



The Knightlighter



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3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC

October

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- Widows Luncheon @ 1 p.m.

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

In early September we honored two Past Grand Knights who passed. Both were superbly remembered by our Pastor and Chaplain Father Thomas Tully. Our sincere condolences go to the families of SK Robert Patrick (Chick) Natella and SK Bartolo John Spano. May They Rest in Peace.

As the Fall season arrives our council activity will be increasing. **300 Club Reverse Drawing:** The 300 Club Reverse Drawing and Pot-Luck Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 30th in the Columbus Club Hall. Social hour begins at 5pm with dinner at 6pm followed by the Reverse Drawing. **Shrimp Boils:** The

Assembly recently hosted a very successful Shrimp-Boil and our Council is planning a Fall Shrimp Boil to be held on Friday, October 22nd. Brothers Craig Baader and Phil Nassef are the leads for both shrimp boils. Tickets will be on sale after masses in mid-October. **New Bern Life Chain:** The 29th annual Life Chain will be held from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm on Sunday October 3rd, 2021. Participants will assemble in the New Bern Mall parking lot near Wells Fargo. This is a silent, prayerful protest against abortion. **Coats For Kids:** The Coats for Kids project is on track. This year we purchased 96 winter coats to be distributed to various students in St. Paul School, children in our Spanish Community and children in some of the local public schools. Brother Dave Nelson is the lead. **Memorial Service and Widows Luncheon:** Our annual Memorial Service will be held at 12:15 PM on Sunday October 31st, 2021 in the Church. A Widows Luncheon will follow at 1 PM in Columbus Club Hall. Brother Gordy Barnes is leading the Widows Luncheon and Vince Fragnito is the lead

cook. Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale after masses in late October. **Keep Christ in Christmas:** We will have beautiful Christmas cards for sale after masses in late November. We need some volunteers to sell cards after various masses. If interested, please contact Brother Terry Anderson @ tanderson.kofc@gmail.com. Thanksgiving Baskets: Once again our council will be donating food for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner plus a bit extra for 12 deserving families selected by the staff at six local schools. The Piggly Wiggly Store Manager will provide the perishable food at a very favorable price, and we knights will gather non-perishable food during October and November to fill the Thanksgiving Baskets. I will communicate via email the specific food items we ask that you donate. You can bring your donations to the Lounge when you come to the October and November Business Meetings.

New Member Outreach: I recently sent a note to all brothers with three years or less as a Knight to inform them of all our upcoming activities. We want these gentlemen to get involved in our programs as much as their busy schedules permit. Program Director, DGK Randall Raiman, is leading this initiative.

LAMB: Brother Tom Henry, our LAMB Director, has been busy contacting local merchants to ask for donations to the LAMB Foundation. Tootsie Rolls were distributed to Yard Sale attendees with an opportunity for them to donate. Thanks

to the Troops of St George who helped us with the LAMB collections Collections will be solicited by our members after masses in mid-October. Mark your calendars for a LAMB Breakfast to be held at the Columbus Club Hall on Sunday, November 14th. Phil Nassef is the lead cook. Tickets will be sold after masses in early November. All proceeds will be donated to the LAMB Foundation.

VIVAT JESUS!

Steve Harman
Grand Knight

Family of the Month – September

Each month, as we recognize and honor one of our council's families for their contributions to our Catholic community, we marvel at the selflessness they exhibit.

This month we honor Clark and Hannah French.

Clark hails from Wagoner, Oklahoma. Hannah is a native New Bernian, born in the old Saint Luke's hospital.

Clark served in the Navy as a Petty Officer 2d Class Communications Technician. Subsequent to his military service, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Hannah graduated from Oklahoma too with a BA in Social Services.

Clark varied his career from his major to the business arena. He ran an appliance business with his brother in Wagoner for seven years; spent eight years as a psychological assistant in a mental health facility in Smithfield, NC; served as Director of a mental health center in New Bern for three years; and ran an appliance business in the city for 21 years.

Hannah did social work in Smithfield, followed by 16 years in Craven County Social Services/Supervisor of Child Protective Services.

They have one daughter and one son and have lived in New Bern since 1989.

Clark served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Color Corps member, BINGO assistant, Columbus Club member, and leads the appliance repairs and sale for the Yard Sale.

In the parish, he devotes his time as a Eucharistic minister, lector, and committee member of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

In addition to the above, he devotes time to Meals on Wheels.

Hannah, a graduate of Saint Paul school, received their Distinguished Alumni award; serves as a member of the parish council; volunteers with the Craven County Literacy Council; does Meals on Wheels; on the board of the NC symphony; is a member of the Saint Paul school gala committee; is a Eucharistic minister; and participates in AAMEN.

Clark and Hannah more than deserve this honor and make us realize how fortunate the council, the parish and the community are to have such devoted members.

John Murphy

Membership

Once again brother Knights you are to be commended for a job "well done" bringing in new members to our council. Four new members have been added to our council since the last newsletter. I would like to welcome aboard Bill Broderick, John Pyle, Robert Bell and Richard McKenna and we look forward to you all being a part of our council.

The Knights of Columbus have the resources needed to stand up for life, liberty, and family. 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 those Knights that want to advance their degree or for new members Online Exemplification is available on demand.

As a reminder Supreme has extended the Online Exemplification until December 31st. For any questions or help I can be reached at 252-658-4014 or email me at d.macsay@gmail.com.

I would like to thank those Knights that have brought in new members and helped us achieve Star Council by obtaining a 107% recruitment rate.

Dan Macsray
Membership Director

Hey, Old Man, How Is It Going?

"Hey, old man, how is it going?" Whenever we met, Bart, that's the way you always greeted me. Often your dry sense of humor would kick in with a follow up quip like "beats the alternative" or "we're only as old as we look."

Shortly after my wife Rita and I relocated to New Bern from MD, I transferred my K of C membership to Council 3303. It was the spring of 2001 at a social gathering hosted by the Knights in our St. Paul grade school gym when we first met Bart and Mary Spano who asked if they could join us at our table. It didn't take long to realize that the Spanos were a learned and faith filled couple. Straightening your tie (I rarely saw you without a tie and jacket), I recall Mary asking you if you had given much thought about what you would do as the newly elected Grand Knight which was coming up in a couple of weeks. Your response evoked a bit of snickering from the folks around us but in reality it gave us a peek at the breadth and depth and height of your humble trust in God when you replied, 'Not really ... God will show me the plan when it's time.'

I soon learned this sometimes disheveled man resembling the absent minded professor, lived life with a joyful gusto at any pace - until increasing serious health issues necessitated the one by one removal your "toys": be it 3,000 up in the air piloting a friend in your plane to see New Bern as God views it, or zipping along the highway bridge crossing the Trent River on your latest motor cycle (flipping more than a few), or creeping around town in your bright yellow (and increasingly dented) vintage VW Bug.

But one thing you stood firm and rock solid on was the relentless defense of the unborn child. You and Brother Knights Hugh McHugh, the late Jim Bottcher and others calling yourselves the "band of brothers" exemplified our beloved Parish Patron, St. Paul and his companions. You put your faith into action: traveling to distant places, writing letters and lobbying county, state and U.S. Legislators to enact laws prohibiting abortions. Typically, on a Sunday afternoon regardless of weather conditions, you stood shoulder-to-shoulder distributing pro life literature to everyone entering the (no longer standing) Onslow County Pregnancy Aid Center where (at the time) abortions were routinely committed. It was here that the 'band of brothers' was arrested for blocking the entrance to government property. But charges were dropped as a first time misdemeanor offense. This didn't stop your mission. Your numbers grew as wives, children and members of other Christian denominations joined you along the right-of-way across the road where they waved pro life signs, sang spiritual hymns, and prayed the rosary. Through your courageous and selfless actions Council 3303 with support from the K of C North Carolina State Council began raising funds to finance the very expensive purchase of an Ultra-Sound Machine which clearly shows life begins at the moment of conception in the mother's womb. Upon its arrival this 'miracle' machine was donated for use by the pro life Eastern Pregnancy Information Centers in New Bern and Kinston. Today these machines are available in hospitals across America as a resource for any woman finding herself in the agonizing situation of an unwanted pregnancy.

You labeled your earthly suffering and sicknesses "a few bumps in the road. But you pushed on, Bart, doing God's Will; now you have overcome pain and death forever. To me, your legacy was proclaimed 2,000 years ago; by our beloved St. Paul, 'I have finished the race... I have done well, I have kept the faith.'

One day I hope to once again hear that familiar greeting, "Hey, old man, how is it going?" Until then - rest in peace, my friend.

Mikie Casem

THANK YOU!!

The Knights would like to thank all the ladies who donated gowns and accessories to the Cinderella Closet at Cherry Point. Your kindness and generosity add to the support and respect given by our Council and Assembly to the members of our uniformed services.

It Shouldn't Take the Village

It shouldn't take the village. What am I talking about? Recently, one of my Brother agents in western NC relayed an email from his Assembly. A Sir Knight, a 4th Degree member of the Order, had passed away. He had no insurance. His family was reaching out to the "village" to raise funds to pay for his funeral. This is also known as Crowd Sourcing or better known as Go Fund Me.

Brothers, Blessed Michael McGivney saw this as a problem in the 1880's. He saw the plight of Catholic families when the bread winner was taken too early. He witnessed Probate Courts foster out the children if the widow could not show the financial resources to continue to raise her children. Many times, this resulted not only in the family being split up, but the children being taken away from their faith.

The only thing worse than your family discovering you did not have any insurance, at the least, to take care of final expenses, is the widow discovering that the insurance her late husband told her about expired, lapsed, or ended when he retired. The same question is uttered each time, "what am I going to do?"

Brothers, the Order provides you a vehicle to ensure those you leave behind don't have to ask that question. I am available to sit down with you to conduct a review. With the tools the Order has given me, together we can confirm if you are "all set" or if there is a need. If there is a need, I can provide you with solutions to meet the need, it's up to you to act on the solution.

Let's work together to ensure your family doesn't have to rely on the village.

Vivat Jesus

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Sir Knight of the Month – September

The Sir Knight of the month for the month of September is Bill Camp.

Bill served his country in the U.S Coast Guard.

Bill is a fundamental component to the Knights Yard Sale. You can find him tucked away in our computer section making sure our electronics are ready to sell when we hold the yard sale.

Bill is willing to work wherever and whenever we need him. He is also a part of our weekly Monday night Bingo crew. Bill is the one you call when you need the next set of cards, and the one running up and down the aisles checking Bingo tickets for lucky winners.

I find that Bill is an easy going guy who is always friendly and inviting. He usually has a warm smile whenever he greets you. Bill is an influential part of our Knights family and has been for a very long time.

We are fortunate to have such a pleasant and delightful person working with us on Monday nights and working every week in the yard sale building.

Philip Nassef

Faithful Captain

Knight of the Month – September

Congratulations to the Monsignor James R. Jones, Council 3303 September Knight of the Month Brother Carlos Espinoza.

Carlos was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America in 1953 and in 1961 he immigrated with his parents to San Francisco, CA. As a new child immigrant to the U.S., Carlos learned to speak English by watching cartoons. He attended Catholic schools (elementary and high school), graduating from Riordan High School, San Francisco in 1971. In 1976, he finished his Engineering Studies and graduated as a Civil Engineer from San Francisco State University. After college Carlos was hired by the City of San Francisco as a Resident Engineer. In 1985 he was hired by Alameda County (the second largest county) in California. Alameda County offered him the opportunity to expand into buildings, with a specialty in Hospital Construction, (OSHPD Inspector). In 1997, he joined Redwood City where he worked for 16 years, until he and Marta retired in 2013.

Carlos was married to Marta in 1976. She was born in San Salvador, El Salvador. Marta worked for UC Medical Center in San Francisco as a Laboratory Assistant and Stanford University as a Program Manager. They are blessed with four daughters (Jennifer, Yamileth, Maria-Cristina and Karina) and ten grandchildren. Three of their daughters live in the Raleigh area and one still lives with her family in California. In 2004, Marta and Carlos became Naturalized Citizens.

Carlos' interest in the Knights of Columbus occurred at one of the Our Lady's feast day celebrations at Basilica of Mission Dolores in San Francisco where the Honor Guard led the police escorted procession into the church. Both Carlos and Marta were initiated in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Society, where Marta's parents were co-founders at Mission Dolores Church in 2000 and Carlos served as President and Marta as the Event Coordinator. They helped establish the largest celebration mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day on December 12.

The Espinoza's settled in New Bern in 2017 via Frederick, Maryland and Charles Town, West Virginia after they relocated from California. In 2018 their home flooded during Hurricane Florence. Carlos said that the Saint Paul Church community was their heavenly angels by providing food and supplies, and more importantly their prayers.

Marta is a Eucharistic Minister and sits on two boards - the Saint Paul School Board and the Saint Paul Parochial Council. Carlos is a Reader at St. Paul Church for the 11:00 AM Mass, in addition to serving as our Council's Outside Guard.

Carlos's hobbies include traveling, which has taught him many things, especially about other cultures, gardening – he grows their own fruits and vegetables, fishing, reading, and spending time with his family.

Randall Ramian
Deputy Grand Knight

James Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil



The annual James Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil is scheduled for October 22nd starting with a 5 p.m. social hour, followed by our buffet dinner at 6. Tickets are \$20 pp and we will have carry out if requested.

Our supplier tells us that the shrimp are running well and should be plentiful by the event. If it turns out like our event held in August, it should be another great one!

Steve Harman is coordinating ticket sales along with Ticket Master Danny Gennantonio. Tickets will be sold after all masses on the two weekends preceding the event!

Phil Nassef & Craig Baader
Shrimp Boil Co-Chairs

Faithful Navigators Report



The month of September was a somber one for Assembly 1820. In the span of 6 days, we lost two of our long time Sir Knights, Robert “Chick” Natella and Bartolo “Bart” Spano. Chick passed away at the age of 88. He was a Knight for over 50 years and a Sir Knight for 47 years. He was both a Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. He was active in just about all Council and Assembly activities. He served as our official photographer, chaired the annual Msgr. Jones Golf Tournament, and worked the floor at our bingo operation every Monday night. Bart passed away at the age of 87. He was a Knight for 27 years and a Sir Knight for 24 years. Bart was another one who spent a lot of time supporting our activities. He was a Past Grand Knight and was our Assembly’s champion of our “Right to Life” movement. He also spent many years as one of our bingo callers and as a volunteer at the Merci Clinic. Funerals for both were held at St. Paul’s with our Color Corps participating in both. These two gentlemen were vital members of our organization and will be sorely missed. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Yard Sale: As I am writing this, our September yard sale is in progress. The first day was a huge success and I’m sure Craig will publish the full results when all is said and done. My wholehearted thanks go out to Pat Rocco, Craig Baader and all of the steadfast volunteers that work tirelessly throughout the year to make this program the huge success that it is. My thanks also go out to the wonderful folks in our community for their donations and support. We couldn’t do it without you.

Golf Tournaments: As in past years our Assembly sponsored a team in the New Bern Elks charity tournament held on September 11th at the Emerald Golf Club. This year, our team consisted of Craig Baader, Kevin Blust, Pat Rocco, and Phil Nassef. Although they didn’t finish in the money, a good time was had by all, and the team and their wives enjoyed a good old fashioned “pig pickin” afterwards at the Elks lodge. Don’t forget the Msgr. Jones tournament coming up on September 25th. Paul Masotta is the man to see to enter your team.

Shrimp Boil: The final numbers are in for the shrimp boil we held on August 20th. Counting the ticket sales, raw shrimp sales, 50/50, and gift basket raffle, our assembly made a profit of \$2,126.00. Thanks again to all those who helped out and we look forward to the Council’s shrimp boil coming up on October 22nd.

That’s all for now. Hope to see you at the next meeting, October 13th, 7 p.m. at the Hall.

Doug Uhland
Faithful Navigator

September & October Anniversaries

Ralph & Gerry Aviles	9/4/71	Kevin & Judy Blust	10/6/62
William & Joan Campbell	9/8/62	Stanley & Margaret Bazydola	10/8/65
Henry & Nancy Schafranski	9/9/61	Vince & Lois Fragnito	10/5/60
Joseph & Joan LaCascio	9/15/71	Karl & Joan Bissinger	10/10/53
Joahn & Beatrice Vislavsky	9/24/60	Gerald & Pam Schill	10/12/68
Anthony & Paula Storniolo	9/26/71	William & Patricia Elliott	10/13/62
John & Judy Williams	9/26/71	Claude & Margaret Lalonde	10/13/62
James & Dottie Dunham	9/30/61	Philip & Frances Nassef	10/15/06
Raymond & Barbara Karam	9/30/87	Mikie & Rita Casem	10/16/62
		Pat & Lynn Rocco	10/22/97
		David & Carrie Nelson	10/24/81
		Michael & Maria Lynch	10/27/95
		John & Dolores Sauerwald	10/28/72

Fall Yard Sale



Although we moved the event 3 weeks forward based on our volume of stored goods, the yard sale went out without a hitch this past week, generating over \$41,000 of income for the Assembly. We can never thank our group of volunteers enough as they are the core of what makes this fundraising event work. From the Truck Monkeys that make the pick ups to the volunteers that sort and assess the donations every week, to the large number of volunteers that work the actual sale – they are all critical to our success.

Given the shortage of volunteers available from CNATT at Cherry Point, we made contact with the volunteer coordinator at CNATT at New River down below Jacksonville. This was a great move as they provided the bulk of the Marine volunteers that helped

us setup, run the event, and breakdown the tents and inventory on Saturday after the sale shut down. Without their help, we would have been in big trouble, especially the Truck Monkeys that spearhead the setup and breakdown. May God bless SSgt's Tyree and Marino and the volunteers that they provided during the week. Pictured below is the group from Cherry Point and New River that supported us on Saturday, including SSgt Tyree who is in the center with the big smile!! Sir Knights included in the photo from left to right are Mike Lynch, Bill Panza, FN Doug Uhland and SK Paul Masotta.



Pat Rocco
Yard Sale Chairman





ANNUAL K of C SHRIMP BOIL

In Memory of Jim Whetzel

Friday, October 22nd, 2021

**To Be Held at Columbus Club Hall
1125 Pine Tree Drive
New Bern, NC**

**Drive Thru Carry Out from 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Social Hour @ 5:00 pm - Dinner @ 6:00 pm**

\$20.00 Per Person



“HONOR OUR KNIGHTS WIDOWS” ANNUAL LUNCHEON



**Columbus Club Hall
1125 Pine Tree Drive
October 31st, 2021
Social @ 1:00 PM with
Lunch Served @ 2:00 PM**

Cost: \$10.00 per person

**Come out and enjoy a Wonderful
Luncheon with our Widows!**

October is Respect Life Month

From everything you have read and heard, what is the leading cause of death in the United States? Heart attack? Stroke? Homicide? Covid?

The answer: ABORTION! The most recent data from 2018 showed over 650,000 lives were taken before they could draw their first breath. This is unacceptable, not to mention, intrinsically evil.

As Catholics and members of the Order, we should strive to ensure we are not supporting abortion or other issues that go against our faith. In our current society, it is getting harder to find companies to do business with that are not directly or indirectly supporting abortion and other issues that go against our faith. From clothes to beverages and food to cell service and insurance and all things in between, more and more companies are contributing to these evils.

The fiduciaries for the Knights of Columbus include a director from the USCCB. This group vets every company the Order considers investing premium dollars in to ensure our funds are not inadvertently providing support to pro-choice, untraditional marriage, or other issues that go against the faith.

Is it time to change your carrier to match your faith? Let's have a conversation.

Fraternally

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