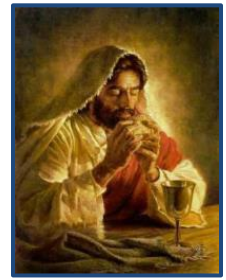




# Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service  
2004 - 2014*



## February 2018 Newsletter

### Council Officers

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

While January wasn't a hectic month for our council, we still did a lot of things. Brothers and families participated in the Pensacola [Walk for Life](#) and we welcomed two new brothers to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. We just came to a new Bingo agreement with Holy Name which will increase deposits to our charitable fund and Bingo is now more important than ever. We can still use some more Bingo volunteers. It's just once a month per team.

There was the regional spelling Bee contest and two contestants from Niceville will go on the State competition in Kissimmee on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also awarded the annual Altar Server Awards and the Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) poster contest awards. The KCIC poster contest is very popular with the youth as we had 92 entrants and picked a winner and runner up from each of three age groups.

On a sadder note, we lost Fr. Bob's brother, Fr. Kevin Johnson. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Rita's Catholic Church and was presided by Most Reverend Martin D. Holley DD, Bishop of Memphis who was ordained with Fr. Kevin. Our Parish turned out in overwhelming support for Fr Bob and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree provided a color guard. Fr. Kevin is now with the Lord; Fr. Kevin, pray for us!

Coming up: Lent, and more! See the schedule below for the big events. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> and our council will lead a Rosary at 6:30 PM before the 7 PM Service. We're also providing the food for the Parish Mission on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> as well as the soup and sandwiches for the Lenten soup nights on Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sometime during February we'll have a Formation Degree and all brothers are invited to attend. Also, keep an eye on the Narthex. We ordered a display stocked with great Catholic Information Services (CIS) booklets on [Building the Domestic Church](#). Two of those booklets- *Into the Breach* and *The Gift of Fatherhood* are aimed directly at men.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the Rosary on Ash Wednesday and pray the Stations with the parish during Lent. As Knights, we are being constantly observed and our devotion to Our Lady and Love of Christ can be a powerful example to the other members of the parish.

Vivat Jesus!

*Bob Gualtieri*

## General Assembly Meeting Minutes – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018



**Meeting Opened:** The Grand Knight, Robert Gualtieri, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Role of officers was called and noted as follow: (P – Present, E-excused).

Chaplain:	P	Recorder:	P	Advocate:	P	Trustee (1st yr.):	E
Grand Knight:	P	Financial Secretary:	P	Warden:	E	Trustee (2nd yr.):	P
Deputy GK:	P	Treasurer:	P	Inside Guard:	P	Trustee (3rd yr.):	E
Chancellor:	E	Lecturer:	P	Outside Guard:	E		

**Visiting Officers:** District Deputy John Rafferty.

**Minutes:** December minutes were approved with no change, distributed, and posted electronically.

- 1) **Application for Membership:** No new applications.
- 2) **Conferring of Degree:** 1st to Drew Knebl.
- 3) **Grand Knight Report:** Please complete Annual Charity Survey and return to GK by Jan 15th. Thank you received from Father Bob for golf tournament support, from Mary' Shelter and KofC Charities.
- 4) **Family and Knight of the Month:** December - Zigmas & Brigita Krasauskas, and Deacon Jack Trevino.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** The following events are schedule in Feb: 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy Hour for Vocations; 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday, Mass at 830 AM & 7 PM; Lent Soup Nights every Friday before Stations of the Cross; Lent Mission Monday & Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; dinner before mission; 28<sup>th</sup> – Reconciliation Mass.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** \$1,175.00 deposited, 3 checks written or withdrawn for \$1,128.05 and 2 check outstanding for \$525.00 resulting in a total balance of \$15,919.75. The scholarship account remained unchanged with a balance of \$3,629.00. Balance including both accounts is \$19,548.75. Detailed report filed in recorder log.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** Received \$221.56 from multi-sources. Checks written for Pavilion, KCIC supplies, Degrees, Sunland Christmas expenses, & charities for \$976.74.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** Received thank you for Seminarian support.
- 9) **Service Director Reports:**
  - a) **Family Director:** Still need replacement, volunteer sought.
  - b) **Membership Director:** Currently at 9 of 14 for year; please actively engage candidates.
  - c) **Church Director:** Altar Server awards on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Masses. See Chaplain report section for upcoming church events. Thank you to those who helped hand out pastoral books during Christmas; need to determine if this is an annual event and budget accordingly.
  - d) **Community Director:** Next Habitat for Humanity date TBD (Mar-Apr).
  - e) **Council Director:** Expecting the council to cook one of the dinners before the Lenten Parish Mission, February 24/25<sup>th</sup>; Lenten Soup Night date for Council TBD. Expecting 40 Cans for Lent begins Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Updates provided on the health and well-being of Brothers Zigmas Krasauskas, Deacon Jack Trevino, Ron Rabiansky, Jim Thennes, and Mike Murphy.
  - f) **Youth Activity Director:** Basketball Free Throw Competition scheduled for 1200, Sunday, Jan 14, 2018 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Life Center. District and Regional dates/location TBD. State finals are Saturday, Mar 3, 2018 at Olympia High School, 4301 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando. District Spelling Bee, 1 PM, January 20<sup>th</sup> at HNJ with Regional at 2 PM at HNJ. KCIC Kids Poster Contest resulted in 6 children competing at District; council award to be awarded during a future Mass. Council college scholarship packages expected to go out to schools in Feb.
  - g) **Culture of Life:** Pensacola Walk for Life events in January: 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - vigil Mass at St Paul's; 13<sup>th</sup> – walk form up at Seville Square 9 AM with 1.5 mile walk at 10:30 AM. Sadly the clinic in Pensacola remains active. Ash Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> begins "40 Days for Life" activity at the clinic; council dates TBD.
  - h) **4<sup>th</sup> Degree:** Next meeting at HNJ on Jan 18th!
- 10) **Old/unfinished Business:**
  - a) State KofC Raffle Tickets still available; Stuart Lewis and GK will collect sold booklets/funds and then have Financial Secretary draft single check to State for half the proceeds.
  - b) HNJ counter offered the COR Bingo/Pasta Dinner agreement split; item still open.
- 11) **New Business:**
  - a) Approved motion to refund KCIC Kids Poster Contest expenses; \$86 & change.
  - b) Bingo Team 2 needs two volunteers for January 19<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jack Starr.
  - c) GK requested volunteers for Warden (must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree) and for Family Director.
  - d) Pancake Breakfast on January 14; first email blast sent January 2, one more before event.

**12) Insurance Representative Report:** Council still needs 5 new members for the fraternal year. Contact Tim Pugh for you insurance needs.

**13) Worthy District Deputy Update:**

- a) Degree Schedule:
  - i) 1<sup>st</sup> Degree: TBD.
  - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree: TBD.
  - iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: TBD.
  - iv) 4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Jan 13, show at 9:30 AM, St. Sylvester.
- b) District leaders meeting at 3 PM, January 20<sup>th</sup> at HNJ.
- c) HNJ Father/Daughter Dance is February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Star Council incentives includes a raffle to Dublin, Ireland during the World Meeting of Families.
- e) Council delegates for Annual State meeting must be selected in Feb and names sent in.
- f) Reemphasized multiple incentive awards for State Raffle are sent in time for each phase.

**14) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Repose of the souls of Greg Muntzner' Mother and Wolfgang Geiburger; and the health of Ron Rabiansky, Jack Starr, Mike Murphy, Tom Kessinger, Jim Thennes, Frank & Anne Liberatori, Barney Stoffel and wife, Joey Cartenuto, Bill Jennings, Eugene O'Neil, Guy Jordan, Bob & Sharron Hargreaves, Holy Name Deacons, Father Kevin Johnson, Father Bob Johnson, Art Jean, Zigmas Krasauskas, "Z" Zermeno' son, Mervin James Grant, and all the "Anonymous" Knights.

**15) Lector:** Briefed on the 8 serious spiritual New Year's resolutions along with 12 humorous.

**16) Meeting closed with prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted  
 Ralph McDonald  
 Council Recorder

### Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
31 Jan	Burgers for Youth	COR, 1630
1 Feb	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday & Corporate Communion	1830 Rosary, Mass at 1900
14 Feb	40 Days of Life Campaign begins	
14 Feb	40 Cans for Lent Campaign begins	
15 Feb	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	COR, 1900
17 Feb	Father / Daughter Dinner Dance	HNJ
22 Feb	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1800
24-28 Feb	Parish Mission w/ Msgr Flaherty	COR, see bulletin for details, (topics, times, etc.)
27 Feb	Parish Mission Dinner Prep	COR, 1700
TBD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, (Formation)	(TBD)
Bingo, Every Friday @ HNJ; (except as noted)		

## *Knights of the Month*

### **Dave Halupowski.**

We are pleased to designate Brother (SK) Dave Halupowski as Knight of the Month. Dave has been a regular volunteer at Bingo as a caller for over 10 years. He oversees the Redeemer pasta dinner team, and has been hard at work selling raffle tickets during pancake breakfasts. As a member of the 4th Degree Honor Guard, Dave regularly serves at Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Christmas Parade, and whenever an Honor Guard is needed. He was the first member of Assembly 3236 to order the new 4th Degree uniform and has been wearing it at events already.

Dave is also a devoted grandfather who is helping to raise his granddaughter, Kennedy, in the Catholic faith. He is teaching her about nature, (gemstones, astronomy, sciences), and American history during outings. We love when Kennedy attends our events because she's always helpful, as in passing out the "One Minute In The Church" books during Christmas.

Brother Dave is most noted for his considerable efforts in the Pro-Life movement, both as our Council Pro-Life Chairman and for his work in the P-T Diocese. He coordinates the 40 Days for Life activities, especially our parish schedule for praying outside the Pensacola abortion clinic.

For all his hard work and dedication to our council and its many programs, we gladly declare Brother Dave Halupowski the Knight of the Month!

## *Families of the Month*

### **The Jim and Rita Thennes Family.**

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we designate Brother Jim and Rita Thennes as the Family of the Month. Although Jim and Rita have been with us a relatively short time, they have made a huge impact on both our council and parish. Jim is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight having recently made the journey to Gulf Breeze for the Exemplification. He assists at all the council functions, the pancake breakfasts and is a regular on Bingo Team #2.

Rita also provides valuable support to the Bingo team working in the kitchen. Recently, when Jim had to miss a Bingo night due to injury, Rita came alone to help feed the Bingo customers. She also finds time to support our pancake breakfast bake sales. Both Jim and Rita are Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and participate in the Visitation of the Sick.

For all their valuable contributions to the council, the parish and the Church, we declare the Jim and Rita Thennes Family the Family of the Month!

## Insurance Corner

### Our Story

The Knights of Columbus insurance story begins in the winter of 1882 in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn.



It was there that our Venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered the men of his parish together to create a solution to a recurring problem.

Many Catholics — most of whom were immigrants — were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources.

It was a cold reality that had confronted Father McGivney all too often — not only in the lives of his parishioners — but in his own. As a seminarian, he was forced to leave school and return home to aid his family when his father died unexpectedly.

Though this story of financial ruin for Catholic families was common, Father McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending. He knew that if the Catholic men in his parish came together in mutual aid, widows and orphans could receive the support they needed.

He also knew that if Catholic men banded together, united by charity and unity, they could strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities.

So, he established the Knights of Columbus, and with it, a “pass-the-hat” insurance system to protect the Catholic families in his parish. Over time, that system has evolved, and today we stay true to our founding mission through our multi-billion dollar, top-rated insurance program. Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

Our charitable giving and fraternal service have continued to grow too. Nearly 2 million men in over a dozen countries across the globe are proud to call themselves Knights. Last year alone, these men and their families donated more than \$177 million to charity and performed more than 75 million hours of service.

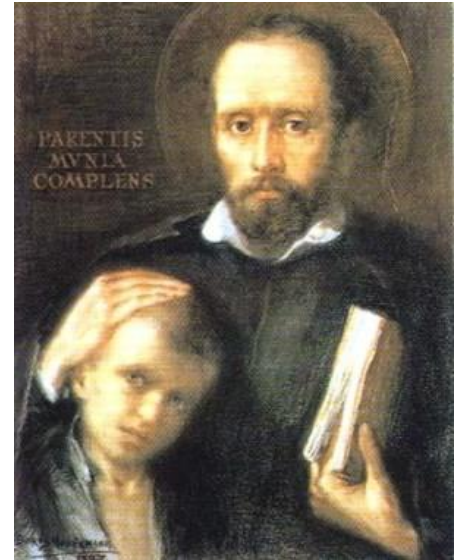
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## Saint of the Month – February 2018

### Saint Jerome Emiliani, (1486-1537).

Feast Day: February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Patron Saint of: Orphans and Abandoned Children.



Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him -- he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God.

When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well.

After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul. Once again he interpreted his suffering to be a sign of how little the ambitions of the world mattered.

He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. This grew into a congregation of priests and brothers that was named after the place where they had a house: the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Although they spent time educating other young people, their primary work was always Jerome's first love -- helping orphans.

His final chains fell away when he again fell ill while taking care of the sick. He died in 1537 at the age of 56.

### Prayer

Saint Jerome, watch over all children who are abandoned or unloved. Give us the courage to show them God's love through our care. Help us to lose the chains that keep us from living the life God intended for us. Amen!

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=61](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=61)

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-jerome-emiliani/>

<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/J/stjeromeemiliani.asp>

## February Birthday Celebrations!

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

Joseph Maestas	2 Feb
Alex Ackerman	7 Feb
Sean Fox	7 Feb
Richard Mountain	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
Danny Zappulla	19 Feb
"Ski" Krasauskas	21 Feb
Michael Krestyn	21 Feb
Benjamin Hastings	23 Feb
Francis McKinney Jr.	23 Feb
Stephen Lo Gatto	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](mailto:fly-safe@cox.net).**