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Christ Our Redeemer Council #13527

1028 White Point Road, Niceville, FL 32578

-“Council of the Year for 2007-2008”-

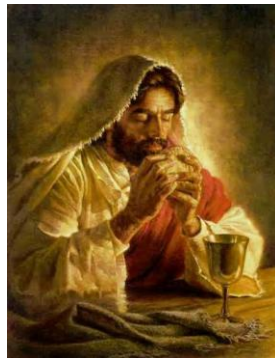
- “DOUBLE-STAR COUNCIL”-

October 2009 Newsletter

Executive Committee meets the last Thursday of each month. General Membership meeting is the first Thursday of each month. Both meetings are in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

Officers

Grand Knight	Joe Purka	Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Erickson
Chancellor	Greg Muntzner	Warden	Jack Brennan
Recorder	John Rafferty	Treasurer	John Haass
Advocate	Frank Liberatori	3 year Trustee	Tim Stapleton
2 year Trustee	Jack Starr	1 year Trustee	Tom Sanders
Inside Guard	Jim McCarthy	Outside Guard	Ski Krasauskas
Financial Secretary	Adam Dieterich	Chaplain	Deacon Bill Schaal



Council History

Our council was established in June of 2004 and held its first official meeting on 1 July 2004. The majority of charter members transferred from the Father Lesch Council 7667. With the support of **Father Roy Marien** and a lot of hard work by the district deputy and a committee of Knights, the council has become a reality. **Our Council is now 146 strong and growing!** We continue to work hard to establish ourselves as a charitable fraternal organization within the Christ Our Redeemer community. Awarded Star in our first year under **PGK Len Casey** and last 3 years Double Star Council under **PGK Ron Rabiansky, PGK Tim Stapleton and Jack Starr**. Best Florida District II Council under **PGK Jack Starr**.



Grand Knight's Column

Brothers –

It's early in the month, but thus far, October has been quite a busy month for our council. We've had a fairly successful Yard Sale at the home of **Adam & Sara Dieterich**, with an excellent turnout for our Corporate Communion the following morning and five members who moved up from First to Second Degree that afternoon. Congratulations to **Gordon Alvaj, John DeLoach, Don Marco, Jon Odom, and Patrick Ryan**. Please take the time to congratulate our newest Second Degree members.

For these and any other Second degree members who wish to move up to Third Degree, a **Third Degree Exemplification** will be held at St. Sylvester's Parish on Saturday, October 24th. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and candidates are asked to be there at noon. All Council Third degree members are invited to attend and support those of us who will be moving up.

After some deliberation and consultation, we decided to cancel our **Pancake Breakfast** scheduled for Sunday, October 25th. Because we could only serve following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the potential numbers would not make the time, effort and investment worthwhile. We'll look at the calendar again to see if there is another Sunday that we could serve following both Masses, prior to June 27th when we can serve earlier.

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month, **Jon Odom**, and our Family of the Month, **Vince & Chris Warsheski**. Jon is one of our newest Knights but has jumped in early and has been involved in many of our activities, to include Pasta Dinner, Sunland Picnic, Yard Sale, etc. And, what more can be said about Vince & Chris. They've organized the Sunland effort for two decades, organized and supervised our successful yard sales and have been involved in almost every Council activity.

Please remember to congratulate and thank Jon, one of our newest Knights, and Vince and Chris, one of the longer serving members of the Knights of Columbus.

Fraternally,
Joe Purka
Grand Knight

General Membership Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by GK Joe Purka.

Officers that were excused were the Advocate, Warden, and the 2nd and 3rd Year Trustees.

The previous minutes were amended; the changes are:

- 1) Mr. Wohleber and Mr. Fejfar have not yet met the Admissions Committee.
- 2) In the Treasurer's Report, the correct 08/31/2009 balances for the accounts were: General Fund \$10,337.62, FAYAK Fund \$55.25, and Helping Life Fund \$98.20.

Admissions Committee: We received a new member application for Mr. Timothy Swope; he has been approved into the council contingent on his receiving of the 1st Degree after meeting with the Admissions Committee.

There was a transfer request for Br. Britt Young was approved. Reapplication for Ramsey Chaplin was approved.

Grand Knight's Report: The Council attained Double Star Council for 2008-09, continuing a Christ Our Redeemer Council tradition.

Outstanding job by the Knights at last Sunday's Parish Picnic. We had more than two dozen members helping to set up, cook, serve food, run the Soccer Challenge, and clean up. The food, prepared under the watchful eyes of Joe and Chris Cartenuto, was outstanding. Numerous parishioners commented on the great hot dogs, hamburgers, and ribs.

Our semi-annual yard sale will be Oct 10th at Adam Dieterich's house, 1482 Cypress St in Seminole. We need help setting up at 6 AM and throughout the sale (7AM to about noon).

The District Soccer Challenge is also Oct 10, 1 PM, at St. Mary's School Soccer Field. Regional Soccer Challenge will be held Oct 17.

Our next Corporate Communion is Sunday Oct 11 at the 7:30 AM mass. Rosary will start at 7. Please wear your blue Knights shirt.

Our Fifth Anniversary Dinner is on Sunday, Oct 18. Over 90 members, spouses, widows, and VIPs are scheduled to attend. Cash bar starts at 5 PM and dinner is at 6 PM at the Rocky Bayou Clubhouse. Those that haven't paid are requested to send in a check payable to the KofC Council #13527 immediately.

There will be a 2nd Degree Exemplification at Council 4444 in Fort Walton Beach Oct 11 at 2 PM. Candidates should be at the KC Hall by 1:30. Dress code is business casual.

There will be a 3rd Degree Exemplification at St. Sylvester's Council in Gulf Breeze on Saturday, Oct 24. Candidates and their sponsors need to be at the Hall by noon. Dress code is jacket/tie. We have about 15 Knights eligible to move up to the 3rd Degree.

Knight of the Month for September 2009 is Jon Odom, and the Family of the Month is Vince and Chris Warsheski.

Treasurer's Report: Income for the month of September was \$1016.30 with expenses of \$853.31. The bank account has the following funds: General (\$9,996.26), Vocations (\$363.19), Initiation Fee (\$178.00), FAYAK (\$55.25), Helping Life (\$585.00), and Scholarship (\$15.00), for a total of \$11,193.78.

The following bills were read and referred to new business: \$27.54 to George Sullivan for newsletter expenses, \$266.00 to Dave Halupowski for Keep Christ in Christmas, \$264.11 to Greg Muntzner for council activities, and \$40.06 to John Rafferty for meeting food. They were all approved during new business.

Communications: Thank you letters from the Cursillo movement. Thank you from Tina Marie Trevino for the cake donations to the parish picnic.

New business: The gift list for the Sunland Christmas Party is here. Contact Vince Warsheski for more information.

Motion for \$150 to support a Veteran's event and to purchase an American Flag for the Council: passed!

Request for volunteers at the Matt Maher concert October 4th.

Motion for \$500 to sponsor the council's widows and VIPs at the Fifth Anniversary Dinner: passed!

(Recorder's Note: There was also a planned Pancake Breakfast scheduled for late October, which has now been cancelled.)

Committee Reports: Community: Sunland Picnic Wrap-up: Thank you for the great support to Joe Cartenuto, Tim McKelvey, and all the Knights who traveled to Sunland. There were 82 total attendees this year, including 42 Handicapped Citizens and 15 staff members.

Thanks also to those who supported the September 11th First Responders Remembrance Ceremony.

Pro-Life Committee: 40 Days for Life is going on; please pray for the end of abortion. October 9th, Knights from our council will go to the Pensacola Abortion Clinic and pray for the unborn.

Family Committee: Recent events were the Parish Picnic and Soccer Challenge.

Youth Committee: 12 kids and 6 Knights participated in the Soccer Challenge. Ed Coleman from Council 7667 will head up the Spelling Bee again. Contact him if you want to volunteer. (Recorder's note: Event will be held Nov 9th at the Niceville High School auditorium.)

Report of the 4th Degree: The Christus Medicus mass will be held Saturday, Oct 3, at 5:30 PM at St. Mary's. The Flag Retirement Ceremony at Holy Name of Jesus went well.

Members of the Order sick and in distress: Crestview GK Tom Black, Ed and Connie Ehring, Ray Fournier, Councils in the Phillipines that are victimized by flooding. Prayers were offered by Deacon Bill Schaal.

District Deputy's Report: There was a 60-second Knights of Columbus commercial aired during the opening night of the NFL season. Retention of membership is one of the most important parts of a council: continue to keep your new members involved!

Good of the Order: Inspiration from Pope Benedict on his Apostolic Journey to the US in 2008. Also, the DD reported about the KC success in keeping the words "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Join Now!! Insurance Corner Join Now!!

OCTOBER: Roth IRAs: A Less Taxing Way to Save

Did you know that you can establish a Roth IRA through the Knights of Columbus? If you haven't set up a Roth IRA for this year, there's still time to take advantage of this great way to save for retirement.

You can now save up to \$5,000 per year, minus the amounts contributed to other IRAs. The limit is \$6,000 for people over 50. The total you can contribute also depends on your income, but you can do so regardless of whether you participate in a pension plan.

Although your contributions aren't deductible, the long-range benefits of a Roth IRA should be compared to those of a traditional IRA. For starters, many people earn too much for a traditional IRA to be a tax deduction. And with a Roth IRA you avoid the age-70 ½ minimum distribution requirements that come with a traditional IRA.

You can establish a Roth IRA, and make your yearly contribution, up to the date you file your tax return for that year (excluding extensions). But annual contributions to a Roth IRA aren't required. All interest you earn is federal income tax-free, provided you withdraw your funds under certain "qualified distribution" rules.

If you'd like more information about Roth IRAs – or traditional IRAs - I can help. But do it soon. Saving as much as you can for retirement is always a wise move, and the earlier you start, the better. Call me today.

May God bless you all,

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St Francis of Assisi – October Saint

Patronage:

against dying alone, animal welfare societies, animals, Assisi, Italy, birds, Catholic Action, Colorado, Archdiocese of Denver Colorado, ecologists, ecology, environment, environmentalism, environmentalists, families, fire, Italy, lacemakers, laceworkers, merchants, needle workers, peace, Diocese of Salina, Kansas, Archdiocese of San Francisco California, Santa Fe New Mexico, Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, tapestry workers, zoos.

Profile:

Son of a rich cloth merchant. Misspent youth. Street brawler and some-time soldier. During an imprisonment in Perugia, he had a conversion experience, including a reported message from Christ calling him to leave this worldly life. Upon release, Francis began taking his religion seriously.

He took the Gospels as the rule of his life, Jesus Christ as his literal example. He dressed in rough clothes, begged for his sustenance, and preached purity and peace. He visited hospitals, served the sick, preached in the streets, and took all men and women as siblings. He began to attract followers in 1209, and with papal blessing, founded the Franciscans. In 1212 Clare of Assisi became his spiritual student, which led to the founding of the Poor Clares. Visited and preached to the Saracens. Composed songs and hymns to God and nature. Lived with animals, worked with his hands, cared for lepers, cleaned churches, and sent food to thieves. In 1221 he resigned direction of the Franciscans.

While in meditation on Mount Alvernia in the Apennines in September 1224, Francis received the stigmata, which periodically bled during the remaining two years of his life. This miracle has a separate memorial on 17 September.

Representation

birds; deer; fish; skull; stigmata; wolf

Readings:

Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor and which Jesus has levied upon us.
- Saint Francis of Assisi

Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.

- Saint Francis of Assisi

In preparing this article I have become frustrated by the space limitation of the newsletter. I strongly suggest that you read so much more detail and inspiration which can be found at:

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=50

<http://www.catholicpeacefellowship.org/nextpage.asp?m=2349>

<http://saints.sqpn.com/saint-francis-of-assis/>



October 2009 Knight of the Month

Brother Jonathan “Jon” Odom has been selected as Council 13527’s October 2009 Knight of the Month. Jon is one of our newest Knights having received his first degree earlier this year. But, he has proved to everyone that he is one of the most reliable, dedicated, and hardest working Knights in our Council. He is a full time student at Northwest Florida State College with his wife Marie. This wonderful young also has a two year old daughter, Kennedy. But, somehow, Jon found the time to help the severely handicapped at the State of Florida Sunland Facility in Marianna, FL on 12 September 2009. At the Sunland Park, he worked diligently and effectively unloading the trailer, setting up grills, bringing the food into the kitchen area, helping the handicapped clients from their vehicles to their seats in the picnic area, cooking, serving meals to the handicapped, cleaning up, and reloading the trailer. What a great way to service the Knights of Columbus and the needy. Furthermore, Jon worked just as hard at the recent Fall Parish Family Picnic, parking cars, cooking and helping conduct the Soccer Challenge for our younger children. He also labored just as intensely at the Spring Pancake Breakfast doing similar jobs. Additionally, he has been a backup Pasta Team worker, but he did such a fantastic job that he was asked to please continue as a permanent member of the Pasta Team, and Jon accepted this additional responsibility. He is now a regular cook on the Monthly First Saturday Pasta Dinner Team that feeds from 65 to 110 family members. This fabulous new Knight has played a major role in our Council’s accomplishments this year, and is one of the reasons why our Council is the Best in the State of Florida. Please congratulate and thank Jon Odom, our October 2009 Knight of the Month for his devoted and generous altruistic service.



October 2009 Family of the Month

SUPER KNIGHT Vince Warsheski and his SUPER WIFE, Chris, have been selected as Council 13527’s October 2009 Family of the Month. Chris and Vince are a Model Catholic Family and set the Christ-like standard for our council, parish, and community. There isn’t enough room in the newsletter to just touch on all the contributions these two have made to help the needy, widows, orphans, and the handicapped, recently and during Vince’s thirty plus years of service to the Knights of Columbus. For example, Vince has served as: Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, Past District Deputy, Past Financial Secretary, Past 2nd Degree Team Leader, Past 1st Degree Team Member, Past Knight of the Year, Admission Committee Chairman, Trustee, Past and Current Council Membership Chairman. At seventy-nine years of age, this fourth degree Knight is the best leader, motivator, manager, director, organizer, coordinator and hardest worker for the Knights of Columbus in the entire state of Florida, and quite possibly our nation. He was the largest sponsor of new Council members and was personally responsible for this Council receiving the Double Star Award for the last three years in a row. He calls proposed candidates for each degree, coordinates schedules, and personally drives candidates to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Degree Ceremonies. He develops, sets up, and conducts New Membership Drive Open House events at the church and is a contributor on all Admission Committees. In addition to that, he personally started a “Helping Hand Program” and advertised in the church bulletin for any widow or deployed military spouse to call him, if they need any help. He has made innumerable trips to homes in the local area repairing anything, making anything, and doing anything needed to help out. It is estimated that he donated and worked for God and the Knights more than one thousand hours a year for many years. Furthermore, Vince participated in over 36 events in regalia this past year and sometimes lead Color Corps Teams in the absence of the Color Corps Commander. Unfortunately, two knee replacement

surgeries have forced him to stop this much loved activity. However, Vince is still one of the most active members of the Church Men's Group that voluntarily performs routine church maintenance, and he continues to build various items for the church such as: the large Nativity Set (approximately 10' x 4' heavy wooden stable with lighting), the three graduated semi-circular flower stands used in the churches North Exit Hall at Easter/special occasions, and the sloping choir platforms that allow all to see the director. Besides all this, Vince and Chris have hosted the "Men's Only Yard Sale", advertised the event, contacted donors, picked up, hauled, repaired, and stored items in their own work shop. (tractors, lawn mowers, wagons, furniture, freezers, large stoves, washers, dryers, leaf blowers, bicycles, grills, and other items too numerous to mention) Then, he and Chris priced each item and moved everything to the sale area. The Yard Sales they initiated have netted enough revenue to donate as much as \$3800 to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Event. The last two years the Council and local charities have been the beneficiary of their Herculean efforts. Chris always makes breakfast before 6:00 AM for all the Knights that help with the yard sale. This past year, Chris made breakfast for everyone while she was severely swollen and in a lot of pain from dental surgery the previous day. More importantly, this wonderful couple continues to energize and encourage our brother knights and the women of our parish to follow in Jesus' footsteps. In this regard, Chris and Vince have led many anti-abortion protest and prayer services outside abortion clinics in Northwest Florida. Their actions along with the prayers of those he led and others resulted in fewer women seeking to terminate their pregnancies and in the closing of an abortion clinic in the target area. This magnificent couple also established the Parish Prayer Line and have led the parish prayer ministry for the sick and diseased for many years. Furthermore, Vince and Chris: work on Bingo Team 4 and the Pasta Dinner Team; lead all activities to assist the severely physically and mentally challenged patients at the state run Sunland Facility in Mariana, FL, coordinate with the Sunland Director, organize the events, solicit volunteers, purchase food, haul grills and supplies, assist the residents from the bus or vehicle into their seats, cook, serve the handicapped food, help clean up the facility, and load equipment into their trailer, then haul everything back to their work shop; solicit donors for Christmas presents for every Sunland resident that is scheduled to attend the Christmas Party; support and work all Council programs. They also spend at least two hours the first Sunday every month verifying the church collections from all masses. Chris works just as hard for the Catholic Women's Group and the Knights of Columbus. Besides, the activities listed above, she organizes cooks and serves food each month for Senior Citizens Day at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, and for funeral receptions, weddings, Council Bake Sales, other events held at Christ Our Redeemer Parish Hall. Congratulations to this fantastic October 2009 Family of the Month .

I AM The Resurrection!



October Happy Birthdays

Wish the following Knights a happy birthday: George Eller, Craig Otto, Mark Nilsson, Edward Boyle, Pat Burke, Thomas Sanders, Robert Hruby, Michael Horlacher, Michael Tutin, William Markowski, Steven Schaefer, John Haass.

Please send all inputs for the Newsletter to George or Julie Sullivan, 897-7876 or JulieMooreSullivan@gmail.com by 7 days after the general meeting.

Calendar of Events

October 18	Fifth Anniversary Dinner	5 PM
October 24	3 rd Degree Ceremony	Pensacola
November 7	Belks Charity Day Sale	
Fridays	Bingo 6PM Early Bird, 7:30 PM Regular	HNJ Parish Hall



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