



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



February 2017 Newsletter

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
Grand Knight	Gregory Muntzner
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Kessinger
Chancellor	Glen Prescott
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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



My Brothers All,

Once again the pace of Council activities has not slowed. January saw many activities – the Mid-Year Meeting, Walk for Life, Membership Drive & Pancake Breakfast, and District Spelling Bee. We continue to be an active and involved Council.

February promises more of the same. There will be a First Degree on 11 Feb at 1200, as well as our regular slate of meetings, pasta dinner and Bingos.

Did you see our Council and Rick Spitznagel featured on page 30 of the latest COLUMBIA magazine? It's nice to see our good works recognized on a national level.

Greg Muntzner

Knight of the Month

Jack Starr.

Jack Starr is the Knight of the Month. Jack is very active as a greeter on Sundays and daily Mass. He is always offering a helping hand and a friendly smile. He brings refreshments to the local VA clinic. He regularly participates in Council meetings and cheerfully volunteers for our projects.

Jack truly embodies the qualities of a Knight of Columbus.

Family of the Month

Tom & Maria Means.

Tom and Maria Means are our Family of the Month. Tom is always volunteering for projects. Below is just one specific example of all the good works and service they do. Most recently he participated in the Pancake Breakfast – setting up, cooking, cleaning up – he did it all. He also helped new officers understand their duties and Council 13527-specific locations and functions.

Standing right beside Tom in all of these activities is his good wife Maria. She was at the Bake Sale table just about all morning, enticing people to take advantage of the goodies for sale by her graceful and friendly manner. She is always there as Tom and Maria are a team package.

They are a true credit to the Council, the Church, and the community.

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – January 5th, 2017



Meeting Opened: The Grand Knight, Gregory Muntzner, opened the meeting at 7:03 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused. Officers excused included: Chaplain and Inside Guard.

Visiting Officers: None.

- 1) **Minutes:** The December meeting minutes were approved, distributed, and posted in the church narthex.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** None. Awaiting 1st degree for Robert Harp.
- 3) **Conferring of Degree:** None.
- 4) **Grand Knight Report:** Summarized via the January KoC Newsletter as well as new/old business. Knight of the month Kevin Knebl. Tom and Karen Sanders family of the month.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** None.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** \$2031.50 deposited, \$600 checks written or withdrawn, and zero checks outstanding for a total balance including both accounts of \$18,851.96.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** \$500 deposited to the scholarship fund.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** None.
- 9) **Trustees Report:** 15 Feb is our semi-annual audit.
- 10) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Keep Christ in Christmas cards netted \$274 profit. Corporate communion is on 12 Feb at the 7:30 am Mass. Need volunteers for Tuesday adoration. Requests for honor guard 11/12th Feb 3 Masses, need volunteers to support.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:** None.
 - c) **Community Director:** None.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:** None.
 - e) **Culture of Life:** Emerald Coast Walk for Life is scheduled for Jan 14, 2017 in Pensacola at Seville Quarter. Guest speakers start at 10:30 am. Looking for some help setting up and handicap parking at 9:45 am.
 - f) **Membership Director:** Reminded of membership drive on 14/15 Jan and the value of recruitment. Need volunteers at Mass to hand out KoC brochures.
 - g) **Family Director:** None.
 - h) **Publicity Director:** No report.
 - i) **Bingo and pasta committee:** Friday is Bingo night, grill master needed as well as an additional volunteer. Pasta dinner in March, July and November.
- 11) **Old/unfinished Business:**
 - a) Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest was a great success with 119 entries ranging from 5-15 yrs. 12 winners were chosen and will compete at the district level. You can see the posters on the council website and Facebook.
- 12) **New Business:**
 - a) Corporate Communion is 12 Feb at the 0730 Mass.
 - b) Fraternal Survey closes this week, Knights were asked to submit their volunteered time and number of visits in the last year.
 - c) Rich Pierson request support for students for life at Ave Maria University with a donation of \$500. Motion was approved by the council.
 - d) John Wohleber requested \$200 in support for Amanda Wilson, member of the FSU Catholic Student Union, to travel to Jamaica to work with missionaries. Motion approved by the council.
 - e) Tom Means thanked the council for donating diapers in support of Sharing and Caring baby baskets for expectant mothers here in Niceville.
 - f) Mike Murphy DD requested \$100 support for the Emerald Coast Walk for Life poster support. Motion approved by the council.
 - g) John Rafferty requested \$500 support for the Defuniak Springs KoC Council #15744. Motion was approved by the council.
 - h) The council also approved payments for Jack Brennen and Tom Sanders for funds expended on the Council Christmas Party.
- 13) **4th Degree Report:** Meeting will take place on the 19th of Jan.

- 14) Insurance Agent Report:** Tim discussed fixed advantages of KoC life insurance versus Veterans Group Life.
- 15) Worthy District Deputy Update:**
- a) Council goal is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. Supreme records show 3 new members and 0 new insurance member.
 - b) Degree Schedule:
 - i) 1st Degree 25 Jan Crestview 6:30 starting at 7:00 pm also 5 Feb COR time TBD.
 - ii) 2nd Degree is 4 Feb St. John Council 10am and 19 March at Crestview 3 pm.
 - iii) 3rd Degree scheduled for 1 April in Gulf Breeze.
 - iv) 4th Degree Jan 2018 St. Sylvester.
 - c) JUMP START Membership Drives 14/15 Jan....Get on Track for Star Council.
 - d) Regional Spelling Bee will take place 21 Jan 2017 Crestview.
 - e) BB Free Throw Regional will take place 11 Feb 1100 St. Paul's Church in Pensacola.
 - f) Fifth Sunday Rosary Program 28/29 Jan.
 - g) Father Daughter Dance at Holy Name of Jesus 25 Feb 2017 7-9 pm.
 - h) Survey of Fraternal Activity 1728A; Report due Jan 31.
- 16) Correspondence:** None.
- 17) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Guy Jordan, Mark Adams, Ron Rabinsky, Susie Kulkin, Mary Lou Alvaj, Larry Faulk.
- 18) For The Good of the Order:** Ken Rodriguez shared the importance of religious New Year's resolutions worth keeping for yourself, family, neighbors, and most importantly the Lord.
- 19) Meeting closed with prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted
 Mark M. Olguín
 Council Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
1 Feb	Youth Cooking	COR, 1730, (POC Lenny Smales)
2 Feb	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
3 Feb	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
4 Feb	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
10 Feb	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
11 Feb	1 st Degree Ceremony	COR, 1200
11 / 12 Feb	Altar Server Awards	COR, All Masses
16 Feb	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	COR, Time TBD
17 Feb	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
23 Feb	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1800
24 Feb	Bingo	HNJ, 1800
	Bingo, Every Friday @ HNJ; (except as noted)	



Disability Insurance Fact Check:

Discussing the need for disability insurance can be challenging for two reasons. According to several studies by Council for Disability Awareness (CDA), most consumers do not understand disability insurance. Likewise, there are several misconceptions about the causes and likelihood of suffering a disability that may interrupt the ability to earn a living. Every three years or so, the CFA reviews claims data from many of the industry's leading carriers.

Here are some facts from the most recent report:

True or false? More than half a million people are receiving private disability benefit payments.

TRUE! The CDA member companies are paying disability benefits to roughly 653,000 people. Yet only 42% of heads of households have any form of disability insurance. In 2013, these companies paid more than \$9.8 billion in claims.

True or false? Most disability claims are for two years or longer.

FALSE! Most claims last less than two years. Only 40% of claims are longer than two years. Most illnesses and injuries that interrupt the ability to work are not permanent. Most return to work in some capacity.

True or false? Most disability claims are due to a work injury.

FALSE! More than 95% of claims are due to a non-work related illness or injury. In 2013, almost 29% of claims were due to musculoskeletal and connective tissue illnesses, by far the largest category. Cancer was the second most common cause of disability claims. Many consumers incorrectly believe that disabilities are usually due to a single, catastrophic event.

True or false? Men are more likely than women to become disabled.

FALSE! 56% of new approved claims are filed by women.

True or false? Most Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) applicants are awarded benefits.

FALSE! In 2014, only 32.2% of first time applicants were awarded benefits. To qualify for SSDI benefits, the claimant must be unable to work for five months and expected to be disabled for 12 months.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Timothy J. Dugh, FIC, FICF
Knights of Columbus Field Agent
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Saint of the Month – February 2017

St. Scholastica, (c. 480-540 A.D.)

Feast Day: February 10th.

Patron Saint of: Nuns, convulsive children; invoked against storms and rain.

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other. Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Benedict was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.]

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Reflection

The Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other. In joining a religious community, they did not forget or forsake their family but rather found more brothers and sisters.



<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-scholastica/>

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/S/stscholastica.asp>

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/roman-catholic-saints-s-z/saint-scholastica.htm>

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=240

February Birthday Celebrations!

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

Winston Fletcher	3 Feb
Sean Fox	7 Feb
Shane Vetter	7 Feb
"Z" Zermeno	7 Feb
Richard Welch	9 Feb
Jed Clements	14 Feb
Daniel Flynn	15 Feb
John Tebbetts	15 Feb
Gary Groop	18 Feb
Derek Abel	19 Feb
Ramsey Chaplin	19 Feb
"Ski" Krasauskas	21 Feb
Roland Rosario	22 Feb
Francis McKinney Jr.	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 10 days after the General Assembly meeting.
Please send to fly-safe@cox.net.**