



Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



December 2016 Newsletter

Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
Grand Knight	Gregory Muntzner
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Kessinger
Chancellor	Glen Prescott
Financial Secretary	Leonard Smales
Warden	Bob Gutierri
Recorder	Mark Olguin
Treasurer	John Wohleber
Advocate	Stuart Lewis
1-Year Trustee	Rodger Culkin
2-Year Trustee	Andrew Balding
3-Year Trustee	Tome Means
Inside Guard	Art Jean
Outside Guard	Ralph McDonald
Lecturer	Ken Rodriguez

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,

November has been a busy month. There was the Remembrance Mass, Belk Charity Day Sale, Military Honors Mass, the Baby Bottle Drive, and Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. Lastly there was Thanksgiving – a time to be grateful for all our blessings and gather with family and good friends.

December continues in the spirit of thanks and giving. There is the Niceville Christmas parade, Council Christmas party, Sunland Christmas party, and finally the birth of our Lord on Christmas Day. These activities will provide opportunities to show our best through giving and service to the Council, Church, and Community.

Merry Christmas and many Blessings to you and yours,

Greg Muntzner



General Assembly Meeting Minutes – November 3rd, 2016



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

Roll Call All Officers were present or excused. Officers excused included: Chaplain, Lecturer, Warden and all Trustees.

Visiting Officers: District Deputy.

- 1) **Minutes:** The October meeting minutes were approved, distributed, and posted in the church narthex. There is one correction to the November KoC Newsletter: The Knight of the Month, Stuart Lewis, was errantly recognized as the Council Chancellor when he is in fact the Council Advocate.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** None.
- 3) **Conferring of Degree:** None, with one new Knight, Mr. Robert Harp, awaiting the 1st Degree.
- 4) **Grand Knight Report:** Summarized via the November KoC Newsletter as well as new/old business.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** None.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** \$114 deposited and \$829 withdrawn in October for a total balance including both accounts of \$17,940.05.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** There are two checks outstanding for \$300.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** None.
- 9) **Trustees Report:** None.
- 10) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Reminder that the 13 Nov mass at 1030 AM will be to honor our Active Duty Military and Retired Veterans.
 - b) **Council Activity Director:** Volunteers needed to help decorate, setup and clean for the Council Christmas party, 4 Dec at 5:30 pm. Cost will be \$10 per person.
 - c) **Community Director:** Thank you to all 9 Knights that supported the Habitat for Humanity build in Crestview. We spent 4 hours putting up siding for a new family.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:**
 - i) Unfortunately, we had zero entrants for the KoC Essay Contest this year.
 - ii) Council Spelling Bee went well. We had 50 contestants for the elementary and middle school ages.
 - iii) District Soccer Competition also went well and we are sending 2 children on to State competition!
 - e) **Culture of Life:**
 - i) New ultrasound machine purchased by the KoC will be dedicated Dec 2nd during the 1000 mass at St Mary's in Fort Walton. All are encouraged to attend.
 - ii) Emerald Coast Walk for Life is scheduled for Jan 14, 2017. Looking for support people and \$.
 - f) **Membership Director:** None.
 - g) **Family Director:** None.
 - h) **Publicity Director:** No Report.
 - i) **Bingo and pasta committee:** No bingo the day after Thanksgiving. John Rafferty is the POC.
- 11) **Old/unfinished Business:**
 - a) Ultrasound dedication will be Dec 2nd at St Mary's Parish, 10 am. Still seeking financial support.
 - b) Glen Prescott was given his certificate for being the Oct 2016 Knight of the Month.
- 12) **New Business:**
 - a) 4 Dec the council will host our annual Christmas Party at 5:30 pm.
 - b) 10 Dec, the COR/HNJ councils will host the Sunland Christmas party, at HNJ Parrish.
 - c) 11 Dec will be our next corporate communion at the 7:30 am mass. We will pray the Rosary at 7:00 am inside the church.
 - d) The council approved an additional \$500 for flood relief, to be sent to Supreme.
 - e) The council approved a whole \$6.50 to reimburse Tom Kessinger for postage paid on behalf of the council.
 - f) Knight of the Month: Stewart Lewis.
 - g) Family of the Month: Daniel and Norely Soto.
 - h) We have a new Seminarian, Jarred Wark from St. John in Miami. Please pray for him.
- 13) **4th Degree Report:** None.
- 14) **Insurance Agent Report:** None.
- 15) **Worthy District Warden Update:**

- a) Council recruiting goal is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. Supreme records show 3 new members and -1 new insurance member.
 - b) Degree Schedule:
 - i) 1st Degree scheduled for 19 Nov at HNJ, 9:30 am candidates, 10 am start.
 - ii) 2nd Degree is scheduled for 16 Nov in Milton, 6:30 pm candidates, 7 pm start.
 - iii) Another 2nd Degree is scheduled for 30 Nov in Crestview, 6:30 pm candidates, 7 pm start.
 - iv) 3rd Degree scheduled for 10 Dec in Pensacola, 12 pm candidates, 1 pm start.
 - v) 4th Degree scheduled for 26 Nov in Orlando.
 - c) Membership Drives – Let's get off to a quick start to Star council.
 - d) Food for Families – Now is the time to start organizing and announce your drive.
 - e) Time to start planning Council BB Free Throw challenge in December. District is scheduled for Jan 14 at HNJ.
 - f) Time to start planning KCIC Poster Contest, due Dec 15th. District scheduled for Jan 15th.
 - g) Father Daughter Dance will be held 25 Feb 2017 at HNJ, 7-9 pm.
 - h) Congratulations to brother Tom Means and the entire COR KoC Council for winning the Columbia Award!
- 16) Correspondence:** None.
- 17) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Guy Jordan, Frank and Ann Liberatori, Wolfgang Geiberger, Ted and Rose Berg, Marylou Alvadj, Bill Pezdirtz, Steve Sadowski, and Larry Falk.
- 18) For The Good of the Order:** Discussed the importance of morality when considering Presidential candidates.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark M. Olguín
Recorder

Knight of the Month

Tom Kessinger.

Tom has really stepped up since he joined the Council from the Tampa area. He volunteered to become Deputy Grand Knight. He also recently organized and ran the successful Baby Bottle campaign.

Way to go Tom!

Family of the Month

Larry and Betsy Blameuser.

Larry is a very active Knight. He has served as Lecturer and more importantly, he is head of Niceville Catholic Outreach, (formerly St Vincent de Paul). To that end he conducted the recent Thanksgiving food drive gathering much needed food and other items for less fortunate community members. Betsy does a great job supporting Larry and is very active in the Choir where you can hear her beautiful voice.

We are blessed and very proud to have Larry and Betsy in our circle of friends.

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
1 Dec	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
2 Dec	Ultrasound Dedication	St. Mary's, 1030
2 Dec	Bingo, Team 3, (COR Team)	HNJ, 1700
3 Dec	Niceville Christmas Parade	0900
3 Dec	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
4 Dec	Council Christmas Party	COR, 1730
10 Dec	Sunland Christmas Party	HNJ, 1100?
10 Dec	3 rd Degree Ceremony	Pensacola
11 Dec	Corporate Communion	COR, Rosary @ 0700, Mass @ 0730
15 Dec	4 th Degree Assembly 3236 Meeting	COR, Time TBD
22 Dec???	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1800
23 Dec	No Bingo!	
25 Dec	A Blessed Christmas To All	
30 Dec	Bingo, Team 2, (COR Team)	HNJ, 1700
	Bingo, Every Friday @ HNJ; (except as noted)	

Insurance Corner

What Happens If You Live?

The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance

We're living a lot longer than our ancestors, but living longer can also mean added responsibilities and concerns, such as: what happens if we live?

Insurance is all about "what ifs" – What if we die? What if we get in an accident? What if we get sick? But how much have you thought about what happens if you live?

That's where long-term care insurance comes into play. I know you think you won't need long-term care, but the statistics tell a different story. 70 percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime.

Paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.*

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. Medicaid does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.

So if we do need long-term care, many of us are left drawing from our own resources to cover the costs – and it often happens right when we need our resources most at retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. I can help explain your options.

Contact me today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

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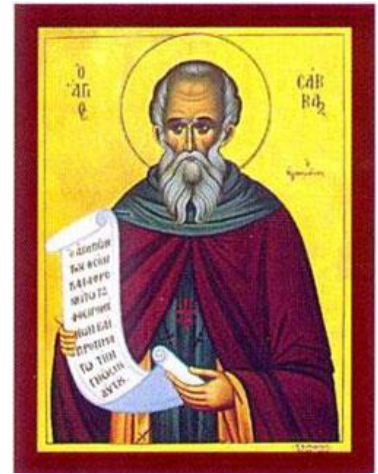
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*U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information, March 3, 2014.

Saint of the Month – December 2016

St. Sabas, (439-532)

Feast Day: December 5th.



Born in Cappadocia, Sabas is one of the most highly regarded patriarchs among the monks of Palestine, and is considered one of the founders of Eastern monasticism.

After an unhappy childhood in which he was abused and ran away several times, Sabas finally sought refuge in a monastery. While family members tried to persuade him to return home, the young boy felt drawn to monastic life. Although the youngest monk in the house, he excelled in virtue.

At age 18 he traveled to Jerusalem, seeking to learn more about living in solitude. Soon he asked to be accepted as a disciple of a well-known local solitary, though initially he was regarded as too young to live completely as a hermit. Initially, Sabas lived in a monastery, where he worked during the day and spent much of the night in prayer. At the age of 30 he was given permission to spend five days each week in a nearby remote cave, engaging in prayer and manual labor in the form of weaving baskets. Following the death of his mentor, Saint Euthymius, Sabas moved farther into the desert near Jericho. There he lived for several years in a cave near the brook Cedron. A rope was his means of access. Wild herbs among the rocks were his food. Occasionally men brought him other food and items, while he had to go a distance for his water.

Some of these men came to him desiring to join him in his solitude. At first he refused. But not long after relenting, his followers swelled to more than 150, all of them living in individual huts grouped around a church, called a *laura*.

The bishop persuaded a reluctant Sabas, then in his early 50s, to prepare for the priesthood so that he could better serve his monastic community in leadership. While functioning as abbot among a large community of monks, he felt ever called to live the life of a hermit. Throughout each year—consistently in Lent—he left his monks for long periods of time, often to their distress. A group of 60 men left the monastery, settling at a nearby ruined facility. When Sabas learned of the difficulties they were facing, he generously gave them supplies and assisted in the repair of their church.

Over the years Sabas traveled throughout Palestine, preaching the true faith and successfully bringing back many to the Church. At the age of 91, in response to a plea from the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Sabas undertook a journey to Constantinople in conjunction with the Samaritan revolt and its violent repression. He fell ill and soon after his return, died at the monastery at Mar Saba. Today the monastery is still inhabited by monks of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and Saint Sabas is regarded as one of the most noteworthy figures of early monasticism.

Reflection

Few of us share Sabas' yearning for a cave in the desert, but most of us sometimes resent the demands others place on our time. Sabas understands that. When at last he gained the solitude for which he yearned, a community immediately began to gather around him and he was forced into a leadership role. He stands as a model of patient generosity for anyone whose time and energy are required by others—that is, for all of us.

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

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=758
<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/S/stsabbas.asp>

December Birthday Celebrations!

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

Tim Swope	3 Dec
Larry Falk	4 Dec
James Perkins	4 Dec
Christopher Bankard	9 Dec
Jack Sexton	9 Dec
Nicolas Urioste	11 Dec
James Shelingoski	15 Dec
Christopher Coombs	16 Dec
Jason Sartori	18 Dec
Lenny Smales	23 Dec
Luan To	23 Dec
Joseph Cartenuto	25 Dec
Wolfgang Geiberger	25 Dec
Theodore Berg	28 Dec
James McCarthy	28 Dec
Brian Branagan	29 Dec
Rod Culkin	29 Dec
Alfred Dere	29 Dec
Philip Fralix	30 Dec
Tom Means	31 Dec
Allan Parke	31 Dec

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.**