Young	18 Mar
Christian Dreyer	23 Mar
John Deloach	23 Mar
Jack Starr	25 Mar

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 schaef@eqlin.af.mil & fly-safe@cox.net.