



The Knightlighter



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Grand Knight's Comments

Brother Knights,

Welcome to our newest brother, Mike Cotter!

Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – Sir Knight Jim Kelly and Family of the Month – Sir Knight Don and Jean Hanson.

Highlights from the last Council meeting:

• Election of Council Officers (2023-2024)

- Grand Knight – Randall Ramian,
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- Trustee Two Year – Phil Nassef
- Trustee Three Year – Mike Lynch
- Lecturer – Don Hanson
- Financial Secretary – Al Casciello
- Chaplain – TBD.



- Columbus Club – Re-election of four Board Members for another 2-year term: Don Hanson, Dan Macsay, David R. Nelson and Al Casciello.
- Approval of 2023-2024 Council Budget.
- Council and Assembly Farewell to Father Tully, Council Chaplain and Assembly Faithful Friar.

Thank you to all the helpers and attendees who made our Founder's Day Breakfast a success. Zeb Hough, Executive Director, Religious Community Services (RCS) was our guest speaker. Both the Council and Assembly are financial supporters of the RCS. Please refer to the article in this edition of the Knightlighter. Save the Date – Sunday, August 20th for the Council and Assembly Installation ceremony and dinner.

As I mentioned in the previous Knightlighter, I am pleased to announce that a new Insurance Agent has been assigned to our area: Scott Lauzon –

(919) 581-1734 / scott.lauzon@kofc.org. Scott attended our last Council meeting on June 6th and is standing by to assist our Council members with their financial planning requirements.

Please note - our next Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th - Columbus Club Hall, Council Chamber, due to a date conflict with July 4th.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

July

- 2nd Bingo
- 5th Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 pm
- 9th Bingo
- 12th Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 16th Bingo
- 18th Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm.
- 23rd Bingo
- 25th Council Officers Meeting @ 7p.m.
- 30th Bingo

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300 Club Results for the Month of June

Below are the winners of the June 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.

	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$25</u>	<u>\$15</u>	<u>\$10</u>
June 6 th	Bill Camp	Clark French	Agnes Barber	Mark McCloskey
June 13 th	John Wood	Doug Uhland	Ernest Chelton	Jim Cahill
June 20 th	Johanna Davis	John Spakowski	Janine Scharf	Bennett Uhland
June 27 th	Kate Sbarra	Henry Schafranski	Misty Spence	Scott Dunham

Gerald Brenc & Brian Tolbert
Co-Chairs

Summer Yard Sale within top 25% in Sales

Although we were a bit short on volunteers from the bases for this sale, our volunteers more than made up for the shortage of help.

Only the tent frames were assembled on Friday, given the weekend forecast for high winds in the area. Our volunteers resumed the tent assembly task early on Monday morning, and the tables started moving in as soon as they were up!



Although we only had 2 Marine volunteers from Cherry Point on Tuesday, they worked diligently with our people to get the inventory out of storage and on display for the sale. On Wednesday, the preparation continued with material pricing and final placement.

As in prior years, our loyal customers were waiting for us at the door of the Yard Sale building before 7 am on Thursday, well before the start of the sale. Happily, the weather was much better on the days of this sale. The attendance was near our record for a single day, reported at just under 2,000. After a brisk sale in the morning, our counting house was happy to report that we had taken in just under \$20,000 for the day. A new record for a single day (based on the available records)!!!

Sales were fairly moderate on Friday, but we had a decent sales day and moved a lot of materials. And then there was Saturday!!

The weather was great and our sales were brisk! Most of our large inventory was sold when the doors closed at noon, final deliveries were being made, and the counting began, With all cash boxes in and aprons emptied, the sale total was \$47,545, which places it in the top 25% of our sales in the last 10 years.



Thanks to the Knights from the Council and Assembly that showed up in response to the emails sent out to set up tents on Friday and Monday and break down the event on Saturday. As noted in the emails, the regular Yard Sale workers are pretty tuckered out and the additional help setting up and breaking things down is really helpful.

Next sale will be October 5th – 7th.

Pat Rocco & Craig Baader

Founders' Day Breakfast – Sunday, June 11, 2023

Thank you to our all our cooks, ticket sellers, hall decorators, setup and takedown teams for a very successful Founders' Day Breakfast. Phil Nassef once again led the efforts. In addition to Phil, the team cooks consisted of Pat Rocco, Paul Masotta, Ron Biggs, Ralph Aviles and Doug Uhland. Ticket sellers were Danny Gennantonio, Brian Tolbert, and John Morgan. Danny and Cindy Gennantonio also assisted greeting our guests. Food servers: Marie Masotta and Lynn Rocco.



Zeb Hough was the breakfast guest speaker. Zeb is the Executive Director of the Religious Community Services (RCS), New Bern. In addition to Zeb's update on the RCS and all the good work they provide in our community, he

thanked the Council and Assembly for our ongoing support to their mission.

**Randall Ramian
Grand Knight**



LAMB Report

We had an active month with LAMB. On May 20 we were at Piggly Wiggly on Simmons St and collected \$207.00, and later on at the yard sale in June we collected \$253.00.

We are heading into the quiet time of year, but there are plans for the fall starting with MUMFEST on Oct 14-15 with the usher collection at mass on Oct 22. I am working on our annual mail solicitation of businesses seeking donations and maybe one or two more solicitation Saturdays.

So far, we are ahead of last year, where we had only about \$755 vs this year about \$2200. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us get there this year.

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We are Calling on Men to be Defenders of Human Dignity

Thou shalt not kill

Therefor put on the amor of God,
so that when the day of evil comes,
you are made able to stand your ground...
Ephesians 6:13

On Sunday afternoon, May 21, Council 3303 hosted our annual Spiritual Day of Reflection which was organized and headed by St. Paul Parish and Brother Knight and Deacon, Dan Doban. Several Knights to include our Chaplain and parishioners attended the 2-hour event. The theme was Beyond Today. We're grateful for the deMAND team (taking the man out of demand).



We're calling on men to be defenders of human dignity. Special thanks to Brother Patrick "Sarge" O'Donnell and Joe Kemble for their efforts in running the presentation. Our Guest Speaker was Father Stephen Imbarrato, an anti-abortion activist and retired priest from the Archdiocese of Sante Fe New Mexico. Known as "The Protest Priest", he addresses abortion as the mass murder of our preborn. Father calls out those whose pro-life position leaves gaps or fails to present a cohesive argument regarding life in the earliest stages. He has taken an abolitionist stance.

Fr. Imbarrato promotes the recognition of inalienable rights as pertaining to those whose personhood in the womb – from fertilization – should be upheld and defended; protected under the law. The event began with a Votive Walk – Candle Bearer Contemplation. This was a time of silence asking the Lord to speak to our us in the quiet of our hearts. Am I truly "prolife?" Father addressed comments and questions. The event concluded with some refreshments.

Mike Lynch
Past Grand Knight

Supporting Our Parish Children

As most of you know, both the Assembly and Council provide significant financial support to a variety of the St. Paul Parish Youth programs. Being a part of developing the faith and character of our kids (or “young-ins” as Phil Nassef would say) is an important part of we do as Knights of Columbus.



I think many of us realize, it can be a real challenge to keep our kids and grandkids involved in the Catholic Church. Father Tully and our parish recently made a wonderful investment in hiring a full-time Youth Program Coordinator. Mary Linsey Edwards has hit the ground running and has done a superb job in organizing, educating, and providing fun activities for our high school and middle school students of the parish. She has our support! Other youth programs associated with St. Paul’s parish include the Troops of Saint George, which is led by volunteer and fellow Brother Knight, Tim Bettcher.

We see these young men helping out by collecting for LAMB at our Fish Frys and Yard Sales. The Troops have a busy summer and focus on faith and the great outdoors. See photo above. Other programs include supporting the Sunday School Recreation St. Paul baseball teams, the St. Paul School Golf Team, subsidizing costs for Catholic Youth Summer Camps, and hosting Council KofC Soccer Challenges and Basketball Free Throw competitions. Remember, our youth are the future of the Catholic Church.

Mike Lynch
Past Grand Knight

Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

On Friday, June 9th Father Tully and Deacon Jim Hackett accompanied by the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1820 Color Corps processed from the Old St. Paul Catholic Church in Downtown New Bern to the roundabout by Middle Street and blessed the City of New Bern and Craven Count.



Knight of the Month - June

Jim Kelly is the Monsignor James R. Jones Knight of the Month for June.

Monsignor James R. Jones, Council 3303 is proud to recognize Jim Kelly as our Knight of the Month. Jim was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Robert Morris College earning a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Jim worked for various companies in Accounting where he assumed project management positions and eventually settled into Manufacturing Management. Jim is very active in the Knights of Columbus as well as, Church and community functions.

He is the proud father of 6 children, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. When not working with the Knights you can find Jim on the golf course as he is an avid golfer. When asked about his experience as a Knight of Columbus he responded, "Being a part of the Knights has been the greatest and most fulfilling endeavor of my life!".

Congratulations to Jim Kelly!

Randall Ramian

Grand Knight

Family of the Month – June

June 2023 Family of the Month: Sir Knight Don and Jean Hanson

This month we salute Sir Knight Don Hanson and his bride Jean as Council 3303 Family of the Month!

Don spent the first 10 years of his life on a farm in western Minnesota. His dad sold the farm and they moved to Minneapolis at that time. Jean grew up in Anoka Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. They met as pen pals when Don was in the Marine Corps.

Jean and Don have been married for 56 years and have a son and a daughter. Their son lives in St Paul, MN and their daughter lives in Atlanta, GA.

Before they retired, they started looking for a golf course community to build a house. One weekend, they were driving back to northern Virginia from Wilmington and decided to take the back roads and drove through New Bern. That was in 1998. They saw the signs for Taberna, which was just being started. Three years later at a real estate show in DC, they encountered a Taberna sales rep who sold them a lot. In 2006, they retired and built their house.

Both Jean and Don work the yard sale. Don is also the Lecturer for the Council and is currently President of the Columbus Club. Don is also Eucharist Minister at St Paul's. Importantly, he is also manager of the bar lounge.

Don served in the Marine Corps from 1962 to 1966 as an avionics technician. After his service, He spent 23 years with an airline starting as a radio mechanic, moved into Engineering, and then to Director of line maintenance for the central region. In 1990, he started working for Airbus North American as a Customer Support Director and retired after 17 years.

After raising their 2 children, Jean spent a number of years with SAIC before she and Don retired to New Bern.

Don and Jean golf and enjoy travel. Jean also volunteers at Mercy Clinic.

Congratulations to Don and Jean, with heartfelt thanks for their service to the Knights, the community and the St. Paul Parish family!

Terry Anderson
Recorder

Membership Director's Desk Banner Year

July marks the beginning of a new fraternal year for recruiting new Knights into our council. Thanks to all your efforts this past year we not only met our recruiting goal but surpassed it. As Knights, one of our missions is to bring men of faith into our fold and strengthen the bonds of our parish and community. Whenever I mention the Knights of Columbus to a community member there is instant recognition and praise for the work we do. We are a force to be reckoned with within our community. Good always triumphs over evil as was witnessed at our last yard sale. Many shoppers displayed total outrage over the bicycles that were stolen. They knew that the money that would have been made on the sale of those bicycles would have gone toward a good cause. Parish and community members truly appreciate all we do which is evident in the support we receive throughout the year at our functions.

My challenge to you this upcoming year is to talk to as many potential candidates as you can. By talking to them you are putting the ball into their court and letting them make the decision to become a Knight or not. As human beings we all share a reluctance to move forward or take that extra step when it comes to joining an organization. It is much easier for someone to sit back and say they already have too much on their plate. And they may have. But are a few hours a year too much to give back to our Lord? As we all know, as Knights, we are doing God's work no matter how big or small it is. Make this a banner year for recruitment so our Council can continue to thrive and grow.

Dan Macsay
Membership Director

Faithful Navigators Report



Let me start by thanking everyone for their hard work at the yard sale. The yard sale saw about 3000 people go through the yard sale this time. We had over 1500 people in a single day. That was the best one ever. Once again that was the best group effort we have had to date. We cannot do this without everyone's hard work and dedication. Thank you and again and May God bless you all.

We voted on the budget for 2023 to 2024 and it passed. It will be posted on the board at the hall. The officers will stay the same from 2023 to 2024. We look forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions, we will be more than happy to answer them for you. The assembly's annual shrimp boil will be on August 11th. Please plan on attending this great event. We hope to serve up some good ole shrimp.

The fourth-degree installation dinner will be held on August 20th. More details will be provided in next month's Knight Lighter. There will be limited seating so if you plan on attending, please get your tickets early. A big shout out to the Color Core and their participation in the Corpse Cristi Celebration. There was a mass held at the old St Paul's church followed by a march downtown with the Holy Eucharist. Father Tully said a wonderful prayer for the city and government officials. It was a great event. Thank you, guys, for looking sharp. Denny did another great job. God Bless you all and may he turn his face to you.

Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator



Sir Knight of the Month – June

This months selection for SK of the month is Arman Dion

Armand was born in Vermont and his family moved to upstate New York when he was young. He graduated high school in 1968 and joined the Navy where he served four years as a 3rd Class Petty Officer 3rd stationed on the USS Ranger. After his service he attended Hudson Valley Community College to advance his math skills to qualify for GE's Electrical/Mechanical Engineering program which he successfully completed. Arman went on to work for General Electric as a shop forman and retired from that job. He opened his own business as a Charter Boat Captain and operated a Bed and Breakfast which he ran for several years. He has been married to his spouse Pam for 52 years and they have one child Scott. Armand joined the Knights in 2018 and recently attained Sir Knight degree. Arman has been a supporter of the Yard Sale and can be found most Mondays and Tuesday driving the Yard Sale truck and assists with the sorting of incoming items to the various sections. He also assists with setup for the yard sale and makes delivery's for items sold. Armand has also been a supporter of the Shrimp Boils and Fish Fries. He and Pam are members of the Elk's and have held various positions in that organization. Armand typifies dedicated service with the Knights of Columbus and is deserving of recognition as Sir Knight of the Month.

Ron Biggs
Faithful Captain

Editor's Corner

Rebuilding a Faithful Society

"Polarization." Americans feel it. More and more of them have a palpable sense that our E pluribus unum land is turning into "us versus them." Pundits decry social fragmentation. It's a stock theme on op-ed pages. Robert George isn't just complaining. He's doing something about it. He's doing it through his initiative to make this June "Fidelity Month." The Princeton professor launched "Fidelity Month" June 1 in response to public concern about America's social fragmentation. The Wall Street Journal recently reported a poll whose results point to precipitous declines in American belief in values like "patriotism," "religion," "family" and "community" — values that once upon a time held Americans together despite all their other differences. The observance seeks to "encourage fidelity to God, our spouses and families, our country and communities."

He began "Fidelity Month" with a June 1 interfaith webinar that, along with George, assembled Lila Rose of Live Action, Ana Samuel of Cana Vox, Andrew Walker of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky, Bill McClay of Hillsdale College, Jacqueline Rivers of the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies in Boston, and Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. Four speakers focused on freedom as being "under God," being accountable before a Divine and natural law that precedes and judges human action. Freedom is not separating from, but joining with, other people in relationships.

Other speakers drilled down, specifically in terms of marital fidelity, local community and national patriotism. Monogamy is not just another, merely socially privileged "alternative" lifestyle, but the "gold standard" that is a norm and not just an ideal. That message is especially critical for young people today, for whom awareness of that message is often censored. Patriotism — love of country — remains stronger in the United States than some other countries, but has grown anemic.

June 2023 "Fidelity Month" is the first of what the organizers hope will be an annual event across faith and religious lines to rekindle public commitment to values of family and community. They've even designed a symbolic logo: a golden myrtle wreath encircling the word "Fidelity." Myrtle symbolizes fidelity. June is traditionally marked by Catholics to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and this initiative is not to detract from that, as it spans all faiths and creeds.

George's approach to this Fidelity Month debut is to "let a thousand flowers bloom." If you're an organization, talk about the value of fidelity. If you're a clergyman or other social influencer, speak to its importance. If you want to create a Fidelity T-shirt or flag to spread the message, go for it. If you're in public office, showcase Fidelity Month, even proclaim it. (Professor George recognizes he has declared June "Fidelity Month" "by the authority invested in me by absolutely no one.") If you're on social media, spread the message.

While the program for "Fidelity Month" might seem a bit amorphous, it's not. The organizers truly hope to ignite grassroots discussion among Americans about what fidelity means in terms of family and community today. The organizers are not looking for commentators to bemoan the divisions that have riven Americans or to be "against" anyone, but to get average, rank-and-file Americans — especially those animated by faith — to start talking to each other about these values and their increasingly tenuous hold on the broader society and culture.

In George's words, "When I speak of Fidelity Month's positive vision, I mean that we are not in the business of cursing the darkness. Rather, we are committed to lighting a candle — indeed thousands of candles." I could not agree more.

I recently was part of a discussion in the commentary section of a New York Times' op-ed about patriotism today. In my remarks, I noted that while Americans might differ about the forms patriotism takes, it was imperative that patriotism and not virtue-signaling animate all those different forms because the necessity of patriotism was not debatable.

Well, I obviously engendered a debate, with no few respondents insisting that "true American" values make the individual commitment to patriotism a matter of personal choice. I parried that no society can hope to survive whose beneficiaries living in that society owe that community nothing back in justice. "American exceptionalism" does not ground neutral indifference to country absent one's "choice."

Questions of what it means to be faithful to one's community — be it the family as the basic cell of any society or the larger sociopolitical community in which we live called the state — need to be engaged seriously by a broad cross-section of Americans. When we look at the erosion of the American family, where the fatherlessness and breakdown of binding values that once plagued discrete communities has now become "mainstream," we recognize the importance of an all-American conversation about those values.

We pay lip service to those values, but without faithful personal commitments to them, they quickly become mere shards. Meantime, while elite opinion defends a lifestyle libertinism that has wreaked social havoc among broad swaths of Americans, they themselves follow rather traditional personal lifestyles. The result is that values like fidelity to family have degenerated from being a broad cultural glue binding American society together to become the de facto turf of particular classes; for example, what was once universally called “marriage and family,” turning ever more into an upper-class phenomenon and institution.

For too long, we have let attenuated attention spans and the sophist’s shriveled sound bites substitute for the hard work of social conversation essential to retaining and restoring a broader cultural consensus about what it means to be faithful in America today. Robert George and his co-organizers want to jump-start those discussions. That’s why — despite the likelihood of some first-time hiccups — they don’t want to put off these vital conversations another year. It’s also probably why they’re more willing by subsidiarity to punt those conversations down to kindle lively discussion among rank-and-file Americans.

While the opening webinar was rather academic and philosophical, we need to translate its insights into the language of the man and woman in the street who need and unconsciously want a faithful society.

Let’s start rebuilding a faithful society.

Note: Article was written by John Grondelski Commentaries National Catholic Register June 5, 2023



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