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Brother Knights,

Once again, our council has made a smooth transition to a new Fraternal Year. Our Program Director, DGK Randall Ramian, has been particularly busy in planning many activities for the new year. A special thanks is due to Randall because he has performed the Grand Knight duties since I have been occupied with family related duties the past several weeks. I certainly appreciate all that he has done.

Several recent events deserve thanks to all who participated. Thanks to all who assisted the Assembly with their very successful Yard Sale in early June. Thanks to Brother Phil Nassef for

coordinating our Family Picnic at the end of June. And thanks to all the knights and spouses who contributed with the setup, take down and cooking. Thank you to all the Knights who helped Brother Danny Gennantonio with the placement of American Flags in the St. Joseph Cemetery and along the walkways to honor our Veterans. At our July Business Meeting we said farewell to Rev. Bill Kennedy as he retires as a Captain from the Navy Chaplain Corps and returns to Boston as he awaits his next Parish assignment. I thank Brother James Knickerbocker as he completes his three-year assignment as the Financial Secretary. Welcome to Brother Al Casciello in his appointment as the new FS. Thanks in advance for taking on the FS duties. James and Al have been working for several weeks to transfer the duties.

The FY 2021-22 Council Budget was approved at the July Business meeting and we have been preparing the FY Master Calendar to execute the budget. We appreciate the cooperation of Deacon Dave Kierski, the St. Paul School Principal, for his cooperation in helping us lock in some key events in support of the children attending the school. And thanks to DeLesa Conway and the school staff for incorporating our Knights events on the Parish Calendar. Finally, I wish to thank all the Knights who will be Event Leaders in the coming year. You are the key to our success.

STAR Council Award: The District Deputy, Brother Joe Banks, attended the July Business Meeting and announced that our council was among the those earning STAR Council for FY 2020-21. Congratulations to all and especially Brother Dan Macsay, our Membership Director, for all his diligent effort in helping us attain this level.

Four Brother Knights Have Passed: We were recently informed by his daughter of the passing of Brother Donald Sommers on April 27, 2021. He and his wife Roseann had relocated to New Hampshire. SK John Pina died on June 22, 2021 and was honored at a funeral Mass and burial in St. Joseph Cemetery on June 28, 2021. SK Michael Flynn died on June 22, 2021. He recently received his 4th Degree in a special ceremony in the hospital thanks to the efforts our Assembly leadership team. Brother Paul Toft also died on June 23, 2021. He is a former member of our council. He will be buried with military honors in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, NJ.

May they rest in peace.

LAMB: Brother Tom Henry, our LAMB Director, asks that you mark your calendar for the next LAMB collection after masses on October 16 and 17. We are also planning some new LAMB related fund-raising events since we will probably not be able to have our Tootsie Roll Campaign this Fall. Details to follow in subsequent articles.

Looking Ahead: We have selected the dates for several of our fall activities. Our annual Golf Outing will occur at the Emerald Golf Club on Saturday, September 25th. Paul Masotta is leading. Sign up with him by mid September. The Jim Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil will be held on Friday, October 22nd at the Columbus Club Hall. Craig Baader and Phil Nassef are the event leaders. The annual Widows Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, October 31st at the Hall. Gordy Barnes will be coordinating this event.

Steve Harman
Grand Knight

Family of the Month – July

This month we honor Guy and Doris Norton as Family of the Month.

One might call Guy a modern day Odysseus as his Odyssey rivals that of Homer's work. Well sort of. Guy comes from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. He graduated from Middle Tennessee University, served three years with the United States Army Security Agency in Berlin and later received a graduate degree in business from the University of Virginia. Guy had several jobs before he went with AT&T from which he retired after 27 years.

Doris came from a Marine Corps family and was the first child born at the new Naval hospital in Charleston, SC. She traveled with her family and later graduated from East Carolina University.

They met in Washington, D.C. while working for the government. They have two children and two grandchildren and have lived in New Bern since 2008.

Getting back to the Odyssey tag, Guy's religious journey is unique. He grew up as a Southern Baptist and later joined and for many years was very involved with the Episcopal church; however, he became disillusioned with their doctrine regarding homosexuality. Unable to reconcile his conscience with their teachings, he gravitated to Catholicism. Guy joined the faith six years ago at age 82. He says he's where he ought to be.

Almost immediately thereafter, he became a Knight and worked a Yard Sale and regularly helps out at BINGO. Additionally, he runs the parish's Bountiful Tree program, ushers, is a lay Eucharistic minister and lector. Doris, a cradle Catholic, is very involved in the Catholic Daughters and helps out in the parish office.

As with our other such honorees, Guy and Doris bring to our council an exemplification of selflessness and dedication which are an inspiration to all.

John Murphy

Membership

I am pleased to announce that we have a new transfer and member to our council.

Our transfer is Rick Dean and our member is Ken Savage. Welcome aboard and we look forward to you all as being a part of our council.

The Knights of Columbus have the resources needed to stand up for life, liberty, and family. The world needs Catholic men to step up and live out their faith. The Knights of Columbus helps men to answer that call to do more, and to be more. Be proactive and help our council grow by talking to prospective parishioners to join the Knights and add their voice to our nearly two million members upholding the faith and the truth.

For those Knights that want to advance their degree or for new members Online Exemplification is available on demand. As a reminder, Supreme has extended the Online Exemplification until December 31st. For any questions or help I can be reached at (252) 658-4014 or email me at d.macsay@gmail.com.

I would like to thank those Knights that have brought in new members and helped us achieve Star Council by obtaining a 107% recruitment rate.

Dan Macsay
Membership Director



A Summer Prayer for Families

(from the Catholic Telegraph)

May we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.

Blessed Michael McGivney

Brothers,

Let's go back in time. In the late 1870's, early 1880's. A time when the death of the family breadwinner could devastate a family. Women typically did not work outside the home. If a widow could not prove she had the financial means to care for her family, the children were taken from the family and in most cases, their faith.

At St Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, CT, Father McGivney saw this plight in his Parish. Along with a group of men from the church, the good Father sought a path to ensure the financial needs of Catholic families and to protect the widows and orphans of fallen Catholic men. Together they created our Order, the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefits organization. Father didn't get a chance to see how his vision grew as he died in 1890 2 days after his 38th birthday.

Today, Father McGivney's vision of an organization to protect Catholic families has become strong and successful. His vision is now the mission of the Order's many field agents. I am honored to be a part of this group tasked with ensuring your families are taken care of.

On October 31st, 2020, Father McGivney was Beatified in a ceremony at St Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, CT after a miracle attributed to him was acknowledged by Pope Francis.

As we continue to pray for his Canonization, we will celebrate his first Feast Day as Blessed on Saturday August 14th! It's an exciting time for the Order.

Vivat Jesus

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Sir Knight of the Month – July

Sir Knight of the Month for July is Don Hanson.

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Don is hard working in our furniture department during our Yard Sales. You can usually find him hustling a kitchen table or couch to anyone who walks in the door. Don also calls our Monday night Bingo. If yelling was a sport Don, would take the Gold Medal. You can find him on Mondays yelling B-12 or I-19 to patrons. He also serves as our quality control check on the bacon cooked on Monday nites, as he runs laps thru the kitchen snatching bacon samples.

Don also serves as President of the Columbus Club, where he makes sure that everything at our facilities are in order. If you want a cold beer or wine he makes sure it is in stock and ready to hit your glass, as he also manages the lounge. Again, you can find him yelling last call behind the bar much like he does at bingo.

Don's has a golf gamethat is like selling furniture - calm, cool, and collective. OK, I am not sure if he is calm or cool! Don served in Marine Corps. After his discharge, Don spent most of his career working in commercial aviation, with his last stint at Airbus. The next time you take a flight you can think of how Don and his counterparts worked to ensure that the planes were safe.

Don, you are truly an asset to the Knights. Thank you for your hard work and your constant yelling.

May GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Philip Nassef

Faithful Captain



Understanding and Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption

Caitlin Kennell Kim of "Busted Halo" - August 14, 2020 (Originally published August 2013)

So what IS the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven, you ask?

The Assumption (August 15) refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed — body and soul — into heaven at the end of her earthly life. “Assumption” is different than “ascension” because one is passive (i.e. one is assumed) and the other is active (i.e. one ascends). It is by the power of God Mary was assumed.

As evidenced by the writings of many early Church fathers, Christians have believed for more than a millennium that the Blessed Virgin was assumed into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued *Munificentissimus Deus*, which officially defined the Dogma of the Assumption. This means that the Church officially recognizes this belief as a true and necessary part of our Catholic beliefs about Mary. Like all beliefs about Mary, they illuminate our most treasured beliefs about her Son. The Assumption illustrates to us the truth about Christ’s promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the faithful.

Let me tell you, nothing gets this convert stoked like a Marian feast day ... and the Assumption is one of my favorites! (Insert my happy dance here.) There are so many wonderful ways to celebrate and honor Our Lady for the Feast of the Assumption.

Here are a few ideas to make this day special:

- Go to Mass (easier this year since August 15 falls on a Sunday)

The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means Catholics are obligated to attend Mass this day. Your local parish probably offers a vigil Mass (which means a Mass held the evening before the feast, because, in keeping with the Jewish roots of Christianity, a holy day begins at sundown) and a few Masses during the day on the Assumption. Make it a priority to get to Mass. We gather to show our love and affection for Our Blessed Mother and by doing so we bring glory to her Son.

- Plant a Mary garden

In Europe and throughout the world, it was (and is still) traditional to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption by bringing the summer harvest to be blessed. The first fruits — herbs, tomatoes, summer squash, etc. — are often associated with the Feast of the Assumption both because of the time of year and because Mary was the first believer in Jesus to experience the promised resurrection. She is the first fruit of a great coming harvest. This year, celebrate her Assumption Day by planting a Mary garden of your own. If you live in an apartment or dorm, consider a potted Mary garden in your window with a small statue or image of Our Lady and container full of potted herbs and flowers.

- Eat!

Oh, how we love to have something special to eat for a feast day! Your plans can be as simple as a picnic or cookout or as fancy as a formal sit-down dinner or a proper tea. Try using fresh herbs and summer produce from your local farmers market. Or why not put those fresh herbs and veggies on a pizza! Add a “Hail Mary” or “Hail, Holy Queen” to your meal blessing. Have fun! Be joyful! This is a day of celebration!

Knight of the Month – July

Congratulations to Sir Knight George Halyak, the Monsignor James R. Jones Council Knight of the Month for July 2021. George affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and completed his 1st Degree in January 2010 and 4th Degree in November 2010.

George is no stranger to both Council 3303 and Assembly 1820, where he has volunteered as the Council - Public Relations Coordinator, Bingo team, coordinated many Shrimp Boils, Widows Dinners, and the Knights of Columbia State Convention Banquet in 2014. He also volunteered for the Assembly, where he held the following positions as Scribe, Purser and Yard Sale Manager. He has worked over 20 Yard Sales and still volunteers to assist where he can. Additionally, George planned the Installation of Officers Dinner and volunteered in the kitchen for many events. If that was not enough, he also served on the Columbus Club Board for several years.

George was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Navy veteran, he served from 1958 – 1962. George and his wife, Louise retired to New Bern via Arlington, Virginia in 1999. He retired as a Vice President of Government Sales from the Unican Corporation, having lived 29 years in the Washington, D.C. area. His hobbies used to be boating and tennis, but he has since moved on to less strenuous activities.

Most recently George served as Chairman of the "Bring the Wall to New Bern" Committee for over two and a half years. The travelling Vietnam Wall, a ¾ replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall located on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. was recently hosted by New Bern April 8th – 11th at Lawson Creek Park. Of note, "The Wall That Heals" was cancelled last March 2020, a few weeks prior to arriving in New Bern. George, although disappointed was undeterred and campaigned rigorously for New Bern to be considered again in 2021. Because of George and the Wall Committee efforts, New Bern was the first city in 2021 to be awarded The Wall. George has thanked his committee members who pushed the project across the finish line, on time and under budget! He additionally is especially thankful for the financial assistance, use of equipment and manpower of both the Council and the Assembly.

Council 3303 is proud to honor George as the Knight of the Month.

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight

A Big Thank You from Danny Gennantonio



Danny would like to thank the ten (10) guys who showed up on Wednesday, July 7th, at 9 a.m. to help take down the flags in the cemetery. Thank you so much to the following knights and Bill Elliott's son-in-law for showing up: Kevin Blust, Bill Camp, Denny Colbert, Tim Edwards, Bill Elliott, Rich Plezia, Randall Ramian, Dan Templeton, Rich Tomasik, and Doug Uhland. Your help on this extremely hot day was greatly appreciated. You Knights never fail to step-up and our cemetery really looked patriotic during the 4th of July.

Monsignor Jones Golf Tournament



The annual tournament will be held on September 25th at the Emerald Country Club (rain date is Oct 30th).

Lunch will be served at noon with the tournament starting at 1 pm.

Cost is \$45 per player with checks payable to The Emerald Country Club

Checks and or cash should be sent to Paul Masotta 504 Edge Hill Road, Trent Woods NC, 28562

All payments must be received by September 20th!!!

Council 3303 August Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to Jim and gloria Kelly who were wed on August 1, 1981 and Larry and Vicki Feldhaus who were wed on August 2, 2008!

Columbus Club

Now that things are returning to normal, the Columbus Club is seeing an increased interest in hall bookings, and the return of a number of monthly clients. If you know of anyone interested in booking either the hall or the lounge for their events, please have them call Don Hanson at (252) 638-1584.

Faithful Navigators Report



Greetings Brother Knights....

Sad News: As you may remember, back in March I was contacted by Mr. Mike Flynn, a gentleman who was a terminal cancer patient in our local hospital. He told me that it was his lifelong dream to be a 4th degree Knight and wondered if we could make it happen. I contacted our District Master and on March 16 we visited him in the hospital and exemplified him as a Sir Knight. Sadly, Mike passed away peacefully at home on June 22nd. There were no local services and his remains were sent to his brother in Chicago. May he rest in peace.

Installation of Officers: At our business meeting held on Wednesday, June 7th, we elected our officers for the coming Fraternal Year which began on July 1. These Sir Knights will be formally installed at a joint ceremony with our Council, the Havelock and Morehead City Councils, our Assembly and the Havelock Assembly on Sunday, August 1st at the Hall. Our District Master and District Marshall will attend and perform the installation. The ceremony is scheduled to start at 4:00 PM followed by a catered dinner. There will be no cost to our members, but we need a good head count for the caterer, so email me (doughland@gmail.com) if you will be attending and I'll make sure your name gets on the list.

Yard Sale: Our next yard sale is scheduled for October 7-9. Donations are rolling in and we look forward to another successful sale. We can always use extra help, so come on out. Our volunteers are at the yard sale building every Tuesday morning sorting and pricing donations. Our "truck monkey" crew isn't getting any younger and could use more help picking up larger donations. Pat Rocco and Craig Baader are the guys to call if you can help us out.

Cemetery Flags: On Wednesday, May 26 a number of Knights and Sir Knights placed American Flags on all veterans' graves in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The flags remained there until July 7. Thanks to all of you who came out and helped in this effort and thanks especially to Danny Gennantonio who has spearheaded this project this year and in years past.

That's all for now. Hope to see you and the next meeting, August 11th, 7PM at the Hall.

Doug Umland
Faithful Navigator



Msgr James R. Jones Council 3303 Knights of Columbus Family Picnic



On Sunday afternoon, June 27th, the Council 3303 Knights and their families met at the Columbus Club Hall to enjoy good food and company during our annual picnic.



Although the attendance was somewhat limited, those in attendance enjoyed some great traditional cookout food thanks to the efforts of the crew that worked the event (pictured below).

Assembly Chaplain Father Bill Kennedy also attended, enjoyed the event, and led us in a prayer before the meal.

A special thank you to Phil Nassef for organizing the picnic.

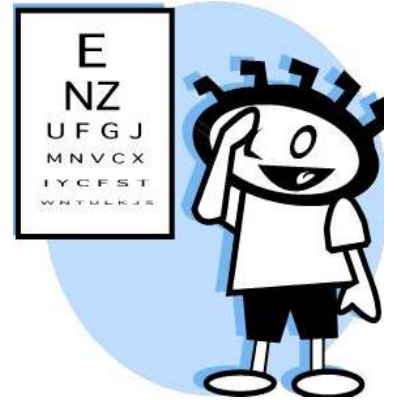
Additionally, thank you to the Knights and spouses who assisted with the setup, food prep, beverages, dessert, and cleanup.

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight



August Is National Eye Exam Month

If you're one of those people who can hardly remember the last eye exam they had, then let this August be the month that you get back on track. After all, **August is National Eye Exam Month**. There's a reason there is a whole month devoted to eye exams. Getting a regular eye exam is the best way to ensure that you'll catch problems early, use the right prescription lenses, and generally keep your eyes in great shape. Even if you think all is well, an eye exam is something you really shouldn't be putting off. Here's why:



Early Detection

Many problems with your eyes can go undetected for a while. You may think that your vision is pretty good, so that means there isn't a problem. This isn't necessarily true, though. Many times, only a dilated eye exam by your eye doctor can uncover eye diseases in their earliest stages. And it's in those early stages when many diseases are at their most treatable. Waiting until there's a noticeable problem can potentially make it harder to treat.

Signs Of Other Problems

Here's another thing to remember—your eye doctor may be able to alert you to overall health problems, too. Many people think the eye doctor can only tell you if there's a problem with your eyes. But the truth is, a comprehensive eye exam can tell you about other problems, as well. Diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and other diseases can be spotted through an eye exam. The doctor will examine the blood vessels, retina, and other parts of the eye to determine if there's a problem that isn't directly about your vision.

Prescriptions

If you already have glasses or contacts, you may be wondering why you need to have a regular eye exam. They figured out the problem, and now you have glasses. That's the end of it, right? Not really. As people age, it's very common for their vision to continue to change. Which means you could be walking around with the wrong prescription, hurting your corrective lenses' ability to help you see clearly. This can happen slowly, so you may not notice it right away. A regular eye exam will ensure that you're using the right prescription lenses.

How Often Should You Get An Eye Exam?

For adults 18-60, it's recommended that you get a comprehensive eye exam every two years. **For adults over 60, the recommendation jumps to once a year.** The reason for this is that the risk for conditions like glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration increase with age. Getting an annual eye exam can catch these issues early on, and help to prevent vision loss.

Based on those numbers, are you overdue for an eye exam? Maybe **TODAY** is the day to make that appointment!

Maybe TODAY is the day to schedule that next eye exam!

Council 3303 Day of Reflection



The Knights of Columbus Council 3303 hosted the Day of Reflection on May 22nd at the Council Hall, which was led by Father William Lesak. The event was well attended by the Knights and fellow parishioners.

Father Lesak was entertaining, informative, and insightful in his Day of Reflection presentation. He spoke eloquently about Pope Francis' vision for the church. He enumerated his goals:

1. The Church must have a pastoral heart. Mercy must be at the center of all decisions.
2. Genuine faith in placing people above ideas. Emphasis on grace not sin.
3. The Church must stop obsessing or narrowing arguments in social issues.
4. Ministry to be authentic must be collegial and collaborative. Women must be at the forefront.
5. Outreach to immigrants. All are welcome.

Father Lasek also spoke about trends in the changing church, such as:

1. Decline of ordinations and commitment to religious life.
2. Catholic migration: Urban to suburban, north to south and west. Money goes with them but the buildings remain.
3. Growth of Catholic population is coming from South America and Asia. Immigration is important.
4. Ministry laity is taking a larger role.
5. Declining participants in sacraments.



He also discussed that the people are the church. We must work not harder but smarter. There is a great need to reconfigure parish life. Additionally, suggested taking the parish on the road. With all the change however, the centrality of the Eucharist has not changed.

One overriding idea is that God is in control. That may be a problem for many who believe they have some control. For Catholics it is ok to be human.

In addition, Fr. Lesak during his presentation suggested many authors and books. Overall, the day was outstanding.

Bo Wernersbach

(Photos by Tony Cruz)



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