



# The Knightlighter

The Official Publication of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. James R. Jones Council  
3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC



## June

- 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yard Sale Start
- 4<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale Ends
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 7<sup>th</sup> Council Mtg @ 7 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly Meeting. @ 7 p.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 28<sup>th</sup> Council Officers Mtg @ 7 p.m.

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## Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

Again, thank you to all our volunteers who have stepped up to assist this last month.

The District and Council Exemplification was held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our Exemplification Team and welcome to our new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights - Matt Conard and Vincent DiMartino.

I have listed below the updated Council activities that are on the horizon for the next few months:

1. Family Picnic – Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the KofC Hall.
2. Council and Assembly Installation – August 7<sup>th</sup> at the KofC Hall and Dinner at the Flame.

The Council Slate of Officers was presented at our last Business Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have a full Officer Slate. If you are interested in a Council Officer position, please notify one of the Trustees – Clark French, Phil Nassef, or Mike Lynch to be included on the ballot for the elections at our June Business Meeting.

Additionally, the next Fraternal Year Budget was also presented at our May Business meeting. Thank you to our Financial Secretary, Al Casciello for his efforts in preparing and managing the Budget. As I mentioned in our last Knightlighter, the Budget will be posted in the Chamber to review and will be voted on during our June Business meeting. If you have any comments, please contact Al prior to the June meeting.

Thank you to Stan Namowicz and team for their coordination and assistance for the Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner - refer to the article included in this Knightlighter edition.

Thank you to Phil Nassef and team for their efforts with the Founders' Breakfast - refer to the article included in this Knightlighter edition.

Congratulation to the Council Knight of the Month – John Morgan and Family of the Month – Paul and Marie Masotta.

Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> – 7PM in the KofC Hall, Council Chamber.

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



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## Family of the Month – May

This month we honor Paul and Marie Masotta as Family of the Month. Stalwarts of our council, this couple is ever present in the everyday continuing contributions the council makes to both the parish and the community.

Hailing from Massachusetts, Paul and Marie retired to New Bern a number of years ago and found a home in the Knights. Paul had a drywall contracting business and Marie served as a teacher. Wanting to remain active, they both have devoted many hours to the Knight endeavors. As an example, they have worked the Yard Sale for 14 years.

Paul's hobby is cooking, and he brings that talent to the many meal events the council puts on during the year to include working the kitchen at Monday night BINGO.

"I really enjoy all the guys and the good work we do," said Paul. This best encapsulates what motivates this devoted team.

We all find inspiration in the loyalty and hard work our Deputy Grand Knight and his wife contribute to our highly effective council.

God bless them.

**John Murphy**

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## Sir Knight of the Month – May

The Sir Knight of the Month for May is Craig Blackwell.

Craig's involvement in the Knights of Columbus goes back to December of 1994 when he made his First Degree. His participation at the Assembly level actually started almost five years later in February of 1999. In his 21 years of membership, Craig has served in a number of positions Columbus, Ohio and has stepped up to serve in the Advocate position for the Council and Trustee position in recent years here in New Bern.

Craig regularly works either the floor or the Cashier's Cage at Bingo on Monday Nites for the Council and has also helped at our Lenten Fish Fry's and really any other event held by either the Council or Assembly. At the Assembly level, Craig has always participated during the weeks of our three Yard Sales, selling furniture inside the building. Most recently, Over the past year, Craig has stepped up as one of the infamous "Truck Monkeys" when two of the regulars had to step aside from pickup activities.

Brother Blackwell typifies dedicated service with the Knights of Columbus and is highly deserving of recognition as Sir Knight of the month for May 2022. Please join me in recognizing our brother and thanking him for his contributions.

**Phil Nassef**  
**Faithful Captain**



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## 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**

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## Balsamic Soy Roasted Garlic Mushrooms

Salt and pepper to taste

1 Tablespoon of oil ( you can use olive, vegetable, sunflower, etc

2 and a half Tablespoons of balsamic vinegar

3 garlic cloves chopped

Half teaspoon of thyme

2 lbs mushrooms halved

3 Tablespoons of soy sauce

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Take a bowl and add all the ingredients except for the mushrooms and mix well

Add the mushrooms to the bowl stir to coat. Let them stay in the mixture for half an hour

Bake mushrooms on baking sheet with the sauce 20 to 30 minutes.

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## Council & Assembly Support St Paul's Golf Program

After another successful season, the St Paul's Golf Program will wrap up on May 19th.

Thanks to our instructors Kevin Blust, Ralph Aviles, and David Krauser along with the Council and Assembly for their financial support!

**Paul Masotta**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**

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## 300 Club Results for Month of May

Below are the winners of the April 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>
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Simon	W. C. Campbell	Judy Blust	John Lamanna
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Scharf Echart	Sharon Rivers	Fran Montedonico	Paul Scharf
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leo Kuhlman	Kathleen Petzold	William Baugher	Pat Dooley
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Al Casciello	Roger Wilcox	Bob Sisco	Steve Harman Jr.

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## Summer Yard Sale is Quickly Approaching



You may have heard a rampant rumor that the Assembly has a Yard Sale scheduled during the first week of June.

Well, the rumor is true!!! Our storage areas are once again filled to the brim (and have actually spilled over into our chambers), the aisles in the Yard Sale Building are now storing our excess materials, and our beloved Rosie Bottcher has asked the question "where did all this #&^%\$# come from?"

Oh yeah, the dates for the upcoming sale are: Tent setup – May 28<sup>th</sup>, Inventory setup and pricing – May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the actual sale, Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have already had remarkable pre-sales for this one, so it should be very successful, wrapping up our fiscal year with full coffers and a bang!!

If you are one of our tried and true yard sale veterans please let one of us know of your availability to support the sale, and if you are a newer member, come join us for the event. ***It will be an experience like no other!!***

*Oh, and did I mention that Chef's Paul Masotta and Jack Webb will be manning the kitchen to feed our volunteers?*

**Pat Rocco & Craig Baader**

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## Faithful Navigators Report



Our summer Yard Sale is coming up fast. It will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup>. Tent set-up will take place on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. We will be moving furniture and stocking the tents on May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 1<sup>st</sup> in preparation for the sale. We can always use extra help, but especially during this time. If you can spare an hour or two on any of these days, please come out and lend a hand. The crew will really appreciate it.

As I mentioned in the last Knightlighter, our election of officers for the coming fraternal year will take place at the June meeting. We have a proposed slate of officers which will be presented at the upcoming meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer of the Assembly, please contact one of the Trustees (Rich Tomasik, Pat Rocco, or Craig Blackwell) and let them know which position you are interested in. The tentative slate of officers will be posted on the bulletin board in the Chambers for your review.

Our Faithful Comptroller has drafted a proposed budget for the coming fraternal year. We will present the proposal at the upcoming meeting and vote on it at the June meeting. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Chambers for your review. If you have any suggestions for budgeted items, you can bring them up at the meeting or contact Craig Baader or any of the Officers.

A "Blue Star Memorial" will be formerly dedicated at 11:00 AM, May 24<sup>th</sup> and the New Bern National Cemetery. The memorial recognizes the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen in defense of our Nation. The memorial project was undertaken by the Trent Woods Garden Club and our Assembly funded a large portion of the construction. Please try to attend the ceremony if you possibly can. It would be nice to have large contingent of Knights present.

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Southport, NC. If you know of anyone in the Council who is interested in becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight, let me know and I'll provide the details.

My thanks to all the Knights and widows who helped out with our Founders Day Breakfast on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We served around 95 folks. County Commissioner, E.T. Mitchell gave an informative talk and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all. Thanks again!

The Navy League held their annual golf tournament on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Taberna Country Club. Our Council and Assembly sponsored two teams this year. This tournament raises money to support various veterans' organizations and causes on our local area. Our Assembly team consisting of Phil Nassef, Ron Biggs, Pat Rocco and yours truly played their hearts out and managed to finish second out the 19 teams who took part. Well done guys!

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 help the folks in Ukraine who have suffered so much hardship these past weeks. 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 \$1,000 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/](http://www.KofC.org/)). Please try to help and keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers.

That's all for now. Stay safe and healthy, and I hope to see you at our next meeting, Jun 8 .

Vivat Jesus

**Doug Umland**  
**Faithful Navigator**

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## Knight of the Month - May

Council 3303 is proud to recognize a relatively new transfer from New York, Sir Knight John Morgan as Knight of the Month. John stepped right in and is exceptionally active with many of our undertakings and is always ready to volunteer. He currently is helping with our Monday Night Bingo and the Yard sale each Tuesday morning. He also assisted with the Fish Fry's and Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner. John is ready to continue to assist the Council and Assembly.

John Patrick Morgan was born in Flatbush Brooklyn, New York. He is an only child. His Mother Charlotte, and Father Edward Lawrence had been trying to conceive for many years and were elated when John joined them. They moved North, out of New York City and settled in the Village of Irvington on Hudson NY, just south of the Tappan Zee Bridge. His mom worked for the Irvington Police Department and his dad owned Morgan Limousine Service. His parent's passed in 1997 and 2001 from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. John is confident that his mom and dad are in Heaven watching over him and his family, wife Marianne and daughters Melissa Jean and Kelly Charlotte.

John received a BA in Human Services from Pace University. He continued his education and received an MBA from Long Island University, graduating with distinction. He was President of Advantage Search Inc. a Management Consulting Executive Search firm that focused on Senior Executives for Financial Service Organizations.

John joined Council 1495, St Lawrence O'Toole in Brewster NY. He was highly involved with the parish - based council and quickly moved up to Warden. He led many integral committees that included the Msgr. McCabe Scholarship program, communication-based system of providing all about upcoming and accomplished events, including a pictorial display for shut ins and others. He also became a Stevens Minister and played the drums at the numerous events and folk masses. He was also a 4th degree at Mother Cabrini's Council #1572. During 2021 he was named Knight of the Year.

John fell in love with New Bern while traveling with his eldest daughter to numerous job opportunities in NC. His wife Marianne also found New Bern a spot that they were drawn too. They purchased a home in Hunters Ridge in 2017 and visited several times a year. The Morgan's sold their home in New York of 35 years and moved to New Bern in November 2021.

During the showing of their home, John and Marianne prepared for the wedding of their Daughter Melissa Jean, who was married on July 3, 2021. She bought a home last October and informed John and Marianne of wonderful news; a grand baby boy was on its way. The due date is approximately August 7th.

It is our pleasure to congratulate Sir Knight John P. Morgan as May Knight of the Month.

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



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## Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner 2022



The Knights of Columbus once again teamed up with Pizza Hut, Glenburnie Road on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to host a Special Olympics Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner. This year's event was drive through/take-out only option and Pizza Hut provided 125 dinners, which were delivered to the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Pizza Hut along with Karen Rubley, Store Manager have been longtime supporters of this event. Additionally, Piggly Wiggly – Simons Street, Stan Namowicz and Danny Gennantonio also donated to this dinner. All proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner, along with a donation from the

Monsignor James R. Jones Council 3303 will be donated to the Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties Special Olympics programs.

Thank you to Stan Namowicz, who also once again took the lead to manage this fundraiser. This year's team consisted of Dan and Sonia Macsay, Phil Nassef, John Morgan, Dave Nelson and Paul Masotta. Thank you to our ticket sellers – Danny Gennantonio, Mike Lynch and Bob Sisco.



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

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## Membership

Brother Knights,

The end of our fraternal year is fast approaching. Thanks to you and your efforts our recruitment effort for this year is at 119%. Does that mean we should sit back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done? As Knights we are committed to our core principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. To live up to God and our fellow man it is our responsibility to bring good Catholic men into our fold to serve as Knights and leaders in our community.

Ask yourself if you have made the community and your surroundings a better place as a Knight of Columbus. No doubt the answer is yes. Recruiting new members into our council allows others to experience the same sense of fulfillment and accomplishment that you have come to realize as a Knight. Help our council grow and add their voice to the nearly two million members upholding the faith and the truth of Catholicism.

**Dan Macsay**  
**Membership Director**

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## Yard Sale Workers Appreciation Luncheon



After two long years, we were able to get the Yard Sale Volunteers back together to thank them for their tireless efforts during the year supporting our three sales. COVID might have been shutting the doors on other events for other groups since 2019, but our crew worked thru the pandemic (without incident) to support the Assembly and the Council. An outstanding effort by any measure!

Well, we were finally able to schedule a luncheon at The Flame prior to our summer sale in early June for the eighty four attendees who were able to come to the event on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The company was great and the food and beverages were really good (especially since we didn't have to prepare it or clean up).

We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did and it helped to re-charge them a bit prior to our June sale.

Thank you all for the hundreds and hundreds of hours that you volunteer!

**Pat Rocco & Craig Baader**



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## Founders' Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 1, 2022



Thank you to our all our cooks, ticket sellers, hall decorators, setup and takedown teams for a very successful Founders' Day Breakfast. Phil Nassef led the efforts in the kitchen. In addition to Phil, the team cooks consisted of Craig Baader, Pat Rocco, Paul Masotta, Vince Fragnito, Gordy Barnes, Ralph Aviles, and Doug Uhland. Ticket sellers were Danny Gennantonio, Mike Lynch





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