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February

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- 2nd Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 3rd Yard Sale Opens
- 7th Bingo
- 9th Assembly Meeting. @ 7 p.m.
- 11th Wives Appreciation Dinner @ NBCC
- 14th Bingo
- 21st Bingo
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- 28th Bingo

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

I am very sad to report that our Grand Knight Steve Harman passed away on Sunday, January 16th. Please pray for Steve, his wife Ann, and the entire Harman family.

Listed below are Council activities that are on the horizon for the next few months:

Spiritual Day of Reflection – January 22nd, St. Paul Parish. Check in at 8.30 AM. Program starts at 9.15 AM through 2.30 PM.

1. Yard Sale Support – February 3, 4, 5. Please consider supporting the 4th Degree Yard Sale. Tent Setup is scheduled for January 28th.

2. Wives Appreciation Dinner – February 11th at the New Bern Country Club. Social starts at 5PM and Dinner at 6PM. Please RSVP to Paul Masotta (252) 633-4909 by February 7th.

3. Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner – February 17th at the K of C Hall. Dine In or Takeout option TBD. More information to follow.

4. 300 Club Potluck Dinner / Drawing – February 24th, KofC Hall. More information to follow.

5. Saint Patrick Day Dinner – Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters - March 13th, KofC Hall – 4.30 PM – 6 PM. Dine In or Takeout option.

6. Fish Fry – March 11, March 25 and April 8 – St. Paul Family Life Center – Dine In or Take option TBD.

Congratulations to John Audilet – Knight of the Month and Dick and Linda Dodson – Family of the Month.

The Council is looking for the Knightlighter Editor. This position is a critical communication conduit for our Council and Assembly. If interested, please contact me or Craig Baader.

Let us all continue to pray for members in our Council and community who are experiencing health issues.

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight



February: The Month of Change

Where did February get its name? February is named after an ancient Roman festival of purification called Februa.

Our Roman Catholic Church celebrates five holy days during February: Saint Brigid of Ireland, the Presentation of Jesus, Saint Blase, Saint Jane of Valois, and Saint Agatha.

Aside from typical celebrations of birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and planned cold weather get--a-ways, old man winter can surprise us with a big snowstorm. February offers several days of remembrances: Ground Hog Da,y Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day.

February 6, 2022 is a very joyful celebration for me. It marks 10 years of an unexpected restoration of my life, thanks to the totally unselfish act of my living kidney donor Theresa Palumbo who literally gave part of herself (her left kidney) to save my life. This miraculous event took place at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC February 6, 2012.

Mikie Casem
Past Grand Knight

Family of the Month – January

"I joined the Knights to give back to the community and fully endorse the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism." These words Dick Dodson lives. He isn't an indifferent bystander when it comes participation in Council 3303's endeavors. He is in it all the way, with his wife Linda at his side.

As a bit of background, Dick comes from Troy, New York. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY and began an extended corporate career with Westinghouse Electric, culminating in his last assignment as CEO of BBA Aviation, a business and private sector industry based in Orlando.

Linda hails from Worcester, MA. She holds a degree in psychology from Guilford College and worked as a Special Education and elementary school teacher. She later moved into the cemetery business and currently owns Greenleaf Memorial Park here in New Bern.

The couple has five sons, 13 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Dick is a Past Grand Knight; Past President of the Saint Paul School board; past member of the parish Pastoral Council and past member of the Religious Community Services Board.

Linda served twice as President of the New Bern Woman's Club; Past President of the Southern Cemetery and Cremation Association; Vice President of the North Carolina Cemetery Commission; and is involved in the Tobit Ministry at the parish wherein she assists families in funeral preparations.

Their resumes reflect countless hours of dedicated service to the Council, the parish and the community. One cannot help but wonder what these organizations would be without the selfless dedication of people like Dick and Linda.

John Murphy

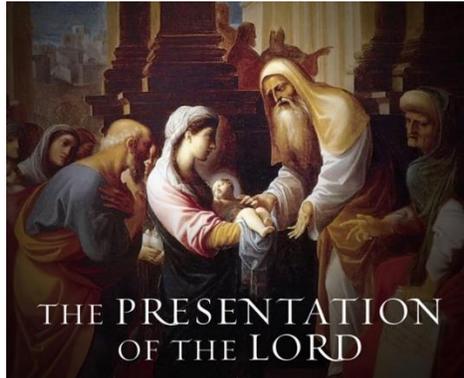
LAMB Program Update

Brothers,

I would like to thank Jim Kelly and Mike Lynch, who have both held this position in the past for all their valuable input to help me transition to this position. My thanks go out to those who helped with LAMB at the fall yard sale, the ushers at church for the church collection, the Harris Teeter collection, the LAMB breakfast with the set up and tear down and the food preparation, the Council, and the Assembly for their donations, and to all who helped that I can't think of right now.

Sincerely,

Tom Henry



Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)! In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats.

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is “the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins.” The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother’s arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice. Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

"The Light of Revelation" shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until its magnificence – exposing our sinfulness and need for conversion – propels us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and plunge ourselves into anticipating the major exercises of Lent – fasting, prayer, almsgiving – laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Mother Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son.

Ideally, the members of the domestic church should try to have the candles for their home altar blessed on Candlemas Day (February 2nd); and the next morning, on the Feast of St. Blaise, all might receive the blessing of the throats. Always a solicitous Mother, the Church offers this sacramental during the wintry month of February, and also sets aside the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Membership

A New Year is upon and we have plenty to be thankful for. 2021 was an exceptional year recruiting members into our council. Thanks to my brother Knights for the exceptional job you have done this past year. Keep up the good work as we look forward to earning the Star Council Award again through your efforts. I would like to announce that we have three new transfers, John Morgan, Bill Maher, K-John Kavanaugh and one new member, Marcos Guillen to the council. Welcome aboard and we look forward to you being an active member of our council.

In all we do, the Knights inspire. When Catholic men see us protecting families and servicing the least fortunate, they will want to join our ranks. Men want to be part of something bigger than themselves. They want a life of meaning, a life of mission. They find it in our brotherhood and our council.

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

Dan Macsay
Membership Director

Sir Knight of the Month – January

The Sir Knight of the month for January is Pat Rocco. Pat or “Yo Rocco” as we like to call him, has earned this honor through his continue hard work and determination.

As a Past Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and District Deputy, he’s a significant resource to the leadership of the Assembly and Council. When you ask him a question, he doesn’t bombard you with frilly words or a great level of detail, he just tells you to “do this, do that, and then do this and ya got it covered – no problem”.

Pat has actively worked the Yard Sale for many years now and has served as the chairman for the past two years, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the activities of the Assembly. Until his shoulder surgery back in the fall of 2020, he was an active member of the infamous Truck Monkeys, out on the truck with them picking up furniture, appliances, and other donations.

He also helped out a great deal at the Assembly Shrimp Boil Fundraiser held in August, working on the crew that boiled the 200 lbs of shrimp while dodging rain and lightning bolts!

Aside from his Assembly activities, Pat works each week cooking up food for our Bingo patrons and workers. He also works in the kitchen for almost all of our social functions, always delivering a delicious meal to the attendees. Basically, if the kitchen is open for business, you know where to find him.

If you are looking for a great Italian dish, “Rocco” has you covered.

Phil Nassef
Faithful Captain



Faithful Navigators Report

Our winter yard sale will take place February 3 - 5. We will be setting up the tents on Friday, January 28th beginning at 9:00 AM. We can use all the help we can get on that day. If enough folks show up, the tent set-up goes very fast, and we will be done by lunch time. Free pizza and drinks are always provided for the helpers. Collections have gone very well the past couple of months, so much so that our storage areas are full, and we have suspended collections until mid-February. Our folks will be organizing the displays on Tuesday and Wednesday the week of the sale. With the amount and quality of the merchandise we have on hand, this looks to be one of the most successful sales yet. We need your help, so please come on out and be a part of it.

If you are interested in becoming a 4th degree Knight, there will be an exemplification in Winston - Salem on March 22, 2022. Get in touch with me and I'll provide you with all the details.

As we ring in the new year, I want to take this moment to extend my thanks and gratitude straight from the heart. I appreciate you all for the achievements and accomplishments in the past year despite the obstacles presented by the Covid19 pandemic. A special

thanks goes out to our members who went out of their way to make the holiday season a happy one for the less fortunate. We distributed food to the needy during Thanksgiving and delivered Christmas poinsettias to our widows and shut ins. Our members also staged a Christmas party at St. Paul's School with Santa Clause visiting each classroom with gifts and treats. No matter what the task someone has always stepped up and gone the extra mile, and for that I am truly grateful.

Happy New Year, Sir Knights. Here's hoping we all stay safe and healthy. Let's make 2022 a year to remember!

Doug Uhland
Faithful Navigator

Ready, Set – Yard Sale!!



How do you know that it is time for another Yard Sale – aside from the schedule set at the beginning of the year? You look around our buildings and find that every storage area is filled, and that our pickup schedule has been discontinued until mid February.

Our sale dates are February 3rd – 5th and the tent setup will be on Friday, January 28th at 9 a.m.. Our inventory setup process starts officially on Monday morning and will continue along with final pricing efforts until Wednesday afternoon. We have requested military volunteers from Cherry Point and New River during the week to



help with inventory breakdown, furniture movement, deliveries, and tent breakdown.

Once again, let's keep in mind that this is the primary fundraiser for our entire organization, **so we need all the help that we can get!!**

We have already reached out to confirm the volunteers who will be working the event.

Pat Rocco & Craig Baader

Monsignor Jones Council Visits Saint Paul School to Celebrate Christmas



classrooms. Thank you to Jerry and Pam Shill (Santa and Mrs. Claus), Dick Dodson, Gordy Barnes and Rick Dean.

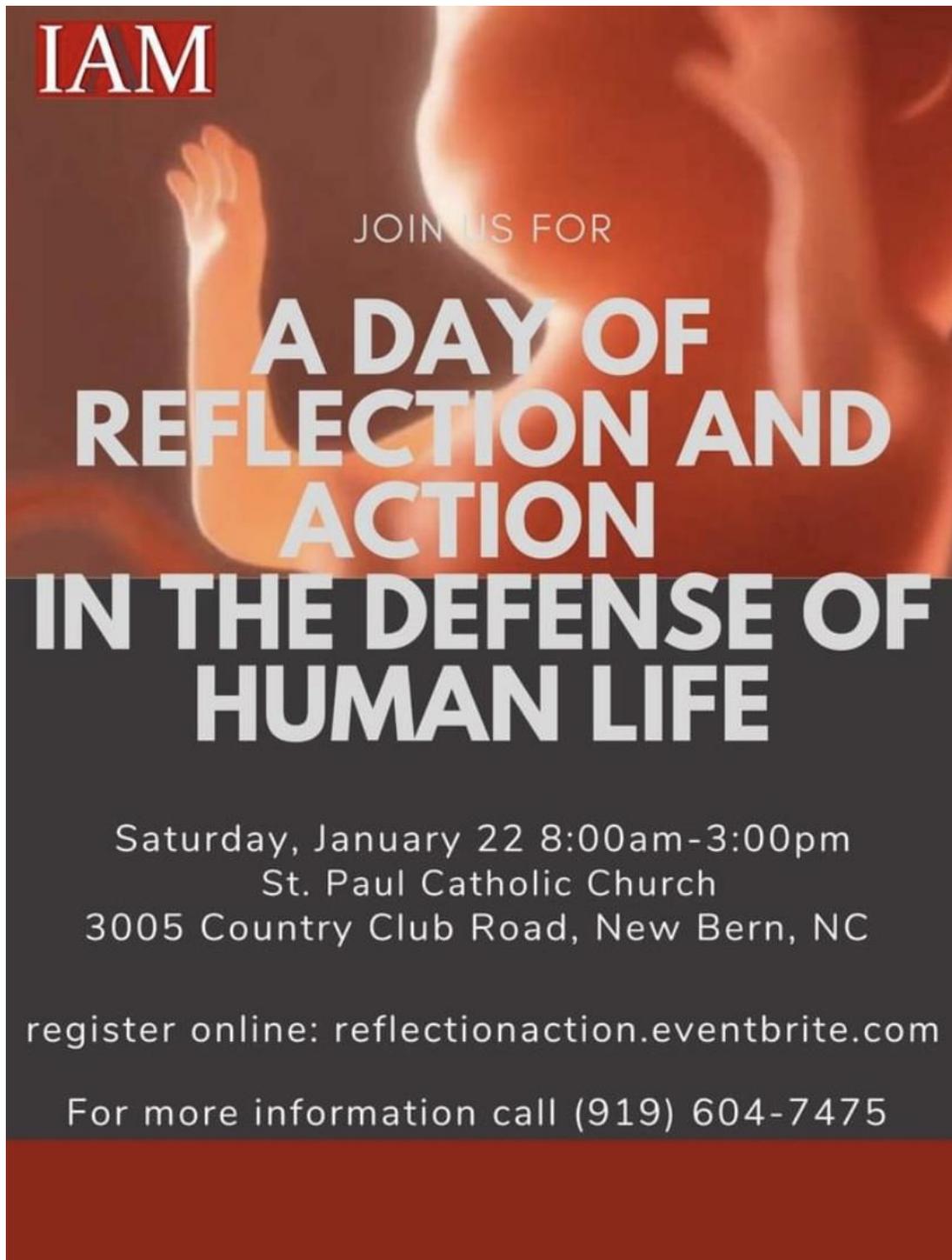
Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight

Several Council members visited Saint Paul Grammar School on Thursday, December 16th to celebrate Christmas with the School faculty and students. Our Council donated and delivered several gifts to the



300 Club Results for Month of January

	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$10</u>
January 4 th	P. A. Miller	Doug Umland	Chris Blust	Marlene Fitzpatrick
January 11 th	Fred Amend	Lucy Andre	John McQuade	Glory Kelly
January 18 th	John Williams	Hannah French	John Vislavski	Greg Blust
January 25 th	Paula Hartman	Gerald Abromowski	John Tessitore	Chick Natella



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Knight of the Month - January

Congratulations to Sir Knight John G. Audilet who is the Monsignor James R. Jones Council Knight of the Month for January 2022.

John was born at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland and raised in North Potomac Maryland. He spent most of his formative years in and around the nearby creeks and ponds and fishing the Potomac River. John is a graduate of Mount Olive College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He also attended the University of Oklahoma and the University of Maryland. John has been North Carolina Licensed General Contractor since 1996, actively working in the remodeling and repair business.

John moved to New Bern in 1994 and shortly thereafter affiliated with St. Paul Parish. He has been involved with our Council and Assembly for over 15 years. He was a former Council Membership Director, in addition to serving on the Exemplification Teams as the former First-Degree Team Captain and was a Member of both the former First and Second Degree Teams. John currently is the Leader of the New Third Degree Exemplification Program and, most recently on December 2nd, 2021, led the inaugural Third Degree candidates in their Exemplification at the Knights of Columbus Chamber.

He is most proud of his six children: Margaret, Laura, Barwick, Baird, Clare, and Daniel. He admits that they keep him busy and young. In addition to raising his children and watching them play school sports as often as possible his hobbies include outdoor exploring, where he is an avid Whitetail Deer hunter and an occasional Fisherman. He also in an old Grist Mill and Covered Bridge enthusiast.

Council 3303 is proud to honor Sir Knight John Audilet as the Knight of the Month.

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight

The Widow's Plight

The greatest fear women have, more than death itself, is outliving their retirement savings. There is a financial epidemic effecting millions of women. It's called the Widow's Plight.

Why are so many widows suffering financially? It starts with complacency. A false comfort zone. Feeling "all set" can lead to disaster. You see, while you and your wife are alive, things are good. Your retirement needs are met with a nice pension and two Social Security checks. Plus, you may have a nest egg to draw on.

But when you die, everything changes. Your widow may now lose all or part of your pension and one Social Security check. Amazingly, many women don't know what happens to their income when their husband dies. Widows are shocked to now learn that they lose their husband's pension and Social Security check.

According to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, the largest group of elderly persons with incomes below the poverty level are women. Even more alarming is that more than half of elderly widows now living in poverty were not poor before the death of their husbands. Since most pensions are from the husband and men usually die first, widows are left to suffer.

So, why do so many widows live in poverty? It's the downward spiral. It's not one thing, but several things that push the widow into poverty. It starts with that lost income --losing a Social Security check and possibly a pension check is the beginning of the problem.

Next, she inherits debt such as credit card and mortgage debt, plus future debt such as her husband's funeral expenses and long-term nursing care costs. Long term care at \$7,000 a month creates a massive drain on assets the widow will need to live on. Times have changed. Thanks to advances in medical technology, we are living longer. Unfortunately, living longer can create massive long term care bills, easily over \$200,000 can accumulate over a few years.

So now the widow has to withdraw too quickly from what's left of the nest egg to make up lost pension and Social Security income. She now has to turn to the remaining taxable assets she inherits such as IRA's and 401K's that have never been taxed up to this point.

To add insult to injury, those fully taxable assets, like IRA's and 401k's now have to be paid in the single tax bracket. The push from the "married filing jointly" to "single" tax bracket further compounds her plight. Maintaining her standard of living comes with a much higher tax bill.

From a tax point of view, the worst asset to leave to a widow is an IRA/401k. It's fully taxable and now she has to file single. As an example, as a married couple, you may be in the 12% bracket, as a single filer, it jumps to the 22% bracket.

Whole life insurance is the only non-taxable asset that would have saved the future widow from poverty, which would have arrived at the precise moment needed to maintain her financial security. But too often, life insurance policies expire years earlier because you bought the wrong kind. You bought "term" or "universal" life insurance which is often outlived. Death benefits from term policies statistically only pay on 2% of policies issued. Remember, never short-change on parachutes, hand grenades and life insurance.

Is your spouse truly taken care of? Contact me for a free analysis.

Vivat Jesus

Norman Wilson
K of C Field Agent
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Did we happen to mention the upcoming Yard Sale??????





The Holy Family

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self" (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue — forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to "bear with and forgive one another." The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family — even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

During this Year of the Eucharist it is essential to discover the relationship between the Eucharist and family life. Pope John Paul II wrote, "In the eucharistic gift of charity the Christian family finds the foundation and soul of its communion and its mission" (Letter on the Family, No. 57). — Excerpted from *The Holy Family models what family life should be*, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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