



# The Knightlighter



The Official Publication of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. James R. Jones Council  
3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC

## Grand Knight's Comments

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 5<sup>th</sup> Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 26<sup>th</sup> Council Officers Meeting @ 7p.m.

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Brother Knights,

To all our Military Veterans – Thank you for your service and sacrifice as we observed Veteran's Day earlier in the month. Wishing all our Knights and families a very Happy Thanksgiving!



Welcome to our newest Council Knights: Joe Talbot, transfers Michael Graham and Gary Winterstein.

Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – Marty Pagnozzi and Family of the Month Richard and Mary McGee.

Coats for Kids 2023 program is highlighted in this issue of Knightlighter.

Of note, our Council recently concluded a very successful Jim Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil

fundraiser on October 27<sup>th</sup> and then shifted gears on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to host the Knights Memorial Service at St. Paul Church, followed by the Widows Luncheon at the Columbus Hall. Thank you to the many Knights and spouse helpers for three successful events once again.

### Events On the Horizon:

- **November 21st** - Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered to 18 families. Thank you to Dave Nelson, Gordy Barnes and Paul Masotta for their efforts. Additionally, thank you to Rosemary Whetzel and her team for assembling the baskets with non-perishable food items and Turkeys. Also, thank you to all the Knights who contributed.
- **December 2nd** - New Bern Parade. The Council and Assembly Knights will be participating. The parade starts at 11 AM – in downtown New Bern. -
- **December 6th** - St. Paul Christmas Party – Gordy Barnes and Paul Masotta have the lead, with assistance from Rick Dean and the Grand Knight.
- **December 8th** - New Bern Senior Center Christmas Party – Jerry Abramowski has the lead. Please contact Jerry if you are able to assist with serving lunch and presents.
- **Mid December** - Poinsettia delivery to widows – led by Vince Fragnito and Denny Colbert.

As mentioned in the last issue of Knightlighter, The Knights of Columbus will also once again be selling an assortment of beautiful Christmas cards and other items to support Keeping Christ in Christmas. Cards and other items will be on sale in the Atrium after all masses on December 2 /3 and 9 / 10. Thanks to Terry Anderson and volunteers for their efforts with this program.

The term for the Council Financial Secretary will be expiring at the end of this Fraternal Year, June 30, 2023. We are in the process of identifying candidates to fill this important position. If you are interested, please contact me or one of the Trustees. This is a three-year term, starting on July 1, 2024.

Our next Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM – Knights of Columbus Hall, Council Chambers.

**Randall Ramian**  
**Grand Knight**



### **300 Club Results for the Month of November**

Below are the winners of the ber drawing. If interested in joining the 300 Club or getting an additional number, please contact Brian Tolbert. Brian's email is [bgtsaluki@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### November Winners

	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
11/07	Bonnie Tolbert	Ron Biggs	Paul Scheele	Mary Ann Almashy
11/14	Robert Trip	Ron Biggs	Tracy Blust	Mark McClockey
11/21	Martin Pagnozzi	Theresa Stupiello	Mary Jane Jaskolka	Lisa Cahill
11/28	Ralph Aviles	Sharon Rivers	Eva Hernandez	Kate Sbarra

**Brian Tolbert**  
**Chair**



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## **Knight of the Month - November**

Marty Pagnozzi is the Monsignor James R. Jones Knight of the Month for November.

Marty Pagnozzi is currently an Adjunct Chemistry Instructor at Craven Community College in Havelock. Originally from New York City, he has degrees in chemistry and biochemistry. He worked at Pfizer in Groton Connecticut for over 20 years and was involved with research focusing on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Following that, he was a high school Chemistry teacher in Connecticut. His daughter also teaches high school Spanish in Connecticut. Marty left high school teaching in 2019 and retired to New Bern in 2020.

Shortly after, he joined the Knights of Columbus in New Bern and is an active participant as a Bingo caller, Lamb volunteer, Yard Sale volunteer, ticket sales events and enjoys the friendship of many in the Council. At St. Paul's Church he sings and plays the violin and is a lector at the 5 P.M. Mass. Aside from the above mentioned Knights activities he volunteers at very many other Knight related activities.

He plays Santa at Craven Havelock campus and has been Treasurer of the Newcomers Club of New Bern. Marty enjoys traveling to different countries, gardening, learning to play the banjo and supports his wife, Mary Ellen, in Catholic Daughter's events. Please join me in congratulating Marty Pagnozzi as our pick for Knight of the Month

**Paul Masotta**

**Deputy Grand Knight**

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## **Family of the Month – November**

November 2023 Family of the Month: Brother Knight Richard McGee and his wife Mary

Richard was a Knight 30 years ago at Infant of Prague parish in Jacksonville, NC. After transferring to Council 3303 Richard and Mary were drawn to BINGO as their first endeavor. Both Rich and Mary work the floor on Monday night sessions. Mary is the only and first woman to engage in such services. She's quick and quite responsive to the multiple tasks associated with the floor management.

Aside from becoming involved with Knights' activities, they both support Saint Paul's as Eucharistic ministers, and also serve as members of the parish offertory counting team; likewise, Mary assists with the parish Bake and Drop program. Rich and Mary came from Marine Corps families and lived in many locations. They knew each other from earlier days in Jacksonville where their fathers served on Camp Lejeune. They began seeing each other in 2013 and married in October 2015.

Mary holds an Associate Arts Degree in Business Administration from Coastal Carolina Community College and worked in the hospitality and restaurant business for over 40 years. She retired after 20 years of service for Craven County, lastly associated with its convention center. Finding time on her hands, she now works part-time at The Country Biscuit restaurant.

Rich attended trade schools at Coastal Carolina Community College too. He learned brick laying, became a certified welder, then worked as a commercial fisherman and as a car detailing; however, opportunities took him into the soft drink sector where he has worked for over 43 years, mostly with Coca Cola, now serving as Equipment Service Manager. Richard continues looking forward to many years with the Knights of Columbus to fulfill the mission of serving others.

Here's a well-deserved congratulations to Brother Knight Richard and his wife Mary!!

**Terry Anderson**

**Recorder**

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## LAMB 2023

Last year we collected about \$6900 of which \$5858 was distributed. Requests were for \$7487.

My goal for this year was to try to collect enough to make last year's request distribution at 100%. We have just achieved that goal with our next deposit. AND we have another deposit coming in at the end of the month. That means that we have exceeded my goal for the year, with a lot of help from YOU the membership. There were at least 31 members that helped me achieve that goal throughout the year.

A quick break down of collections: 3 yard sales, \$1050: 2 gift cards, \$529: mail requests from businesses, \$1350 from 6 replies: extra membership donations, \$730 from 10 members: store solicitations, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Piggly Wiggly, Harris Teeter, \$1940: Mumfest, \$908: Council and Assembly, \$2000: and a Misc , \$2000.

The donations help the Jones County Special Olympics, Focus Therapy, and 10 schools that have student learning disabilities programs. Their "wish list" requests have gone out, and I have had acknowledgements from 9 of them this weekend, with returns due before the end of the year. Our year doesn't end until Dec 31, so we are accepting any donations until then. Thank you so much for a great year for LAMB.

**Tom Henry**

**LAMB Administrator, Council 3303**

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## New Yard Sale Storage Building Approved and in Process

Although they have served us well over the past 15+ years, we will finally be replacing the two Yard Sale Shipping Containers with a permanent storage building within the next few months. This project has been under discussion and review for some time, and the final approval was obtained at the October Assembly Meeting.

Replacing the existing "cans", which provide 640 sq ft of storage space for the "non-fabric" furniture items donated to the yard sale, will be a 1,470 sq ft storage building with a ramp and 2 roll-up doors. Fortunately, the new building will be able to store any type of materials, giving flexibility to the Yard Sale Chairman regarding the organization of the stored materials.

Happy to report that the tree removal effort was completed on Tuesday, Nov 7th (Photo's below), providing the access required for completion of the site preparation plan and the movement of the utility pole which currently impedes the installation of the new building .

We have received the drawing package from our contractor and started work with the city on our zoning and building permits on Nov 13th!

During the remaining 11 weeks leading up to the next yard sale (Feb 1 - 3), we will be finalizing our permits, relocating the utility pole that services the Yard Sale Building, completing the site survey plans, and our building contractor will be fabricating the actual building frame structure.

Immediately after the yard sale, the containers will be removed by the business that purchased them in early November and our building contractor will begin their site work. Once the backfill has been delivered and the required grading completed, the concrete building pad and ramp will be poured and cure for approximately 2 weeks (weather dependent). At that point, they will bring in the prefabricated framing and erect the structure. Their site prep lead estimates that this will take 3 - 5 days.

After our building contractor finishes the structure, our volunteers will install OSB on the inner walls of the building, and Romeros Electric will come in to install the required receptacles, switches, etc.

And Brothers, at that point we will be open for business!



**Craig Baader**

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## **Membership Director's Desk**

### **Leaders by Example**

Great leaders lead by example. The Knights of Columbus are great leaders at all levels. You read and see about it in the publication COLUMBIA and you see it in our Council and Assembly. We are at the forefront of our parish and community, setting the example by our charitable works and willingness to expend countless hours of volunteer service to assist our fellow man. Without your devotion as a Catholic man and the love of Christ none of this would come about.

Great leaders ask for nothing in return knowing that they have lived up to the standards expected of them. Leading by example is not an easy task and can be very challenging. You always run the risk of setting the bar, for others to follow, too high or too low. How do you set the bar when talking to someone about becoming a Knight? My answer to that is to be truthful and respectful. Let them know that as a Knight, the only thing we ask of them is what they can give. If it is only a few hours or unlimited hours of service, great. Their time and effort are always welcome and appreciated. As a leader let others know that they can be a leader by becoming a Knight. As a Knight and a leader, they are doing God's work and when the final curtain closes, they will be richly rewarded in heaven.

Merry Christmas to you and yours and have a Happy New Year.

**Dan Macsary**  
**Membership Director**

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## Tamales & Taco Fest

A few Sundays ago our Hispanic community put together a feast to behold, Tamales and Tacos. Adjacent to the parking lot under a tent our fellow parishioners were busy preparing and serving homemade Tamales and Tacos. The funds raised will be used for an Advent retreat at the parish, the celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe on the 12th of December



and 9 days of Las Posadas which is a Christmas tradition in the Spanish speaking world. Las Posadas is a remembrance of the journey made by Saint Joseph and the Virgin Mary from Bethlehem to Nazareth in search of a place for Jesus to be born.

Supporting our Catholic community and sharing in their traditions is both richly rewarding and meaningful, not to mention appetizing. Feliz Navidad Y Prospero Ano Nuevo!



**DAN MACSAY**  
Membership Director

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## Donations to St. Paul Catholic Church, School, & Youth Programs

On Tuesday, November 14, Grand Knight Randall Ramian presented several donation checks to Father Steven Costello. The donations included; the annual church donation, the church calendars (with KOC ads), and the downtown old St. Paul's Church fund. Pictured are the Grand Knight Randal Ramian, Father Costello, and Rick Dean, Council Faith Program Director.



The annual donation to the Saint Paul Catholic School Scholarship Fund was also presented to Deacon Dave Kierski, school principal.



On the same day, the Grand Knight also presented a check to Mary Lindsey Edwards, Saint Paul Parish Youth Minister, for the youth programs.



**Rick Dean**  
SPCS Board Chair

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## Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program – 2023



Once again, Council 3303, led by Dave Nelson, supported the children of our community through the Coats for Kids Program. Additionally, the Deputy Grand Knight and Programs Director, Paul Masotta and the Grand Knight assisted. A total of 7 boxes (84 coats) were purchased and distributed to the following:

Fund for Needy Children, St. Paul Catholic School, St. Paul Catholic Parish Spanish Community, Religious Community Services through Deacon Jim Hackett and six public Elementary Schools:

Oak Road, Bangor, Trent Park, JT Barber, Brinson and Bridgeton.



Pictured are Deacon Jim Hackett, Krishanda Jones (Interim Executive Director, RCS), Randall Ramian (Grand Knight) and Phil Nassef (Faithful Navigator).

**Randall Ramian**  
**Grand Knight**

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## Merci Clinic Donation – October 26, 2023



David Nelson, Community Director and the Grand Knight delivered a donation check to the Merci Clinic, New Bern on October 26th. Merci Clinic Director, Linda Plourde, RN expressed her gratitude for the Knights generous donation and ongoing support.

“MERCIClinic is committed to providing confidential medical, limited dental, and pharmaceutical services to individuals who have no health insurance and are of limited income regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, gender, religion, or other legally protected status.”

Pictured are David Nelson, Community Director, Valarie Merkler, Support Coordinator and Linda Plourde, Clinic Director, RN.

**Randall Ramian**  
**Grand Knight**

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## Faithful Navigators Report



Wow, time is flying fast. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. Please remember the less fortunate this time of year. They need it especially more around the holidays. On January 20th there will be a fourth degree exemplification. This is the best time for all 3rd degree Knights to get your 4th degree. I will have forms to fill out available soon. Randal and I will be sending an email out with all of the details. Please come on out and be a part of the 4th degree. Lunch will be served after the ceremony so please join us for this amazing opportunity.

We still need help for the pre-yard sale activities on Monday and Tuesdays. If you can come on out and help us that would be greatly appreciated. I cannot stress enough how important the yard sale is to our organization. The proceeds from the yard sale help us serve our community in a variety of different ways.

Sir Knight of the month for the month of November is Mike Lynch. Thank you so much Mike for all of your hard work and dedication. I would like to also take this time to thank all of my crew for a great job at the Shrimp Boil. You guys are the absolute best!!

I love yall of you most ardently! Thank you for all of the help you give to myself and this organization. None of what we do would be possible without all of you. May God bless you and may he turn his face to you. you all!

**Philip Nassef**  
**Faithful Navigator**



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## Sir Knight of the Month – November

The selection for Sir Knight of the Month is Michael Lynch.

Mike is a retired former Marine with over 20 Years of service. Mike is married to Maria and they has three sons. He is currently working aboard Cherry Point, Marine base. He is currently on the Officers board for the Assembly as our Pilot, and has filled many other positions on both the Council and the Assembly in the past. Having filled those positions he brings a wealth of knowledge to the Assembly.

Mike contributes many hours supporting our various endeavours, from St. Patrick school, the basketball and soccer camps, to the Coats for kids program in the local community. volunteering for the LAMB program (Least Among My Brothers Tootsie Roll program raising funds to support the less fortunate in our community. Mike assists on Monday nights in the kitchen when possible, the Yard Sale, Shrimp boils and Fish Fry fund raisers.

Mike thank you for your efforts, time, dedication and hard work. We are proud to honor you as our Sir Knight of the Month.

**Ron Biggs**  
**Faithful Captain**

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# November Birthday Wishes



<b>NAME</b>	<b>DAY</b>
TRISTRAM FRENCH	2-Dec
GERALD ABRAMOWSKI	3-Dec
PAUL MASOTTA	3-Dec
GUY NORTON	4-Dec
DENNIS COLBERT	12/05
ROBERT FLEMING	12/05
PAU SING	12/06
JAVIER CRUZ	12/07
DAVID FINN	12/08
TRAVIS SHERRILL	12/08
CHARLES HAVENS	12/09
JOHN PACE	12/09
JOHN CARRERE	12/10
JACK BETLER	12/11
CHARLES BURDULIS	12/11
VINCENT DI GIULIO	12/12
WILLIAM MADIGAN	12/12
CHARLES KNIGHT	12/13
PHILLIP JAMES	12/15
ARMAND DION	12/17
FLETCHER WALSH	12/19
CLEMENT NED	12/20
IGNACIO ANCATORE	12/22
PHILIP BARBER	12/23
RAYMOND SAVAGE	12/23
RALPH AVILES	12/25
BILL BRODERICK	12/25
FREDERICK NELSON	12/29
EUGENE PAUL	12/29
MICHAEL MAGEE	12/30

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## Who Was Saint Nicholas? Saint Nicholas(c. 280–343)

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who provided for the poor and sick and is the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

### Early Life

Saint Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

### Reputation

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness.

### Death and Legacy

Several sources state Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving. He was a popular saint in Europe until the time of the Reformation in the 1500s, a religious movement that led to the creation of Protestantism, which turned away from the practice of honoring saints. Saint Nicholas, however, remained an important figure in Holland.

The Dutch continued to celebrate the feast day of Saint Nicholas, December 6. It was a common practice for children to put out their shoes the night before. In the morning, they would discover the gifts that Saint Nicholas had left there for them. Dutch immigrants brought the legend of Saint Nicholas, known to them as Sint Nikolaas or by his nickname, Sinterklaas, to America in the 1700s.

Saint Nicholas went through many transformations in America: Sinterklaas became Santa Claus, and instead of giving gifts on December 6, he became a part of the Christmas holiday. In the 1820 poem "An Account of a Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore, he is described as a jolly, heavy man who comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children and drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. The cartoonist Thomas Nast added to the Saint Nicholas legend with an 1881 drawing of Santa as wearing a red suit with white fur trim. Once a kind, charitable bishop, Saint Nicholas had become the Santa Claus we know today.

**Deacon Jim Hackett**



## Your Family Advent Wreath

Why not make this the year that you have an Advent Wreath in your own home? The Advent wreath is made of four candles and a circle of branches. Before the first candle is lighted, the household gathers for this blessing.

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family

### Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles:

#### First Week

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### Second Week

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### Third Week

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### Fourth Week

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Deacon Jim Hackett**

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