



The Knightlighter



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Grand Knight's Comments

April

- 2nd Palm Sunday
- 3rd Bingo
- 4th Council Business Meeting. @ 7 p.m.
- 5th Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 9th Easter Sunday
- 10th Bingo
- 12th Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 17th Bingo
- 23rd Founders Day Breakfast 9:30 – 11:30
- 24th Bingo
- 25th Council Officers Meeting @ 7p.m.

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Brother Knights,
Welcome to our new Council Knights – Thomas Hubbard and David Burns – Transfer.

Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – Denny Colbert and Family of the Month – George and Louise Halyak.

Our Knights were once again very busy in the community, hosting several Fish Fry's – February 24th, March 10th, LAMB Dinner – March 2nd, and assistance with the Catholic Daughters St. Patrick's Day Dinner – March 12th. We also have

one more Fish Fry on March 24th.

Thank you to our Bingo Team and their efforts every Monday night. Our attendance continues to be consistent and growing. During our last Council meeting Doug Uhland noted that proceeds from February contributed to the best month we've had. As you know, Bingo is the Council's main fund-raising activity, and our profits greatly assist the community we support through donations.

Of note, the Council and Assembly agreed to financially support and host a local Wounded Warrior through the Marine Corps League Detachment to send to Denmark in August. This program is specially designed to assist wounded warriors in their recovery process as they interact with other military services members from the United States and international countries.

To all our Brothers, thank you for all you do to support the Council and Assembly and our efforts with the community and parish.

Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for April 4th – 7 PM - Columbus Club Hall, Council Chamber.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight



300 Club Results for the Month of March

Below are the winners of the March drawing. Your membership is especially important to us because it allows our Council to contribute to about 28 charities in the area

March Winners

	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$10</u>
March 7 th	Jamilah Smith	Heather Blust	Carol Long	Sandy Kravec
March 14 th	Clement Ned Jr.	Misty Spence	Gerald Brenc	Eva Hernandez
March 21 th	Johanna Davis	Margaret Bagg	Bill Kravec	Don Hanson
March 28 th	Richard Young	Edward Stepnoski	Linda Casciello	Liz D'Alessandro

Gerald Brenc
Co-Director

Knights Sponsor Lenten Fish Fry Fridays



As Council 3303 has done for many years during Lent, providing a delicious fish dinner to St. Paul parishioners on three Fridays is what we do well. Our fish fries were held on February 24th and March 10th with the 3rd and final fish fry to be held on March 24th. The meal is served at the St. Paul Family Life Center (gym) from 5:00 -6:30pm. Take outs are available, but everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy fellowship with parish family. Stations of the Cross follow at the church starting at



7:00pm each Friday during Lent. Other parish ministries provide a simple Lenten supper on the other Fridays during Lent when there is not a Fish Fry. Tickets are \$16 per person and can be purchased after all the Masses. Limited tickets will be available at the door on March 24th. Don't come late. Special thanks to Ralph Aviles and his team of Brother Knights who do an amazing job in the kitchen preparing the batter and perfectly frying our delicious fish with all the great sides (mac n cheese, slaw, ciabatta rolls, tartar, dessert, and drinks). Our gratitude also goes out to our wives and widows who volunteer to help serve and prepare the place settings. Please join us on the 24th for the last Fish Fry.



Michael Lynch
Past Grand Knight

LAMB Report I



Once again, the Knights of Columbus hosted the LAMB Awards Dinner on March 2nd. The dinner was held in the Columbus Hall Lounge, with 10 Schools and two community organizations (Pamlico Primary School, Graham Barden School, Creekside Elementary School, Focus Therapy, Special Olympics – Jones County, Brinson Mem. School, West Craven High School, Arapahoe Charter School, Bangert Elementary School, Creekside Elementary School, Havelock Middle School) in attendance. Council 3303 awarded \$5,858 to Special Education teachers, who were extremely grateful for our financial support.



Several Knights and spouses were also in attendance. Special thanks to Tom Henry for his fund-raising efforts with the LAMB program. The dinner was catered by Famous Catering, New Bern. In addition to Tom Henry, Dan and Sonia Macsny and Phil Nassef assisted with the setup and cleanup. Phil additionally backed his specialty dessert, Peach Cobbler.



Thank you for all who supported the LAMB program this past year.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight



Lamb Report II

We have several confirmed dates for tootsie roll distribution and donation collections. Coming up first is Food Lion on MLK Blvd on Saturday March 25 2023. There is a full list of participants for this event. Starting at 8 am continuing to 5 pm, there will be 1 at each door.

Next confirmation is Harris Teeter at Market Place on MLK Blvd on Saturday April 15 2023. We have two positions open for each 2 hour time slot from 8 am to 5 pm.

Then we have also confirmed Saturday May 20 2023 at Piggly Wiggly on Simmons St from 8 am to 5 pm. There are also all openings for that day to be filled.

I have just received confirmation from the Carolina East Foundation that they have received our letter of intent to apply for a grant from Carolina East Health, which will reviewed around May 12 2023. If accepted, we will be able to submit a full application for a grant.

Thank You brothers for your past support and for the future. To sign up for open positions contact me at the information below.

Tom Henry
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Knights in Shining Armor

'At one time in our life, we have either read about or watched a movie about Knights in Shining Armor. Your girlfriend or even your wife may have referred to you as being their Knight in Shining Armor. No doubt that made you feel good being so highly thought of for either the good deeds you did or for just being there in time of need. As Knights of Columbus, we exemplify those virtues of being there in time of need or doing those kindly deeds that help our fellow man. While we don't need armor or a shield as a Knight of Columbus, we do need the tenacity and discipline to carry out our role as a Soldier of Christ. Knights of old were loyal and fierce fighters who fought to the finish for their king. As Knights of Columbus, we must do the same for our king, Jesus Christ, and in doing so our rewards are endless. We have many Knights in Shining Armor in our parish who have the makings of becoming a Knight of Columbus. All it takes is a friendly greeting and a simple question, " Have you ever considered becoming a Knight of Columbus?". If the answer is yes, you just opened the door to a new member and if the answer is no, explain to him the virtues and benefits of becoming a Knight. You will be surprised what can happen when you ask that simple question.

Dan Macsary
Membership Director

Knight of the Month - March

Sir Knight Denny Colbert is the Monsignor James R. Jones Knight of the Month for March. He was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC while his father was serving in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. Denny was raised in Prince George County, MD until he graduated from high school when the family moved back to Washington. He spent 22 years in the U.S. Marine Corps as an Aviation Ordnance man retiring as a Master Sergeant from Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron- 14 at MCAS, Cherry Point. After working for two years as a contractor employee for the U.S. Navy as a Technical Representative for A-6 Intruder weapons Systems, he cross-trained into the Ejector Seat field and worked another 18 years before retiring once again at Cherry Point from Fleet Readiness Center- East.

Denny married Carolyn McCarthy in August 1970 while serving as an Instructor for Marine Corps Reserve Squadron VMFA-321 at Andrews AFB in Maryland. They had 4 sons, Steven, Michael, David, and Pete over their 28 years of marriage and lived the majority of their lives in New Bern, NC and Virginia Beach, VA. Unfortunately, just 18 months after settling in Jacksonville, FL. to work at NAS, Jacksonville, Carolyn passed away from cancer in December 1998. Denny made his final move back to New Bern in November 1999 and, finally, became a Knight in 2001 after having continually turned down Danny Gennantonio since 1973.

Denny works every Monday and Tuesday with the Yard Sale "Truck Monkeys" picking up donations around Craven County and then making deliveries during each yard sale. He is, also, in charge of the Knights of Columbus Blood Drives every other month in addition to being a Lector for the 8:00 Mass and the coordinator for the Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and home bound every Sunday.

He met Margaret Copeland in October 2000, and they married in April 2002. Margaret was widowed in November 1998 and had two daughters, Stacie, and Sherri. Together, through a blended family, they have 6 children, 11 grandchildren, two Great grandchildren, three dogs and a cat.

Council 3303 is proud to honor Sir Knight Denny Colbert as the Knight of the Month.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Family of the Month – March

March 2023 Family of the Month: Sir Knight George and Louise Halyak

George is no stranger to both Council 3303 and Assembly 1820, where he has in the past volunteered as the Council - Public Relations Coordinator, Bingo team, coordinated many Shrimp Boils, Widows Dinners and the Knights of Columbia State Convention Banquet in 2014. He also volunteered for the Assembly, where he held the following positions as Scribe, Purser and Yard Sale Manager. He has worked many Yard Sales and still volunteers to assist where he can. Additionally, George planned the Installation of Officers Dinner and volunteered in the kitchen for many events. He additionally served on the Columbus Club Board for several years.

George was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Navy veteran, he served from 1958 – 1962. George and his wife, Louise retired to New Bern via Arlington, Virginia in 1999. He retired as a Vice President of Government Sales from the Unican Corporation, having lived 29 years in the Washington, D.C. area. His hobbies used to be boating and tennis, but he has since moved on to less strenuous activities. Their main hobby was cruising on their boat up and down the coast and tennis at the Harbour Town Racquet.

Most recently George served as Chairman of the “Bring the Wall to New Bern” Committee for over two and a half years. The travelling Vietnam Wall, a $\frac{3}{4}$ replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall located on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C. was hosted by New Bern April 8th – 11th 2021 at Lawson Creek Park. Of note, “The Wall That Heals” was cancelled in 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.

Louise was born in Washington D.C. but grew up in Bethesda Md. She retired from the C.I.A. Louise volunteered for many past Assembly Yard Sales, has assisted the St. Paul Parish for the past ten years washing and ironing altar linens for the Altar Guild as well as counting Collection monies once a month on Sundays.

George and Louise planned and arranged the recent Wives Appreciation Dinner. Between them they have 7 children and 15 grandchildren & 9 great grandchildren!

Council 3303 is proud to honor George and Louise as the March 2023 Family of the Month.

Terry Anderson
Recorder

Special Request for the Gospel Choir

Calling all those who love the Lord! Sing with us to Praise God and touch the hearts of all. Join our Gospel Choir at 8 am Mass every Sunday!

Contact Sandra Deans at dscwd15@gmail.com or Sonia Macsay, 530-640-1010 OR simply come see us at Mass!

Sing For Joy!!

Dan Macsay
Membership Director

Faithful Navigators Report



Let me start by saying that on April 15th there will be a 4th degree in Raleigh. If you are a 3rd degree and would like to advance to your 4th degree please contact Craig Badar at 410-627-3152 or me at 252-229-9799. This will be a great opportunity to get your 4th degree and as a bonus the Assembly will pick up the tab.

Fundraising activities for the yard sale is doing great. We have filled half of the cans but Pat is still looking for help on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9-12. If you or your wife would like to help please come out and help, we would love to have you both. Remember you don't have to be a 4th degree to help. Donations for this are as follows: Epic-\$500.00, Merci Clinic -\$500.00, St Jude- \$500.00, and River Bend Country Club will be receiving \$300.00 for the St Paul's youth.

We will also be building a new deck by the kitchen door. This will help get us out of the weather so we can continue to serve up delicious meals no matter the weather. Please be on the lookout for this new addition.

The Sir Knight of the month is Chris Skaggs. Thank you, Chris, for all of your hard work and dedication. The St Paul's Gala will be held on April 28th. We look forward to seeing you there. I would like to take this time to wish everyone who has a birthday or anniversary this month a Happy Birthday and/or a Happy Anniversary.

Thank you all again for your hard work you do for the 4th degree Assembly. May God Bless you and may he turn his face to you.

Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator



Sir Knight of the Month – March

March's Assembly 1820 selection for SK of the month is Chris Skaggs

Chris was born in Kinston, NC. His father was in the Army and Chris grew up in many places from Ft. Bragg, NC to Germany and back. Chris settled here in New Bern and works for MOEN corporation. Chris has been an active member in council and the assembly. He fills officer billets of inner sentinel for assembly and outer sentinel for the council. Chris has devoted his time and talents to the assembly working Monday Bingo nights and assisting with our yard sales. He is also a member of the color corps and acts as an usher for the 11:00am Mass. Chris is a photographer and has documented many functions of the assembly. He is an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and can be found attending the Down East Wood Ducks minor league baseball team games.

Chris typifies the dedication and service to community and the Knights of Columbus. He is deserving of the recognition of Sir Knight of the Month for March 2023.

Ron Biggs
Faithful Captain

The Power of Eucharistic Adoration



Like many Catholics around the world, I experience the power of Eucharistic Adoration. When I wrote one of my books about St. Faustina, I went to Adoration frequently. Actually, back then, the Adoration chapel was right down the hall from my office. (I had the privilege of working for the late Cardinal Francis George in Chicago.) I was able to stop by any time of the day to pray silently before the Blessed Sacrament.

After work hours I spent time in the Presence. I often said to myself: "I am tired. I could be home." But there was never a time that I did stay and not feel refreshed after my visit. It was so palpable; it truly amazed me. Soon I was back in the chapel seeking God's direction for my writings. Again, without fail, I was flooded with ideas. I felt directed. I knew what needed to be done.

Being in the presence of Our Lord, everything was clear, and this continued for many books to come. I just "showed up." He blessed my life, my work, and my family. Praying in the Lord's presence drew me closer to Christ, gave me strength to deal with the circumstances of my daily life, and provided me with opportunities to ask God to help my family and friends.

I was sitting with Jesus. Friend to friend. Little did I know that this was what St. Faustina experienced. I spoke to him more from my heart as I would to a friend. That's why I'm so excited about Adoration! I encourage those of you who are already doing Adoration to invite others to consider devoting frequent time to the Lord.

The popes, saints, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church testify to the benefits of Adoration. Let's start with the Catechism. It presents an inspiring picture:

Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé [St. John Vianney] used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. (CCC, 2715)

Recent popes have urged Catholics to take up the ancient practice of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. St. John Paul II depended on the Lord to give him wisdom. When he was developing his encyclicals, he placed a desk and chair before the tabernacle and listened while he wrote. There he drew strength, consolation, and support.

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (CCC, 1380, quoting St. John Paul II's letter *Dominicae Cenae*, *The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist*)

Pope Francis has also promoted Adoration throughout his pontificate. In a homily from Feb. 5, 2018, he told priests that they must teach the faithful how to adore in order to prepare them for what they will do in heaven. He said: "We know how to teach [our people] how to pray, sing, and praise God ... but to adore?"

The saints and other holy people all had Adoration in common.

St. Teresa of Kolkata has said that without Eucharistic Adoration she would never have been able to do what she did to the level she did it. She even hinted that without it she would have burned out. Mother Teresa required her sisters to do a daily Holy Hour that gave them strength and peace to accomplish their extraordinary work among the poorest of the poor. She attributed the doubling of vocations to the Missionaries of Charity to the nuns' faithful hour of Adoration.

Ven. Fulton J. Sheen began the practice of a daily Holy Hour when he was a seminarian. And he performed it without fail for 60 years. In his autobiography *Treasure in Clay*, he wrote: "The Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. In the garden ... Our Lord asked, 'Could you not watch one hour with me?' He asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil, an hour of victim union with the cross to overcome the anti-love of sin" (Image, 1982).

Servant of God Dorothy Day interrupted her tireless works of mercy to spend many hours before the Blessed Sacrament. There she interceded for the homeless, broken, and mentally ill people she loved. Her time before the Real Presence gave her confidence that she lived and served in the Lord's presence all the time.

Adoration helped Mother Angelica build the EWTN television network. For every hour she was on TV, she spent an extra hour in Adoration. When she was being challenged with great difficulties, St. John Paul II sent her a monstrosity! His message was to stay focused on Jesus through Adoration and thanksgiving.

When Helena Kowalska became a nun, she took the name of Sr. Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament to highlight the focus of her spirituality. Adoration was her life. "One hour spent at the foot of the altar in the greatest dryness of spirit is dearer to me than a hundred years of worldly pleasures. I prefer to be a lowly drudge in the convent than a queen in the world" (Diary, 254).

St. Faustina offered up her Adoration for her intentions — family, friends, priests, her country, the Church, the dying, in thanksgiving, and especially on behalf of the holy souls. She asked graces for them as a group. Jesus wanted her to know how much this pleased him. God loves in a special way those whom we love.

There is a Polish proverb that says, "You become the one you befriend." St. Faustina wept in front of Jesus. She shared her joys with him. She acknowledged her weaknesses. She asked for healing, listened, thanked, and rested in Jesus. She immersed herself in the fire of his love and the depths of his mercy. It was Adoration that called her forth to go out and help others — and Adoration that empowered her to share Jesus' compassion to everyone she encountered. As St. Faustina's soul united with Jesus, the fruit of her Adoration was an image of Divine Mercy.

Spending time in Adoration draws us into intimacy with Jesus. And as we get closer to him, he gives us the wisdom and strength to serve his Church and the people he has placed in our lives. Take a good look at your routine and find a way to include Adoration in your life. You will truly become the one you befriend.

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour

NOTE: This article was written by Susan Tassone on March 1, 2021 for the Catholic Digest



Editor's Corner

Night Time Eucharistic Adoration in St. Peter's Square

The Vatican held its first monthly Eucharistic Adoration in the area in front of St. Peter's Basilica on Tuesday, March 14th. The March Adoration was led by Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, OFM Conv, who is the archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica. The holy hour was offered for Pope Francis in light of his 10th anniversary as pope.

Several hundred adorers gathered at the Vatican to take part in the hour of prayer, which included music, Scripture readings, and prayers interspersed with moments of silence. The eucharistic adoration, a new pastoral initiative of St. Peter's Basilica, will take place the second Tuesday of every month from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m and is open to the public. Here are some pictures that I thought I could share with you from this special gathering.



FIGURE 1: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. PETER'S SQUARE



FIGURE 2: ADORERS KNEEL BEFORE THE EUCHARIST



FIGURE 3: THE EUCHARIST WAS DISPLAYED IN GOLD MONSTRANCE



FIGURE 4: ADORATION ON THE PORTICO OF ST. PETER'S



FIGURE 5: CANDLELIT PATH TO THE ALTAR HOLDING THE EUCHARIST



FIGURE 6: CARDINAL MAURO LIFTS THE EUCHARIST

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