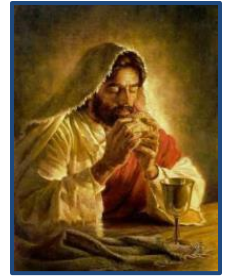




Knights of Columbus

Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527

*Celebrating a Decade of Service
2004 - 2014*



January 2017 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
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2-Year Trustee	Andrew Balding
3-Year Trustee	Tom Means
Inside Guard	Art Jean
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Lecturer	Ken Rodriguez

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 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,

Once again the pace of Council activities has not slowed. December saw many activities - from the Ultrasound Dedication to the Niceville Christmas Parade and Council Christmas party to the Sunland Christmas party to the birth of Our Lord on Christmas Day where we handed out booklets after Masses. This month demonstrated the total community, council, and church outreach efforts of our vibrant Council.

January promises more of the same. There will be a mid-year meeting for Council officers and the Walk for Life in Pensacola, not to mention our regular slate of meetings as well as Pasta dinners and Bingos.

May each and everyone one of you and your families have a peaceful, healthy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Greg Aluntzner

Wise Men Seek Him!



Wishing All a Holy and Faith Filled New Year!

General Assembly Meeting Minutes – December 1st, 2016

Meeting Opened: The Grand Knight, Gregory Muntzner, opened the meeting at 7:03 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused. Officers excused included: Chaplain and Inside Guard.



Visiting Officers: None.

- 1) **Minutes:** The November meeting minutes were approved, distributed, and posted in the church narthex.
- 2) **Application for Membership:** None.
- 3) **Conferring of Degree:** None, with one new Candidate, Mr. Robert Harp, awaiting the 1st Degree.
- 4) **Grand Knight Report:** Summarized via the December KoC Newsletter as well as new/old business.
- 5) **Chaplain Report:** None.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** \$943 deposited, \$1913.03 withdrawn, and (3) checks outstanding for \$506.45 in November for a total balance including both accounts of \$16,970.24.
- 7) **Financial Secretary Report:** \$1886.50 added including, \$1500 to the scholarship fund.
- 8) **Chancellors Report:** None.
- 9) **Trustees Report:** None.
- 10) **Service Director Reports:**
 - a) **Church Director:** Reminder that Dec 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation.
 - 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, pay at the door.
 - c) **Community Director:** None.
 - d) **Youth Activity Director:**
 - i) Last event for the year is the Youth Basketball Free Throw challenge at HNJ. 10 Dec at 1000. Help show at 9:30 am.
 - e) **Culture of Life:**
 - i) New ultrasound machine purchased by the KoC will be dedicated Dec 2nd during the 10:00 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 in Pensacola at Seville Quarter. Looking for support people and \$.
 - f) **Membership Director:** Tim Pugh brought recruiting packets useful for current Knights to use at Mass.
 - g) **Family Director:** None.
 - h) **Publicity Director:** No Report.
 - i) **Bingo and Pasta Committee:** Friday is Bingo, need one person at HNJ. Saturday night is pasta dinner.
- 11) **Old/unfinished Business:**
 - a) Ultrasound dedication will be Dec 2nd at St Mary's Parish, 10 am.
 - b) 4 Dec the council will host our annual Christmas Party at 5:30 pm.
 - c) 10 Dec, the COR/HNJ councils will host the Sunland Christmas party, at HNJ Parish at 11:00 am.
 - d) 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.
- 12) **New Business:**
 - a) 15 Jan next Pancake Breakfast will also include a membership drive. Volunteers needed as well as a speaker.
 - b) Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is ongoing for ages 5-14 six winners will be selected. Plan KCIC Poster Contest (Council by Dec 15), (District Jan 15), (Regional at Defuniak Springs if needed).
 - c) The council approved \$75 to purchase gifts for the six winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.
 - d) We have a new Seminarian, Jarred Wark from St. John in Miami. Attended Univ of West Florida and is from FWB and is in first year. Please pray for him.
 - e) Approved \$50 for a gift card for Christmas gift for our Seminarian Jarred.

- f) Kevin Knebl discussed several Catholic books aimed at bringing Christians that have fallen away from the Church. The council approved \$300 to purchase and hand out at Christmas Masses.
 - g) Join us at Lenny's house to build float on Friday for Christmas parade 3 Dec at 09:00.
 - h) Knight of the Month: Tom Kessinger.
 - i) Family of the Month: Larry and Betsy Blameuser.
- 13) 4th Degree Report:** Color guard at Ultrasound dedication and Christmas parade.
- 14) Insurance Agent Report:** Tim discussed fixed income annuities and why they are useful saving shelters for our families.
- 15) Worthy District Deputy Update:**
- a) No change to the council recruiting numbers from November.
 - b) Degree Schedule:
 - i) 1st Degree TBD in Crestview on for January. Council #4444 may have one on the 14th.
 - ii) 2nd Degree is scheduled for 6 Dec in Milton, 6:30 pm candidates, 7 pm start.
 - iii) 3rd Degree scheduled for 10 Dec in Pensacola, 12 pm candidates, 1 pm start.
 - iv) 4th Degree TBD.
 - c) JUMP START **Membership Drives** Get on Track for Star Council.
 - d) Need to Plan Semi-Annual Council Audit. Due Feb 15.
 - e) Need to plan Council Spelling Bee District / Regional, 21 Jan 2017 in Crestview.
 - f) Need to plan Council BB Free Throw (Council 10 Dec), (Dist Jan 14 HNJ), (Regional 11Feb).
 - g) Father / Daughter Dance at Holy Name of Jesus 25 Feb 2017, 7-9 pm.
 - h) Survey of Fraternal Activity, 1728A; Report due Jan 31.
- 16) Correspondence:** None.
- 17) Brothers or Persons in Distress:** Guy Jordan, Frank and Ann Liberatori, Wolfgang Geiberger, Bill Pezdirtz, Steve Sadowski, Jim McCarthy, and Bob Hargreaves.
- 18) For The Good of the Order:** Ken Rodriguez shared the importance of Christ becoming one of us men and giving his life for us especially at Christmas time.
- 19) Meeting closed with prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted
 Mark M. Olguín
 Council Recorder

Council Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION, TIME
5 Jan	General Assembly Meeting	COR, 1800 Fellowship Hour, 1900 Meeting
6 Jan	Bingo Team 3, (COR Team)	HNJ, 1800
7 Jan	District Mid-Year Meeting	COR, Time TBD
7 Jan	Pasta Dinner	HNJ, 1800
14 Jan	Emerald Coast Walk for Life	Seville Quarter, Pensacola, 1030
15 Jan	Pancake Breakfast & Membership Drive	COR, Both 0730 & 1030 Masses
19 Jan	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	HNJ, Time TBD
21 Jan	District Spelling Bee	Crestview, 1200
26 Jan	Executive Committee Meeting	COR, 1800
27 Jan	Bingo, Team 2, (COR Team)	HNJ, 1800
	Bingo, Every Friday @ HNJ; (except as noted)	

Our Story – Founded By A Priest To Protect Catholic Families



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. More than 1.9 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 \$175 million to charity and performed more than 73.5 million hours of service.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Timothy J. Pugh, FIC, FICF
Knights of Columbus Field Agent
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Saint of the Month – January 2017

St. Vincent of Zaragoza, (Died 304 A.D.)

Feast Day: January 22nd.

Patron Saint of: Lisbon & Valencia, Spain; Vicenza, Italy, São Vicente, Brazil, vinegar-makers, wine-makers.



Most of what we know about this saint comes from the poet Prudentius. His *Acts* have been rather freely colored by the imagination of their compiler. But Saint Augustine, in one of his sermons on Saint Vincent, speaks of having the *Acts* of his martyrdom before him. We are at least sure of his name, his being a deacon, the place of his death and burial.

According to the story we have, the unusual devotion he inspired must have had a basis in a very heroic life. Vincent was ordained deacon by his friend Saint Valerius of Zaragoza in Spain. The Roman emperors had published their edicts against the clergy in 303, and the following year against the laity. Vincent and his bishop were imprisoned in Valencia. Hunger and torture failed to break them. Like the youths in the fiery furnace, they seemed to thrive on suffering.

Valerius was sent into exile, and Dacian, the Roman governor, now turned the full force of his fury on Vincent. Tortures that sound very modern were tried. But their main effect was the progressive disintegration of Dacian himself. He had the torturers beaten because they failed.

Finally he suggested a compromise: Would Vincent at least give up the sacred books to be burned according to the emperor's edict? He would not. Torture on the gridiron continued, the prisoner remaining courageous, the torturer losing control of himself. Vincent was thrown into a filthy prison cell—and converted the jailer. Dacian wept with rage, but strangely enough, ordered the prisoner to be given some rest.

Friends among the faithful came to visit him, but he was to have no earthly rest. When they finally settled him on a comfortable bed, he went to his eternal rest.

Reflection

The martyrs are heroic examples of what God's power can do. It is humanly impossible, we realize, for someone to go through tortures such as Vincent had and remain faithful. But it is equally true that by human power alone no one can remain faithful even without torture or suffering. God does not come to our rescue at isolated, "special" moments. God is supporting the super-cruisers as well as children's toy boats.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-vincent-of-zaragossa/>

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=724

<http://www.ucatholic.com/saints/vincent-of-saragossa/>

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/patron-saints/saint-vincent.htm>

<http://www.learn.columbia.edu/treasuresofheaven/saints/Vincent.php>

<http://www.learn.columbia.edu/treasuresofheaven/relics/Panels-from-a-Window-Showing-the-Life-and-Martyrdom-of-St-Vincent-of-Saragossa.php>

Knight of the Month

Kevin Knebl.

Kevin has been very active with Youth Activities lately. He organized and ran our Council's participation in the Spelling Bee and Basketball Free Throw contest. He also spearheaded the Council's efforts to acquire the "A Minute in the Church - The Mass" booklets and organized their distribution during Christmas masses.

Thanks for all your hard work Kevin.

Family of the Month

Tom and Karen Ott Sanders.

We would not/could not have had a great Council Christmas Party without the hard work and efforts of Tom & Karen. From organization, to decoration, to set-up, to hosting, to music, and clean-up they were the lead for it all and it came together wonderfully.

Thank you very much.

Birthday Celebrations!

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

Joseph Lanciano	6 Jan
Paul Skala	6 Jan
Joseph Severino	7 Jan
Tim Marks	9 Jan
Andy Edwards	10 Jan
Dr. Michael Yandel	10 Jan
Stephen Carlson	13 Jan
Jon Wheeler	16 Jan
Mark Erickson	17 Jan
James Watson	17 Jan
Glen Prescott	22 Jan
Ben Schladenhauffen	24 Jan
Jeremy Vignolo	26 Jan
William Potter	29 Jan

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.