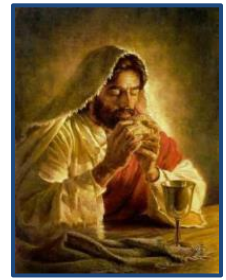




# Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service  
2004 - 2014*



## September 2017 Newsletter

### Council Officers

<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Fr. Bob Johnson</b>
<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Bob Gualtieri</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	<b>James Yurack</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Glen Prescott</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Leonard Smales</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Danny Zappulla</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Ralph McDonald</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Wohleber</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Stuart Lewis</b>
<b>1-Year Trustee</b>	<b>Andrew Balding</b>
<b>2-Year Trustee</b>	<b>Tom Means</b>
<b>3-Year Trustee</b>	<b>Gregory Muntzner</b>
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<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Tom Kessinger</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Ken Rodriguez</b>

### 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 at 7:00 PM in the Christ Our Redeemer Parish Hall. The Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in one of the Christ Our Redeemer Parish classrooms.

Fourth Degree members of Councils 13527 (COR), 7667 (HNJ), and 11893 (Destin), 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.



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## From the Grand Knight's Desk



Brothers,

**DONE:** The beginning of the Fraternal Year was a busy time for our council. We held two Admission Ceremonies, a pancake breakfast, cooked burgers for the youth group, collected books for the prison ministry, had a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, Corporate Communion, attended Bishop Wack's Installation Mass and both Bingo Teams went into action.

**COMING:** The big things coming up in September are a Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree Ceremony either on Sep 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> at HNJ (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on Oct 7); the Sunland picnic on Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>; and the start of the 40 Days For Life with our Parish Vigil on Sep 27<sup>th</sup>. Of course, there's more Bingo. The Sunland picnic is in Marianna, but I hope many of us can find to time to prepare a dish to bring and consider driving up and participating.

**NEWS:** We had some great news that Br. (SK) Guy Jordan is now cancer-free, the Lord having answered the many prayers for him. Unfortunately, there's some less happy news- Brother Danny Zappulla (Worthy Warden) lost his sister suddenly and Br. (SK) Tom Kessinger (Worthy Inside Guard and Past DGK) is in a six week recovery from a medical procedure. We'll continue to pray for our brothers and the souls of the faithfully departed.

**FRATERNITY:** One of our important and happy duties is to stay in touch with all our brothers as best we can. Everyone should know that if you get sick or circumstances keep you at home, we're eager to come visit and even bring you the Holy Eucharist. Many of our brothers are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and are privileged to do this. So don't hesitate to contact Brs. Lenny Smales, Ron Rabiansky, or me either for assistance or just to keep us informed.

**BIG PICTURE:** The KofC helps AIDS orphans in Uganda, displaced citizens in Ukraine, persecuted Christians in Egypt, survivors of genocide in Iraq, child refugees from North Korea, typhoon survivors in the Philippines, flood victims in Mexico, and people with physical disabilities in Viet Nam, Cuba and Haiti. But quoting Blessed Paul VI, "people prefer to listen to witnesses ... and call for evangelizers to speak of a God whom they themselves know." So while the strength of unity takes our Order to the peripheries of the world, *our* own best work is done right here at home. That's why the work of our local council as witnesses to Christ in our Parish and community is so important. (From Aug '17 "Columbia" magazine)

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Gualtieri

*Bob Gualtieri*

### **Welcome our Newest Brothers:**

#### Transfers:

Michael R. "Mic" Wehmeyer, (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree)  
Joseph J. Kodnovich, (1<sup>st</sup> Degree)

#### New Members:

Phil Alabata  
SSgt David Balding  
Joseph Maestas  
Jim Thennes

## General Assembly Meeting Minutes – August 3rd, 2017



**Meeting Opened:** The Grand Knight, Robert Gualtieri, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. All officers were in attendance or excused.

**Visiting Officers:** None.

**Minutes:** The June meeting minutes were approved with no change, distributed, and posted in the church narthex. No minutes in July due to Council Installation Ceremony replacing council meeting.

- 1) **Application for Membership:** Two applications received but have not been vetted, expected to be nominated at next meeting.
- 2) **Conferring of Degree:** None.
- 3) **Grand Knight Report:** Summarized via the June KoC Newsletter as well as new/old business. GK reminded us that pasta and bingo night volunteers are still needed. Received Vocation Award for council support to vocations. Received thank you notes from one scholarship winner and the COR Youth Ministry. Received notification of Bank name change. The new GK stated his focus would be in more youth involvement (above that we already do), increasing social media to increase membership and track council history, and to increase membership while mentoring current knights.
- 4) **Family & Knight of the Month:** Family of the month for July is Greg Muntzner and Maryann Koechel, and Knight of the Month for July is Greg Muntzner.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** Deacon Jack informed on Faith and installation of the new Bishop in August. Deacon Bill reminded the Council of the wonders of participating in Adoration!
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** \$5,507.20 deposited, 6 checks written or withdrawn for \$1,770.73, and 2 checks outstanding for \$1,009.80 resulting in a total balance of \$12,118.70. The scholarship account remained unchanged with a balance of \$3,629.00. Balance including both accounts is \$15,747.70.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** One new check for family emergency help, nominated and approved.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** Seminarian Jared Wark is in town and will be invited to August 13<sup>th</sup> Council Pancake Breakfast.
- 9) **Service Director Reports:**
  - a) **Church Director:** Gift of weekly adoration from 8-8 on Tuesday. Completed 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary and Corporate Communion/Rosary (CC/R). Next CC/R planned for 12 Aug, 5 PM, leader needed. Keep Christ In Christmas items ordered. COR Ministry Fair after Masses weekend of 5-6 August in church hall.
  - b) **Community Director:** Working with Habitat for Humanity for September/October opportunities.
  - c) **Council Director:** Nothing to report.
  - d) **Youth Activity Director:** Two scholarship checks awaiting distribution pending receipt of school info. Youth Soccer Challenge will be held in conjunction with COR Picnic in September.
  - e) **Culture of Life:** 40 Days for Life, September 27<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>. COR is covering September 27 and November 1; volunteers send info to Dave Halupowski. Walk for Life planned in Pensacola, January 13, 2018.
  - f) **4<sup>th</sup> Degree:** Assembly installation held at COR on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 10) **Old/unfinished Business:**
  - a) Fraternal year budget discussed, motion to approve, and approved by vote.
  - b) Bingo/Pasta Dinner contract still being renegotiated, expect September signing.
  - c) Request more volunteers for Bingo; family members can help to include children 13-18 can volunteer too but only in kitchen due to gambling in hall.
- 11) **New Business:**
  - a) Niceville Catholic Outreach (NCO) in the need of hygiene items such as soap, tooth paste, etc.
  - b) Sunland Picnic scheduled for September 23; expect details by email blast in near future.
  - c) Council Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale is after Masses on August 13; email blast went out, volunteers still needed.
  - d) Nominated cutting check for family in distress, discussed and approved by vote.
  - e) Congratulation to Deacon Bill and Jack Brennan for achieving Life Membership!
- 12) **Worthy District Deputy Update:**
  - a) State wide raffle ticket fund raiser details coming with councils to sell tickets.
  - b) Degree Schedule:
    - i) 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: August 26 at 1 PM, Team show 12:30 PM.
    - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree: Late Sept, date/time TBD.

- iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Oct 7 at HNJ, 1 PM.
  - iv) 4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Jan 2018 at St. Sylvester.
  - c) Council key officer training by State Officers planned for August 5<sup>th</sup> in Saint Mary' Council Hall in Fort Walton Beach.
- 13) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Frank Liberatori and his wife, Barney Stoffel and wife, Joey Cartenuto, Bill Jennings, Eugene O'Neil, Guy Jordan, Ralph McDonald, Holy Name Deacons, Anniversary of Vince Warsheski, for the soul of Danny Zappulla's sister, and all the "Anonymous" Knights.
- 14) Lector:** Briefed on KofC trading cards and 4<sup>th</sup> degree history.
- 15) Meeting closed with prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Ralph McDonald  
Council Recorder

### ***Knight of the Month***

#### **Michael Lewis.**

Brother Michael has one young son and another child on the way, yet finds the time to spend many hours working hard to develop a council web site. Additionally he attends council functions and ushers at Mass. For his meaningful and significant contribution to our council, he earns the award of Knight Of The Month for August 2017


### ***Family of the Month***


#### **Joseph & Dee Purka.**

Brother (SK) Joe is the admissions committee chairman. He coordinated review boards and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonies leading to six new members already this year. Br. Joe ushers at Mass and was Past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3236. Dee Purka lends grace and assistance at council activities and was primarily responsible for a successful bake sale during the last Parish pancake breakfast. Joe and Dee Purka certainly deserve to be selected as Family Of The Month for August 2017.

## Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
2 Sep	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
7 Sep	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
15 Sep	Bingo, (Team #2)	HNJ, 1700
20 Sep	NCO Food Drive	HNJ
21 Sep	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	HNJ, 1900
22 Sep	Bingo, (Team #3)	HNJ, 1700
23 Sep	Sunland Picnic	Marianna, FL
25 Sep	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, (Formation)	HNJ, 1800, (Candidates report @ 1730)
25 Sep	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, (Knighthood)	HNJ, 1830, (Candidates report @ 1750)
27 Sep	40 Days for Life Parish COR Vigil	Pensacola
27 Sep	40 Days for Life Campaign Begins	
7 Oct	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, (Knighthood)	HNJ, Time TBD
Bingo, Every Friday @ HNJ; (except as noted)		



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**Next Parish Blood Drives:**  
Oct 15  
10 Dec



## Knights in Action



**Flanking the Council Banner are Seminarian Jared Wark (left),  
Vocations Chairman Jack Brennan (right), and other members  
of Council 13527.**



**Assumption Day Rosary**

## Insurance Corner

### ***What Happens If You Live - The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance.***



Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get in an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured?

But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something doesn't happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. Seventy percent of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care service during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, 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 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.<sup>1</sup>

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for 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.

Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides and specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a 30 percent discount through our Spousal Discount program.

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

Contact Tim Pugh at 850-678-0962 or [timothy.pugh@kofc.org](mailto:timothy.pugh@kofc.org) today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care.

After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don't want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

*Long-Term Care insurance contracts contain certain exclusions, limitations, and other terms. Your contract and licensed Knights of Columbus field agent can provide you with complete details. The Knights of Columbus reserves the right to ask questions about your health and review your medical records. Benefits are subject to underwriting. Premiums may increase.*

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information, March 3, 2014.

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## Saint of the Month – September 2017

### St. Lorenzo Ruiz, (~1600-1637), & Companions.

Feast Day: September 22<sup>nd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

Patron Saint of: Filipino Youth, the Philippines, People Working Overseas, & Altar Servers.



Lorenzo was born in Manila of a Chinese father and a Filipino mother, both Christians. Thus he learned Chinese and Tagalog from them and Spanish from the Dominicans whom he served as altar boy and sacristan. He became a professional calligrapher, transcribing documents in beautiful penmanship. He was a full member of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary under Dominican auspices. He married and had two sons and a daughter.

His life took an abrupt turn when he was accused of murder. Nothing further is known except the statement of two Dominicans that “he was sought by the authorities on account of a homicide to which he was present or which was attributed to him.”

At that time, three Dominican priests, Antonio Gonzalez, Guillermo Courtet, and Miguel de Aozaraza, were about to sail to Japan in spite of a violent persecution there. With them was a Japanese priest, Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz, and a layman named Lazaro, a leper. Lorenzo, having taken asylum with them, was allowed to accompany them. But only when they were at sea did he learn that they were going to Japan.

They landed at Okinawa. Lorenzo could have gone on to Formosa, but, he reported, “I decided to stay with the Fathers, because the Spaniards would hang me there.” In Japan, they were soon found out, arrested, and taken to Nagasaki. The site of wholesale bloodshed when the atomic bomb was dropped had known tragedy before. The 50,000 Catholics who once lived there were dispersed or killed by persecution.

They were subjected to an unspeakable kind of torture: After huge quantities of water were forced down their throats, they were made to lie down. Long boards were placed on their stomachs and guards then stepped on the ends of the boards, forcing the water to spurt violently from mouth, nose and ears.

The superior, Antonio, died after some days. Both the Japanese priest and Lazaro broke under torture, which included the insertion of bamboo needles under their fingernails. But both were brought back to courage by their companions.

In Lorenzo’s moment of crisis, he asked the interpreter, “I would like to know if, by apostatizing, they will spare my life.” The interpreter was noncommittal, but Lorenzo, in the ensuing hours, felt his faith grow strong. He became bold, even audacious, with his interrogators.

The five were put to death by being hanged upside down in pits. Boards fitted with semicircular holes were fitted around their waists and stones put on top to increase the pressure. They were tightly bound, to slow circulation and prevent a speedy death. They were allowed to hang for three days. By that time Lorenzo and Lazaro were dead. The three Dominican priests, still alive, were beheaded.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II canonized these six and 10 others, Asians and Europeans, men and women, who spread the faith in the Philippines, Formosa, and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr.



### **Reflection**

We ordinary Christians of today—how would we stand up in the circumstances these martyrs faced? We sympathize with the two who temporarily denied the faith. We understand Lorenzo's terrible moment of temptation. But we see also the courage—unexplainable in human terms—which surged from their store of faith. Martyrdom, like ordinary life, is a miracle of grace.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-lorenzo-ruiz-and-companions/>

Additional information can be found at:

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=231](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=231)

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=4217#wiki](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4217#wiki)

## September Birthday Celebrations!

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

Erik Fredmonsky	1 Sep
John Meinberg	2 Sep
Rich Johnson	3 Sep
Thomas Kessinger	3 Sep
Greg Rackley	4 Sep
Joe Purka	6 Sep
Charles Galati	8 Sep
Andrew Balding	10 Sep
Jason Ryan	10 Sep
Arthur Jean	11 Sep
Benjamin Messing	12 Sep
Deacon James Murray	12 Sep
Raymond Swansiger	12 Sep
Arthur Diekmann	13 Sep
Scott Case	14 Sep
Colin Parker	14 Sep
Patrick O'Connor	15 Sep
Patrick Ryan	15 Sep
Harry Paulus	16 Sep
Michael Veth	16 Sep
Thomas Franz	22 Sep
Adam Dieterich	23 Sep
Ralph McDonald	25 Sep
Warren Kerrigan	26 Sep
David Rauch	28 Sep
James Cockrum	29 Sep
Christopher Cartenuto	30 Sep

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](mailto:fly-safe@cox.net).**