



The Knightlighter



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July

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

Elections were held for Officers to serve our Council for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. I would like to acknowledge and thank our Officers for the upcoming year: Grand Knight- Randall Ramian, Deputy Grand Knight - Paul Masotta, Chancellor - Dave Nelson, Recorder - John Murphy, Treasurer - Doug Uhland, Advocate - Craig Blackwell, Warden - Carlos Espinoza, Inside Guard - Chris Skaggs, Outside – Guard - Craig Baader, Trustee 1- Clark French, Trustee 2 - Phil Nassef, Trustee 3 - Mike Lynch. Appointed by the Council are the Chaplain,

Father Thomas Tully and Lecturer, Don Hanson. Al Casciello will be the Financial Secretary and he was appointed by Supreme. Additionally, the following individuals were voted on and approved to serve on the Columbus Club Board for next Fraternal Year: Gordy Barnes, Clark French, Bill Stanton, and Jim Kelly will serve for two years. Dan Macsary will serve for one year, replacing Jim Donelson. Rich McGee will serve for two years replacing Jim Dunham. The Fraternal Budget for 2022 - 2023 was also approved at our last meeting. Thank you to Financial Secretary, Al Casciello for his efforts in preparing our Budget.

Thank you to Phil Nassef and team for their efforts organizing the Family Picnic on Sunday, June 12th.

The next major activity on the horizon will be the Council and Assembly Installation – Sunday, August 7th at the Hall with Dinner to follow at the Flame. More information will be provided next month.

Congratulation to the Council Knight of the Month – Bill Camp, and Family of the Month – Kevin and Judy Blust. Bob Sisco was also recognized as the May 12th Exemplification Honorary Knight.

For all the Knights and spouses who assisted Danny Gennantonio for the graveside flag placements at St. Joseph Cemetery and setup of the large flags at St. Paul's Church on May 26th, thank you! Also, several of our Knights attended the Trent Woods Garden Club Blue Star Memorial dedication, May 24th. Paula Hartman, Past Grand Knight Tom Hartman's wife chaired the dedication ceremony. Also, several Knights, along with the Assembly Color Corps attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the New Bern Cemetery, May 30th.

One of the many charities that we support is the Religious Community Services (RCS). On May 16th I had the honor to present a \$3,000 check to Zeb Hough, Executive Director of RCS. Please refer to the article in this issue of the Knightlighter.

Thank you to District Deputy, Joe Banks who is moving on to the North Carolina State Knights of Columbus as the General Program Director. His replacement and new District Deputy will be our own Council and Assembly member John LaPointe. Wishing Joe and John the best in their new assignments.

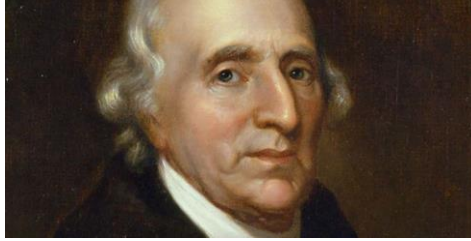
Our Council extends congratulations to Deacon and now Father John De Guzman as he was ordained on June 4th at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Diocese of Raleigh. Father De Guzman is a member of our Council!

Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for July 5th – 7 PM in the Columbus Club Hall, Council Chamber.

I am proud to serve as your Grand Knight for Fraternal Year 2022 - 2023.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Know Your July 4th Catholics: Charles Carroll



When celebrating Independence Day, take a moment to remember Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1737–1832). Though not typically mentioned as a founding father, he might as well have been, given his outstanding contributions. So how many of the following do you know about the pioneering political Catholic?

- He was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- In fact, he was the last surviving signer of the Declaration.
- Perhaps obviously, he also served on the Second Continental Congress.
- He was asked to accompany Benjamin Franklin on his diplomatic mission to Canada.
- During this journey he kept a journal, which is still studied by scholars today.
- His cousin, Fr. John Carroll, also went on that trip.
- That same cousin would become America's first Catholic bishop.
- He's referred to as Charles Carroll of Carrollton to distinguish him from his father, Charles Carroll of Annapolis (1702 – 1782), one of the richest people in Maryland and a well-known Catholic.
- He was educated at the second school opened by the Jesuits in the colonies.
- One scholar says that Carroll was “perhaps the single most influential person in persuading Maryland to support the cause of independence.”
- His grandfather Charles Carroll the Settler (1661 – 1720) owned nearly 48,000 acres in Maryland and was, according to one writer, “the most influential and visible Catholic in the colony.”
- He was the first United States Senator for Maryland (1789 – 1792).
- In that capacity, he tried to end slavery in Maryland.
- Carroll read widely and even dangerously, so to speak. He was, writes one scholar, “especially fond of Montesquieu and Voltaire, both of whose works had been placed on the Index of Forbidden Books.”
- His wife gave birth to seven children.
- He wrote a letter to George Washington volunteering his only son for military service.
- For putting his vast wealth on the line in the service of American freedom as a politician, Charles Carroll of Carrollton is widely recognized as an upstanding Catholic revolutionary.

Family of the Month – June

A simple statement from Kevin says it all: “I like being a Knight because I can give back to the community in so many charitable ways.” So defines Kevin and Judy Blust who the Council honors as Family of the Month.

Kevin and Judy hail from a couple of towns 20 miles south of Buffalo, New York: Eden and Derby. Kevin attended a community college before going into the Navy where he served aboard a destroyer escort.

After the military, Kevin worked 33 years for UPS from which he retired, and they moved to New Bern in 1966. They have three children, two boys and a girl, and one grandson.

Every present, Kevin and Judy work BINGO, and engage in a myriad of other endeavors. Kevin was president of the Columbus Club, ran the bar and the 300 Club with Judy always at his side. Kevin also ushers at the parish, and ran their golf program for 10 years.

Selfless and positive, Kevin and Judy provide the cohesion within the council which makes it the strong organization it is. Some Knights remain in the shadows; other Knights make up for their inaction. Enter stage left ¼ Kevin and Judy.

John Murphy

Sir Knight of the Month – June

The Sir Knight of the month for the month of June is Richard Tomasik.

Rich faithfully served in the Air Force before bringing his skills to us. He spent many days of service over the last decade to the Knights. Rich could be seen calling Bingo on Monday's or helping with the yard sale, working in the furniture area.

His twelve years of dedication to this organization is highly recognized and appreciated. Individuals like Rich are assets which help us to accomplish what we do in our community.

As Sir Knight of the Month, we applaud you and thank you for everything you have done to make us better.

Phil Nassef
Faithful Captain

Goodnight My Someone

The month of June is named after Juno, the goddess of youth, and the Roman goddess of Marriage. The birthstone is pearl.

Our Roman Catholic Church celebrates these Feast Days: June 1 – Saint Justin, Martyr; June 3 – Saints Charles Lawanga and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Boniface, Doctor of the early Church, Bishop and Martyr; June 14 – Saint Anthony of Padua, Patron of lost treasures; June 21 – Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Italian Jesuit, Patron of youth; June 28 – Saint Paul I, Pope from 757-767.

Military Observances during the month: June 6 – Allied invasion of Normandy France, now known as D-Day; June 12 – US Army Birthday; June 14 – Flag Day: A day to celebrate the US Flag; June 27 – National PTSD Awareness Day; A day to bring awareness to Post Traumatic Syndrome Disease. I am very proud to serve with my fellow Sir/Brother Knights of Columbus as members of the Saint Paul Parish family serving the needy here in the New Bern community, and honoring all Branches of the Military.

One of the most universally proclaimed treasures in American musical theater and a global classic, Music Man, debuted in 1957, and ran for 1,375 performances. It was written by lyricist Meredith Wilson and is set in fictional town of River City, Iowa in 1912. The town is based on Wilson's birthplace, Mason City, Iowa, and the characters Wilson observed in the town. George Gershwin's show tunes such as Strike Up The Band, I'm As Corny As Kansas in August, Until There was You and Goodnight My Someone match perfectly the theme of the quirky romance, and will likely linger in your mind long after you have left the performance.

Music Man returns to Broadway this June. This is the first appearance of two-time Tony Award, Grammy Award, and Emmy Award winner Hugh Jackman to portray the brazen swindler, professor, Harold Hill who tries to sell uniforms and band instruments to the town folk.

As the 5 Act play opens, prim librarian and piano teacher, Miriam sees through Harold's plot. When he helps her younger brother overcome his lisp and awkwardness, a comical web of love begins to form between Harold, Miriam and her younger brother. In the end, at the risk of Miriam disclosing his crooked tricks to the people who invested their cash money, Harold gives away his heart to Miriam, and they tie the knot.

I find the play has some good lessons for all of us: not to take our self too seriously, and that we are all equally-made in the image and likeness of our Divine God and Creator who accepts us just as we are, imperfections and all.

Mikie Casem,
Past Grand Knight

Council Family Picnic was fun for all!

The family picnic held on June 10th was only attended by about 60 people, but everybody enjoyed the food and fellowship. Special thanks to Phil Nassef and his cooking staff - the food was great.

Paul Masotta
Deputy Grand Knight

300 Club Results for the Month of June

Below are the winners of the June 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>
June 7 th	David Krauser	Sandra Mattingly	Mary Jane Jaskolka	Rev Thomas Tully
June 14 th	Robert Tripp	Louis Simon	W. J. Campbell	Doug Uhland
June 21 st	Henry Schafranski	Dolores Carter	William Rank	Larry Winsor
June 28 th	Gerald Brenc	Bill Camp	Mary Jane Jaskolka	Ralph Aviles

Summer Yard Sale is now in the rear-view mirror



Well, the four months of preparation for the June Yard Sale prepared us for another successful event.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to prepare for and conduct the sale – you make this happen!!!

Big thanks to Paul Masotta and Jack Webb for feeding the volunteers and the Marines who supported the event from Tuesday thru Saturday. On another note, Pat Rocco stripped the shelves of Walmart to ensure that we had donuts each and every day – good job!

Praise the lord for all of the help that we had from the

Marines at New River and Cherry Point as we had anywhere from 15 to 20 each day, which was a huge help. That may have been a record for their participation and I know that we set a record at the local diners (primarily The Country Biscuit) as we fed them really good breakfasts each day!! Big thank you to the volunteers drivers who put a lot of miles on their cars once again, helping us transport the volunteers. The group included Randall Ramian, Don Hanson, John Murphy, Phil Nassef and Pat Baader.

As we reported previously, we had significant pre-sales of over \$8,500 which contributed to the gross income of \$43,334 that we made for this sale. This amount will help us ramp up our charitable contributions for the upcoming year and assist with the capital needs of the Columbus Club.



Just in case you were wondering, the next sale runs from September 29th thru October 1st!!

Pat Rocco & Craig Baader

Faithful Navigators Report



Well, another yard sale is in the books. Thanks to Pat Rocco, Craig Baader and all the ladies and gents that make up our volunteer crew, we were able to put over \$43,300 into our coffers. I'm sure that there isn't another volunteer operation in this state that can compare with the consistent success of this one. It's all due to the unselfish dedication of our volunteers and my hat is off to all of you. The crew is going to take a couple of well-deserved weeks off and then will be back at it again. If you have an hour or two a week that you can give us, come on out and help out. We'll be there every Monday and Tuesday morning.

We held our election of officers at the June Assembly meeting. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers which are:

Faithful Friar – Rev. Thomas Tully, Faithful Navigator – Phil Nassef, Faithful Captain – Ron Biggs, Faithful Pilot – Mike Lynch, Faithful Admiral – Doug Uhland, Inner Sentinel – Denny Colbert, Outer Sentinel – Chris Skaggs, Faithful Scribe – Randall Ramian, Faithful Comptroller – Craig Baader, Faithful Purser – Bo Wernersbach, Trustees – Pat Rocco, Craig Blackwell, and Ralph Aviles. These folks will take office on July 1 and be formally installed on Sunday August 7th.

Also, at the June meeting, our budget for the coming fraternal year was voted on and approved. It provides modest increases in several of our charitable contributions. If you haven't seen it yet and are curious, the budget is still posted in the chambers for your review.

Our Color Corps was busy on Memorial Day. They were present at the Memorial Day mass and blessing of the graves that morning and then make their way to the National Cemetery for the annual salute to deceased veterans. We, along with numerous other local organizations place a wreath during the ceremony. Our Honor Guard is still looking for more members. If you are interested, you will need the new uniform if you don't have one. The Assembly will help with the cost of the new uniform, sword, service baldric and gloves. Contact Denny Colbert if you are interested.

In the past couple of Knightlighters, I have pointed out the need for donations to help the folks in Ukraine who have suffered so much hardship these past months. I would like to, once again, call your attention to the "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" established by the Knights of Columbus to support the needs of the people of Ukraine. Our Assembly has given \$1000 to the fund and I ask each of you to consider making a personal donation. You can find a link to donate to the fund on the Knight of Columbus web site (www.KofC.org/). Please try to help and keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers.

As this is my last month as your Faithful Navigator, I want to express my deepest thanks to all of the officers and members of this Assembly for your undying support during the last two years. You are a great bunch of guys and I hope you can give our incoming FN the backing and cooperation that I enjoyed during my term. Stay safe and healthy and I hope to see you at future meetings and events.

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Uhland
Faithful Navigator

Knight of the Month - June

The Council Knight of the Month, Sir Knight Bill Camp was born and raised in the New Haven, Connecticut area. According to Bill he loves Connecticut but hates the taxes.

Bill affiliated with the Knights of Columbus when he was 18. He mentioned that he was able to buy beer for 10 cents per glass at the Connecticut Knights of Columbus bar and that might have had something to do with his decision to join in 1959. He transferred to Council 3303 about 15 years ago. Bill is very active with our Council and Assembly, where he has served as Guard, Lector, and Comptroller. Additionally, he has been responsible for the Knightlighter mailings for approximately nine years. He also assists with Bingo, the Yard Sale, LAMB, and other projects where most needed. He is very active with our parish - Saint Paul's where he is involved with the choir, ushers and is responsible for counting collection money.

Bill and his wife Ginger have been married for 58 years, have three children, and two grandchildren; all living in New Bern and is blessed having them so close.

Bill is a graduate of the University of Hartford with an Electronics degree. He also holds an FCC 2nd class License. He served in the Coast Guard as a 2nd class Petty Officer. He worked for Yale University on Nuclear Physics Electronics Accelerators, where the research was aimed at solving the make-up of elementary particles. His next position was in the medical electronics field, repairing MRI, Ultrasound, and Nuclear Med machines for Philips Med. He also taught Field Service Engineers how to repair company machines serviced in Europe, South America, and Japan. He ended his career as a Field Service Engineer in New York City and Connecticut. Bill said he loved his customers, hated to retire, but loves retirement now. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, but regrets not visiting Hawaii.

It is our pleasure to congratulate Sir Knight William E. Camp, Sr. as the June Knight of the Month.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Memorial Day 2022 Flag Placements at St. Joseph Cemetery and St. Paul's Parish Walkways

Once again, approximately 20 Council and Assembly members and several spouses answered the call on Wednesday, May 25th to place American Flags on veteran's graves at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Additionally, large American and Military Service Flags were placed along the St. Paul's Parish walkways. Danny Gennantonio, who has organized the Veteran Flag placements at St. Joseph Cemetery and St. Paul's Parish for many years was extremely grateful for the turnout.

The flags will be left up through July 4th. Danny will again be looking for volunteers to assist with the takedown.

Thank you to Danny Gennantonio and all who assisted.



Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Monsignor James R. Jones Council #3303 Presents \$3,000 Donation to Religious Community Services (RCS)



Grand Knight, Randall Ramian - Council #3303 presented a \$3,000 donation to Zeb Hough, Executive Director, Religious Community Services (RCS) on Monday May 16th. Mr. Hough once again expressed his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Council #3303 for the generous donation that helps fund their community service programs for the less fortunate.

"RCS is committed to addressing the basic needs of our community by providing food, clothing and shelter to those who need it most."

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

(Pictured is Grand Knight, Randall Ramian and Zeb Hough, Executive Director, Religious Community Services)

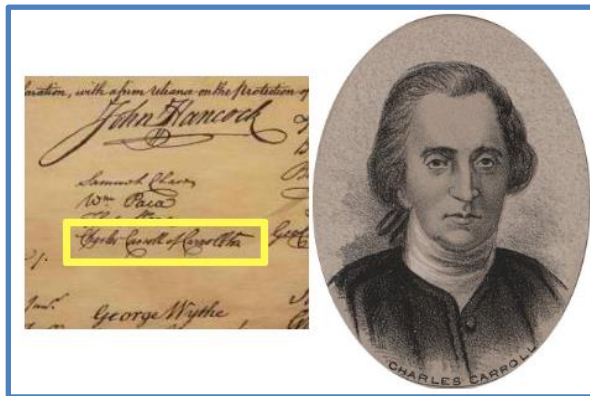
Membership

Brother Knights,

June marks the end of our fraternal year. Thanks to your efforts we should be receiving the Star Council Award for the second year in a row. You may ask what is so special about the award? Receiving the award signifies that we met our recruitment goal of adding new members to our council for the year. Not only did we meet our goal, we surpassed it. But the true reward of meeting and exceeding our goal is that as Catholic men of faith, not only are we fulfilling our role as leaders in the community, but we are also dedicated to helping our fellow man. President Reagan once said "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they've made a difference to this world ... The Knights ... don't have that problem. He actually said the "Marines" but I can only imagine he would have felt the same way about the Knights. Your hardwork and charitable efforts have not gone unnoticed and are truly appreciated by the community. That is why we must continue our efforts to recruit good Catholic men into our council to serve as Knights and to live up to God and our fellow man.

Once again help me make this upcoming Fraternal Year a banner year in recruitment of new members to our council.

Dan Maccay
Membership Director



It's hard to come up with trivia questions about the Fourth of July that people don't already know the answers to; but here's a good one every Catholic should know:

Were any of the signatories of the Declaration of Independence Catholic?

The answer is yes, but only one – Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

Carroll also holds the distinction of being the longest-lived and last surviving signatory of the Declaration. And he is remembered and referred to always as Charles Carroll of Carrollton for an excellent reason. The brave men who signed the declaration were facing the fate of criminals guilty of treason against King George III. When they signed their names, they pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor." If the British were successful in suppressing the revolution, the signers would lose everything.

Carroll was the wealthiest land-owner in the Continental Congress, and had the most to lose. He initially signed his name simply "Charles Carroll." Other signers accused Carroll of taking no risk because his name was so common among the citizens of the 13 colonies that the British would not be able to convict him of treason with certainty. In response to this accusation, Carroll added "of Carrollton" to his signature so there would be no question of his identity.

Born September 1737 to a wealthy Annapolis, Maryland, family, Carroll was raised Catholic and educated in Jesuit colleges in Maryland and France before finally studying law in Paris and London. His education in Catholic social principles prepared him to embrace the ideals of freedom, liberty, tolerance, and constitutional government, and motivated him to openly support the independence of Maryland from Britain.

Carroll believed strongly in a government with limited, checked, and balanced power. Catholics were prohibited from participating in Maryland politics before the revolution, but that did not stop Carroll from expressing his passion for American

liberty so strongly that he became a champion in the fight for independence. His outspokenness paid off. As the colonies' tension with Britain increased, he was allowed to serve in the Maryland delegation as the only Catholic in the Continental Congress.

Carroll served in the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1778, and then returned to Maryland to help write a constitution and form a state government. He was elected to the Maryland state senate in 1781 and served there continuously until 1800. Because he had experienced firsthand intolerance of his own faith, Carroll fought tirelessly for religious liberty in the United States and is remembered for breaking down barriers for Catholics and other religious minorities.

After both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826, Carroll became the last living signatory of the Declaration of Independence. His last public act was the laying of the cornerstone of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on July 4, 1828.

Carroll died on Nov. 14, 1832, having outlived the first six U.S. presidents. His funeral took place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore, Maryland.

He's buried in St. Mary Chapel at Doughoregan Manor, his home in Ellicott City, Maryland, where he often prayed for the prosperity of our country.

On Nov. 22, 2013, Archbishop William E. Lori, the 16th archbishop of Baltimore, said a Mass at St. Mary Chapel for the eternal salvation of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. On that occasion, the archbishop said, "This is the chapel, and this is the tomb of the only son of the Catholic Church who risked his life and freedom and property to sign his name to a document so that he and his descendants would be free to practice their religion in peace.



Color Corps members who participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the National Cemetery on Memorial Day. (Left to right: Kay-Jon Cavanaugh, Denny Colbert, Doug Uhland, Rich Plezia, Chris Skaggs, "Monte" Montedonico, Rich Tomasik, & Ed Martinez)

Pope Francis' July Intention:

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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