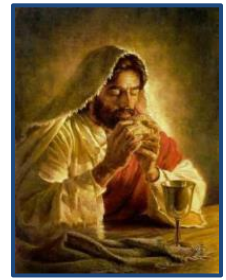




Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
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March 2018 Newsletter

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Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
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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,

I hope everyone is having a Blessed and enjoyable Lenten Season. We are fortunate that our parish provides great spiritual activities to help us appreciate the season. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to do at least one Friday Stations, since before you know it, April 1st- and Easter will be here.

This March 10 & 11th we will conduct a recruiting drive at the Masses. I'll tell you why I think it's important to continue to replenish our council with new and vibrant members. As Grand Knight, I've learned firsthand the parish leans heavily on us to fill needs like cooking dinners, supporting the youth, helping with the picnic and providing much needed funds here and there.

Just as important, many requests come in from the community, both in Catholic and non-Catholic circles. We're a powerful organization, that is, powerful in the sense of the good that we can do for others, and, for each other. So don't be shy letting others know you are in the Knights of Columbus. We'll talk more about recruiting in the next couple of weeks.

Here's a brief summary of what our council did since the last newsletter: Presented Altar Server Awards, two for each Mass; presented six Keep Christ In Christmas Awards, (had 93 entrants); completed semi-annual audit; submitted annual fraternal survey; supported Bingo at HNJ; cooked burgers for Wed night youth group; held Admission Degree with COR and HNJ candidates; started 40 cans for Lent, (for Niceville Catholic Outreach); held Rosary and Corporate Communion on Ash Wednesday; coordinated the Funeral Mass for Barney Stoffel.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Gualtieri

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – February 1st, 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, A-Absent excused).

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

Visiting Officers: Worthy District Deputy, John Rafferty and Insurance Rep Tim Pugh.

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

- 1) **Application for Membership:** Motion made and members passed to accept Nathan Tabor, Jeffrey Hall, and Johnathan Palino; (once FM 100 signed).
- 2) **Conferring of Degree:** None.
- 3) **Grand Knight Report:** Thank you to all involved in Altar Server and KCIC Poster programs and to Ken, Tom, & Ron for award ceremonies help. First Degree planned for Feb 11th, 1:30 PM show, 2 PM ceremony. Council audit complete and to be sent in shortly. Supreme has established “Building Domestic Church Chairperson” in each council to interface with Parishes. Collation for Life sent a thank you for our donation.
- 4) **Family and Knight of the Month:** January – Jim & Rita Thennes and Dave Halupowski.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** The following events are schedule in Feb: 4th – Holy Hour for Vocations, 1200-1300; 14th – Ash Wednesday, Mass at 830 AM & 7 PM – KofC Rosary at 6:30 PM; Every Friday - Lent Soup Nights, 5:30 to 6:30 PM before Stations of the Cross at 7 PM (KofC sponsors March 2nd); 26-28th Parish Lenten Mission Monday-Wednesday, dinner each night; 28th – Reconciliation Mass.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** \$1801.56 deposited, 11 checks written or withdrawn for \$1,477.51 and 3 check outstanding for \$300.00 resulting in a total balance of \$15,744.04. A deposit of \$500 was made into scholarship account with a balance of \$4,129.00. Balance including both accounts is \$19,873.04. A detailed report is filed in recorder log.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** Received \$3,061.12, \$883.00, and \$489.97 from Bingo, Scholarship, and Pasta respectively. Checks written for Pavilion, KCIC Poster/Altar Server/Basketball Free Throw Awards.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** Received letter from Seminarian on recent retreat and school progress.
- 9) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Family Director:** Still need replacement, volunteer sought.
 - b) **Membership Director:** Currently at 9 of 14 for year; does not include the 3 inductees.
 - c) **Church Director:** See Chaplain Report section for upcoming church events.
 - d) **Community Director:** Next Habitat for Humanity date TBD; (Mar-Apr).
 - e) **Council Director:** Council serving Lenten Mission meal on February 28th...Joe C cooking, needs help setting up/serving/cleaning up...more to follow; Council hosting March 2nd Friday Lenten Soup Night. ‘40 Cans for Lent’ begins Feb 14th, details to follow.
 - f) **Youth Activity Director:** Altar Server and KCIC Kids Poster Contest awards were presented during the January 21st and 28th, 1030 Masses respectively. Final scholarship from 2017 disbursed last month. Council 2018 college scholarship packages expected to go out to schools in Feb. See new business to awards amounts.
 - g) **Culture of Life:** Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th begins “40 Days for Life” activity at the clinic; council dates TBD.
 - h) **4th Degree:** Next meeting at HNJ on Feb 15th. Assembly supported/supporting: 7 of 9 honor guard members at Father Kevin Johnson funeral Mass; both Altar Server and KCIC Kids Poster awards; Feb 3 Black History Mass at St Mary’ with Bishop; and Feb 4 Eglin VA Clinic.
- 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/COR Bingo/Pasta Dinner agreement split agreed to 55/45%, a 10% increase for COR!
- 11) **New Business:**
 - a) Both Bingo Teams need new blood, please volunteer.
 - b) GK requests volunteers for Warden (must be a 3rd degree) and for Family Director.
 - c) Council Representatives of State need to be voted on ASAP, names due to state in Mar.
 - d) Motion made & passed to support State Advertisement and State Spelling Bee contestant travel of \$250; both in annual budget.

- e) Motion made to provide George Washington University John Newman \$200 to repair damage during recent storms; put on hold to get info on insurance reimbursement first.
 - f) Discussion on resurrecting Council Picnic & Charity Presentations; consensus is someone would need to volunteer as POC before going forward.
 - g) COR Youth Group requested \$750 for Steubenville; budget provides \$700; motion made for remaining \$50 was approved.
 - h) Motion made to provide \$250 for Home of Grace, homeless shelter in FWB, approved.
 - i) A new shelter for mothers will open in Defuniak; council should consider supporting once open.
- 12) Insurance Representative Report:** Council still needs 5 new members for the fraternal year. Briefed that overall program grew for 17th consecutive year and benefits of fixed interest annuities.
- 13) Worthy District Deputy Update:**
- a) Degree Schedule:
 - i) 1st Degree: TBD.
 - ii) 2nd Degree: TBD.
 - iii) 3rd Degree: TBD.
 - iv) 4th Degree: TBD.
 - b) HNJ Father/Daughter Dance is February 17th.
 - c) Four (2 each) are competing in Regional Spelling Bee and State KCIC Poster contests.
 - d) Reemphasized multiple incentive awards for State Raffle in sent in time for each phase.
- 14) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Repose of the souls of Father Kevin Johnson and Barney Stoffel; and the health of Ron Rabiansky, Jack Starr, Mike Murphy, Tom Kessinger, Jim Thennes, Frank & Anne Liberatori, Joey Cartenuto, Bill Jennings, Guy Jordan, Bob & Sharron Hargreaves, Holy Name Deacons, Father Bob Johnson, Art Jean, Zimas Krasauskas, "Z" Zermeno' son, Mervin James Grant, Ed Lastrom, and all the "Anonymous" Knights.
- 15) Lector:** Briefed on the origin of Lenten fasting and praying along humorous cow to fish conversion.
- 16) Meeting closed with prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted
 Ralph McDonald
 Council Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
1 Mar	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
2 Mar	Lenten Soup Dinner	COR, 1700
3 Mar	Pasta Dinner, (Team #3)	HNJ, 1600
5 Mar	COR Abortion Clinic Vigil	0600-1800; 6115 Village Oaks Drive Pensacola, FL
10-11 Mar	Parish Recruiting Drive	All Masses
14-17 Mar	Tootsie Roll Drive	Winn Dixie 14 th – 16 th , Ace Hardware 17 th
15 Mar	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	HNJ, 1900
16 Mar	Bingo, (Team #2)	HNJ, 1700
17-18 Mar	Tootsie Roll Drive	COR, After All Masses
17 Mar	Parish St. Patrick's Day Dinner	TBD
22 Mar	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1800
23 Mar	Bingo, (Team #2)	HNJ, 1700
24 Mar	COR Abortion Clinic Vigil	0600-1800; 6115 Village Oaks Drive Pensacola, FL
25 Mar	Palm Sunday	
Bingo, Every Friday @ HNJ; (except as noted)		

Knights of the Month

Barney Stoffel.

We designate the February Knight of the Month Award, posthumously to Brother Bernard Louis Stoffel who passed to the Lord on January 22, 2018. Brother Barney was a 3rd Degree Knight, having first become a Knight on Jan 1, 1960; (according to official KofC records). He was a submariner during WWII in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS POMPON.

He graduated from LSU with an Electrical Engineering degree and a commission as 2nd Lt in the Army Signal Corps in 1949. A 25 year civilian career was spent in Research and Development commencing with the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS) and ending with NASA in manned spacecraft operations during Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Soyuz, and Skylab programs.

Barney retired in February 1974 and since then had spent full time on hobbies including scuba diving, square and round dancing, sailing and traveling in his motor home.

Barney was a charter member of our Council. He would have been 99 years old this coming March 4th having been married to his wife, Hilda, 65 years before she passed away. He was an active member of our Council and helped work Saturday cleanups, always trying to stay active. As a 90-year old, he was seen to do Marine Corps quality push-ups in the Parish Hall at his going away party.

Rest in Peace, Brother Barney, and pray for us.

Family of the Month

The Ralph and Beth McDonald Family.

It is with great pleasure that we designate Ralph and Beth McDonald as Family of the month.

Brother (SK) Ralph is a 4th Degree Knight and the council Recorder. In the past, he's also held the Outside Guard officer position. Brother Ralph supports all council activities, active with the pasta dinners and organizes the parish pancake breakfasts, scheduling dates with the parish office, coordinating the volunteers and providing the financial accounting. In addition, he is an usher in our parish.

Beth also actively supports council activities including the bake sales and pasta dinners. Beth is a key member of the parish, especially as the point of contact for the Prayer Line. Additionally she is a Eucharistic Minister who visits the sick and also helps out in the donut brigade. Beth often leads the daily Rosary and helps coordinate the parish daily Mass.

For their significant contributions to the council, the parish and the Church, we award the Family of the month to Ralph and Beth McDonald.



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The needs of widows and orphans led Father Michael J. McGivney to respond in 1882 by founding the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefit society that has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

The 135 honorees for 2018 span 23 countries and 57 industries. The honorees had record levels of involvement with their stakeholders and communities around the world. Measuring and improving culture; leading authentically; and committing to transparency, diversity and inclusion were all priorities for honorees.

“While the discourse around the world changed profoundly in 2017, a stronger voice emerged. Global corporations operating with a common rule of law are now society's strongest force to improve the human condition,” said Ethisphere® CEO Timothy Erblich. “This year we saw companies increasingly finding their voice. The World's Most Ethical Companies® in particular continued to show exemplary leadership. I congratulate everyone at the Knights of Columbus for being recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies.”

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Saint of the Month – March 2018

Saint Agnes of Prague, (c. 1200-1282).

Feast Day: March 2nd.

Patron Saint of: Czech Republic.

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her. Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. She was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life.

After declining marriages to King Henry VII of Germany and King Henry III of England, Agnes was faced with a proposal from Frederick II, the Holy Roman Emperor. She appealed to Pope Gregory IX for help. The Pope was persuasive; Frederick magnanimously said that he could not be offended if Agnes preferred the King of Heaven to him.

After Agnes built a hospital for the poor and a residence for the friars, she financed the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. In 1236, she and seven other noblewomen entered this monastery. Saint Clare sent five sisters from San Damiano to join them, and wrote Agnes four letters advising her on the beauty of her vocation and her duties as abbess.

Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess, nevertheless, the title she preferred was “senior sister.” Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother’s offer to set up an endowment for the monastery.

Devotion to Agnes arose soon after her death on March 6, 1282. She was canonized in 1989.

Reflection

Agnes spent at least 45 years in a Poor Clare monastery. Such a life requires a great deal of patience and charity. The temptation to selfishness certainly didn’t vanish when Agnes walked into the monastery. It is perhaps easy for us to think that cloistered nuns “have it made” regarding holiness. Their route is the same as ours: gradual exchange of our standards—inclinations to selfishness—for God’s standard of generosity.



<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-agnes-of-bohemia/>

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/A/stagnesofprague.asp>

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=1180

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=529

<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/czech-history/the-life-and-legacy-of-saint-agnes-of-bohemia>

March Birthday Celebrations!

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

Mark Haddorf	2 Mar
James Yurack	4 Mar
Thomas Webb	5 Mar
Luis Melecio-Zambrano	6 Mar
David Balding	9 Mar
John Hillsman	9 Mar
John Kenney	9 Mar
John Wohleber II	11 Mar
Larry Snyder	13 Mar
Charles Tobia	13 Mar
Mark Koopman	15 Mar
Rich Pearson	15 Mar
Chip Bobier	16 Mar
John Rafferty	16 Mar
Sean Coombs	17 Mar
David Erickson	17 Mar
John Deloach	23 Mar
Jack Starr	25 Mar
John Mitchell Jr.	28 Mar

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.**