



# The Knightlighter



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3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC

## August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bingo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Mtg @ 7 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Officers Installation & Dinner 3 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly Meeting. @ 7 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly Shrimp Boil 5 p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bingo
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 30<sup>th</sup> Council Officers Mtg @ 7 p.m.

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### Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

Welcome to our new District Deputy, John LaPointe. John takes the place of our longtime District Deputy, Joe Banks. Joe is moving on to the Programs Director for the Knights of Columbus, North Carolina. John is a member of our Council and a Knight since 2008. He is also a member of the Exemplification team.

During our last Business meeting we said goodbye to Norm Wilson, Field Agent. Norm had supported our Council and District for many years. We wish

Norm the best as he pursues a new career. He mentioned that if anyone needs assistance with K of C insurance/annuities, please contact the Mahoney Agency at (919) 719-2715. Calls will go to a receptionist for the tenants on that floor of the building. If they ask for Chris or his assistant, Joe Carcatera, they will be forwarded to the office or voicemail if they are not available/on another line.

Congratulation to the Council Knight of the Month – Deacon Dan Doban and Family of the Month – Jim and Gloria Kelly.

The next major activity on the horizon will be the Council and Assembly Installation – Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Columbus Club Hall – 3PM. Social Hour (Cash Bar) – 5 PM and Dinner – 6 PM to follow at the Flame. RSVPs are requested No Later Than July 31<sup>st</sup> to: Phil Nassef - (252) 229-9799 / philpnassef@yahoo.com or Randall Ramian - (650) 235-6350 / rjramian@aol.com.

Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 PM in the Columbus Club Hall, Council Chamber.

**Randall Ramian**  
Grand Knight

### 300 Club Results for the Month of July

Below are the winners of the July drawing. Your membership is especially important to us because it allows our Council to contribute to about 28 charities in the area.

	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$10</u>
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	John Riesbeck	Minnie Rancatore	Mildred Schreiber	Margaret Pederson
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Rocco	Guy Norton	Bill Kravac	Bo Wernersbach
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Andre	Judy Blust	Mark Layel	Mary Flemming
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fletcher Walsh	Johanna David	Mary Jane Jaskolka	Bill Camp

## LAMB EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE NEW FRATERNAL YEAR

LAMB, "*Least Among My Brethren*", was Council, Past State Deputy Bill Scott the State Council in 1974. The sole intellectual disabilities. These individuals funds that our Council and all the other various means of fundraising, help to LAMB touches just about every program to life, youth, church, you name it.



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a program started by the North Carolina State Council which was adopted as a statewide program by purpose of LAMB is to support those with have needs that most of us cannot imagine. The councils in North Carolina provide, through meet some of those needs. By its very nature we as Knights support; community, family, right

3303 has been given a goal of raising nearly \$8,000 during this new fraternal year. The Council budgets a \$1,000 annual

contribution which leaves us to fundraise for the remaining \$7,000. The last few years has really challenged our council with all the covid restrictions and stores severely limiting available days to collect for charity. However, that has not deterred us in raising funds during difficult times. Because we will likely not be able to rely on normal biannual collections at superstores like Walmart this year, we have decided to think outside the box and explore some new methods. With the help of many brothers, wives, widows, and a great group of boys from the local Troops of St. George, I have confidence that Council 3303 will meet our goal and be able to again provide much needed funds for local schools and agencies here in Craven County that care and teach individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Some of our major LAMB events include but not limited to the following:

**MUMFEST 2022.** Sat and Sun October 8 and 9. We are actively securing a spot with a tent and booth during Mumfest for the Knights of Columbus and need at least 8 volunteers for each day, with a 2 hour positions, plus Friday night set up. This will include new Knights recruitment and will be a perfect venue to also showcase our charitable support in the local community.

**Collection after Mass.** We have permission for the ushers to collect for LAMB at all the masses on Oct 15 - 16 for LAMB.

**LAMB Breakfast.** We will also have a LAMB Breakfast on Sunday Nov 13 at the Knights Hall on Pinetree Dr. Tickets will be on sale after all the masses on Oct 29 – 30.

**Local Business solicitations.** I am preparing our annual mail out solicitations for local businesses to take place in September.

Of course, we are still pursuing our "Tootsie Roll" collections at local stores such as Piggly Wiggly, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, and Walmart. We also will have LAMB "tip jars" at all of our social functions and Assembly Yard Sales. I welcome all brothers in the council to try to volunteer for at least one hour at any of our LAMB events. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or would like to get involved. Thank You.

**Tom Henry**  
**LAMB Administrator**  
**Knights of Columbus Council 3303**  
**bluwing1@centurylink.net**

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### Family of the Month – July

This July we honor Jim and Gloria Kelly as our council's Family of the Month. Neither are strangers to parish and Knight activities. In fact, it's hard to look anywhere without finding the two them involved in a myriad of tasks.

The list for Jim is exhausting: Columbus Club Treasurer for 12 years; past Council Chancellor; member of the BINGO team, and the numerous other Knight functions...special parties, picnics etc; usher at the Saturday evening Mass; Eucharistic minister for the sick and the home bound; River Bend endeavors: garden club, parks and recreation, library and Community Watch.

Likewise, Gloria is at his side assisting as well as making other contributions: editor of the parish bulletin; vice regent for

Catholic Daughters of America and Co-director of the the Junior Catholic Daughters.

Both Jim and Gloria hail from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Jim finished his degree at Louisville University. He worked for 52 years, retiring as Director of Materials for a major manufacturing company.

The couple has two children and two grandchildren.

When asked why he joined the Knights, Jim said, "It was the best move he ever made, working with the men and women of the Knights, and supporting all their worthwhile causes has been the most fulfilling thing I have ever done."

Felled by a recent back injury which kept Jim sidelined for several months, he nevertheless came back on the scene helping out as a soon as he could ambulate.

What an example the two of them are! And how fortunate is Council 3303 !

## **John Murphy**

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### **Sir Knight of the Month – July**

This month we honor another exemplary member as Sir Knight of the Month. The distinction goes to our outgoing Faithful Navigator, Doug Uhland.

Doug comes from a small farming community in Northern California called Arbuckle. He graduated from the University of California at Davis with a BS degree in physical sciences. He then went into the Air Force and served for 32 years flying C-141 aircraft. He later flew for Eastern Airlines and then did a stint in a civil service position with the Air Force Reserve.

Doug moved to New Bern in 2004 and immediately became involved in the Knights, the parish and the community. Doug has served for a number of years as the 3303 Council Treasurer, has chaired the BINGO operation for more than a decade, and has just completed his second year as Faithful Navigator for our Assembly. He also devotes time to LAMB and coordinates the food services for the Yard Sales.

Outside of the Knights, he's a member of VFW Post 2514, Post 529 of the American Legion, and Elks Lodge 724. One becomes somewhat exhausted visualizing the hours that Doug and his wife Nancy devote to their many endeavors. Such selfless devotion to the Knights and the community easily enables us to tip our hats to this extraordinary Sir Knight.

## **Ron Biggs Faithful Captain**

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### **Angels From Heaven In Earthly Bodies**

In May of 2000, my wife Rita and I decided to call it quits from living and working in the Washington DC area and the bumper-to-bumper logjam every day of the week. Rita retired as a Parish Secretary from the Archdiocese of Washington and I ended a 34 year career as a Computer Specialist with the Library of f Congress. We followed our dream south to our new home in New Bern and enrolled as parishioners at St. Paul Church

In 2004 we attended a workshop conducted by Sister Monique Dissan, I.H.M.. It was an introductory session to learn about becoming an ("Extrordinay") Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion to the sick in the hospital. While we had previously served as Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, this particular arm of the ministry which places one among the very sick and dying necessitates a certain amount of protocol. Though we were drawn to trying this, we were unsure if we could work in this capacity. That concern was covered in class; prior to being assigned to this ministry, each candidate accompanied Sister Monique or her assistant, Irene Svanteson on several rounds through the hospital. A mutual decision could then be made to proceed or not. Like many others in our ministry class, a strong sense of inadequacy and unworthiness enveloped us. Sister Monique was quite aware of our angst and made no attempt to minimize it. .She said such feelings are perfectly normal, and that believe it or not, nearly every saint experienced them at some point during his/her life felt the same way. She also pointed out that, except for the Blessed Mother, there are no perfect saints. Sister Monique concluded by reminding us that "We are, "Angels from Heaven (sent by God in the form of) earthly bodies to be vessels that carry His Love to one another."

For anyone who has had the privilege of being at the bed side of a dying person, you know the surreal sense that you are on holy ground. On one of our rounds together at the hospital Rita and I visited a patient who was a large man with long scraggly hair and an unkempt beard who engulfed the bed. As soon as he saw us, he waved us off, hollering, "No, no I cannot receive the Host . . . I am a Baptized Catholic, Confirmed and married in the Church to a loving woman who didn't deserve me, I was never at home for my kids' birthdays or graduations, always at sea on a freighter ship carrying cargo to ports around the world, doing many very bad things . . . With that, he managed to prop himself up on both elbows into a sitting position and sobbed, "I am in Mortal Sin! Please pray that God will forgive me." The three of us clasped hands and prayed aloud for God's LOVE and MERCY to wash over all of us, cleansing us from our sins. He thanked us profusely as we stepped out of the room and by the Grace of God, met Sister Monique coming around the corner; we told her about the man and she said she would phone the rectory for a priest to come right away. We learned later that a priest came in time to hear the man's confession. A few hours later the old mariner died a peaceful, happy death.

This August marks three years since Sister Monique renewed her vows to the Blessed Virgin Mary of serving as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 66 years. I can still see her sparkling blue eyes and permanent smile as she and Rita and I danced in a circle in the Sanctuary after Mass; celebrating a gorgeous sun shiny day, one anew another's company or another sober day for our daughter. My fellow Brother/Sir Knights, families and friends, if you haven't already done so, may I suggest you visit the recently built garden dedicated to Sister Monique, I.H.M. It is located on the rectory side of the church.

**Mikie Casem,  
Past Grand Knight**

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## Faithful Navigators Report



I would like to start by sending my condolences to Sir Knight Ron Biggs and his family. Ron's sister passed away, may her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Let us give our past Faithful Navigator Doug Uland a big hand. Doug has done a fantastic job. I will try my best to follow in his footsteps. Thank you, Doug and may God bless you. The installation dinner will be held in the hall on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm, and dinner will be provided after the ceremony at The Flame.

The event everyone is waiting for is the big shrimp boil which will be held August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person which will include all you can eat. Please come join us for all you can eat shrimp and cold beer.

Our next yard sale will be September 29<sup>th</sup>, thru October 1<sup>st</sup>, so spread the word. The yard sale crew is working hard to make this yard sale the best yet. If you would like to help, please give Pat Rocco a call at (252) 626-0167.

In closing I would like to thank you for letting me serve you as your Faithful Navigator. Your confidence in me will give me the strength to carry on.

May God bless you and may he turn is face to you in the name of Jesus, Amen.

**Philip Nassef  
Faithful Navigator**

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## Knight of the Month - July

Council 3303 is proud to recognize Deacon Dan Doban as our Knight of the Month. Deacon Dan grew up in Irwin, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh. After completing high school, Dan enlisted in the US Army, spending 2.5 years in Augsburg, Germany. When his three-year enlistment was complete, he attended the University of Pittsburgh and Graduated with a degree in Pharmacy in 1998. During his college years he married his wife Heather, whom he had known since first grade at St Agnes School. In 2006, Heather and Dan moved to New Bern, seeking better weather. In 2009, Dan was hired at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune as a Pharmacist, where he is still employed.

Heather and Dan have eight children, most of whom are either out of the house or in college. Even with the demands of family life, Dan, and Heather both find time to contribute to both the Knights and St. Paul's Parish. In addition to his role as a Deacon, where he was ordained on June 27, 2020, Dan is also involved and serves as a Eucharistic minister, a Faith Formation teacher, and assists in the Spiritual Day of Reflection. He is also involved with Grief Ministry, First Choice Pregnancy Center, and Rachel's Vineyard. Heather too assists in the Life-teen Catholic summer camp. In addition to all of this, they both assist in supporting the Saint Paul Catholic School.

When time permits, Deacon Dan enjoys golfing and fishing. Dan's son John (JP) is also a Knight with our Council.

Deacon Dan, thank you for all your efforts.

**Randall Ramian**  
**Grand Knight**

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## Membership

Brother Knights,

We have had another banner year recruiting new members into our council. I would like to thank you for all your efforts in making this come about. Our quota for this fraternal year is 15 new members. With your strong support and help I know that not only can we achieve this goal but surpass it. As Knights we are dedicated and committed to showing the way to, men of faith, an opportunity to serve their family, parish and community in a loving and charitable manner. As creatures of nature, we have a tendency to procrastinate when it comes to volunteering our time or joining an organization. I consider myself a prime example. I procrastinated joining the Knights. Now that I am a Knight, I keep asking myself why didn't I join sooner? How many others that you know are like I was? Talk to everyone you know about becoming a Knight. That individual you talked to in the past that said, "I'll think about it", may just surprise you. Help our council grow and add their voice to the nearly two million members upholding the faith and the truth of Catholicism.

**Dan Macsary**  
**Membership Director**





## **Assembly 1820 Shrimp Boil**

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Being held at the Columbus Club Hall**

**Menu includes - All you can eat Shrimp, Tater Salad, Cole Slaw, Gourmet Baked Beans, Beverages, and Cake!**

**Social Hour @ 5:00 pm - Dinner @ 6:00 pm**

**\$20.00 per Person**



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