

Knights of Columbus

Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667

VIVAT JESUS



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES: We presented the Vocational Chalice for the first time. Brother Steve Zajac helped finish a stone path and other projects to help beautify the grounds of the Parish. Brother Mac Blythe has set up a Ministry scheduler program, which significantly prevents us from scrambling around prior to mass and other activities. Again, this Council of Knights has been very instrumental in providing many services to our Parish. I cannot thank you enough for all that you all do for our Parish and the community. It is through these acts that help promote our faith.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A woman who runs a nursery school was driving kids in a bus when a fire truck pulled up next to them with a Dalmatian sitting in the front seat. The children began to discuss ideas of the dog's duties. One child suggested they use the dog to keep the crowds back. Another kid suggested the dog was a good mascot. The last child ended the debate by suggesting the dog is used by the firemen to find the fire plug!

Grand Knights Notes

May was a very busy month for our Council. We distributed 4 scholarships to high school seniors; we raised \$2,300 for the Tootsie Roll Drive, supported the Parish picnic, and won 5 State awards. As we go in to the New Year, we will have a new Diocesan, Bishop Bill Wack. It has been a blessing and a pleasure to serve as your Grand Knight for the year. We have done many great charities to support our Catholic Faith. I would personally like to

thank Brother Steve Zajac, Brother Ernie Martinez, and Brother Ellis Boudreaux for the mentorship throughout the year. Thank to all the Brothers of our Council for the support you have given. It is a true blessing to be a Grand Knight.

Financial and Treasury Report

Expenses/Donations: \$5,587.86

Authority: E Executive Officer Meeting; G General Meeting; GK Grand Knight; FS Financial Secretary

KofC Supreme Council	192.94	Vert/Hort Certificates, 1st degree Lapel pins etc	FS
Paul Robert	822.64	Parish Picnic Food	B
Southern Bingo	125.00	Supplies	B
Tim Pugh	358.76	Recruiting Invitations, postage, envelopes	
Mountain T.O.P	475.00	Danna Underwood	G
Steve Zajac	161.48	Recruitment Drive Food Pizza/Salad	
George Lambert	88.00	Bingo Bank Out	B
Steve Zajac	40.94	1st degree team.....the bees wax candles	B
Mike Harris	200.00	Sean Harris Death. . . Condolence gift	GK
Southern Bingo	152.50	#24827 \$86.50 #24828 \$66.00	B
Ellis Boudreaux	12.66	pasta supplies	B
Ernie Martinez	400.00	FL State Convention	B
Steve Zajac	400.00	FL State Convention	B
Mark Williams	400.00	FL State Convention	B
Mac Blythe	257.94	pasta supplies	B
Raymond Herard	750.00	St. John Vianney College Seminary	B
Brent Gordon	750.00	St. John Vianney College Seminary	B

From	Amount	Bingo Inc	Scholar	Dues	Vocation	Life	Kitchen
Bingo/Scholar	776.89	679.89	97.00				
Pasta	513.00						
KofC Supr Council	50.00						
Bingo/Scholar	588.00	300.00	91.00				200.00
Dues/Dons Gp26 (1) Dues	600.00			305.00	215.00	80.00	
Bingo/Scholar	664.00	572.00	92.00				
Dues/Dons Gp 27 (2)	1090.00			605.00	340.00	145.00	
Bingo/Scholar	704.10	631.10	79.00				
Dues/Dons Gp 28 (3)	385.00			205.00	120.00	60.00	

Income: \$5,370.99

As of 31 May 2017 Total Funds: \$13,230.35

PRAYER REQUEST

Father Seb	Chuck Harvin	Deacon and Mrs. Cox	Bill Milligan
Margaret Hilla	Michael Lang	Bob Auger	Richard Tuznik
Steve Sharp	Marty Mahoney	Bob Pabel	George Lambert
Father Nick Reid	Susan Rasins	Nancy Kramer	Father Steve Voyt
Joe Boudreaux	Eric Froederson & Son	Sheila Allman	Keith / Laura Carnahan
Pat Ritchie's Grandson	Jean Zoldak	Deacon Lou Marini	Family of Becky Sobel
Deacon Gary McBride	Ed Lowery	Jung Leong	Lynn Perk
Michael Kraus	Jack McLaucklin	Mike Harris & Family	Pam Tisca
Troy McClain	Father Altenbaugh	Father Bill Wack	Naomi Jones



Reports of Directors



Church Director Mac Blythe:

We started the Chalice Vocation with the help of the KofC 7667. This program gives a family a Chalice for the week to keep at their house. The family will pray everyday with the Chalice for men to enter the Priesthood. This is a great way to bring our Parishioners closer to Christ. Thank to KofC 7667 for the support in getting this great Vocation started.

Youth Director: Brother Brent Hobbs

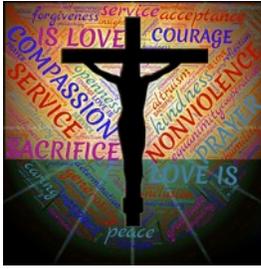
At the pasta dinner, we brought kids games for kids to play. It seemed to be a big hit with the kids, as well as the parents. Kids games kept kids engaged, while the parents were able to enjoy some time with each other. We will continue to bring kids games to future pasta dinners.

Council Director: Brother Paul Roberts:

There will be a 1st Degree at Holy Name of Jesus, which we have three candidates that will make it. Please find time to come and enjoy candidates making their 1st Degree. It is a great event to watch. Also, we are down to are last push for Star Council, we need every Knight's help to make this last push to get Star Council.

The Wives Appreciation dinner is still on hold for further planning. Once the new Knight Year begins, there will be further planning.

The Installation Mass will be on 27 June at 6pm. This is a beautiful Mass for our Council, in which, Father Steve does a wonderful job. This is a coat and tie affair that all Officers need to be a part of. If an Officer cannot make it, he needs to let GK Matt French know. Café Rico will be providing dinner after the mass. Please RSVP to Matt French at cafebienville@gmail.com.



Reports of Directors



Community Director PGK Ellis Boudreaux:

The Pasta dinner was a great success with our numbers back up. Please try and make time to come out and enjoy the pasta dinner. You will not leave hungry from the pasta dinner. With the success of the kids games, we will continue to advertise kids games to attract more families to come out and enjoy the Pasta dinner. It is a great way to bring the Church community together.

Bingo: PGK John Foley:

Brother John Foley was unable to make it to the meeting. However, it needs to be stressed how important Bingo is for our Council. Bingo is one of the best income that we have for our Council. Without Bingo, this Council would have very little income to do all the charitable acts we do. If any Knight has time available on Friday nights, please come and help out with Bingo. Bingo is not only great income for our Council, but it brings together our Church community. Please take time to pray on this, as it is very important for our Council that Bingo continues to thrive.



Culture of Life Director: Brother Mike Flinn

Brother Mike Flinn was unable to make the meeting. However, Brother Mike will begin to plan for the next 40 Days of Life in the fall. This is a great to help make a difference for unborn children.

There will be a Culture of Life walk/run at Turkey Creek on 12 June. This is also a memorial for Mike Harris' son, who just recently died.

Round Table Chairman: Brother Bob Pabel:

Father Reed is being deployed again. The Air Force has no priest, and St. Mary's is in need of a priest. Pray for St. Mary's to find a priest. If a priest cannot be found, then, St. Mary's Chapel will be closed. Please keep St. Mary's and Father Reed in your prayers.

Membership Director: PGK Steve Zajac:

We have 2 transfer memberships and 1 reactivation. At the meeting, the two transfers were unanimously voted into the Council. We have three candidates for Monday 12 June 2017 Initiation Degree. Try and make time to help out with the Initiation Degree. The second Initiation Degree will be on 25 June 2017. Lastly, a 3rd Degree will be on 28 June 2017

Family Director: Brother Karl Eschmann

FAMILY of the MONTH for May:

Brother Derrick and his wife Grace are very conscientious supporters of our KofC programs and can often be found participating in numerous Council and Parish activities. Brother Derrick attained his Third Degree last year and is always ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity are called for. He attends almost every KOC Council meeting, and is active in the many social and program events sponsored by the council. Brother Derrick and Grace volunteered to be active planners and participants for the most recent Parish Rummage Sale supported by the Knights. Hundreds of people from the community attended the event and thousands of dollars were collected for the maintenance sustainment of the Parish Building complex. Brother Nieves volunteered to move the heavy furniture items donated to the sale, and he also used his own truck vehicle to provide delivery of large and heavy items to the people's houses. Brother Derrick and his oldest daughter Leilani both helped to support a recent week long Humanitarian Ministry to the poorest section of the Dominican Republic. The volunteers left on a ship from Miami and docked off shore from the area they were supporting with aid, education, and physical contributions for various infrastructure projects (building, sewers, etc). Our Brother spent the week teaching basic English to a wide array of students. Leilani, who is a Nurse Practitioner in her normal job, also assisted in the classes, and other projects throughout the week. Brother Derrick and Grace are both ushers during the church masses at HNJ Parish. They are both very involved with Bible Study programs at the parish, which are normally in ten week increments. Brother Derrick consistently volunteers to help maintain the Gardens and the Church Buildings in the HNJ Campus when requested by Deacon Gary McBride, our Parish CEO, and Father Voyt, our Parish Priest. He volunteered his time over several weekends to perform the maintenance and repair of the Parish Hall, which is used by the council for Bingo and social events, and the Religious Education Building. He assisted a fellow Knight to install a Shelter roof over the area used by the Parish to grill food for events such as the annual picnic. He volunteered to set up the Hispanic Booth at the annual Parish International Festival. He coordinated to get the people required to man the booth, provide foods, and serve to Parish members during the event. When the Pasta Dinner Chairmen put out urgent calls for kitchen workers periodically, he is always one of the first to volunteer to help as a back-up substitute. The dinners collect hundreds of dollars for charity programs supported by the Knights, while also providing members of the parish with an excellent dinner on Saturday nights at a very reasonable cost. Typically over 100 people show up for the monthly dinners. He is engaged in a full time basis in his own business in dental work producing gold crowns, bridges implants, and he does this job in concert with the time required to volunteer for some very important KOC programs. His wife is retired from the USAF and is the Dental Surgeon supporting the 7th Special Forces Group at the north Eglin AFB complex. Their Daughter Brianna attends the New College of Florida in Sarasota, and she plans to obtain a BA degree in Religion and Sociology. She has been selected to attend a special Internship program in New York City for six weeks supporting the American Biography Center sponsored by PBS. She attends masses every day as a student. Recently, she volunteered to be the MC for a special lecture to the College student body from Ms. Belle Hooks during Black Heritage month. Hooks is a writer, professor, and social critic, and her books look at the function of race and gender in today's culture. The Nieves family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order- charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Their support forms the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

KNIGHT of the MONTH for May:

Brother Jack Landsverk worked hard this year in many parish and council related activities. He and his wife Barbara have been very active members of the HNJ parish for many years. He is ready to answer the call of the Grand Knight when volunteers for any activity are called for. He is a mainstay in our numerous Council operations in helping the project leaders of various activities to set up the hall and get everything, including the kitchen operation, ready for the onslaught of other workers and participants. This includes normal council or executive board meetings, the fraternal benefits sessions, K of C degree ceremonies, social events such as the annual pancake breakfast, fundraiser picnics for the Family Life Center and Friday night Bingo games. He can always be found supporting the Council Bingo games as a floor worker on those weekends when his team has that duty. He and the other members of the four Bingo teams have been instrumental in the success of the activity in producing over 70% of the income used in charitable, community, and council support. This equates to over \$25,000 per year and it provides the bulk of the funding needed to support the budget. This contribution of time and talent for just the bingo activity alone exceeds 60 man-hours per year. Whenever he is performing his job as a floor worker on Bingo nights, his wife Barbara can also be found contributing heavily to the cause as a player. He also works Bingo for the monthly Senior Luncheon, while Barbara provides covered dishes and obtains the prizes for the function. Jack performs the role as an usher during the masses they attend. Jack and Barbara have helped with numerous other Council and/or church programs such as the Sunland Christmas Party, Tootsie Roll Drive, Free Throw Contests, Spelling Bees, and Bingo. He and Barbara have been actively involved every year with helping with the annual Sunland Christmas Party, which involves a full up party and Christmas Gift exchange in the HNJ Parish Hall. He hand built a full sized Santa's Sleigh for the ceremonial hand-out of the Christmas Gifts from Santa to the forty some residents that attend the party. Brother Jack helped out with a Parish Family BBQ sponsored by the Council. He, along with 18 other knights and their wives spent over five hours setting up the Family Parish Center, cooking the food, serving the food, and then performing clean-up. Tim and other brother Knights grilled and served over 800 hamburgers and hot dogs to over 300 members of the parish. He most recently has sponsored the Fifth Sunday patriotic Rosaries, which were attended by a large number of our Council Knights. Jack is a 4th Degree Knight with Regalia and can be seen proudly at many functions and funerals, and visits from the Diocese Bishop. Brother Jack volunteered to be an active planner and participant for the annual Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Knights. When the event occurred, 338 people attended the event. This was open to the community, and most attendees were from outside our parish. The dance was well covered by the local press as a family oriented dance, and well organized, which was supported by over 22 knight and spouse volunteers. The volunteers greeted the Fathers and Daughters, prepared and served the food cooked by the knights and their wives, provided individual photos of each set of Fathers and Daughters, and cleaned the Family Center after the event. Knights processed pictures real-time, and everyone walked out of the Dance with professionally styled photos. Brother Jack was one of nine Patriotic Fourth Degree Honor Guard members dressed in regalia, who lined up in an arch formation as the Fathers and Daughters walked between them for a photo opportunity. The Landsverk family embodies and exercises those Christian traits reflecting the principles of our order--charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The support of families such as, the Landsverks help form the backbone of today's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The main unfinished business that we need someone to take lead on is beautifying the Rosary path. We have had the Boy Scouts come out and clean the path for us, but there still needs to be work done for the path. The Boy Scouts are still willing to help out and clean the path; however, we need someone to take the lead in identifying the scope of work that needs to be done. Lastly, we need someone to take the lead on leading a Rosary once a month or whenever possible. Please pray on this, as this is another opportunity for our Council to bring the Church community together. We already do it with the pasta dinner and Bingo. The Rosary path is another way for us to unite our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

The tootsie roll drive was a success. We collected \$2,308 from the drive. It is with great pride that our Council is able to donate \$640.40 each to Silver Sands, Horizons, and Special Olympics.

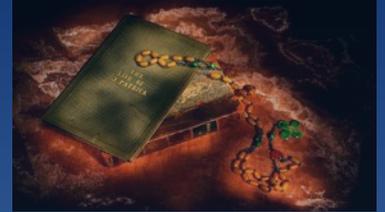
We had a young female parishioner win the scholarship with three other young ladies from Niceville High School win the scholarships.

At the State convention we came out with many awards. The incredible number I would like to mention is that we collected 1/3 of the total food collected throughout the state.

All Officers were unanimously elected as Officers for the new Knight year. Officer slating is on the last page of the newsletter.

The Columbians are developing a plan to have a building be built for every Parish as the hall for KofC. Further information will be given in the future.

**DISTRICT
DEPUTY
MIKE MURPHY**



Degree Schedule

Initiation Degree

12 June 7667 6:30/7:00

20 June 13389 Pensacola 6:30/7:00

25 June 7667 6:30/7:00

2nd Degree

28 June 15366 Pensacola 6:30/7:00

3rd Degree

19 August 12929 Tallahassee
12:15/1:00

07 October 7667 12:00

4th Degree

10 June Enterprise, Al

January 2018 St. Sylvester

Notes:

In the Knightline there are good reads on Insurance and the future of the Knights. The State of Florida appears to be going more towards program development to attract and recruit new members. Congratulations to the Council for the great awards achieved at State, and congratulations to Steve Zajac for winning Knight of the Year for State. John Rafferty will be the new District Deputy. Thank you all for all that you have done.

INSURANCE NOTES

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience. According to the United States Government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67. The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Your disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your other Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching.

Happy Birthday for the Month of June:

Michael G Moran,
Christopher O Pelfrey,
Kenneth E Elliott, Craig
D Becker, James L
Hinds, Michael E
Fealko, Paul K Laird,
Peter P Prestarri, Robert
A Young, John I
Landsverk, Billy W
Starnes, Charles E
Laubsch

General Notes: Please send announcements, upcoming events, pictures of KofC activities, and other pertinent info to Ken Laird pklaird@gmail.com. To improve the accuracy of meeting minutes and newsletters, please provide meeting reports to the Recorder in writing before, during, or after the general meeting.

General Business Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. every 1st Tuesday of each month in the HNJ parish hall. Social Meetings/dinners generally occur the 3rd Tuesday - approximately every other month in the HNJ parish hall. Officers' Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the HNJ parish hall.

Newsletter and calendar inputs can be given to Patrick Barnett harryheadys@live.com (Upcoming Dates: Access KofC calendar by clicking on the following link: <http://parishcalendar.com:8080/80/21973>)

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