



# 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

### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 7<sup>th</sup> Council Business Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly Business Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bingo
- 31<sup>st</sup> Yard Sale Tent Setup @ 9:00am
- 31<sup>st</sup> Wives Appreciation Dinner 5:00pm

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Good Day Brother Knights

Merry Christmas to all my brothers and their families!

Earlier this month, we held our Christmas dinner for our council after the meeting. We were honored to be joined by our District Deputy, State Secretary, and State Warden, who awarded our council the Star Council Award for meeting our new membership requirements.

***Special recognition is accorded to the late SK Daniel Macsay whose relentless dedication to our Council is what led to our Council achieving our membership numbers.***



Paul Massota receiving Service Programs Award from Chris Kremer, State Warden



Randall Ramian receiving Star Council Award from Rick Lewis, State Secretary

The following day, we hosted a Christmas luncheon for the St. Paul's School teachers and staff. Father Steve and some members of Cotton Funeral Home joined us for this event. The delicious food for both the council meeting and the school luncheon was made possible thanks to two great men: Phil Nassef and Gordie Barnes.

Additionally, the poinsettias are scheduled for delivery on the 21st, thanks to Denny Colbert and Ralph Aviles. Don't forget, the Wives Appreciation Dinner will be held at The Flame. The dinner options will again include beef, chicken, or salmon. Please contact John Morgan for your reservation and make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Also, please include your

dinner selection on the check.

The cost for husbands is \$40.00. For any questions, please call John at 1 845 519 8066. My hope is that you all have a warm and happy holiday season!

**Fraternally yours,  
Paul Masotta Grand Knight**



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## 300 Club Results for the Month of December

We just completed the mid year drawings for the 300 Club this month, winners are listed below! We are selling half year memberships \$25.00. If you are interested, get your payments in ASAP as there are not any numbers remaining. Our next 300 Club Dinner and BIG MONEY drawing is scheduled for March 2, 2025!

Make your checks payable to the 300 Club, send your payments (\$25 per number) to :

MSGR James R. Jones Council, No. 3303  
PO Box 13903  
New Bern, NC 28561

Or Brian Tolbert  
3003 Peppercorn Road  
New Bern, NC 28562

As a reminder, all are welcome to join, you DO NOT need to be a Knight.

Below are the winners of the December 2024 drawings. Your membership is especially important to us because it allows Monsignor Jones Council 3303 to contribute to about 28 charitable organizations in our area.

### December Winners

	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Week 1	Sonia Macsay	Theresa Stupiello	Janet Young	William Baugher
Week 2	Jim Kelly	Al Casciello	Lisa Cahill	Sandra Mattingly
Week 3	James Wood	Ralph D'Alessandro	Teresa Kruske	Scott Durham
Week 4	Dolores Carter	Ann D'Alessandro	Misty Spence	Maria Lynch

**Brian Tolbert**  
Chair

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## LAMB Project 2024

Brothers:

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

I want to take a moment to thank you all for the fantastic year we've had with the "LAMB" collections. We had at least 32 members generously donating their time—two hours at a time, with some volunteering multiple times. This success would not have been possible without your support.

As of today, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, we have exceeded \$13,000 in donations. This total includes the \$3,000 I received last week from the Big Rock Foundation, which represents a 16% increase compared to last year.

Additionally, we have welcomed three more teachers into the school system, bringing the total number of classes we support to 15. Wishing you all a happy holiday season!



Sincerely

**Tom Henry**  
LAMB Administrator

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## Monsignor Jones Council 3303 Visits Saint Paul School to Celebrate Christmas on December 6, 2024



St. Nicholas (Jerry Schill) and Rick Dean.

On Wednesday, December 6th, Council 3303 once again celebrated Christmas with St. Paul Catholic School. The event was led by Gordy Barnes, with support from Grand Knight Paul Masotta. Together, they provided an excellent meal for the teachers and staff of St. Paul Catholic School, as well as the parish staff. A total of 62 meals were served.

During the celebration, gifts were presented to each classroom by Saint Nicholas, portrayed by Jerry Schill. This year, he was accompanied by Randall Ramian, the School Board Chair, and Rick Dean.



Gordy Barnes and Grand Knight Paul Masotta serving lunch to the St. Paul Catholic School and Parish Staff.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the gift wrappers: Lucy Andre, Marie Masotta, Betty Barnett, Pat Baader, Sheila Barnes, Jacque Halliford, Lori Groves, and Roger Wilcox.



St. Nicholas (Jerry Schill) visiting several St. Paul classrooms.



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

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## Craven County Senior Center Christmas Party 2024, December 13, 2024



Pictured L to R: Pete Miller, Jerry Abramowski, David W. Nelson and Phil Nassef

On Friday, December 13th, the Monsignor Ronald R. Jones Council 3303 Knights assisted with the Craven County Senior Center Christmas Party by serving lunch and distributing gifts.

This event was organized by Jerry Abramowski, with support from Kevin Blust, Phil and Francis Nassef, Denny Colbert, David W. Nelson, Pete Miller, and Randall Ramian. The Senior Center staff expressed their gratitude to the Knights for their efforts in bringing joy to the seniors in our community.

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

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## Knights of Columbus Winter Yard Sale Coming Up!



Just in case you hadn't heard, the Knights of Columbus Winter Yard Sale will be held on Thurs Feb 6th thru Sat, Feb 8th. Most people in the 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 has been working tirelessly since our last sale in early October and our inventory is growing by the day, filling both storage areas and packing the shelves of the main building. Pickups wrap up on December 17th and resume on Monday, January 6th.

Please be reminded that we are still in need of additional helpers to assist with the processing of donations each week and to work on the truck picking up the donations. We have a great crew, but they are pretty worn out and could use some help. The groups work from 9 til 12 on Monday and Tuesdays and is critical to the success of the Assembly

Please consider volunteering during the week or during the event as we have lost some of our volunteers.

**Pat Rocco**

**Yard Sale Chairman**



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## Knight of the Month – December

### December 2024 Knight of the Month is Kevin Blust

Kevin grew up in Eden, NY, just south of Buffalo. He graduated from Eden Central High School in 1958 and then attended Erie Community College. After that, he joined the Navy for two years, during which he traveled to various parts of the world. In 1962, Kevin married Judy, and they are proud parents of three children who live in Florida, Texas, and Kentucky, along with their two grandchildren.

In 1963, Kevin began working for UPS, where he dedicated 33 years of service before retiring in 1996. That same year, he moved to New Bern and joined the Knights. Since then, he has actively participated in many Council events and is a regular participant in our St. Paul's golf tournaments.

You can often find Kevin tending the bar or, occasionally, calling during Bingo nights. Please join me in congratulating Kevin on receiving this well-deserved award!

**Ralph Aviles**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**

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## Family of the Month – December

### December 2024 Family of the Month: Sir Knight Phil Barber and wife Agnes

Agnes and Phil, both natives of NY state, led separate lives for the first 25 years. Phil, born in Kingston in December '57, and Agnes, born in Staten Island 32 days later in January, crossed paths at a potluck dinner hosted by mutual friends. Little did Agnes know; Phil had just received an answer to a prayer he had made that very week.

Following their meeting, Agnes and Phil became integral members of a young adult support group that blossomed from the potluck dinner. This group, which started with just 15 individuals, played a significant role in shaping their lives and relationships.

Phil & Agnes married in July '85, and started having children immediately. Lianna Marie was born in April '86 and Stephen Anthony was born in July '88 while still living in Rochester. As their family grew, they decided to move closer to one set of parents or the other. Since her parents had moved to Tampa and his were living in Raleigh, they decided that Raleigh offered the family the best options for their children's educations, as well as the best opportunities for work while being close to Phil's parent. Besides, they weren't exactly enthusiastic about the Florida climate.

Having moved to Wake County in July '90, their third child, Gabrielle Therese, was born in May, coming into the world with Agnes' awaking with "morning sickness" on Labor Day weekend in the midst of a "home retreat" with their support group. (God has a beautiful sense of humor!)

Once the kids had graduated and moved out, they moved from the larger home in Wake Forest to Newport to be closer to Phil's mom in Morehead City to help her, having lost his dad 5 years earlier.

During the next 14 months, Agnes began working for Catholic Charities in New Bern. Meanwhile, daughter Gabby and her 2 daughters, Harmony and Alaina, ages 6 and 3 moved in, and they relocated to New Bern to accommodate the 2 ladies' jobs and the 2 girls going to school at St Paul's. During the next 2 years, they were growing together in faith as a family. Ultimately, the 3 girls moved out to a home near Winston-Salem, outside of Mayberry!

Agnes and Phil have continued to grow with the Saint Paul community over the past 7 years, even as Phil happily discovered his old friend Tom Tully as pastor here! Agnes has now been with Catholic Charities since February '17 after 30 years in substance abuse counseling and case management. She was the Program Director for several years and recently reduced her hours to focus on coordinating the Senior Pharmacy Program. Phil spent almost 30 years in hearing aid service and sales as a Licensed Hearing Aid Specialist (NC, SC, & FL), and testing others around the country who worked in noisy environments with testing and protecting in regards to hearing conservation, sponsoring & teaching numerous others to do the same.

Prior to that, Phil worked in substance abuse and mental health including sobering-up station, methadone clinic, and Charter Mental Health Hospitals.

Their K of C volunteer efforts have almost always involved the LAMB campaigns, ever since their children were old enough to hold a canister and ask, "Hey mister/missus, wanna buy a Tootsie Roll?!" They had been a part of such when they were young and 2 granddaughters have now assisted some over the past 10 years. Son Stephen now 36 was volunteering again this past Fall!

Besides having originally joined Raleigh's Council 2546 for "selfish" reasons (having originally joined in 1980, seeking prayer and financial support as he entered the seminary in 1980), Phil continues to apply some effort to the Councils' functions in Wendell, Wake Forest, and now New Bern. He sees his roles expanding in Council 3303 now that he is no longer travelling as much for work and prays that he will be able to return to some of the exemplary service.

Since Phil had known Fr. Tully for over half of their lives, it was natural for him to assist in many ways in the areas of the parish life & worship, on-going study & formation for adults/OCIA, and other aspects of growth in our mission in our Lord! (Altar ministries, usher & choir needs, assisting with community Masses, men's study groups, RCIA/OCIA, flood & other emergent outreach, other aspects of deepening our experiences and understanding.

Phil and Agnes also actively serve In the Liturgical Ministries as well as OCIA.

Over the years, Phil maintained hobbies in walking/mountain hiking/exercise, gardening, reading, particularly in areas of church/social ministries, religious history, mental health topics and sports. Of course, over the last 30 years, Phil and Agnes have moved toward being more active with their granddaughters rather than their children!

Please join me in a well-deserved congratulations to Sir Knight Phil Barber and his wife Agnes, as Council 3303 December 2024 Family of the Month!

**Terry Anderson**  
**Recorder**

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## The Month of January is Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."

*Excerpt from Benedict Baur, O.S.B., Catholic Culture*

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## Faithful Navigator's Report



Greetings Brother Knights,

Well, time is flying by, and the New Year is approaching. I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a blessed New Year.

This past month has been hectic. While working with the Red Cross, Brother Ralph Aviles identified three families needing assistance. The Assembly presented checks for \$300.00 to the three families that lost their homes due to fires.

The Color Corps has been busy. They attended two Christmas Parades. The first was the New Bern Parade on the 7th of December. We had seven members marching, with four others riding in the Knights' truck, giving candy to the children. The second was the Dover Parade on the 14th of December. We had only a handful of Knights present due to many being out of the area.

The Assembly needs more Color Corps members. Please consider stepping up and joining the Color Corps/Honor Guard. The Assembly will help offset the cost of the Regalia Uniform, sword, baldric, and gloves. See or contact Denny Colbert if you are interested at 252 670 9329 or email at [ordie1@embarqmail.com](mailto:ordie1@embarqmail.com).

Yard Sale pickups and drop-offs are still going strong. The New Building is almost full, and the side building is also filling up. We anticipate having to use the Chambers for storage, as historically, we receive a great amount of items just after Christmas. We have a new Membership and Retention head. Phil Barber has stepped up and assumed this significant and critical position. His contact information is phone number 919 604 5009 or [PBDISCIPLE2000@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PBDISCIPLE2000@GMAIL.COM).

The following 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on - Date: the 29th of March, Location: Charlotte, NC, Parish: St. John Neuman Catholic Church - 8451 Idlewild Rd. Charlotte, NC 28227. More info will be forthcoming.

**Ron Biggs**  
Faithful Navigator

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## Sir Knight of the Month – December

For December, Assembly 1820 honors Sir Knight Philip Nsassef as our Sir Knight of the Month.



The Kenneth I Parker Assembly 1820 has a rich history here in New Bern supporting many local charities and upholding the principle of Patriotism. We have only grown stronger in our efforts and faith over the last two years due to the dedication of so many under the leadership of our Faithful Navigator. For December, we honor our most recent Past Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Phillip Nassef for all he has done for the Knights of Columbus. A lifelong New Bernian, Sir Knight Phil Nassef leads by example and participates in every aspect of the Assembly and Council. I cannot think of any part of the Assembly operations where Phil isn't involved. He currently is one of the most resolute volunteers we

have for the yard Sale having been a past Yard Sale Chairman. Being a humble man, Phil is best known for being behind the scenes as you will often find him in the kitchen or behind the grill. He heads our Bingo kitchen every Monday night, serves as a Eucharistic minister for the church, serves as our senior trustee for the Council, but most importantly when a Knight or any citizen of our local community is in need, Phil is there. He has a kind heart and is always looking out for the needs of others first. His unselfish actions speak volumes about his character and love for the Knights of Columbus. Phil has set the standard for all of us to emulate so please join me in honoring SK Phil Nassef as the stalwart of our Assembly.

**Faithful Captain**  
**Mike Lynch**

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# January Birthday Wishes



Name	Birth Date	Age
John Brocklesby	1/8/1997	27
Earlie E Elks III	1/11/1997	27
Christopher B Kimball	1/16/1991	33
Andrew S Nelson	1/24/1988	36
Calvin Bush II	1/31/1988	36
Paul N Scharf	1/26/1987	37
Raymond E Devine Jr	1/1/1969	55
Philip P Nassef Jr	1/1/1962	62
Christopher M Jennings	1/4/1962	62
George P Tosato	1/15/1962	62
Peter L Miller	1/29/1961	63
Keith E Miller	1/6/1960	64
John W LaManna	1/17/1958	66
Michael P Cotter	1/12/1957	67
Michael A Williams	1/2/1956	68
Randall K Straight	1/8/1954	70
Ronald B Biggs	1/3/1953	71
Craig S Blackwell	1/4/1953	71
Mark A St John	1/13/1953	71
Thomas Stephen Hubbard Jr	1/16/1951	73
Robert M Dietrich	1/9/1950	74
Douglas C Uhland	1/6/1949	75
Robert L Alexander	1/9/1948	76
Joseph T Stuppiello	1/4/1947	77
Francis S Montemerlo	1/31/1947	77
Eugene P Whitley	1/29/1946	78
Jerry A Crowdus	1/18/1945	79
George E Fisher	1/5/1943	81
Richard A Plezia	1/23/1943	81
Lawrence J Salerno	1/5/1935	89



## Years of Service Anniversary



Name	Anniversary Date	Years of Service
Otto G Linden	1/7/1986	38
Raymond J Karam	1/20/1987	37
Mark J Meisheid	1/23/1991	33
Philip A Barber	1/1/1992	32
Robert Sisco	1/27/1993	31
Gerald G Stallings	1/27/1993	31
James J Houser	1/20/1996	28
Mark A St John	1/2/2002	22
Javier A Cruz	1/17/2003	21
Matthew W Miller	1/18/2005	19
William S Panza	1/17/2006	18
Lawrence J Salerno	1/14/2008	16
John R LaPointe	1/15/2008	16
Calvin S Floyd	1/6/2009	15
George E Halyak	1/12/2010	14
Roger W Grear	1/11/2011	13
John Thomas Mongan	1/26/2017	7
Michael A Genovese	1/17/2018	6
Kay-John Kavanaugh	1/17/2018	6
Lukas Kavanaugh	1/2/2020	4
Samuel R Arias	1/26/2021	3
Paul N Bassler	1/9/2024	1
Gary A Winterstein	1/16/2024	1

## Wedding Anniversaries



Name	Wife's Name	Wedding Date	Years Married
Michael A Mahoney	Monette	1/2/1971	54
Tristram C French	Hannah	1/3/1971	54
Paul T Laskovics	Francis	1/10/1987	38
George E Halyak	Louise	1/19/1980	45
Joseph D Kelly	Judith	1/31/1960	64

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# Assembly 1820 In Action



Assembly 1820 Honor Guard at the City of Dover, NC Christmas Parade



Assembly 1820 Honor Guard at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Paul Catholic Church



Assembly 1820 Honor Guard at the City of New Bern, NC Christmas Parade

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