



The E-Knightlighter

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HAPPENINGS

- 05 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:30 P.M.
- 06 - Tue. Council Business Meeting, Hall 7:00 P.M.
- 11 - Sun. Assembly Officer Installation, St. Paul Church, 3:00P.M.
Dinner, Hall, 5:00P.M.
- 12 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:30 P.M.
- 13 - Tue. 1st Degree Exemplification, Hall 8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
- 14 - Wed. Assembly Business Meeting, Hall 7:00 P.M.
- 16 - Fri. Wounded Warriors Fund Raiser Lunch, Hall 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Joint venture with Elk's
- 19 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:30 P.M.
- 21 - Wed. WWII Honor Flight, New Bern Regional Airport, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
- 26 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:30 P.M.
- 27 - Tue. 3rd. Degree Officer Meeting, Hall, 7:00 P.M.

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Sir Knight of the Month

In recognition of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions, Rev. Msgr. Gerald L. Lewis is enthusiastically recognized as the Fr. Kenneth I. Parker Assembly Sir Knight of the Month.

Sir Knight and Reverend Monsignor Lewis presently serves as the Faithful Friar in the Assembly. Rev. Msgr. Lewis is the Administrator and Pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in New Bern. Even though his schedule is quite busy he seldom misses an Assembly meeting. His opening and closing prayers and comments are always informative, interesting, and bring cohesion to the fact that being a 4th Degree Knight is truly the Right Arm of the Catholic Church.

Ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Vincent S. Waters on May 11, 1961, he recently celebrated 50 years as a faithful servant of God. He also currently serves as Archivist and Historian for the Diocese of Raleigh. Msgr. Lewis is very active in the community as well, and was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Michael Easley, one of the highest honors the Governor can bestow on a North Carolina citizen. He is a long time supporter of the North Carolina Symphony, and an Emeritus member of the Tryon Palace Commission. Msgr. Lewis continues to be, a priest, pastor, administrator and outstanding churchman who shows no signs of slowing down.

His dedication to the Order, his Assembly, and his fellow Knights, along with his commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism make Sir Knight and Rev. Msgr. Gerald L. Lewis truly deserving of this award.
Faithful Capt. Rich Tomasik

Grand Knight Message

Brother All,

Now that Hurricane Irene has left North Carolina we are left with the massive clean-up in our yards and everywhere around us. It has now been almost 5 days without electricity at our home and our back-up generator has been working overtime. Home phones and cell phones are slowly coming back to life for us, and we are thankful for that. I hope that none of you experienced major damage and that no one was hurt. Father Vic indicated that St. Paul Church and School came through safely and both are fully operational serving the parishioners. I am thankful for all the good news and will continue to thank the Lord for helping us through this very stressful period. I am aware of many Knights who pitched in and helped their neighbors with their clean-up after they took care of their own needs. For their unselfish display of Charity and Unity I thank them for what they are doing now and for all they do on a regular basis.

We have taken advantage of our communication tools and have used the Phone Tree System as well as our email system to communicate to folks. We let folks know that we were available to assist in emergencies such as medical needs, safety situations, shelter and nourishment. We did receive a few calls to assist with taking in lawn furniture, etc. but we do not have a formal team focused on clean-up needs. Perhaps that is something we need to consider for the future. The other consideration we need to pursue is if we want to establish our K of C Hall as a designated Red Cross Shelter. This will require some work on our part and I will be discussing it with our Council Officers.

Lastly, we need to remember to pray for all those who were not so fortunate as most of us, and especially for the folks who died as a result of the hurricane. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Leo Minervini

Deputy Grand Knight Message

My Fellow Knights,

Last month we went over how our charitable donations committee processes their requests.

I can now tell you how we have helped with projects for the Religious Community Services. They had come to us because they needed to make some improvements in some areas of their building, the bathroom in the men's dorm, and also to refurbish the Family Room.

With the funds that our membership approved, plus the funds that the Catholic Daughters contributed, both of these projects were completed. The Knights and the Catholic Daughters were invited to see the results of the work done to the building.

In the men's dorm bathroom they sheet rocked, painted and improved the ventilation by installing some new vents. In the Family Room, they replaced the floor, painted and updated the bathroom. We were all impressed with what was achieved with the donation we had approved.

I admit that I did not know much about RCS and all the other services they provide to the community. I thought they only served a hot meal once a day. I found out much more from a very dedicated staff member of RCS.

Did you know that in 2010 the RCS provided over 2000 families with groceries from their food bank, or that they served more than 55,000 meals, and provided shelter for 236 men, women, and children. The list goes on and on, touching every corner of our community.

There are still many projects left to be done at RCS and I know that with the support of the Knights some of these projects will be achieved.

If you would like to see the two completed projects you can go to the website at RCSNewBern.com and see firsthand all that they have accomplished.

Vivat Jesus
DGK Patrick Rocco

September Knight of the Month – John Audilet

The Knight of the Month for September 2011 is John Audilet.

My first meeting with John was at my first degree. As Membership Director of our Council he explained just what it means to become a member of the Knights of Columbus and all that the Knights do in our community.

When John joined the knights in 2008, he was not one just to sit at the meetings, so when he was asked to become Membership Director for our Council, he jumped right in. John made things happen. His first year he met our Council membership goals, which helped us to achieve Star Council for 2008. Not satisfied with just doing membership, John also is an active member of both our 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification teams. He also works closely with our Spanish Brothers. John is currently a Board Member of the Home and School Association for the St. Paul Catholic School.

John does all of this while working full time for Carolina Foundation Repair, Inc. and helping his wife Debbie raise their four children.

So when you see Brother John, thank him for all of his service to our council.

DGK Patrick Rocco

Annual Monsignor Jones Golf Tournament

It is time again for our Annual Monsignor Jones Golf Tournament. This will be our ninth tournament honoring our beloved Monsignor and we will play at River Bend Golf & Country Club. The date is Sunday, Sept. 25th and the tee time is 12:30 shotgun. Format is Super-Ball and three mulligans may be bought for \$3.00. Please check in no later than 12:00 Noon. Cost is \$38.00 and that includes, golf, cart, turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and all prizes. This year the tournament is open to all parishioners of St. Paul Church, men and women. You may make up your own foursome, but you may NOT have more than one player with less than 15 handicap. Our cut-off day for entries is Wednesday, Sept. 25. Please send your checks made out to River Bend G&CC with your handicap to:

Chick Natella
1410 Benfield Ave.
New Bern, NC 28562.

Annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Saturday, Sept. 24th at Creekside Park starting at 10:30 am. Volunteers will be needed to register contestants, keep score, etc. Please contact Jeff Ross at 672-0063 or e-mail ecupir8s@embarqmail.com if you can help.

SAVE THE DATE - Wounded Warriors Lunch-

The Knights of Columbus-4th Degree and the New Bern Elks Lodge # 764 will co-sponsor a BBQ Chicken Lunch. This worthwhile event will be on Friday, Sept. 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the KC Hall, 1125 Pine Tree Drive. For a nominal cost of only \$7.00 you may eat in or take out a delicious lunch. This lunch will consist of a half BBQ chicken, green beans, potatoes, a roll and dessert. At the same time know you will be helping the Wounded Warriors Leave Program, which provides a way for them to go home for the Holidays and emergencies. In addition, they will deliver free to one location, orders of 5 or more lunches. Please think about getting a group together, or ordering lunch for your card or golf group. Not only will you have a delicious lunch, you will be helping the Wounded Warriors. Deadline for ticket sales is Monday, Sept. 12th. For more information please call Sandy Stewart-KC 633-9419 or John Lawrence-Elks-637-3009.

Sandy Stewart, PR 4th Degree