



The Knightlighter



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

May

May 3 – Bingo

May 4 – Council Business Mtg @ 7 pm

May 5 - Assembly Officers Mtg @ 7 pm

May 10 - Bingo

May 12 - Assembly Mtg @ 7pm

May 15 - Virtual State Convention

May 17 - Bingo

May 22 - Day of Reflection @ 8 am @
CC Hall

May 24 – Bingo

May 25 - Council Officers Mtg @ 7 pm

May 31 – Bingo



Grand Knight's Comments

Brother Knights:

April was a month that brought celebration to our council, our parish, and our community. The sanctuary in the church was adorned with beautiful Easter Lilies. The Easter services were uplifting. Our Council activities such as Bingo continued to grow and prosper. The Council and Assembly supported the delivery of Easter Lilies to our widows and the home-bound. Our brothers in the Assembly had a leading role in supporting the visit of The Viet Nam Wall That Heals. Over 80 Brothers and family members attended our Annual Founders Day Communion Breakfast. See the article later in this issue. Both the Council and Assembly played supporting roles in the success of the St.

Paul School Gala Celebration. Our brothers were very generous in their support of the NC State Council Raffle Project. We once again gave a major donation to the Religious Community Services Organization. As we approach the end of another Fraternal Year, most of our activities are behind us and we can be thankful that so many have given their time, talent, and energy to ensure success. Many thanks to our brothers, wives, and widows for your generosity.

Looking Ahead: We are planning Council sponsored events in May and June.

• Day of Reflection: On Saturday, May 22d, our State Chaplain, Reverend William P. Lesak, will lead a Day of Reflection at the Columbus Club Hall on Pine Tree Drive. The day will begin with an 8 AM Mass followed by a series of lectures and discussions. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. This event is open to all members of the parish over 18 years of age. Tickets will be on sale after masses May 8/9 and May 15/16.

• **Family Picnic:** In June we will have a Family Picnic on the grounds of the Columbus Club Hall. We intend this to be a time to relax, have a hot dog or hamburger, and enjoy visiting with our fellow Knights and family members. The time and date are set: 2 PM to 5 PM, Sunday June 27th.

Membership: Our Membership Director, SK Dan Macsay, is encouraging all members to identify candidates to become Knights. We are also experiencing growth via the Supreme on-line membership program. This program affords new members the opportunity to become Knights and then affiliate with a council of their choosing when they are ready. Give Dan a call @ (252) 658-4014 if you have a candidate who would like more information.

Vivat Jesus!

Steve Harman, Grand Knight

May: The Month of Special Celebrations

During the month of May our Catholic Church pays special tribute to a humble, peasant farm girl named Mary who lived 2,000 years ago in a wind-blown rocky desert area near Jerusalem. We have heard the story a zillion times - but do we really believe deep down in the crevices of our hearts what actually occurred? When an angel appeared in a dream to this young unwed virgin inviting her to be filled in a mysterious way with the Holy Spirit and become the earthly mother of God's son Jesus our Savior, and she answered 'yes,' did she know that the world would change forever?

Praying the Rosary is honored in numerous venues around the world. In addition to May Processions, crowning and blessing of statues, photographs and paintings commemorate Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Outside, God's colorful handiwork is in full bloom. Song birds are eager to entertain us, and flowering azaleas, roses and red bud trees evoke afresh inviting fragrances that make you glad to be alive. May is a time for celebrating graduations, and a popular month for weddings.

A quick Google search also reveals why the month of May is named May? The month was named for Roman goddess Maia who oversaw growth of plants. Also for the Latin word *mayors* ("elders") who were celebrated during this month. Maia was considered a nurturer and a health goddess which may explain its correlation with the spring of the earth.

Other celebrations include:

May 3: World Laughter Day: Yes, God has a sense of humor. Look it up (Psalms 2: 1-4). "The one enthroned above laughs at the foolishness of all who do not believe His risen son." And of course, there's the familiar quip: "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plan."

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Day –commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Pueblo, May 5, 1862 under the leadership of General Ignazio Zaragoza.

May 31: Memorial Day –After the Civil War, America needed a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military men and women who were killed during this divisive war. The last Monday in May was established as America's official day for that remembrance. Memorial Day also marks the traditional start of summer. (Veterans Day, Nov. 11, honors living and dead.).

Having experienced a mild winter and more than a few early spring showers, we started enjoying fixings from our outside grill at home back in March. Come to think of it, the gas tank indicator is yellow; better go fill her up.

PGK Mikie Casem

Our Founder's Vision of Disability Protection

In 1882, Father McGivney outlined the three grades of death benefits (\$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500) as well as the "Sick Benefit Deposit, from which a member in good standing may draw (a maximum) of five dollars per week for thirteen weeks, the amount there after, if sickness continues, to be regulated by the Council to which the member belongs." Father McGivney knew the importance of protecting income from an unexpected illness or injury. That is why in 2011 the Knights of Columbus developed Income Armor Disability Income insurance as an instrument designed to provide replacement income in the event of an illness or injury. The Income Armor Disability Income Insurance provides you the opportunity to protect perhaps your greatest asset – your ability to earn an income.

Disability Facts That Might Surprise You

At least 51 million working adults in the United States are without disability income insurance other than the basic coverage through Social Security.

Only 48% of American adults indicate that they have enough savings to cover 3 months of living expenses.

A 2014 study of consumer bankruptcy filings identified the following as the primary reasons: Medical bills (26%), lost job (20%), illness or injury (15%).

The most common reasons for long-term disability claims are: 1. Musculoskeletal disorders –29% 2. Cancer –15% 3. Pregnancy –9.4% 4. Mental disorders/Psychiatric –9.1% 5. Injuries –9%.

The Best Option for you and your family is Disability Income Insurance

Almost everything in your life rests on your ability to earn an income -- your lifestyle, your family, your home, your savings, and your retirement. Consider the impact on your family if this ability was taken away from you.

Plan today, for tomorrow. Contact me for a free consultation.

Fraternally,

Norman J Wilson, FICF

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May Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to the couples with May wedding anniversaries:

- Jerome and Ann Kopec--May 1, 1954
- Thomas and Melanie Murphy --May 1, 1993
- William and Ginger Camp Sr—May 2, 1964
- Philip and Joan Considine—May 2, 2009
- Joe and Garawnea Jones—May 12, 1982
- Thomas and Paula Hartman—May 22, 1993
- Edward and Leone Skamarakas Sr—May 26, 1962
- Shawn and Sheila Dougherty—May 28, 1975
- Murvin and Mary Ann Hymel—May 28, 1983
- Richard and Norma Mora—May 30, 1992
- Gerard and Anne Tetreault—May 30, 1960
- Craig and Patricia Baader—May 31, 1975

Easter Lilies Delivered

Council 3303 and Assembly 1820 teamed up to deliver over 100 Easter lilies to Knights widows and several members of the parish who regularly receive communion at home. Vince Fragnito was the lead for the Council delivery to our widows and Denny Colbert was the Assembly lead for delivery to the homebound.

The beautiful lilies were purchased from Lowes. Special thanks to Kim Holloway, the Lowes employee who was very helpful. Kim is shown in the picture with our council Delivery Team members—Pat Rocco, Jack Betler, Henry Schfranski, Nancy Schfranski, Vince Fragnito and Kevin Blust. The second picture shows Kim loading the flowers.



Family of the Month – April

This April our Council honors Dan and Sonia Macsaj as Family of the Month. Their contributions to both our Council and to the parish made the selection rather easy. They constitute a dynamic duo generated by diverse education and work experience.

Dan, born in Cleveland, Ohio, grew up in Saint Petersburg, Florida. Somewhat like Dan, Sonia was born in Beardstown, Illinois and was raised in Arizona.

They both hold degrees: Dan in Technical and Vocational Education, and Sonia, in Sociology and Education.

Before coming to New Bern, they traveled extensively and worked in a variety of fields. The travel came courtesy of the United States Marine Corps. Dan, a career Marine electronics maintenance officer and Vietnam veteran, and Sonia, a three-year Marine, also served in the electronics field. She later worked for the postal service and taught first and second grades for a number of years.

The two of them also owned a Chevron gas station, a small engine repair facility, a grocery store/restaurant, a portable toilet rental business and an alfalfa ranch in Northern California. In addition to all that, they are realtors with the Freedom Real Estate Group in New Bern.

They have two sons, Dan and Mike, and four grandchildren. Dan is a Lieutenant Colonel of Marines and Mike is a Nuclear Chemist in Texas.

Dan and Sonia came to New Bern five years ago and directed their energies towards the Knights and parish causes. Dan has taken on the role of our Council's Membership Director. Through his efforts the Council has grown significantly with a number of new young members. He also involves

himself in the fish fries, the yard sales, and is an usher at mass. Sonia sings in the choir, helps in the parish office, and also assists Dan at the fish fries and the yard sales.

There is no “stop” button on this couple. Council 3303 reaps the benefits of such a devoted pair. Without their selfless devotion to our Catholic community, we would be less of an organization. We truly salute and honor them, and are most grateful that they belong to our family.

John Murphy, Family Director

Knight of the Month – April

Sir Knight Stanley Namowicz, Jr., is the Monsignor James R. Jones Council Knight of the Month. Stan affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and Council 3303 in August 2014 and progressed through the Degrees, attaining his 3rd Degree in November 2014 and 4th Degree in February 2016. He additionally has served in several officer positions with our Council over the past several years, most notably as Recorder and Warden. Also, Stan has volunteered in the kitchen for Bingo and has assisted with the Yard Sales, specifically concentrating his efforts with the repair of bicycles. He has also taken the lead for the Bicycle Ministry of New Bern.

Stan has been instrumental in supporting our Special Needs Community and once again coordinated the Special Olympics Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Council 3303 that was held on Thursday, February 18th. He coordinated with our Knights of Columbus team of volunteers, Pizza Hut, and Piggly Wiggly, as well as reaching out to local businesses to support this event. Although this year’s event was drive-through/take-out only, 140 dinners were served at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner, along with donations from the Monsignor James R. Jones Council 3303, were donated to the Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties Special Olympics programs.

Stan is married to Susan and they have two children, Jason, and Angela. They relocated to New Bern over 10 years ago after living in Pennsylvania for many years. Jason is also a Knight with our Council. Stan, thank you for all your efforts with our Council and Assembly. On behalf of Monsignor James R. Jones Council, congratulation as our April 2021 Knight of the Month.

Randall Ramian, Deputy Grand Knight

Knights Support “The Wall That Heals”

The travelling Vietnam Wall, a ¾ replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall located on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C., was hosted by New Bern April 8th – 11th at Lawson Creek Park. The Kenneth I. Parker Assembly was one of the main financial sponsors. Sir Knight George Halyak was the Chairman for this event and spent over two and half years overseeing this project. Of note, “The Wall That Heals” was cancelled last March 2020, a few weeks prior to arriving in New Bern. George, although disappointed, was undeterred and campaigned rigorously for New Bern to be considered again in 2021. Because of George and the Wall Committee efforts, New Bern was the first city in 2021 to be awarded The Wall.

In addition to George, several of our Knights - Ralph Aviles, Doug Uhland, Randall Ramian (Volunteer Coordinators), Dave Nelson (Governmental Relations Coordinator), Jim Dunham, Jim Kelly (Site Coordinators) and Nick Dalessandro (Treasurer) were on the Wall Committee.

Additionally, many of our Assembly and Council Knights of Columbus team volunteered to assist with many committees and venue stations, such as Wall assembly and disassembly, volunteer check-in, visitor check-in and information, parking, and ambassadors to assure a successful event.



Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight

Founders Day Breakfast

On Sunday April 18th over 80 Knights and family members enjoyed a Founders Day Breakfast in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney. The gathering afforded all the opportunity to enjoy visiting while partaking of a delicious breakfast prepared by several of our knights. A special thanks to SK Phil Naseff for leading the cooking team shown in the picture below. Thanks also to Rosemary Whetzel for providing beautiful flowers and to she and Lucy Andre for decorating the tables. That is Rosemary and another of our frequent contributors, Corrine Murphy, placing the flowers on the table. We were honored to hear an update on the Craven County Special Olympics Program from the Director of the Program, Chris Wossinger. His daily efforts are right in line with the principles espoused by our founder, and we Knights are eager to help and support in any way we can. Chris and his wife Mikela are shown in one of the pictures. The picture of SK and PGK Mikie Casem and wife Rita is representative of the many families in attendance. Thanks to all for coming.

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POPCORN 100
DILLS 80.
GRILLED CHEESE 1675
NACHOS & CHEESE 1200



Steve Harman, Grand Knight



Faithful Navigator Comments

Sir Knights,

As you probably know, “The Wall That Heals,” a ¼ scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C., paid a visit to New Bern a couple of weeks ago. I am extremely proud that our Assembly was one of the lead sponsors and played a key role in bringing the “Wall” to our community. The committee responsible for arranging this event was chaired by our very own SK George Halyak. Also serving on the Committee were Sir Knights Ralph Aviles, Randall Ramian, Jim Dunham, Jim Kelly, and myself. The Wall arrived on April 6 from Morehead City escorted by approximately 480 motorcycles. It was assembled in Lawson Creek Park by local volunteers and a contingent of U.S. Marines from Cherry Point. The Wall was open to visitors 24 hours a day from 7 PM April 6 until 2 PM on April 11. Over 9000 people visited the wall during that time. The closing ceremony on Sunday, April 11, featured a parachute jump by former member of the U.S. Army parachute

demonstration team, the “Golden Knights,” and the keynote address given by Lt. Col. Oliver North. New Bern was the first stop on this year’s tour, which will take the Wall to 26 cities from coast to coast. Next stop, Ocean Pines, Maryland on April 22. Our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Committee and the 200+ citizens who volunteered their time as parking attendants, volunteer coordinators, and docents. Their efforts made this event a tremendous success which will be remembered for some time to come.



On another subject, our next Yard Sale has been scheduled for June 10-12. We will be setting up the tents on Friday, June 5th and will be moving and pricing inventory on the 8th, and 9th. We can use your help. This operation needs lots of people to make it work. Any time you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Our volunteers are hard at work every Monday and Tuesday mornings getting things ready, so come on out and join the fun! You don’t have to be 4th degree to help.

This Covid pandemic just keeps hanging on even though it doesn't seem to be a big problem in our area. Let's keep it that way. Wear your mask, keep your distance, and most of all – get your Covid19 vaccination as soon as you can. The vaccine is available to just about everyone now, so, if you haven't done so, make your appointment soon.

That's all for now. Our meetings are being held in person once again, so please try to attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Vivat Jesus!

Doug Uhland, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight of the Month – April

Sir Knight of the Month for April is Paul Masotta.

Paul just got his 4th Degree. He has already stepped up to the plate. Paul has joined the truck monkeys. He has been well received from all the monkeys. He has learned how hard it is to work on the truck. When the yard sale is on Paul is selling beds, mattress. He is also cooking up a great Italian meal. Paul can do wonders with meat balls. I also thank him for working in the kitchen on bingo nights. If you find him around the hall he is usually in the kitchen. We thank him for everything he does for the Knights. Paul, keep us fat and sassy.

Philip Nassef, Faithful Captain.

Council #3303's Donation to Religious Community Services (RCS)



Council #3303 presented a donation to Zeb Hough, Executive Director, Religious Community Services (RCS) on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Representing the Monsignor James R. Jones Council were Knights Steve Harman – Grand Knight, Randall Ramian – Deputy Grand Knight and David Nelson, Chancellor. Mr. Hough expressed his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus #3303 for the very generous donation to assist with their community service programs for the less fortunate.

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight



Reverend William P. Lesak, USN (Ret.)

*State Chaplain and District Friar
North Carolina Knights of Columbus*

***Knights of Columbus Day of Reflection
Led by Rev William P. Lesak, USN (Ret.)
Saturday May 22, 2021***

*Columbus Club Hall, 1125 Pine Tree Drive
Mass at 8 a.m. with discussion to follow
Program Ends at 2:30 p.m.*

*Refreshments and Lunch Provided
Open to Men and Women of the Parish*

Tickets Available after Masses on May 8/9 and May 15/16
From Danny Gennantonio @ 837-2322,
Jim Kelly @ 288-5688, or Michael Lynch @ (540) 222-1596
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