



The Knightlighter



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

Grand Knight's Comments

Brother Knights,

Wishing you and your families a very Happy and Blessed New Year!
Welcome to our new Council Knights – Paul Bassler, McIntyre Allen and Gary Timco (transfer).



Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – David Krauszer and Family of the Month Pat and Lynn Rocco.

Deacon and Sir Knight Jim Hackett was recognized by the KofC North Carolina State Council at the 5PM Mass on January 20th for his selection as Deacon of the Year for the 2022 – 2023 Year. Congratulations to Deacon Jim! Please refer to the article in this Knightlighter edition.

Our Council had a brief reprieve from activities in January, however, the next few months promise to be very busy once again. Looking forward to your attendance at the Wives Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 9th at the New Bern Country Club. Please RSVP to John Morgan (949) 519-8066 / john.p.morgan@comcast.net with your dinner selections and payment by February 6th. Thank you to John for coordinating this event. Please refer to information included in this Knightlighter edition.

Of note –the 300 Club Reverse drawing and Potluck Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday February 25th, 5-6 PM Social and 6 PM Dinner at the KofC Columbus Hall. Activities & Events on the Horizon:

- January 25th – Yard Sale Tent Setup (please consider assisting)
- February 1, 2, 3 – 4th Degree Yard Sale
- February 9th – Wives Appreciation Dinner – New Bern Country Club
- February 23rd – First Lenten Fish Fry
- February 25th – 300 Club Potluck / Drawing
- March 8th - Second Lenten Fish Fry
- March 22nd – Third Lenten Fish Fry

The KofC North Carolina State Raffle tickets (2) will be mailed out to you once again. As in the past, the Raffle ticket price is \$5 each, and proceeds are split between our Council and the State. The Raffle drawing this year will be on May 4th at the State Convention. Please remit your payment to me by March 31st if interested in participating.

Please keep in your prayers Sir Knight Charles E. Havens, who passed away on December 27, 2023. May He Rest in Peace. Our next Council Business

Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th @ 7 PM – Knights of Columbus Hall, Council Chambers.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

February

5 th	Bingo
6 th	Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm
7 th	Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 pm
9 th	Wives Appreciation Dinner
12 th	Bingo
14 th	Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
19 th	Bingo
23 rd	1 st Fish Fry
25 th	300 Club Pot Luck Dinner @ 5:00 pm
26 th	Bingo
27 th	Council Officers Meeting @ 7p.m.

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300 Club Results for the Month of January

Below are the winners of the January 2024 drawing. If interested in joining the 300 Club or getting an additional number, please contact 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.

January Winners

	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
01/04	Nancy Uhland	Ellen Lacey	Ann D'Alessandro	Eva Hernandez
01/11	Dave Nelson	Louis Simon	Marie Senzig	Paul Scheele
01/18	Lydia Kuhlman	Beverley Hartung	Nancy Uhland	Edward Simmonds
01/25	Michael Lynch	Roger Wilcox	Martin Pagnozzi	Larry Winsor

Brian Tolbert
Chair

Knights of Columbus 300 Club Potluck Dinner

Our semi-annual \$1000.00 drawing will be Sunday February 25, 2024, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. It will be a potluck dinner, the main dish meat, ice cream and iced-tea provided by the K of C. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine. All members of the 300 Club, Knights, and their spouse or guest are welcome to attend.

Social hour will be 5:00 to 6:00, and dinner will be served about 6:00. Drawing to follow. Please bring a dish of your choice if your last name begins with:

A thru J Salad
K thru R Vegetable
S thru Z Dessert

2024 Renewals for your number, or new numbers are \$50/number and can be paid for at the dinner. Alternatively, you can mail your payment to:

Knights of Columbus
MSGR James R. Jones Council, No. 3303
PO Box 13903
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Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus 300 Club". Hope to see you there!

Brian Tolbert
Chair

Deacon and Sir Knight James Hackett Recognized as the North Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus Deacon of the Year, 2022 – 2023



State Treasurer Rick Lewis & Deacon Jim Hackett

Congratulations to Deacon and Sir Knight Jim Hackett on his selection as the North Carolina State Council Knights of Columbus Deacon of the Year, 2022 – 2023!

Deacon Jim was recognized and presented with a Knights of Columbus Dalmatic and plaque after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, January 20th by State Secretary Rick Lewis and State Advocate Joe McCarthy. In addition to the State Officers, Regional District Deputy 1 - Frank Reck, District Deputy 2 - Joe Banks, Lisa Hackett and several Council Knights were in attendance.



REGIONAL DISTRICT DEPUTY FRANK RECK, DISTRICT DEPUTY JOE BANKS, NC STATE TREASURER RICK LEWIS, NC STATE ADVOCATE, JOE MCCARTHY (PRESENTING DALMATIC TO DEACON JIM).



State Treasurer Rick Lewis, Deacon Dan Doban, Deacon Jim Hackett, & Fr. Gene Grabowski

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Knight of the Month – January

January 2024 Council 3303 Knight of the Month is Dave Krauszer

Dave was born and raised in Olean and Rochester, New York. After High School he attended Clarkson College where he graduated with a BSIE and later attended night school at Rochester Institute of Technology to obtain his MBA. Dave also served 6 years in the NYS Army National Guard trained in heavy cable construction and later on 155 portable howitzers.

He has been married for 51 years to his wife Peggy and raised two children with whom they could not be prouder. Son Adam in Chicago and daughter Megan in Brooklyn.

Professionally he enjoyed a 33-year career with Xerox Corporation in Rochester as Manufacturing Engineer and later on as a Personnel Manager in new product development. After retiring from Xerox, he drove school buses for 4 years and worked part time as a technical recruiter for a small placement firm in Rochester.

His wife and I moved to New Bern in 2011 and they have never looked back. After settling into life in New Bern, he became a Knight because the mission of the Knights and his own value system are not far apart. He felt it was very important for individuals and society as a whole to give back when and where they can. He chose the Knights as his way to do this. By working Bingo, putting up and taking down tents for the sales, being an Usher at St Paul and a volunteer for the First Tee at St Paul School, in a small way, somewhere, someplace we can help someone.

Please join me in congratulating Dave Krauszer **as our January 2024 Knight of the Month**

Paul Masotta
Deputy Grand Knight

Family of the Month – January

January 2024 Family of the Month: Sir Knight Pat Rocco and his wife Lynn

Sir Knight Pat Rocco and his wife Lynn both worked for the USPS before moving to New Bern from Staten Island, NY in 2005.

They've been blessed with 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

Pat Joined the Knights in 2009 and has served as Grand Knight for the Council and Faithful Navigator for the Assembly. In addition, he has served as the District Deputy.

Pat and Lynn participate in all of the Knights activities including: Working in the kitchen, setting up Columbus Hall for events and helping with the 300 club. Additionally, they are regulars at the Assembly yard sale and its preparation. In fact, Pat is the 4th Degree Yard Sale chairman.

They were previously on the St. Paul Parish counting team and the Bishop Appeal program. Lynn serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Pat has been an usher.

Let's all congratulate Sir Knight Pat Rocco and his wife Lynn, as Council 3303 January 2024 Family of the Month and thank them for their incredible service to the Council, Assembly and St. Paul Parish!

Terry Anderson
Recorder

Clergy Christmas Gifts



Worthy Grand Knight Randal Ramian, and Faith Program Director Rick Dean, recently distributed our annual Christmas gifts to the St. Paul Parish clergy. Pictured receiving their gifts are Fr. Steven Costello, Fr. Pedro Munoz, Deacon Dave Kierski, Deacon Dan Doban, Deacon Jim Hackett, and Deacon Rick Fisher. The Grand Knight expressed our sincere appreciation for all that our clergy do for God and our Parish.



LAMB Project

January is a slow month with LAMB. No activities are scheduled. The year-end report has been sent in and am waiting on the checks for the teachers to be returned. We send them their wish list and dollar amount and they cut the checks according to our requests. Also, this month is time to start thinking of the different activities for the year. This year we have secured the last weekend on October, Oct 26-27 for our annual usher's collection after the masses.

I started with Harris Teeter, and as of January 1 2024, they NO LONGER allow solicitation at their stores. I am going to go next to Food Lion on MLK, (they only have Palm Sunday and Easter weekends available in March) so I will try April 6, 2024.

There is a new store manager at Walmart, so I will catch up with her soon to see if we can start using their store again for solicitations.

February there is the YARD SALE which we will be part of. As of this message, I still need one helper for Thursday and one for Saturday morning from 10-12. The checks should be returned sometime in February, then we can schedule the distribution of them. Also, in February they send out applications for MUMFEST on October 12-13 2024.

March tends to be quiet also. It is also the time to submit a request to the BIG ROCK FOUNDATION for a grant to help our cause. Last year they awarded us with \$2000, which was instrumental in us going over the requested amount from the teachers by 10%.

This year we have a new collection instrument in our quiver. We have a QR code that will be displayed on the collection cans. That way if they don't have cash, they can scan the QR code and donate from their phone. The proceeds go directly into our account at Charlotte. I will get a e-mail from the director for each transaction as to the amount.

That's about it for now.

Tom Henry

LAMB Administrator, Council 3303

Bring in the New Year

You have all heard the old adage, "out of sight out of mind". As a Knight of Columbus do you subscribe to that adage? I hardly doubt that you do. Knights are at the forefront. They lead by example. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a keynote remark emphasized that all men need a community whether through the Knights of Columbus or elsewhere to strengthen them as they strive to embody sacrificial love and fulfill their mission as disciples. Our community of Knights is strong because our love for one another is an unbreakable bond that brings us together. Our brothers are always in our sight therefore always in our mind. To carry it further, the same can be said for the wives and families of our Knights. Strength is in numbers and as disciples of Christ, our brotherhood is unbreakable. Make your presence as a Knight of Columbus known. Let people know what we do and why we do what we do. Do not let yourself fade out of sight. Be that pillar of strength, love and devotion to our community and fellow man. Always remember that there are other men out there that would love to follow in your footsteps. Bring in the New Year and be seen and heard by asking a simple question, "would you like to be a disciple of Christ"

Dan Macsary

Membership Director



Faithful Navigators Report

I wish you all had a happy and safe New Year. I am looking forward to making this year the best yet.

The yard sale will be February 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Tent set up will be 9am January 25th. We again need all the help we can get. Lunch and of course free beer will be provided after tent set up on the 25th. Come on out and have a beer with us. On January 30th, we need as much help as possible to get all of the items up for sale on display. We will have no marines this time so we especially will need help with furniture and other large items. Hopefully God will bless us with good weather during the yard sale.

February 8th there will be a special mass with the bishop. The color corps will be there to help with mass that day. I would like a good showing of the Knights at this mass. We need help that day setting up tables and chairs in the family life center that day. We will be sending an email with a time.

If you can help with any of the dates above, please come help. I cannot express my gratitude for each and every one of you and your dedication to making all these events possible.

May God bless you and may he turn his face to you!

I love you all!

Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator



Sir Knight of the Month – January

Assembly 1820 selection for Sir Knight of the Month is Robert (Monte) Montedonico.

Monte hails from Endicott, New York. His family moved to Garner, NC when he was young. Monte completed High School in Garner. He Joined the Army after High School and was a crew chief on OH-58A helicopters. He met and married the love of his life Fran in 1982. They have three children, Katelyn, Bobby and Ginnie. Monte worked at Fleet Readiness East (FRC) in various positions providing maintenance and upgrades to our country's military's various aircraft for over 38 years. His hobbies include Golf, Model Rail Road Trains, flying small light airplanes and working with his tractor.

Monte has been active in the Council and Assembly. Monte can be found assisting with the setup and tear down of tents for the Yard Sales. Monte is an active member of the assembly's Color Corps marching in Parades, and providing support for funerals of our fellow Knights.

Monte is a great asset to the Assembly and we want to thank him for is behind the scenes work, dedication, service and support to the Knights and the community.

Ron Biggs
Faithful Captain

Winter Yard Sale is Just about Here!



We are just over two weeks away from our winter yard sale, scheduled for Feb 1st thru 3rd. Most people in the New Bern area are well aware of the event and are hopefully ready to shop!!

Our first sale of the year was very successful, generating over \$41,000 in revenue for the Assembly.

Everyone in the building and our Truck Monkeys have been working tirelessly since our last sale in early October and our inventory has been growing by the day.

Pickups continue thru next week and the workers will be erecting the tents starting at 9 am on Friday, January 25th. The prep activities continue on a limited basis on Monday but really ramp up on Tuesday, January 30th when the tables are set up in the tents and the inventory is pulled from our storage areas and set up for the sale. On Wednesday, our crew continues the preparation process and pricing the materials for the sale. On Thursday morning (Feb 1st), the sale starts at 8 am and runs until noon each day thru Saturday. Late on Saturday morning, the workers will start breaking down our tent city and return them to storage. This process is completed in the

afternoon along with the return of any residual inventory to storage.

As noted previously, the proceeds of the sale fund more than \$50,000 in donations that the Assembly makes each year to a group of local and national charities, which include: St Paul's CC & School, RCS, Boys & Girls Clubs & Homes, Promise Place, FF Harbour Hospital Auxiliary, Craven County Partners in Education, Fund for Needy Children, New Bern Senior Center, MS, YMCA, Red Cross, St Jude's, and a number of veterans charities. It also provides the funding for the capital base retained to support the facilities operated by the Columbus Club.

Please consider volunteering in support of this event, especially on Tuesday or Saturday afternoon, as we do not have a group of military volunteers at this point.



Pat Rocco
Yard Sale Chairman

Yard Sale Storage Containers finding a new home at end of Yard Sale

Although they have served us well over the past 15+ years, we will finally be replacing the two Yard Sale Shipping Containers along the northwestern edge of our property with a permanent storage building soon after the February Yard Sale.

This project has been under discussion and review for some time, with the final concept and funding approval obtained at the October Assembly Meeting. Replacing the existing "cans", which provided 640 sq ft of storage space for the "non-fabric" furniture items donated to the yard sale, will be a 1,100 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. You have probably already noticed the swath of trees adjacent to the containers that were removed weeks ago.



We have now received the drawing package from our contractor, completed the survey of the property, and have developed a Site Plan acceptable to the various New Bern zoning and permitting departments. Although we really wanted a deeper building, we were unable to reach an agreement with the Elks regarding the small parcel behind the storage containers that would have facilitated the depth. Neither their timeline or requested consideration for the transfer of the parcel were realistic so we decided to move forward with the slightly smaller building.

In the week following this Yard Sale, the containers will be removed by the business that purchased them and we will formally submit our Site Plan Review Application to the New Bern Department Review Committee. Assuming committee approval at the meeting on February 16th, our building contractor is scheduled to begin their site work on February 19th. Once the backfill has been delivered and the required grading completed, the concrete building pad and ramp will be poured and allowed to cure for approximately 2 weeks. After this, they will bring in the prefabricated components and erect the structure. Their site prep lead estimates that this will take from 3 to 5 days.

Once the contractor completes their work, our volunteers will then install OSB on the inner walls of the building and our electrical contractor will come in to install the required receptacles, switches, etc.

Sooooooooo, at that point we will be open for business and ready to store the furniture and such donated by the New Bern communities!!

Craig Baader
Project Lead

Assembly 1820 Hosted the Fourth Degree Exemplification

On January 20, 2024 Assembly 1820 hosted the North Carolina State Fourth Degree Exemplification. Thirteen members from Council 3303 participated in this event and were bestowed the honor of the title 'Sir Knights'. Congratulations go out to:

Sir Guy Norton	Sir Brian Benard	Sir Martin Pagnozzi
Sir Dave Nelson	Sir David Finn	Sir Charles Schmidt
Sir Joseph Stuppiello	Sir Al Casciello	Sir Jeff Schmidt
Sir Tim Drake	Sir Carlos Espinoza	Sir Phil Barber
Sir Frances Montemerlo	Sir Bill Panza	Sir Rich McGee



Candidates, Observers, and State Officers



Degree Team



State Officers



Christmas Midnight Mass

At the request of Fr. Steven Costello an Honor Guard from Assembly 1820 was posted for the Christmas Midnight Mass.



Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator



February Birthday Wishes



NAME	DAY
BRUCE MORRIS	02/05
ERIC LITCHFIELD	02/07
LOUIS SHIELDS	02/10
JOHN TESSITORE	02/10
JEFFREY ROSS	02/11
EDWARD TREXLER	02/12
ANTHONY FLEMING	02/13
EDWARD SKAMARAKAS	02/13
JAMES BRADDICK	02/14
JOHN DE GUZMAN	02/14
EUGENE THROWE	02/15
RICHARD MORA	02/17
JOHN MURPHY	02/18
KONRAD KLECZEK	02/19
SCOTT FRITTON	02/21
KEVIN TWOMEY	02/21
PHILIP CONSIDINE	02/25
PAUL SARSFIELD	02/25
WILLIAM ELLIOTT	02/26
THOMAS HARTMAN	02/26
PHILIP TESS	02/26



So Why is it Called Valentine's Day?

Ah yes, St. Valentine's Day is here again. For one day each year, the world turns pink and red, floral shops and chocolatiers turn a handsome profit, and candlelight makes a comeback at dinner time. But buried and forgotten somewhere beneath chocolates and candy hearts lies a courageous man named St. Valentine. Let's learn a little about him.

Unfortunately, the life of St. Valentine has been mostly lost to history, but according to the Nuremburg Chronicle, a huge book of history written in the Middle Ages, St. Valentine was arrested for marrying Christian couples and helping Christians escape persecution at the hands of the emperor Claudius II.

While Valentine was imprisoned, a strange thing happened - he somehow won the favor of the emperor. Because of his new benefactor, St. Valentine was well on his way to freedom when he made a fatal mistake: He tried to convert Claudius to the Christian faith.

For his audacity, St. Valentine was immediately sentenced to death. He was beaten with clubs and stoned; all the while being asked to deny the faith. When he refused to deny Christ, he was beheaded outside the Flaminian gate. The year was 296 A.D.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, epilepsy, bee keeping, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, travelers, and young people. If you're thinking of taking up beekeeping or getting married, St. Valentine would make a good patron! While we don't know much about St. Valentine's life, we do know that he was a virtuous and holy man. Here are four things we can learn from him.

Courage – Imagine hundreds of your fellow Catholics are being rounded up by the government and executed in the most gruesome ways. Would you have the courage to openly defy the government? That's exactly what St. Valentine did. The Latin name Valentinus means "strong" or "filled with valor," and St. Valentine certainly lived up to his name, displaying courage and strength in choosing to obey God rather than man. We, too, should have the courage to do what is right in God's eyes, no matter what the consequences.

Faith – To St. Valentine, denying the faith was not an option. He preferred suffering and a bloody death rather to denying the Catholic and Apostolic faith. How firmly do we believe the teaching of the Church? Are we cafeteria Catholics who pick and choose which teachings we will follow? Do we disobey when Mother Church asks us to make hard choices or sacrifice in obedience? Like St. Valentine, we should show our commitment to Christ by our unwavering fidelity to the faith— always submitting to it, proclaiming it, and defending it.

Love for souls – While there is a lot of talk about the New Evangelization, Catholics are, generally speaking, terrible evangelists. Yet, if we really love others, we will care about their salvation. If we care about their salvation, we will share the Catholic faith with them. St. Valentine had the courage to share the Gospel with the man who had the power of life or death over him— and yet most of us won't broach the topic of faith with our friends out of fear of disapproval. Let's choose to courageously share the faith we have received with others as God provides opportunity.

Sacrifice – In the modern world, many trivialize love. To most, it is a sentimental feeling or a physical attraction. But that is not real love. Real love always costs something. St. Valentine loved Christ more than himself, and he demonstrated this through the sacrifice of his life. In our marriages and interactions with others, let's truly love others as Christ loved us—by giving of ourselves until it hurts.

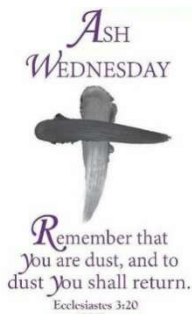
It is ironic that most of the world celebrates St. Valentine's day, and yet hardly anyone knows about the man they are honoring. Let's celebrate St. Valentine's day by imitating his virtues and praying for the courage to be a saint.

(Oh, and don't forget some chocolates for your honey...)

St. Valentine, pray for us!

Deacon Jim Hackett





What is Ash Wednesday?

This year Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is on February 14. Lent is the forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. The number forty is significant as it refers to Jesus' forty days in the desert prior to beginning his ministry of teaching.

On Ash Wednesday, Catholics, and some other Christian denominations, receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead or sprinkled on top of their head. These ashes are created from the palms used during the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. They symbolize penance, which is appropriate, as Lent is a season of penance, and reminds us of our own mortality. During the Mass or Ash Service, as the priest or lay minister applies the ashes, he says "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Anyone who attends a Mass can receive ashes, not just practicing Catholics.

The History of Ash Wednesday

Ashes have a place of prominence throughout the Old Testament. They are an outward sign of an internal state of penance or mourning. You can find some scriptural references below:

- *"Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes." - Job 42: 6*
- *"Daughter of my people, dress in sackcloth, roll in the ashes." - Jeremiah 6:26*
- *"I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes." - Daniel 9:3*
- *"When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had this proclaimed throughout Nineveh: "By decree of the king and his nobles, no man or beast, no cattle or sheep, shall taste anything; they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water. Man, and beast alike must be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God; they all must turn from their evil way and from the violence of their hands." - Jonah 3: 6-8*

And the practice continued after the coming of Jesus. The practice of public penance was common in the Early Church. After making a confession, a person would receive ashes on his head from the priest. The practice of using ashes to mark the beginning of Lent is first recorded during the time of St. Gregory the Great. The Gregorian Sacramentary has the earliest known record of it, then called the "Day of Ashes." Pope Urban II recommended the practice be used universally throughout the Church in 1091.

Ash Wednesday Services at St. Paul will be as follows:

- 7:30 am Liturgy of the Word w/Ashes
- 9:00 am Mass
- 10:30 am Mass (St. Peter's)
- 12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word w/Ashes
- 6:00 pm Mass
- 7:30 pm Mass in Spanish.

Deacon Jim Hackett



Presentation of the Lord

Friday, February 2 is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

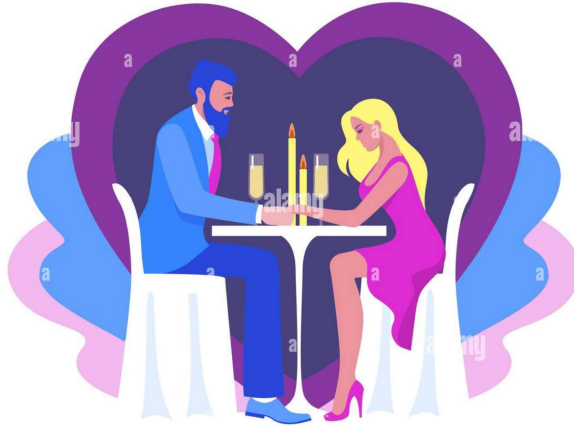
"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

"The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the *Procession*, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the *Solemn Entrance*, celebrated within the church."

Ideas for celebrating this feast day:

- Go to mass (8 am at Old St, Paul) and bring a stack of candles to be blessed for use over the next year!
- A Candlemas tradition is to spend the day without electric lights – or at least to eat dinner only by candlelight (using your blessed candles!)
- Say a family rosary by candlelight; the Presentation in the Temple is one of the Joyful Mysteries.
- Meditate on the constant fiat of Our Lady of Sorrows, who embraced the will of God even as Simeon predicted that a sword would pierce her heart.
- If you haven't taken down your Christmas decorations yet, today's the day! Candlemas marks the very end of the liturgical season of Christmas.

Council 3303 Wives Appreciation Dinner



You Are Cordially Invited

To The Knights of Columbus

MSGR James R. Jones Council 3303

Wives Appreciation Dinner

New Bern Golf & Country Club

4301 Country Club Road, Trent Woods, NC 28562

Friday, February 9, 2024

5 PM: Social and 6 PM: Dinner

Menu Selection: Pan Seared Beef Tenderloin Filet, Chicken Piccata or Bacon
Wrapped Salmon

RSVP to John Morgan at (845) 519-8066 / john.p.morgan@comcast.net with your
selection

104 Pebblebrook Drive, New Bern, NC 28562

Cost per member:

\$49 - Beef Tenderloin Filet; \$43 – Chicken; \$43 – Salmon

No cost to wives.

Checks Payable To: Knights of Columbus Council 3303

RSVP by: February 6, 2024

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