



The Knightlighter



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

April

- 1st Assembly Officers Mtg @ 7 p.m. (Virtual)
- 6th Bingo - Canceled
- 7th Council Mtg - Canceled
- 8th Assembly Mtg canceled
- 13th Bingo - Canceled
- 17/18th Lamb COLLECTION @ Walmart - TBD
- 20th Bingo - TBD
- 23rd ARC Dinner-Postponed
- 27th Bingo - TBD
- 28th Council Officers Mtg @ 7pm (virtual)
- 30th LAMB Awards Dinner - TBD

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

As I write my comments for April, our daily lives for are being altered. I don't need to dwell much on the challenges and disruptions that the COVID-19 is having on us all. I pray that all Knights and your families including our widows and friends remain symptom free. It goes without saying, but please do not take any unnecessary risks in the coming weeks. Under the guidance of our Bishop, Pastor, and Governor, the Monsignor James R. Jones Council 3303 has canceled or postponed most upcoming events for the near future. The smart decision to cancel Bingo was made until the Governor lifts the gathering restriction. There will not be a Council business meeting on Tuesday, April 7 although we will provide minutes and an update from our virtual Council

Officer's meeting on March 31st. If any vote on a motion is required, it will be conducted by e-mail. We will also soon be providing a proposed budget for the next fraternal year.

We were fortunate to be able to have held our 2nd Friday Fish Fry on March 13th as well as support the Catholic Daughters annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on the 15th. Our 3rd and final Friday Fish Fry scheduled for March 27 will be a drive-thru curb side pick-up only. There will be a limited number of Brothers cooking and bringing meals to the cars. All necessary precautions will be taken; however, I understand if anyone is hesitant to participate. As of now, many restaurants in New Bern are offering take-out so I believe our service of offering a delicious fish meal to go during lent would appeal to many parishioners. Please contact me before Thursday, March 26 if you would like us to prepare you a meal for pick-up.

The Knights of Columbus was founded 138 years ago on March 29, 1882. Every year, Council 3303 celebrates with our annual Founder's Day Breakfast.

This year's event was scheduled for Sunday, May 17th and as of now, this event is on hold pending updates from our leaders. Other events such as our April LAMB awards dinner and ARC dinner are also postponed. We will also monitor the situation and may will try to re-schedule our LAMB collections at Walmart originally scheduled for April 17/18. I will keep everyone posted via e-mail or phone-tree. We did have a very good turnout from our community during the Red Cross Blood Drive held at Columbus Club Hall on March 19/20. It is inspiring to see good people do what they can to help in a time of crisis.

Just like we did with the last two hurricanes with the grace of GOD, our community will bounce back and life will get back to normal. Let's pray that the suffering and deaths are as low as possible and our recovery comes quicker than we expect. Please pray and support our leaders, refrain from public criticism, take care of one another, and do only what we feel comfortable doing in our volunteering efforts. Please keep Brothers Ernie Parent, Phil Nassef and Chuck Havens in your prayers. Let me know if the Knights can assist for anyone struggling to get food or critical errands in the coming weeks. Keep the faith.

VIVAT JESUS!

Michael Lynch
Grand Knight

Family of the Month – March

Harry Truman's comment about finding out what you like to do and never having to work another day in your life applies to Bill Camp. He spent a career with Phillips International as a service engineer working on MR, CT and Nuclear Medicine equipment. He so loved his occupation that when it came time to retire, he didn't want to leave, but time was up; he had to move on to other things. But we're getting a little ahead of ourselves.

Bill was born in and grew up in Hamden, Connecticut. His wife Ginger hailed from Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He spent an enlistment in the Coast Guard and served as a 2d Class Petty Officer. After that, he studied electronics at the University of Hartford.

When he retired from Philips, he and Ginger set out for New Bern 14 years ago, and like his job, they love it here. And fortunately, their three children, two girls and a boy, live close by with their two grandsons.

Bill served as the comptroller and lector with the Knights, works BINGO, the yard sale, fish fry, and other activities as needed.

He and Ginger are active in the choir, Bill is an usher at the Saturday Mass and is a counter on Sunday.

Our Council recognizes and honors Bill and Ginger for their ongoing and faithful contributions to both our council and to Saint Paul parish. Folks like these two are what makes Council 3303 the dynamic organization it is.

John Murphy

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

BINGO – April 6th & 10th canceled with 20th & 27th TBD

LAMB Collection at Walmart – April 17th and 18th is canceled / Reschedule TBD

ARC Dinner – April 23rd - TBD

LAMB Awards Dinner – April 30th - TBD

St Paul School Gala – Rescheduled to Friday, May 8th

Founders Day Breakfast – May 17th - TBD

Memorial Service – October 2020

Sir Knight of the Month – March

Our selection for Sir Knight of the Month for March is SK Joe Urbaniak. After a 4-year stint in the Air Force he worked for Public Service Electric in New Jersey for 36 years. Joe and his late wife, Marlene, raised two children there and relocated to New Bern in May 1996. Joe joined the Knights in April of 2002 and made his 4th degree in October of 2004. Since then, he has been an active contributor to both Council 3303 and Assembly 1820. He served as the Warden in the council in 2004 and 2005. He also served the Assembly as Faithful Scribe from 2005-2006 and Faithful Captain from 2006-2007. Until recently, he was also member of the Assembly's Color Corps. Presently, you can find Joe in the cashiers' cage at our weekly bingo games and in the furniture department during our yard sales. He also serves the Parish as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan for funeral masses, and money counter. Outside of his parish duties Joe donates his time working at the Craven Regional Medical Center helping with quality control for medical records and doing computer work for their volunteer services.

Joe is a guy we can always count on to step up help out in any projects or events that come up. He has been a true asset to both the Council and Assembly for many years and truly deserves the honor of Sir Knight of the month for March 2020.

Vivat Jesus,

Doug Umland, Faithful Captain

Knights and Catholic Daughters Bring Some Irish Cheer



On Sunday afternoon, March 15th, The Knights hosted the Catholic Daughters in celebrating our 2nd annual joint CDA/KofC Saint Patrick's Day Dinner at Columbus Club Hall. This celebration was the original idea of CDA Paula Hartman, wife of PGK Tom Hartman. Thanks to the great advance planning of Paula and Maryann Harper, the dinner was a huge success and a significant fundraiser for the Catholic Daughter's charitable efforts. As they did last year, our excellent cooks Vince Fragnito and Pat Rocco as well as several other brothers provided a traditional corned beef and cabbage Irish meal to all the guests that purchased tickets. Danny offered an Irish Blessing and Grace before the meal. There was a cash bar to start and lots of home-made cookies and mint chocolate-chip ice cream for dessert. Between the Irish background music, we were blessed to be entertained by the bagpipe music of Rob Thompson. Along with a 50/50 raffle, Danny and Cindy Gennantonio prepared and raffled-off two wonderful Irish baskets of cheer. How fitting that a true Irishman and Sir Knight Hugh McHugh was one of the winners. Considering our current environment, we were grateful that this event was able to take place. Thanks to all who helped and attended. Irish Blessings to all!



Faithful Navigators Report



Greetings Brother Knights!

I hope you are all doing well. The month of March started out chock full of events. A Lenten Fish Fry was scheduled for Friday March 13. Saturday March 14 a Yard Sale Appreciation Dinner was scheduled. On Saturday March 21 the Fourth Degree Exemplification was scheduled to be in Wilmington. St. Paul's Catholic School Annual Gala was to be held on Saturday evening March 21.

The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall was on schedule with at least 80% of the Volunteers in place. Then in swept the Coronavirus. The Traveling Wall was canceled by Arlington. This was a total disappointment for everyone involved. It took many months of planning and many volunteers and we were ready to go but there are plans to reschedule and bring the Memorial Wall to New Bern in 2021. I would like to thank all the people involved and all those who volunteered for the Wall. Hope to see you next year.

Due to the Coronavirus all the above-mentioned events were postponed to a later date. The Yard Sale Dinner is tentative for June 27. We were able to have the Fish Fry on March 13. The Supreme has canceled all

events for the next several months.

Unfortunately, this virus will be changing the way we live our lives for the next several months. Everyday things we take for granted will not be readily available. Please be aware of those in the Community that made need assistance, especially our elderly population, the disabled and those that are ill. Please show them consideration and your support.

Please remember to not take this event lightly. Take care of yourselves and your family. Please wash your hands!

Please remember in your prayers all our active Military and their families and our Veterans.

God Bless you all and stay safe,

Ralph Aviles
Faithful Navigator

3rd and Final Friday Lenten Fish Fry is Curb-side Pick-up ONLY



The 3rd and final Friday Fish Fry scheduled for March 27 from 5:00-6:30PM will be a drive-thru curb side pick-up only at the St. Paul Family Life Center. If you haven't previously purchased a ticket and would like to order a delicious fish dinner to-go, please contact either Grand Knight Mike Lynch, m2lynch@suddenlink.net or Danny Gennantonio. Tickets will also be available at the church office through Wednesday March 25th. There will be a limited number of Brothers cooking and bringing meals to the cars. All necessary precautions will be taken. Many restaurants in New Bern are offering take-out so our service of offering a delicious fish meal to-go during Lent offers a wonderful option to parishioners. Please order your meal before Thursday, March 26th. \$12 each or \$30 max per family. Pay curbside.

Knight of the Month – March

Sir Knight and Brother Clark French is the Knight of the Month for March 2020. Clark has been a Knight for 30 years having attained his 1st Degree in November 1989, 3d Degree in 1990 and 4th Degree in November 1991. During this 30-year period Clark has held key officer positions in both the Monsignor James R. Jones Council 3303 and the Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820. Additionally, Clark continues to be a major contributor to St. Paul Parish ministries. He is currently a Eucharistic Minister and a lector and he has held positions in support of parish financial activities.

Clark is currently a Trustee of Council 3303 and over the years he has been the Advocate for four Fraternal Years and the Grand Knight for FY 94-95. Sir Knight Clark was the Assembly 1820 Faithful Navigator for FY2003-2005. He is also a member of the Ceremonial Color Corps.

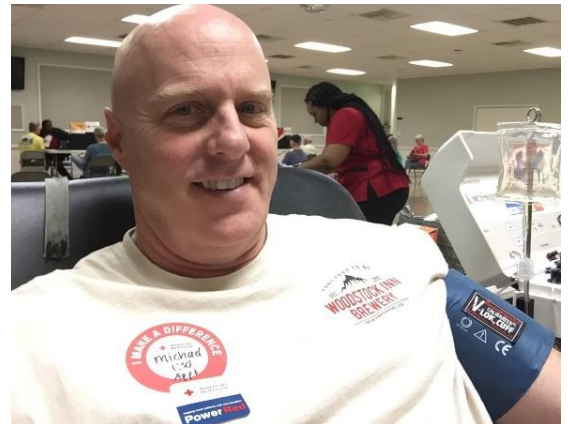
In addition to holding many leadership positions Clark has been an untiring worker on the Yard Sale Team. Over the years he has managed the repair of many, many appliances to include stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, washing machines and dryers. So many families are indebted to him for his expertise and meticulous care in restoring these appliances to a serviceable condition and providing them for a fraction of the cost on the commercial market. Clark has been a major contributor to our Bingo Team. He recently stepped down from the position of bingo caller after 24 years of continuous service.

Sir Knight and Brother Clark French is an inspiration to his fellow Knights. We are proud to honor Clark as our Knight of the Month.

Steve Harman
Deputy Grand Knight

K of C American Red Cross Blood Drive Draws a Huge Response

The U.S. is now facing a severe blood shortage due to a large number of blood drive cancellations during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the American Red Cross. Eastern North Carolina is no exception. The U.S. Surgeon General has urged healthy, eligible adults to act now by giving blood. As with any crisis, many of us feel helpless and one of the ways that citizens contribute to help others is by donating blood. Fortunatley, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored with the American Red Cross to host several Blood drives every year and the blood drive held on March 19th & 20th went as planned. When I arrived for my scheduled appointment, there were several people waiting in line. I know many of my Brother Knights are regular donors including Deacon Jim Hackett, who showed right after I finished. Thanks to the foresight of Brother Frank Varga, a Brother Knight since 1950 and WWII Veteran who started our relationship with the American Red Cross 21 years ago, the Knights will continue to sponsor blood drives for many years to come. As of last fall, over 8,800 units of blood have been collected in total at Columbus Club Hall translating into approximately 26, 500 lives saved. The need is constant. SK Denny Colbert currently heads our blood drives. Thanks to all of you who are eligible to give and do so.



Mike Lynch
Grand Knight



From Your Field Agent

My Brother Knights,

I pray this finds you and your families in good health. We are all witness to history. An event such as this COVID19 pandemic has not been seen since 1918. The positive difference that the last hundred years has given us? Medical technology has improved, communications have improved. We have the advantage of our medical teams having a better chance at finding a vaccine and, possibly a cure for this virus. Time will tell.

A lot us have been overloaded with the constant stream of information being put forth by the media and internet. While most may be relevant, remember the old saying, garbage in, garbage out. Please continue to refer to the CDC and W.H.O. websites for information on the virus and not rely on the news or social media.

Please know that the Order, through its sustainable investment strategy, has a limited exposure to the current market volatility and remains in a strong financial position. Assets on deposit through our annuity products and benefits from insurance are safe.

Along with the changes spelled out by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson concerning meetings and other events, the agents are modifying how we conduct business. That said, I have set up an electronic meeting space to continue to serve you, my Brother Knights, in a virtual setting. If you have questions about your current policies or annuities, please contact me. If you would like to investigate what the Order can offer you, please contact me.

My God Bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully
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LAMB

Brother Knights:

Due to the ongoing special circumstances (covid-19), the spring collection campaign due to begin on April 18-19 at Walmart has been cancelled. We will try to reschedule the Spring collection for June or July if Walmart allows.

Thank you to all who have signed up to help for the collection. We will be working on the fall collection which is scheduled for October 9-10 at Walmart.

Thanks

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