Grand Knight’s Comments

Brother Knights,

I hope and pray everyone had a blessed and enjoyable Easter with your families. I am honored to be part of such a wonderful order that does so much for our Catholic Church, Catholic School, and local community. During Lent, our good works brought light to what good Catholics do. The good works were showcased in a successful hosting of Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner, LAMB Awards Dinner, Founders Day Communion Breakfast, and three Lenten Fish Fry’s. We are very grateful for all the hard work and coordination that went into making each event so special. The positive feedback received from parishioners, charitable agencies, and the teachers involved with special education was well worth it. It is very satisfying to know that the Monsignor James R. Jones Council is touching the lives of local citizens deserving of our love and support. This would not be possible without the dedication of Brother Knights, your wives, and our widows.

As we head towards warmer and longer days of spring and summer and look to wind down our fraternal year, one more noteworthy event that epitomizes what Knights support is the ARC dinner where we welcome our special needs brothers and sisters to the hall for dinner and presentation of checks that support special needs programs. The ARC Dinner is at the hall on Thursday, April 26th at 6pm. The North Carolina KofC Convention closes out the busy month of April.

In May, we look towards gaining new brothers in our Order. There is an Admissions (1st Degree) scheduled for Tuesday May 14th at 7 pm where we will welcome more worthy Catholic gentlemen into Council 3303. With the help and blessing of our Worthy Chaplain and Pastor, we are also exploring the possibility of conducting a Consecration to the Holy Family in our parish. Although the formal consecration would occur at a Mass on a chosen Sunday, the Knights would promote the consecration and provide prayer cards for families during the week prior. Please pray for the success of this program which will help to strengthen families. We will also have a memorial service either later in May or in June between the Sunday morning Masses where we honor and remember our brother Knights that we have lost over the last 12 months.

Lastly, we close out the year with a free family picnic which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon June 16th. Expect some delicious burgers & hotdogs on the grill with all the picnic fixins, games for the kids (Corn hole), and even Karaoke music. Please continue to pray for the sick and distressed of our parish. May God continue to bless the Monsignor James R. Jones Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight
Family of the Month – April

This month of April we honor Bill and Janice Panza as Family of the Month.

Bill, a medical doctor, and his wife Janice, a practicing attorney, obviously have very busy schedules, yet they find time to devote many hours to both parish and Knights’ activities.

Bill works the kitchen on BINGO nights as well as dinners and other events held by the Council. In addition, he assists at the three yard sales, and remains committed to any and all needs of the Council.

Janice volunteers by playing the piano for Saint Paul's choir and helping with the Boy Scouts.

Seemingly behind the scenes, this engaging couple exemplifies all that is good with both the parish and the Knights, and it is fitting that we recognize them as viable assets to our Council.

John Murphy

Founder’s Day Communion Breakfast held on Palm Sunday, April 14th

Although the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Father McGivney was March 29th, 1882, the Monsignor James R. Jones Council celebrated this annual ritual on Sunday, April 5th with a Communion Breakfast held at the Columbus Club Hall after the Sunday 8 a.m. Mass.

A hearty and most assuredly health bacon, sausage, taters, egg, and pastry, breakfast was prepared for the group of ~80 Knights and guests in attendance.

Our guest speaker for the event was County Commissioner E.T. Mitchell, who is well known in Craven County for her military and community service, along with her philanthropic efforts along with her husband Champ.

E.T. spoke on the concept and practice of “paying it forward” and how individuals and association such as the K of C accomplish this. Her words were well received by all in attendance and stayed for quite some time after the event, greeting and talking with the attendees.

A big thanks to the “Kitchen Monkeys” and wives that prepared the hall and the wonderful breakfast.

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight
Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner

On Thursday, March 28th, Council 3303 hosted our Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Craven, Jones, and Pamlico county Special Olympics programs.

The great folks at Pizza Hut once again provided the meal, which included a hearty portion of pasta, spaghetti sauce, meatballs, bread, salad, and ice cream for dessert. Tickets were sold throughout the community.

We were fortunate to have the help of several volunteer students from St. Paul Catholic School who helped serve and clear plates. Checks will be distributed to the respective county Special Olympics Program Chairmen.

Mike Lynch
Grand Knight

Sir Knight of the Month – April

Our selection for Sir Knight of the Month for the Month of April is Sir Knight Stan Namowicz.

Stan is from Nanticoke, Pa. He spent his working years in Pennsylvania living in Nanticoke, Lansdale, and Sauderton. He worked as a parts associate at a car dealership, a vending machine mechanic for a dairy firm, and various sales jobs. He retired and moved to New Bern 9 years ago.

He and his wife, Susan, now make their home here in town on Henderson Ave. They have two grown children, Jason and Angela.

Stan has been a Knight for about 4 ½ years. He made his 3rd degree in November of 2014 and his 4th degree in February of 2016. He served as the recorder for the Council for 3 ½ years and now holds the position of Warden. He has worked closely with the Special Olympics coordinating their annual Spaghetti Dinner for the past few years. He also helps out at the ARC dinner, the Yard Sale, Operation LAMB, the Bingo kitchen and his Ministry which provides repaired bicycles to the needy.

Congratulations, Stan – you’re our choice for Sir Knight of the Month.

Vivat Jesus
Doug Uhland
Faithful Captain
LAMB (Least Among My Brothers) Awards Dinner

Our Annual LAMB Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, April 4th at our hall. The social gathering began at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by a dinner of Masotta’s Gourmet Meat Loaf, potatoes, vegetables, and rolls. While enjoying the delicious cake desserts, attendees were entertained by a Chorus of students from St Paul’s. After the entertainment concluded, Chairman – Bob Donnelly presented thousands of dollars in awards to our special guests who work with the intellectually disabled every day. The funds that our members collect fulfill those wishes.

Captured below is an array of photo’s taken during the evening.

Bob Donnelly
LAMB Chairman
Faithful Navigators Report

Brother Knights, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter. As we head into Holy Week, we should all be concentrating on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us all. As the Lenten season comes to a close, let us all rejoice. Hallelujah - He is Risen!

There are several events coming up in the next few weeks. One is the Installation of seven new candidates for the Fourth Degree. This will be taking place in Goldsboro on May 4th. The Faithful Navigator and the Faithful Captain will be attending the event along with their wives.

The budget for 2019-2020 will be discussed at the next officers meeting.

We also have an update on the traveling Vietnam Memorial. George Halyak who is spearheading this event has been reaching out to potential donors. Pepsi Cola has responded with a generous donation. The Fourth Degree and the American Legion 539 are joining forces to bring the wall to New Bern. George, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this cause.

Installation of Fourth Degree Officers will take place on Sunday, July 14th. The Officers from Havelock will be installed along with us. There will be a reception and dinner at Copper Ridge on the Neuse following the ceremony (details to follow).

The concrete is in the process of being added around the yard sale buildings and the storage cans. The wood ramp is being removed and will be replaced by concrete. This should make it easier for our yard sale volunteers when the tents are set up and when furniture donations are unloaded. The concrete will eliminate the mud problem.

God Bless our men and women serving in the military and their families. And God Bless all our Veterans.

Ralph Avilas
Faithful Navigator

Knight of the Month – April

Sir Knight Dennis Colbert is the Knight of the Month for April 2019.

Denny attained his 1st degree in June 2000. He has been active in Council 3303, Assembly 1820, and parish activities for a number of years. Denny is the Chair of the Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Homebound Ministry. He is also an active participant in the Knights of Columbus supported Blood Drives.

His Assembly activities include organizing and leading the Color Corps and helping with yard sales. For many years, Denny has given his time and musical talent to contribute to the success of the local New Bern Civic Theater and our own parish choir. He recently performed a medley of songs to honor our Knight’s widows at their annual luncheon.

We are proud to honor Denny as our Council Knight of the Month.

Steve Harman
Deputy Grand Knight
Don't Assume You Can’t Afford Disability Income Insurance

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order’s Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

Here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy’s premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional field agent, risk management is my specialty. Let’s talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family’s financial future.

Vivat Jesus!

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A Heartfelt Thank You

The fact that I was still here on earth to celebrate Christmas 2018 drew me into a period of deep reflection and sparked the idea to share these reflections in the form of a booklet. My goal was to absorb the cost of printing a limited number of copies and make them available for free. Creating the booklet was an exhausting and lengthy task but through the grace of God and the patience of my friend Anita Gaskins, Layout & Design Specialist at Copy and Print Warehouse in New Bern, my booklet titled Going Where God Wants Me To Go, became a reality the second week of Lent.

I would like to take this forum to say how deeply humbled I am by the very kind responses I have received about my booklet from Fr. Tully, our St. Paul Church Pastor & K of C Fourth Degree Assembly 1820 Friar, as well as from Fr. Rob, our Council 3303 Chaplain. I especially would like to publicly express my deepest gratitude to Council 3303 Grand Knight Mike Lynch, Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator Ralph Avilas and all the members for their tremendous outpouring of support in the form of sponsoring the cost to print a significant number of copies of my booklet. I remain overwhelmed by their magnificent gift which allows me to greatly expand the distribution of my booklet and the length of time it will be available. Copies will be available at St. Paul Church in the atrium on the table with the bulletins, and also on the tables at each of the side entrances into church.

I am blessed that the Holy Spirit continues to fill me with great joy proclaiming God’s goodness and my Catholicity through my writing.

Mikie Casem
Past Grand Knight
Lenten Fish Fry Fridays were a Huge Success (Once Again!)

Friday, April 5th was our final of 3 Lenten Fish Fry’s held at the St. Paul Family Life Center. Over 200 meals of fried haddock, slaw, mac-n-cheese were served each of the three Fridays (600 plus in total) which is pretty much full capacity for the FLC. Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to our kitchen lead, Ralph Aviles, and his kitchen crew of George Halyak, Paul Masotta, Craig Blackwell, Doug Uhland, Gordy Barnes, Pat Rocco and Melvin Henry. Thanks also to Danny and Cindy Gennantonio for all the tickets sales and Rosemary Whetzel for organizing set-up and coordinating student volunteers, as well as all the behind-the-scene folks (dishwashers, etc.) This year we were blessed to have several confirmation students from Laura McDaniel’s Confirmation preparation classes help with clean-up. There are just too many volunteers to mention that made the 2019 Lenten Fish Fry’s another huge success.

Special thanks to our Worthy Chaplain, Father Rob, for promoting and attending all three Fish Fry’s. The combined team makes it all look so easy!

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight

Play Ball!

Springtime means baseball. I’m sure most of us remember playing Little league in our youth or coaching or watching our kids and grandkids (grand-young-ins for you Phil) try to get a hit. Little League baseball is very American and an important part of teaching young kids about team-work and sportsmanship, all while having fun. That is why Council 3303 is proud to help support all 6 of the St. Paul Sunday School Little League teams made up of children of the parish ranging in age from 6 to 12 years old.

In addition to supporting Little League, our Council and Assembly also fund the St. Paul Catholic School Golf Team and significantly subsidize the costs of parish children attending the Life-Teen Catholic Summer Camp. Other parts of the Council Youth Program include holding a Soccer Kick Challenge and Basketball Free Throw Championship for children 8 – 14. Pictured to the left are the St. Paul’s 1 & 2 Teams in the 11 to 12 year-old division with Program Coordinator, Coach, and Fellow Parishioner Stephen Edwards, and your Grand Knight.

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight
Columbus Club

The Columbus Club is chugging right along with year working to maintain our facilities and make improvements where required. Just in case you haven’t been over to the hall within the past week, I am happy to report that we were finally able to dodge the weather and complete the paving project around the Yard Sale Building over the past several days.

A big thank you to the Assembly for funding the project, the completion of which should make our future yard sales much more pleasant (especially in inclement weather). We also had bollards (steel poles filled with concrete) installed in front of the columns supporting the new portico on the main building and at the corners of the Yard Sale building extension to protect them from inadvertent vehicle hits. I have enclosed a few shots of the project.

Like the Council and Assembly, we a pretty much winding down the fiscal year, preparing our budget for next year, and looking for candidates interested in serving on the Columbus Club Board. Adding new blood, energy, and ideas is always a good thing for any organization and we are no exception. I have not conferred with the current board members but there may be up to four positions open for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year.

If you are interested in actively participating in the management of the facilities, please contact me and I can answer any questions that you might have.

Craig Baader
Columbus Club
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