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January

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- 20th Bingo
- 27th Bingo
- 28th Council Officers Mtg – 7 p.m.
- 30th First Day of Yard Sale

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

A very happy new year to all the brothers, wives, and widows of Council 3303! As we enter the year of our Lord 2020, I pray that the year will bring more joy and comfort to your lives. We all experience life's stresses and difficult challenges, but always know the Knights of Columbus are here for you. We are family and families take care of each other. I see joy and smiles on faces when we are together. Whether sharing a laugh at Monday Bingo, enjoying a delicious meal in the company of our families at a Knights event, preparing for yard sales, or the brotherly love & comradery shared in the lounge, I think it's safe to say that we all look forward to Knights of

Columbus events. I am always a phone call away if anyone needs help so please don't hesitate to lean on the Knights.

We just completed the annual survey of Fraternal Activity for 2019 for the Council which reflects the incredible dedication of so many brothers and ladies over the last 12 months. Council 3303 disbursed over \$67,000 to charity (not including Assembly donations) and put in a conservative estimated 13,000 plus hours of volunteer service to the church, spiritual programs, and helping our local community. THANK YOU! With your support and prayers along with God's blessing, all indicators point towards another wonderful year of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism!

Wrapping up the month of December (pun intended), we are grateful for all the hard work of several brothers and wives for bringing so much Christmas joy to parish families and many seniors in Craven County. We had a wonderful family Christmas Party on December 8th, sold numerous boxes of "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards after the Masses, brought some joy to the many seniors during the Craven Senior Center Christmas party, and delivered 115 poinsettias to local KofC widows and elderly members of our St. Paul Parish family. I'll do my best to recognize these individuals in articles later in the Knightlighter. Venturing into the first few months of 2020, we begin by hosting a 2nd Degree exemplification on Tuesday, Jan 14th at 7pm; participating in the Jacksonville March for Life on Saturday, Jan 25th (with as many brothers and wives as possible); honoring our wives on February 8th with a special dinner at the New Bern CC; hosting a Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner at the Hall on February 13th, and kicking off Lenten Fish Fries on February 28th, March 13th & 27th.

Lastly, we recognize Brother Craig Baader for all his dedication over the last 3 years as the editor of the award-winning Knightlighter monthly newsletter. My apologies for the delay in publishing this issue a little late, but please bear with us as we transition to a new Editor. Well done, Brother Baader!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight

Family of the Month – December

Each month brings to light another dedicated family that contributes so much to our Council's cause.

This month we honor Jim and Gloria Kelly. Behind the scenes, their involvement in both parish and Knights' activities is exemplary.

Both Jim and Gloria hail from Pittsburgh. Gloria went to the University of Pennsylvania and Jim attended the universities of Pittsburgh and Louisville. They have two children, a boy and a girl, and two granddaughters.

Before retiring, Jim worked as the Director of Materials Management for the Alexander Doll Company and Gloria was a production planner for the Union Switch and Signal Company.

Jim is a 4th Degree Knight, Treasurer of the Columbus Club, Chairman of the Council Charitable Contributions Committee, and Chancellor for Council 3303. He is also an usher at the Saturday evening Mass and a member of the money counters. The former director of LAMB, Jim continues to help-out in that endeavor as well as any other of Knights' events which need an extra hand.

Gloria holds her own too. She edits the Saint Paul Sunday bulletin; is a member of the Catholic Daughters; works as Assistant Director of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America; and is also a member of the money counters.

It's obvious from the above data, that Jim and Gloria more than deserve our council's recognition as Family of the Month. May their example inspire us all to continue the charitable works of our venerable organization.

John Murphy

**** Upcoming Dates to Remember ****

2nd Degree Exemplification, Jan 14th

March for Life in Jacksonville – Jan 25th

Wives Appreciation Dinner, New Bern CC, Feb 8th

Pizza Hut Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner, Feb 13th

300 Club Pot-Luck Dinner & \$1,000 Drawing – Feb 20th

Lenten Friday Fish Fries: Feb 28th, Mar 13th, and March 27th

Yard Sale Workers Appreciation Dinner @ New Bern CC – March 14th

LAMB Collection at Walmart – Mar 14th & 15th (awaiting confirmation)

St. Patrick's Day Celebration w/Catholic Daughters, March 15th

Vietnam Wall at Lawson Creek Park – Mar 24th – 28th

2nd Degree Exemplification to be held on Jan 14th

For all our 1st Degree Brother Knights, please consider participating in the 2nd Degree Exemplification on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 pm at the Columbus Club Hall. 1st Degree Brothers are asked to be in the lounge no later than 6:40 pm. All 2nd Degree and higher Brothers are encouraged to attend and be seated in the Chamber prior to 7 pm. There is no cost and a meal and beverages will be provided afterwards.

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight

Knights Family Christmas Party brings many Smiles



On Sunday, December 7th, Council 3303 held our annual Family Christmas Party at the Columbus Club Hall.

Jerry and Pam Schill graciously arrived in style as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and every child was given a present by Santa and his wife.

Attendance was the highest it's been in recent years. A special thank you to our Worthy Chaplain Father Tully for the blessing and Assembly 1820 Faithful Friar Father Rob Schmid for entertaining the little ones with his



reading of "Twas the Night before Christmas". The food was delicious, and the decorations were perfect. This Christmas party was no easy event and we offer our thanks to Gordy Barnes for taking the lead; Vince Fragnito and crew for cooking the meal, but most importantly thank you to Rosemary Whetzel and the following ladies for spending many hours decorating and wrapping over a hundred gifts. We are grateful for the dedication of Pat Baader, Joan Considine, Liz Dalessandro, Corrine Murphy, Minnie Rancatore, Lucy Andre, and a friend of the Knights, Kay Amend.

Sir Knight of the Month – December

Our selection for Sir Knight of the Month for December is SK Dick Dodson. Dick and his late wife, Pricilla, raised 3 children and relocated to this area in 2007. He currently resides on Geneva Road in the Taberna section of New Bern.

Dick Joined the Knights in 2009. He made his 3rd degree in February of 2010 and his 4th degree in November of 2010. He has held the positions of Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight in Council 3303. He currently serves as the Council's Faith Director. Dick is an active participant in just about everything the Council and Assembly are involved in. You can find him in the cashier's cage during bingo, in front of Wal Mart collecting for operation LAMB, and helping at the Yard Sale, shrimp boil and family picnic.

Dick is also very active in the St. Paul Parish and community activities. He serves as an usher and eucharistic minister to the sick and homebound. He is president of the St. Paul Catholic School Board and sits on the Parish Council. He is the secretary of the RCS Board of Directors and is active in the Meals on Wheels program.

You're a busy guy, Dick, and truly deserve the honor of Sir Knight of the month.

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Uhland
Faithful Captain



Join us as we March for Life on January 25th

The Monsignor James R. Jones Council 3303 will be participating in a March for Life and prayer service in Jacksonville on Saturday, January 25th. All Knights, their wives, family, & friends are welcome to participate. Even if you are unable to march, you can participate in the prayer service following the one mile march from Jacksonville City Hall to Infant of Prague Catholic Church.

47 Memorial Crosses will be placed on the Church Lawn. One for Every year since the Roe v Wade Decision. An Ecumenical Prayer Service will follow at the church. We are asking God to restore a Culture of Life - one that respects the dignity of all human life, from natural conception to natural death!

Refreshments in Church Hall following the ceremony.

Transportation will be provided from the Columbus Club Hall to Jacksonville and back. Please meet in the parking lot of Columbus Club Hall at 11 am on Saturday January 25th. We hope to carpool in any available minivans, SUVs, and cars.

Mileage reimbursement will be provided to those willing to drive. We plan to make a quick stop for lunch along the way. The plan is to meet at Jacksonville City Hall at 12:30 pm and prepare to step off on the short march at 1 pm. If interested, please reply to the Knights e-mail soon to be distributed.

Mike Lynch
Grand Knight

Knights provide some Christmas Cheer to Craven County Seniors



Thanks to Brother Jerry Abramowski, our Craven Senior Center Liaison, and Brothers Denny Colbert, Gordy Barnes, Bo Wernersbach, Paul Masotta, Phil Nassef, Grand Knight Mike Lynch, and Santa Claus (Danny Gennantonio) for helping serve food and pass out presents to senior citizens at the



Craven Senior Center on December 13th. The Council also donated \$350 towards the cost of the meal.

Mike Lynch
Grand Knight

Knight of the Month – December

Brother and Sir Knight Vince Fragnito is the Knight of the Month for December 2019.

Vince attained his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees on December 1, 1963 and he attained his 4th Degree on October 24, 2009. Vince has contributed to the community, St. Paul Parish, Council 3303 and Assembly 1820 in numerous ways. Vince worked in the RCS Soup Kitchen for ten years, and he applied his building skills with Habitat for Humanity for several years. For the parish he is a former Usher and is currently a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He is a Past Faithful Navigator (Fraternal Year 2014-15) for Assembly 1820 and he is an active supporter of the Assembly lead Yard Sales. His focus is furniture repair. For many years Vince has been a leader in Council activities. He is a member of the 1st Degree Team. He is a culinary leader. For example, he led the effort to feed about 250 people attending the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party. Vince has also assumed the lead role in distributing Christmas poinsettias to over 60 Knights of Columbus widows. He is also a key contributor to our Lenten fish fries.

We are indebted to Vince for his leadership and we are pleased to honor him as our Knight of the Month.

Steve Harman

Deputy Grand Knight



Faithful Navigators Report

Greetings Brother Knights....

It's that time of year! The weather has gotten a lot cooler, the frost is on the pumpkin and all turkeys are going into hiding. Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Christmas will soon follow. This is one of my favorite times of year, where we get together with our love ones, thank the Lord for all we have and remember all those who are no longer with us. I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels wherever you may go.

Greetings Brother Knights! The holiday season is upon us once again! It's that wonderful time of year when we visit with family and friends and take part in the many festivities surrounding Christmas and New Year's. This is usually a happy time for most of us but it can also be really stressful for a number of reasons. There can be financial concerns, family differences, health issues or the loss of a loved one.

We all tend to get wrapped up in our own preparations and fail to notice what is going on around us. We survived this hurricane season in our community but please keep in mind that many of our neighbors still haven't fully recovered from last year's Hurricane Florence. We survived Hurricane Dorian but the residents

of Ocracoke were hit hard. Being a Red Cross volunteer, I saw the devastation first hand. It's going to take them some time to recover. Our Assembly donated \$500.00 to The Living Church in that community to help with some of their needs.

Please look around you and be aware if one of your neighbors or someone in the community needs some compassion or help. It may only be doing some shopping for a shut in or visiting and sitting with a person who has no family living close by or preparing a meal and offering friendship. It will make them feel good and you will feel even better.

The real reason for this glorious Christmas season is the Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We should all stop and remember that Jesus is the greatest gift of all!

Remember also that the Traveling Vietnam Memorial will be coming to New Bern in March 2020. It will be a momentous occasion for our community and surrounding areas.

2019 is coming to a close. The New Year will be here before we know it. Please make 2020 a year of service to our families, friends, neighbors and or community.

Please also remember in your prayers all our Veterans and our men and women in the Military who will be spending their holidays away from their loved ones. May Our Lord keep them safe and out of harm's way.

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

God Bless us everyone,

Ralph Avilas

Faithful Navigator



Knights deliver 115 Poinsettias

Thanks to Vince Fragnito for leading this year's effort to deliver 115 beautiful poinsettias to every local Knights of Columbus widow.

With the financial support of the Assembly, Poinsettias were also hand delivered to our home-bound St. Paul Parish members that are recipients of weekly communion thanks to the initiative of Brother Denny Colbert, who put some serious miles on his vehicle that day.

Flowers were also delivered to the ladies who work full time in the parish office. It was a chilly Thursday morning, Dec 12th that brought out about 8 brothers to help with deliveries. Lowes of New Bern discounted the price of the poinsettias. Pictured to the left are Denny Colbert, Bob Donnelly, and Henry Schafranski.

Starting off the New Year!

Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we start another year, the inevitable task of filing your tax returns is quickly approaching. Some are looking for last minute deductions. If you are one of those, do you currently have an IRA? You can still open an IRA and receive a tax credit for your 2019 tax year. For 2019, you can deposit a maximum of \$6,000. The Order will guarantee you a minimum interest rate your funds will earn. The funds will not lose money. If you need to start an IRA, please contact me.

At recent Council meetings, I have spoken about Universal life (UL) policies and some of the dangers of this product. These were a very popular product in the 70's and 80's when interest rates were high. There are people who purchased these, often using large down payments and putting tens of thousands of dollars in premiums over the years only to find the policy is worthless.

To determine if your UL is in trouble or could be in the future please contact the company that sold the policy and ask them for a Future Values Printout covering the next 20 to 40 years. Enforce with them that you do not want an annual statement. Insist that the print-out contain Cash Value, Premium and Death Benefit for future years based on current rates not the rates when you bought the policy. When you get it, either email me a copy or set up a time we can get together to go over the numbers. Take a couple of minutes to watch this news story on YouTube by click the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eytG4g-IFjE>.

May 2020 be an outstanding year for all of us.

God Bless

Vivat Jesus!

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A New Year's Eve Reflection

*HOPE is the balance
In my Ledger of Life,
That I carry with me
Into the New Year.*

(AA Handbook of Daily Reflections: Dec. 31)

**Mikie Casem
Pest Grand Knight**

Assembly Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays			Anniversary's			
Name	Birth Date	Age	Name	Wife	Wedding Date	Years
1 Phil Nassef	01/01/52	68	1 Michael Mahoney	Monette	01/02/71	49
2 Ron Biggs	01/03/53	67	2 Tristram C French	Hannah	01/03/71	49
3 Craig Blackwell	01/04/53	67	3 George Halyak	Louise	01/19/80	40
4 Bill Pake	01/04/36	84				
5 Robert Biggs	01/05/35	85				
6 George Fisher	01/05/43	77				
7 Doug Uhland	01/06/49	71				
8 Anthony Fraune	01/08/45	75				
9 Michael Ragan	01/11/22	98				
10 Vince Notaro	01/12/30	90				
11 Mark St John	01/13/53	67				
12 John LaManna	01/17/58	62				
13 Jerry Crowdus	01/18/45	75				
14 Patrick Waller	01/18/56	64				
15 Richard Piezia	01/23/43	77				
16 Paul Scharf	01/26/87	33				
17 Richard Doran	01/30/55	65				

January 2020

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Dec 30	31	Jan 1, 20 New Year's Day (United States)	2 7:00pm Assembly Officers Meeting	3	4	5
6 8:00am C/A at Hall for Service 9:00am American Legion Officers Mtg 5:00pm Bingo	7 7:00pm Council Mtg	8 7:00pm Assembly Mtg	9 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive	10 8:00am Battle of the Badges Blood Drive	11 7:00pm Elina Leyva BD Party	12
13 5:00pm Bingo	14 7:00pm 2nd Degree Exemplification	15 6:00pm American Legion Mtg	16 Red Cross Blood Drive	17	18 7:00pm Singles Social	19
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17 Presidents' Day (United States) 5:00pm Bingo	18	19 6:00pm American Legion Mtg	20	21	22	23
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