

KNIGHT VISION



Council Celebrates 20 years

Council 13527 Newsletter

November 2024

Grand Knight's Report

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Happy “china” Anniversary, Council 13527! If you didn’t already know it, our Council was formed just over twenty years ago by 52 forward-thinking Brothers who believed Christ Our Redeemer needed its own Knights of Columbus Council. While a number of those men named in our original charter are no longer with us, quite a few are still here and very involved in the work of our Council and our church. You know them—men like Deacon Jim Murray, Deacon Bill Schaal, Jack Starr, Ron Rabiansky, Joe Purka, Paul Dooley, Kevin Knebl, and Steve Schaefer. We have them and their cohorts to thank for initially forming our council and being a foundational part of the work that we do.

A 20th Anniversary is quite an accomplishment that deserves a celebration! For that, I can’t think of a better time to celebrate than at our upcoming annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party on December 8th! As they’ve done before, Tom and Karen Sanders have been busy planning and organizing the last Council shindig we’ll have in the Parish Hall until late next year. So, if you haven’t signed up for the party, please don’t hesitate to reserve your seats now! Let’s pack the place!



Additionally, before he and Janice finish packing for their upcoming move to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, please be sure to thank Deputy Grand Knight Bernie Busovne for his deep commitment to our Council and the incredible work he’s done in supporting our Oktoberfest and St. Patrick’s Day fundraisers. I will miss him greatly!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Peter Blaise

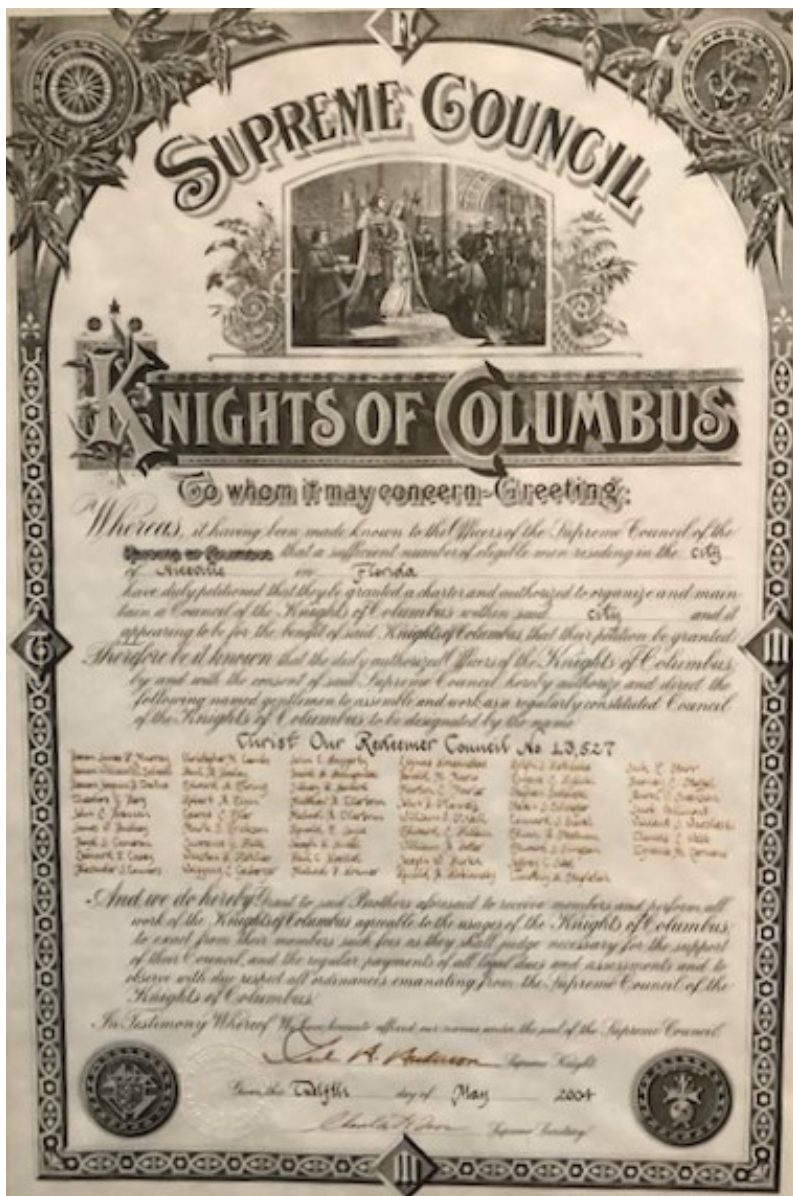


Join Your Brother Knights

for

Hockey in Pensacola

4:05 p.m., Sunday, January 19, 2025



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In early 2004, fifty-two members of the Father Howard Lesch Council 7667 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Niceville formed a new council at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church in Niceville/Bluewater Bay. The Council was officially chartered by the Supreme Council on May 12, 2004 as the Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527.

Council Grand Knights

July 04 - Jun 05	Leonard Casey	July 12 - Jun 14	Rod Culkin
July 05 - Jun 06	Ron Rabiansky	July 14 - Jun 15	Andy Balding
July 06 - Jun 07	Tim Stapleton	July 15 - Jun 16	Tom Means
July 07 - Jun 08	Jack Starr	July 16 - Jun 17	Greg Muntzner
July 08 - Jun 09	Tom Sanders	July 17 - Jun 19	Bob Gualtieri
July 09 - Jun 10	Joe Purka	July 19 - Jun 20	Jim Yurack
July 10 - Jun 11	Mark Erickson	July 20 - Jun 22	Stuart Lewis
July 11- Mar 12	Don Marco *	July 22 - Jun 24	Steve Wolfrom
Mar 12 - Jun 12	Stephen Erickson	July 24 - Present	Peter Blaise

*Don Marco was killed in a private aircraft accident and DGK Stephen Erickson completed the term.

Thanks to Lenny Smales for the Grand Knight research.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

I recently attended a weekend retreat for permanent deacons in the diocese. The retreat master stressed the importance of baptism, not only as making us adopted children of God, but also empowering us to evangelize Jesus Christ as missionaries.

Matthew Kelly, a prolific Catholic author, states in his recent 33 Days To Eucharistic Glory that the American Church has lost 50 million members over the last 30 years. In 33 short chapters, Kelly advocates a personal consecration to the Holy Eucharist, rippling outward to the whole world. I think Kelly's theme fits the retreat master's challenge to live our baptism in mission to others. In his 29th chapter Kelly shared a story from Father William Holt, an elderly New York City priest, which I think is a perfect example of evangelization.



One Christmas, Frather Holt knew of a 10 year old girl dying of leukemia. All she wanted was a Cabbage Patch Doll; a doll all the rage, costing \$75 and impossible to find. Asked by a generous couple what he wanted for Christmas, he told them a Cabbage Patch Doll and 2 walkie-talkies, then passed them on to the girl. The walkie-talkies enabled her to speak with family members when she was in isolation. After she died, Father Holt's thoughtfulness became public knowledge in a public post. Thousands reacted, with those disassociated from religion essentially saying if they had experienced such love, they would have stayed.

May we all be blessed this Christmas with a sincere and generous heart to see Jesus in all our brothers and sisters!

Upcoming Events

Nov. 28	THANKSGIVING DAY
Dec. 5	Council Meeting at COR @ 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Dec. 8	Council Christmas Party at COR 5:30 –9:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Potential Habitat for Humanity Mission to Crestview
Dec. 14	Sunland Christmas Party in Marianna, FL
Dec. 19	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ @ 7 p.m.
Dec. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 27	Bingo at HNJ (Alpha Team)
Jan 1	NEW YEARS DAY
Jan. 9	Council Meeting Blewater Community Church @ 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)

In Memory of

Knights from Council 13527 and two others individuals pitched in to dedicate a memorial bench to deceased Knights Steve Sadowski and Deacon Jack Trevino at the 16th hole of the Pines course at the Fort Walton Beach Golf course. The group included John Wohleber, Stuart Lewis, Jim Thennes, Lenny Smales, and (not pictured), Tom Sanders, Steve Wolfrom and two non-Knights. Joe McKloski, who recently passed, along with Steve and Jack, were founding members of the golf group.



October Family of the Month

Bernie & Janice Busovne



Our Family of the Month serves in many capacities in support of our Council. This Knight supported our three major fund-raisers: Oktoberfest, St Patrick's Day, and the annual Luau. For this year's Luau, he served as our Council's point of contact with the Holy Name of Jesus Council. He also scheduled workers, coordinated the delivery of the tent, and coordinated delivery of the food for the Luau. Additionally, he served as lead for collecting sponsorships for these fund-raisers, doubling the amount raised last

year. His wife's business sponsored several Council activities such as Oktoberfest, St Patrick's Day, a 5 km fun run, and golf tournaments. She also volunteered at our recent Oktoberfest fundraiser ensuring identities were checked and the 3d Planet staff were fed. Additionally, her mother was a founding member of Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church. For these and other activities, we are pleased to announce Brother Bernie and Janice Busovne as our October Family of the Month.

October Knight of the Month

Jim Yurack

Our Knight of the Month is a very active Knight in our parish and the Council. He served on the Parish Council and leads ministry fairs to get more people involved with our parish. He is a past Grand Knight for our council and currently serves as Trustee and Membership Director. To support our community outreach programs, he organizes and leads our Council's Habitat for Humanity teams, helping build homes for people in need. He also serves on the District exemplification team and as our council's Membership Director he is constantly working to recruit new Knights. His efforts have resulted in our gaining three new Knights with one new e-member awaiting his exemplification ceremony. These activities are helping our council grow and helping us toward earning another Star Council award. For these and many more activities, we are pleased to announce Jim Yurack as our October 2024 Knight of the Month.



Council Welcomes Three New Members

In the month of November, the Council welcomed three new members as they participated in two exemplifications. The new members are **Mark Mueller**, **Dave Doherty** and **Joseph Gettis**.



Mark Mueller, above, receives a Rosary from Chuck Kuzma. In the photo on the right are Deacon Tom Elsesser, Chuck Kuzma, Dave Doherty, John Griffin, Jim Reese, Joseph Gettis, John Rafferty and Franklin Bevel.

November Pancake Breakfast



112 Served
Net after expenses: \$638