

The E-Knightlighter

Welcome to the first edition of the E-Knightlighter. I hope that you enjoy it as much as you enjoy the Knightlighter. You will receive this every other month. We will try to keep it short and to the point.
MH – Editor



HAPPENINGS

1 - Tue. Council Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

7 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:00 P.M.

8 - Tue. First Degree Exemplification
Hall 8:00 P.M.

9 - Wed. Assembly Business Meeting
7:00 P.M.

10 - Thu. ARC Banquet, Hall, 5:00 P.M.

14 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:00 P.M.

15 - Tue. LAMB Dinner, Hall, 5:00 P.M.
Tue. 2nd Degree - Havelock, 7:30 P.M.

17 - St. Patrick's Day

19 - Sat. 3rd. Degree Exemplification,
Havelock, 10:00 A.M.

21 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:00 P.M.

27 - Sun. Founders Day Breakfast,
Hall, 9:30 A.M.

28 - Mon. Bingo, Hall 6:00 P.M.

29 - Tue. Council Officers Meeting Hall
7:00 P.M.

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L-R Leo Minervini, Grand Knight; Mary Spano, Regent, CDA; Gladys Frankson, Vice Regent CDA; Dr. Bart Spano, Pro-Life Chairman



A belated thank you for the love and devotion of the Catholic Daughters and our fellow Knights. The billboard presents a silent but unavoidable message that all life is precious from the very moment of conception.

Honor Flight News

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, the Military Order of the Purple Heart will sponsor another Honor Flight from New Bern to Washington, DC. This flight is reserved for World War II veterans and their escorts. The flight is free to the veterans and seats are currently available on this flight. If you or anyone you know qualifies and would like to go to Washington DC to see the WWII memorial, please call Jim Casti on 252-241-4632.
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April 5th Meeting: Election of Council 3303 Officers

At the regular 7 p.m. monthly Council Business Meeting on Tues. April 5th the membership will vote on the Officers for our next fraternal year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012). The current slate of candidates is as follows: OUTSIDE GUARD: (open), INSIDE GUARD: Bill Elliott, Jr., WARDEN: James Fernandez, RECORDER: Dick Dodson, CHANCELLOR: Jerry Schill, TREASURER: Jeff Ross, FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Bob Sisco, ADVOCATE: Lud Hartung, LECTOR: (appointed by GK), DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: Patrick Rocco, GRAND KNIGHT: Leo Minervini, Jr. TRUSTEE 3 yr.: Rich Tomasik, TRUTTEE 2 yr.: Mikie Casem, TRUSTEE 1 yr.: Thomas Hartman, and CHAPLAIN: Msgr. Lewis. Any Third Degree member of our Council in good standing who is interested in running for the position of OUTSIDE GUARD or any other office please contact a member of the Council's Nominating Committee (Mikie Casem at 633-5700, Danny Gennantonio at 637-2322, or Chick Natella at 633-4370).

LAMB DINNER

The Lamb Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday 15 March, 2011 at 6PM and doors open at 5:30Pm. We ask that everyone attending bring a covered dish, we will provide the meat. Please call me as soon as possible at 514-2867 and let me know you will be attending the LAMB Dinner Thanks to everyone for their support of Operation LAMB 2010; and I look forward to your continuing support for LAMB 2011.
Brother Clement Ned

Pro Life Tribute

We note with sorrow that prolife champion Dr. Bernard Nathanson passed away last week at the age of 86. One of Pro-Life's greatest voices, Dr. Nathanson was once a leading abortionist, the Director of the largest abortion facility in the world who presided over 75,000 abortions and became a founding member of prominent pro-abortion organizations. But later in life, he denounced his former colleagues and profession; was baptized in the Catholic Church and embraced the pro-life cause. He unveiled two powerful videos: the Silent Scream, the first to use the technology of ultrasound and the Eclipse of Reason to draw home the sheer horror and brutality of abortion. May his work continue with us.

Dr Bart Spano

Sir Knight of the Month

In recognition of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions, Sir Knight Lawrence "Larry" Johnson is enthusiastically recognized as the Fr. Kenneth I. Parker Assembly Sir Knight of the Month.

Sir Knight Johnson has spent countless hours and many years as the head of the electronics department in the yard sale building. He has repaired and checked out numerous pieces of donated electrical equipment to be sold at the 4th Degree yard sales. Items such as TVs, radios, phonographs and VCRs to be sold at reduced prices and to the delight of many satisfied customers. He also helps out with Bingo making sure the paperwork is done correctly. Larry serves as an Usher at the 8AM Mass on Sunday mornings at St. Paul Catholic Church. His warm smile, and firm handshake are looked forward to by many who attend that Mass.

His dedication to the Order, his Assembly, and his fellow Knights, along with his commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism make Sir Knight Lawrence Johnson truly deserving of this award.

Going up to Duke

Like many Brother Knights my age can attest, "going up to Duke" usually does not mean we're headed for a basketball game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. More likely, that means you'll find us at the other end of the campus, up by the Hospital or one of its Clinics. Most of the time we're there because something has worn out in old age or we're facing a serious illness. Regardless of where we may be undergoing treatment, as an aging Council, many of our Brothers are afflicted with an assortment of illnesses.

As one of them, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank both the Council and the Assembly for your continued prayers for us. Prayers do work and they are better than any medicine you can take. Over the past eight months I've been turned upside down and inside out by some of the finest medical professionals anywhere in hopes of preparing me for a live kidney transplant. I share this with you because through this Cross God has demonstrated to me perhaps the ultimate example of our Order's principle of Charity from my Brother Knights and their families. I'm talking about a spirit of life giving sacrifice. Not one, not two, but three Brother Knights (Bill Elliott, Jr., Jimmy Dunham and Patrick Rocco) and two spouses ((Dottie Dunham and Nancy Tomasik) and the Dunham's daughter-in-law, Lisa Dunham (her husband Scott is a Brother Knight in Raleigh), have each stepped forward and offered to be a candidate to donate a kidney for me! In addition to these folks, several my own family members and friends have also offered to donate.

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for such kindness. The screening process to donate a kidney is very extensive, and as of this time, I am still waiting on a match. But I'll be okay however things play out because I am in good hands. I have my Faith, my family, the good folks at Duke, and so many wonderful friends right here at the Hall on Pine Tree Drive. - Mikie Casem, PGK