



The Knightlighter



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

February

- Feb 1 - Bingo
- Feb 2 - Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- Feb 3 - Assembly Officers Mtg @ 7 pm
- Feb 8 - Bingo
- Feb 10 - Assembly Mtg @ 7 pm
- Feb 11 - Wives Appreciation Dinner @ 5 pm
- Feb 15 - Bingo
- Feb 18 - Spec. Olympics Drive-Thru Dinner @ 4:30 to 6:30 pm
- Feb 22 - Bingo
- Feb 26 - Fish Fry Dinner at FLC @ 5 to 6:30 pm
- Feb 23 - Council Officers Mtg @ 7 pm

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

The month of January was a time to rest from the flurry of activity associated with the holidays and to plan ahead for a busy second half of the Fraternal Year. We have received numerous cards and letters of thanks for many of our activities. Of special note were dozens of thank you notes and letters from the students at St. Paul Catholic School and some heartfelt notes

from many widows. Our charitable contributions effort, led by SK David Nelson, continued with recent donations to Coastal Women's Shelter, Caswell Center, HOPE Clinic and YMCA. I wish to thank so many Knights for stepping up to contribute their time and talent to make our events successful. We are planning a number of activities for the near future, with February's described below.

• **Bingo Participants Are Increasing:** The number of bingo players is steadily increasing. The players are thrilled to return with the hope of winning the big prizes.

• **Wives Appreciation Dinner:** The Wives Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the New Bern Golf and Country Club. George and Louise Halyak are the leaders for this event. The reservation deadline is February 5th.

Please call George Halyak at (252) 637-9225 for details.

- **Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner:** The date is Thursday, February 18, 2021. This will be a Drive-Thru only event with food being distributed from the Columbus Club Hall, 1125 Pine Tree Drive, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Local Pizza Huts will provide the food. Tickets will be sold after masses February 6/7 and 13/14. All proceeds are used to support the Special Olympic organizations in Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties. Brother Stan Namowicz is our lead.

- **300 Club \$1,000.00 Reverse Drawing:** The drawing will be held at 6 PM on Thursday, February 18th in the Lounge of Columbus Club Hall. Due to COVID restrictions there will be no pot-luck dinner this year. This will be the last drawing led by Sir Knight Kevin and Judy Blust. Brother Jerry Brenz is stepping into the leadership role. Sir Knight Doug Uhland remains in support.
- **Lenten Fish Fries:** The Knights of Columbus will hold three fish fries during Lent in the parish Family Life Center. The dates are Friday February 26, March 12 and March 26, 2021. These will be take-out only events. Drive-Thru pickup times begin at 5 PM and end at 6:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$12.00 per individual or \$30.00 for the family. Tickets will be on sale in the Atrium after mass on the weekends before each fish fry and on Mondays in the parish office during the Lenten Season. Sir Knight Ralph Aviles will lead our team.

Membership: During Calendar Year 2020 our Council was honored to sponsor six new members of the Knights of Columbus. They are Brothers Jacob Dudding, Donald Perkins, John Wood, Anthony Fleming, Martin Pagnozzi, Joseph Stuppiello, Jerry Brenz and David Krauser. I encourage all brothers to welcome these gentlemen into one or more of our activities.

LAMB: Our LAMB Director, Brother Tom Henry, reports that we will soon be distributing Calendar Year 2020 donations to as many as twelve schools. He is planning Spring 2021 collections if COVID rules permit us to resume collecting at store entrances.

Looking Ahead: Our council will continue to be busy in the next few months.

- **St. Paul Parish Bicentennial Event Coordinator Duties:** We will be an Event Coordinator for one of the St. Paul Parish 2021 Bicentennial events. We will help the Bicentennial Committee with the event to be held on Sunday afternoon, March 28, 2021. The title of this event is “Missionary Life and Change after the Civil War” Years 1871-1921. We plan to highlight the founding of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Deputy Grand Knight Randall Raiman and Sir Knight Bo Wernersbach are the leads for our council.
- **Catholic Daughters St. Patrick’s Day Celebration:** We look forward to supporting the CDA sponsored celebration on Sunday, March 14th. Tickets will be on sale after masses in the Atrium on the weekends of February 27/28 and March 6/7. Sir Knight Vince Fragnito will lead our cooking team.
- **Spiritual Day of Reflection** PGK Dick Dodson is leading the planning for a Spiritual Day of Reflection to be held in the Spring. The event will be held in the Columbus Club Hall and will include a Mass, followed by a snack and then a series of lectures and discussions with lunch included. The Knights of Columbus NC State Chaplain, Reverend William P. Lesak, will lead the discussions. The event is open to men and women of the parish. Additional details will be provided in parish media after a date is selected.

Two Brothers Have Passed: Brother Frank Moersdorf passed on January 3, 2021 at 99 years of age. He was a WW II veteran and was buried with Military Honors. Sir Knight Robert Boggs Sr. died on January 10, 2021. He is survived by his wife Frances and five children. He was buried with Military Honors. May they Rest in Peace.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Harman, Grand Knight

Membership Update

I am SUPER excited to inform you that Supreme has reconsidered their position and we have received authorization to continue offering **FREE** online membership (**MCGIVNEY2020**) through June 30, 2021. YES, YES, YES, FREE online membership until the last day of the fraternal year. This IS a game changer for NC.

Worthy brothers, there is now absolutely **ZERO** excuse for not growing the order. They have nothing to lose, NOTHING!!! Let's Take advantage of this great offer and make it count.

For any questions or help I can be reached at 252-658-4014 or email me at d.macsay@gmail.com.

Dan Macsay, Membership Director

Family of the Month – January

Small towns do not equate to small output. Nothing exemplifies this more than the tremendous contributions made by this month's Family of the Month.

Jerry and Pam Schill both came from small towns in Northwestern Pennsylvania: Marble and Tylersburg. They met in high school and later married: now for 52 years. They have four married children, 10 grandchildren, and three great grandsons.

Jerry served in the Air Force Security Service from 1966 to 1970. It took him from Pakistan to Alaska. After leaving active duty, he worked for the US Chamber of Commerce and Pam was a secretary for an advertising agency. When they moved to New Bern, he worked in sales and then served as President for the North Carolina Fisheries Association for 30 years. Pam worked 20 years for a Nationwide agency.

The couple has been in North Carolina for 36 years. At one point, Jerry ran for the North Carolina Senate and has been involved in the Knights for 30 years. He's a past Grand Knight; he and Pam have been Santa and Mrs. Claus for 10 years at Saint Paul's school; both are active in the God and Country Christian Alliance which they help found in 1994; Jerry has been its chairman for several years.

If that isn't enough, they have co-chaired the Annual New Bern Life Chain for 27 years, which consists of a prayerful protest against abortion. And too, Jerry was a board member of Staff House Maternity Home for unwed mothers; it has since closed.

Jerry also served on the Craven county Board of Election and Craven County Board of Social Services. He closes all this out as a Eucharist Minister for the home bound.

This exemplary couple's time devoted to the community, the parish and the Knights readily allows us to see the tremendous good that just two people can do.

John Murphy, Family Director

Plan for Tax Day and the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can – properly structured – guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

Fraternally,

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Knight of the Month – January

Representing the Msgr. James R. Jones Council as the January Knight of the Month is Sir Knight Ronald Biggs. Ron has been a Knight with our Council for over seven years and a 4th Degree Sir Knight for over five years. He is active in both supporting our Council and Assembly with the Yard Sale as Truck Monkey, Tent setup and take down team, Shrimp Boils, and Bingo Kitchen Crew. He has held Assembly Officer positions as Inner Sentinel and is currently serving as Pilot.

Born in Miami on January 3, 1953, Ron lived in Key West, Florida, then moved to Ft. Myers in 1962, where he graduated from high school in 1971. He then entered the United States Marine Corps in August 1972 and retired in 2002 with over 30 years of service. He served in various locations in the United States and Japan in a variety of important positions with the Marines, such as serving as a Drill Instructor at Paris Island in 1978-1981 and Drill Instructor in 1987-1989 for the Officers Candidate School at Quantico Virginia. Additionally, he served on Embassy Duty in Bangladesh, Nicaragua, and El Salvador from 1982-1987 and a second tour in Frankfurt Germany from 1991-1993 and third tour in 1997-1998 at Quantico VA. As a Battalion Sergeant Major, he met his wife Denise in Nicaragua. They have one daughter Carlyn and one granddaughter Lillianna who is two years old.

Ron is a graduate of Park University with a bachelor's degree in Business Management and Human Resources. After his retirement from the Marine Corps, he worked for the Department of State, 2002-2004, with the diplomatic security inspection team, for embassies in Pacific Rim countries. He additionally worked as an instructor for the Army Satellite communications program and was promoted to customer support manager, supporting 56 field engineers in Iraq and Afghanistan. He retired in 2012.

Congratulations to Ron as our January 2021 Knight of the Month and thank you for all your efforts with our Council and Assembly.

Randall Ramian, Deputy Grand Knight



Faithful Navigator Report



The month of February marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent, as we know, is the 40-day period (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. It commemorates Jesus' 40 day fast in the desert that preceded his public ministry. Many Catholics were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. The sacrifices in Lent are really penance. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need. The Church does not specifically require that we do something beyond the requirements of fasting and abstinence. To do nothing, however, would certainly not be in keeping with the spirit of Lent. Furthermore, the sacrifices and extra things we do for Lent help us grow closer to Christ. We are missing out on so many graces if we do not participate fully in Lent. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort.

During Lent, the Council will once again put out fish fries on selected Fridays. This year's dates are February 26th, March 12th, and March 26th. The price is very reasonable, and the meal is always outstanding. Tickets will be on sale soon, so please try to support this event.

Our next big Yard Sale will take place on February 4-6. We will need help setting up the tents on February 26th and with various tasks Tuesday thru Saturday during the week of the Yard Sale itself. If you can spare a few hours of your time, please contact Pat Rocco or Craig Baader. I'm sure they can find something for you to do.

Due to Covid19 concerns, we haven't had Assembly meetings for the past couple of months. Usually, during our meetings I read communications from various people and organizations thanking us for our support. I would like to acknowledge some of these here. We received thank you letters from the following organizations recently: Assembly 3857, Jefferson, NC, Religious Community Services, IAAM, EPIC, YMCA, Purpose of God Annex, Preservation Guild of Old St. Paul, Operation LAMB, and St. Jude Research Hospital.

Finally, the next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary in Wilmington, NC, on March 6th. If any of you 3rd Degree brothers out there would be interested in becoming Sir Knights, please contact me and I will send you all the details. You can email me at: doughland@gmail.com or call (252) 675-8629.

That's all for now – God bless you all and stay safe.

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Uhland, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight of the Month – January

Sir Knight of the Month for January was Bob Sisco. Bob has been a great asset to the Knights. He is always sitting in a computer chair working on a computer. We like Bob making sure all our computers are in working order. Windows 10 has never looked so good. Bobs dedication to bingo is overwhelming. He is always early to make sure that the bingo balls are ready to go. He is a big help to the Red Cross. He makes sure they are set up. I would like to thank him for his hard work at the yard sale. You would think that he is a vampire. Bob served in U S Air Force, and we thank him for that service, too.

May GOD BLESS him and all the work that he does for the Knights.

Philip Nassef, Faithful Captain.

Donations



Brother David W. Nelson, representing the Knights of Columbus, Monsignor James R. Jones Council (3303), presented donation checks to the Coastal Women's Shelter and the Twin Rivers YMCA on December 15, 2020. Both organizations expressed gratitude for the ongoing financial support provided by Council 3303.

Above left, David is pictured presenting a check to Johanna Schaefer, Fund Development Coordinator for Coastal Women's Shelter. Kelly Millington, Director of Financial Development, receives Twin Rivers YMCA's check on the right.

Randall Ramian, Deputy Grand Knight

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