



The Knightlighter



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Grand Knight's Comments

August

- 1st Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 2nd Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 pm
- 7th Bingo
- 9th Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 11th Shrimp Boil
- 14th Bingo
- 20th Installation of Officers @ 3pm
- 21st Bingo
- 22nd Council Officers Meeting @ 7p.m.
- 28th Bingo

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Brother Knights,

Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – Sir Knight Phillip Nassef and Family of the Month – Sir Knight Ralph and Geraldine Aviles.



Welcome to our new parish priests – Fr. Steven Costello and Fr. Pedro Munoz. Please keep them in your prayers as they take on their new pastoral duties with St. Paul's Parish.

Save the Date – Sunday, August 20th for the Council and Assembly Installation ceremony and dinner. The Installation dinner is no cost to you and your spouse or guest to attend. The Installation starts at 3 PM at the Columbus Hall. Dinner will be at the Flame – Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 PM; Dinner: 6:00 PM. RSVP No Later Than Monday, August 14th. Dress Code - Business

Casual with Coat.

Farewell to our recently deceased Knights: Sir Knight William J. Campbell, Sir Knight (4/21/23), Sir Knight William Robinson (4/24/23), and Brother Michael D. Price (6/28/2023).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

300 Club Results for the Month of July

Below are the winners of the July drawing. If interested in joining the 300 Club or getting an additional number, please contact Gerald Brenc or Brian Tolbert. Brian's email is bgtsaluki@gmail.com and telephone number is 910-546-7264.

Numbers are \$50/number for the year, with 210 drawings annually (4 per week for \$100 total and two semiannually for \$1000 each) for a total of \$7200 in winnings.

Profits for the 300 Club will be given to the Council for distribution to the many charities the Knights support.

June Winners

	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$10</u>
July 6 th	Teresa Stuppiello	Elisabeth Amend	Dennis Colbert	Bill Madigan
July 13 th	Lynn Rocco	E J Jensen	Brian Hayson	Ellen Lacey
July 20 th	Eva Hernandez	Janet Young	Eleanor Sisco	Paul Scheele
July 27 th	Teresa Stuppiello	Mary Jane Jaskolka	Kerry-Scharf Echart	Rose Whetzel

Gerald Brenc & Brian Tolbert
Co-Chairs

Step it up and Get Involved

You know, I never really imagined that I would have gotten as involved as I have when I joined K of C Council 3303 a little over 9 years ago. When I first joined, I stood back a bit as I was actively involved with my Home Owner's Association and the golf club to which my wife and I belong. My activities on these boards didn't really leave much time for any other activities. Before joining, my only involvement with the Knights was assisting Doug Uhland cooking at one of the yard sales. Once I joined, Doug suggested that I start out with Bingo on Monday Nite. Sooooo, I showed up and was asked to help in the kitchen working the counter and helping with the cooking when needed. Great move as I made some long-term friends and really got a feel for the organization. I found out very quickly that once you have experience doing the various tasks in the kitchen, you end up working many of the social events held at the hall, and enjoying the company of a great group of people.

One of my brothers who taught me the ropes, Ralph Aviles, talked to me about helping out with pickups for the Assembly Yard Sale, which I was able to do on Monday mornings at that point. Once I was finished with my other commitments, I also worked Tuesday mornings and became an official "Truck Monkey". Once again, I met a lot more people and made a lot of new friends. Soon after, my wife started working the Yard Sale and has been working it ever since. When the Columbus Club was having a bit of difficulty and needed some help, "Uncle" Fred Amend asked me to join, head up the group, and renovate the main building. Worked with a great group of people and we were able to "Git er Dun".

Joined the Assembly the same year and assumed the position of Faithful Comptroller, relieving SK Bill Camp who has served in the capacity for 8 years. Been the chief Bean Counter for the Assembly ever since. I do find it rewarding applying my business experience to a non-profit organization to help ensure its success! I met and worked with more great people over the past 7 years and made life-long friends during this time.

I have always been of the opinion that the more people involved in the leadership and operation of an organization, the better. No organization should be heavily dependent on an individual or small group, as it is not healthy for the organization or the individual.

I was able to step down as the Knightlighter Editor last year because Ed Martinez had some publishing experience and was ready to step up to the plate. Now we have an Editor who is doing a great job and he knows that I am available to help when needed.

After the June Yard Sale, I notified our Yard Sale Chairman – Pat Rocco that I was stepping down as the Vice-Chairman. Since Pat will be wrapping up his third year as chairman next June, I thought that it was a good time for me to step down and let another person step into the role. I enjoyed supporting Ralph Aviles, Phil Nassef and Pat Rocco over the past seven years, but there needs to be a transition to some of our other members. We will help you get up to speed, answer questions and assist, and have no intention of disappearing, but the leadership needs to move on to some new members.

At the end of the 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year, I intend to step down as the Faithful Comptroller for the Assembly. After 8 years, it is time to transfer this responsibility to another member of the Assembly. The Assembly is in great financial shape, everything is in place, and I will be available to help transition the responsibilities and answer any questions raised.

Bottom line is that we need some new blood and some members to “Step it up and Get Involved”.

Craig Baader
Faithful Comptroller

Knight of the Month - July

Phil Nassef is the Monsignor James R. Jones Knight of the Month for July.

Monsignor James R. Jones, Council 3303 is proud to recognize Phil Nassef as our Knight of the Month. Phil joined the Knights of Columbus in 1985 and has been a honored and committed member of our Council and our Assembly. He has held many officers position including Grand Knight and currently holds the position of Faithful Navigator. In addition to his duties as the Assembly's Faithful Navigator Phil can be found managing the upkeep of our bingo kitchen supplies and the dinners for the hall.

Phil works very hard to insure that everyone has what they need to succeed. Phil lives in New Bern with his wife Francis who is also a valuable asset in helping run various functions of the Council and Assembly

Please join mr in congratulating Phil Nassef our pick for Knight of the month

Paul Masotta
Deputy Grand Knight

Family of the Month – July

July 2023 Family of the Month: Sir Knight Ralph and Geri Aviles

This month we salute Sir Knight Ralph Aviles and his wife Geri as Council 3303 Family of the Month!

Sir Knight Ralph has been a very strong contributor to both the Council and Assembly. You will usually see Ralph in the kitchen assisting with Monday Night Bingo, assisting with the Assembly Yard Sales, and most recently coordinating our three Lenten Fish Fry's. Ralph additionally, has coordinated Fish Fry's in past years as well. Sir Knight Ralph affiliated with the Knights of Columbus in 2011 and became involved in several leadership positions, including the Assembly 1820 Faithful Navigator, and now serves as one of the Assembly Trustees.

Sir Knight Ralph is from the Bronx, New York and later moved to Dutchess County, New York. He joined the Marine Corps after high school, serving in Viet Nam from 1966-1968. Of note, Ralph was a key member of the team that brought the "Wall That Heals" (Viet Nam travelling Wall) to New Bern in 2021, where he served as Volunteer Co-Chair. He is also very active with the local Red Cross, many times assisting across the country with areas that have been impacted by natural disasters.

Sir Knight Ralph worked with Mobile Oil and Gulf Oil, for a short time and then transitioned to Xerox corporation, working in New, York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Ralph retired from Xerox. He is married to Geraldine (Geri), and they have one daughter, who was recently married.

Geri volunteers at the Yard Sale. She is in charge of the antiques and higher dollar value items. She also helps with a number of Knights events.

Congratulations to Sir Knight Ralph Aviles and his wife Geri!

Terry Anderson
Recorder

Membership Director's Desk

Are you a Cheerleader?

As males we have a tendency to associate cheerleaders with those energetic young ladies waving their pom poms on the sidelines of a football or basketball game, cheering their team on. As Knights we can be cheerleaders waving our team on. We don't need pom poms, cheers or dance steps to encourage our team to victory. As Knights our team is already victorious by all the charitable works we do and in our commitment to Christ as Catholic men. As Knights we need you to cheerlead by example which in turn will draw more men of Catholic faith into our brotherhood. Never let a good deed go unnoticed. Let people know of our charitable works and what we stand for as Knights of Columbus. The more we cheer on our team the more we are noticed, sparking the interest of those sitting on the sidelines waiting to get into the game. Never underestimate the power of persuasion by mentioning who we are and what we do. Don't be surprised when they ask, "How can I join the team"?

Dan Macsary
Membership Director

Faithful Navigators Report



Are you ready for some shrimp? Our big shrimp boil is coming Friday August 11th. If you want some tasty food and a fun time, come, and join us. We have the best shrimp in town, so come on out and eat with us. We will sell tickets at Bingo and after all masses starting next weekend. Thank you for your support!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bo Wernesbach for his great service to the assembly. Bo was our faithful pursuer. Thank you, Bo, for all you have done! We have given RCS a donation of \$2,500. RCS does a great service to our community; we are happy to support them with their efforts to serve. We also supported a girls softball team to help them go to nationals. We wish them the best of luck!

I would like to welcome Father Steven and Father Puadro. If you see them, please make them feel at home. The Fourth degree is helping them get the furniture they need to settle into their new home. The installation of officers will be held on August 20th. The ceremony will start at 3pm and dinner will follow curiosity of the Flame. Please RSVP by Monday the 14th of August. There will be no exceptions if you do not respond before the 14th. The yard sale is going great yet again thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. We are still in need of volunteers to help a few hours on Monday and Tuesday's. I want to thank you all for helping make the assembly the best.

May God bless you and may he turn his face to you. Tell someone you love them today and share the love! you all and may he turn his face to you.



Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator



Sir Knight of the Month – July

This month's selection for SK of month is Larry Winsor.

Larry was born and raised in Louisville, KY and married Vicky his high school sweetheart of 50 years. They have one son and five grandchildren. After high school they both joined the Army where he attained the rank of Sergeant. After leaving the Army Larry worked for Martin Marietta for 39 years in various positions in several different states. He worked his way from plant operator to management. After leaving Martin Marietta Larry and wife Vicky had a scraping big equipment metal business. Larry retired to the New Bern area and Rich Tomask recruited him to become a Knight in 1993/94. Since joining Larry has been an active supporter of the Council and Assembly. He supports the Yard Sale and is in charge of the entertainment section. He repairs TV's, stereo equipment and radios. He can be found most weeks working on Mondays and Tuesdays getting items ready for the next yard sale. He typifies the dedication and service to community and the Knights of Columbus. Larry is deserving of recognition as Sir Knight of the month.

Ron Biggs
Faithful Captain



Assembly 1820 Shrimp Boil

Friday, August 11th

To Be Held at Columbus Club Hall

1125 Pine Tree Drive

New Bern, NC

Social Hour @ 5:00 pm - Dinner @ 6:00 pm

\$21 per person

**Tickets sold at Bingo on 7/24, 7/31 & 8/7 and after
masses on weekends of 7/29 & 7/30 and 8/5 & 8/6**



Marine Ship's Clock Finally Finds a Home!!



Thanks to the persistence of Brother Dan Macsay, the Marine Ship Clock that was donated to us by the widow of former Knight Bill Riordan back several years ago. After making contact after contact, Dan was finally able to make arrangements to donate the clock to the Marine Corps Museum, Montford Point, who was extremely appreciative of the donation.

Although it has never been completely researched, we do know that the clock was made in 1943 and we assume was a shipboard clock in a Marine Detachment as evident by the limited saltwater damage to the clock. I wouldn't think it was in a stateside office but who knows.

The lady in the photo along with Dan is Lovietta Batts-Herring, who is one of the curators at the museum.

Craig Baader

Faithful Comptroller



Bingo Crew Staying Cool and Enjoying Some Ice Cream During a Hot July Evening.





The Dog Days of Summer and Spirituality

By Deacon Jim Hackett

So here we are now in the Dog Days of Summer, pretty much through the dog days, as they officially extend from July 3rd to August 11th. These dog days occur between those dates because according to astronomy with input from the meteorology folks and as tradition has it these are the hottest, most unbearable days of our summer season. Originally, the phrase actually had nothing to do with dogs, or even with the lazy days of summer. Instead, it turns out, the dog days refer to the dog star, Sirius, and its position in the heavens.

To the Greeks and Romans, the "dog days" occurred around the day when Sirius appeared to rise just before the sun, in late July. They referred to these days as the hottest time of the year, a period that could bring fever, or even catastrophe. We associate the dog days of summer, especially with the dogs that are lying around, sluggish, more or less lifeless because of the oppressive summer heat. While this may sometimes be true meteorologically and evidenced in the behavior especially of the dogs, I believe it can even be true for us. Don't we find ourselves sluggish, more apt to take those midday rests, more desirous of those times for a siesta. We become slower, sluggish, looking to more 'vegging' time, maybe inclined to procrastinate to a better time another more suited to our energy level, even cooler for the task.

The question presents - do we take a siesta from our spirituality during the dog days of summer? Just lay back and coast? Let things grow that shouldn't - similar to the weeds in our flower beds and gardens.

Liturgically we are in the midst of Ordinary Time, between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent. This time should be one of growth - focused on a spiritual harvest.

So, in these Dog Days of Summer, are we exhibiting spiritual boredom, allowing the lazy feeling of the summer, the Dog Days affect our prayer, our Sunday worship?

This should be a time to strive to move forward - with little or no effect from the 'climate' of their time. So, in the heat of the season do we push forward continuing to cultivate our relationship with the Creator, growing spiritually, or do we lay back, sluggish as the dogs, overcome and waiting for a new season, a better time. The choice is up to you!

The Feast of the Assumption

On Tuesday, August 15, Catholics around the world mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven. But while the feast day is a relatively new one, the history of the holiday – and the mystery behind it – has its roots in the earliest centuries of Christian belief.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven. The dogma of the Assumption of Mary – also called the “Dormition of Mary” in the Eastern Churches – has its roots in the early centuries of the Church.

While a site outside of Jerusalem was recognized as the tomb of Mary, the earliest Christians maintained that “no one was there,” theologian and EWTN senior contributor Matthew Bunson told CNA. According to St. John of Damascus, the Roman emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God at the Council of Chalcedon, in 451.



St. Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem told the emperor “that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven,” the saint recorded. By the 8th century, around the time of Pope Adrian, the Church began to change its terminology, renaming the feast day of the Memorial of Mary to the Assumption of Mary, Bunson noted.

The belief in the Assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However it was not defined officially until the past century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption.

“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory,” the pope wrote.

The decree was seen as the formalizing of long-held Christian teaching. We have throughout the history of the Church an almost universal attestation of this,” Bunson said of the Assumption.

Today, the Feast of the Assumption is marked as a major feast day and a public holiday in many countries. In most countries, including the United States, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are required to attend Mass. Bunson explained that on major feast days, it’s important to mark the significance of the feast as especially vital by emphasizing the necessity of celebrating the Eucharist that day.

“What is more fitting than on the Assumption of the Blessed Mother to, once again, focus on her Son, on the Eucharist?” he asked.

Written by Kathleen Adealaide, CAN (Catholic News Agency) A version of this article was originally published on CNA Aug. 15, 2017.

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