



The Knightlighter



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Grand Knight's Comments

Brother Knights,

Welcome to our newest brother, Robert Alexander.

Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – Brother Pete Miller and Family of the Month – Sir Knight C. J. and Peggy Booker.



A meeting with Fr. Pedro Munoz was held on April 11th with the Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Council Warden, and Deacon Jim Hackett. Of the several topics discussed, the most important is for the Council and Assembly Knights to host a Knights of Columbus Mass at the 3rd Saturday / Sunday Mass each month to display our spirituality in the Church and community. Basically, Knights (spouses are invited as well) will attend the Mass and fill all Mass positions (i.e. Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers) on the 3rd weekend Mass of each month. The first Mass will be on Saturday, June 15th @ 5PM, followed by Masses on July 21st – 8 AM, August 18th – 11 AM and then the Mass cycle repeats going forward. Fr. Pedro has requested that Sir Knight Terry Anderson, who serves as Liturgical Ministries Coordinator for all English weekend Masses to establish a Sign up for the Knights' Mass on the Church Liturgical Ministries Webpage. Terry asked that any Knight interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please contact him by email or phone. Deacon Jim Hackett will also include more information in this edition of the Knightlighter.

Deputy Grand Knight, Paul Masotta and I represented our Council as Delegates to the Knights of Columbus North Carolina State Convention in Durham – May 3-5. Of note, and due to the efforts of our members, Council 3303 was recognized for the following North Carolina State awards: Duane Russell Newsletter Award – 1st Place! (Congratulations to our Knightlighter Editor – Ed Martinez), 2023 Operation LAMB – Award of Excellence - 128% of 2023 goal! (Congratulations to our LAMB Coordinator – Tom Henry) and the Charity Award – Division IV. Once again, on behalf of Council 3303, thank you!

Of note, the Council and Assembly decided to combine the Family Picnic / Founder's Day this year, which will be on June 23rd.

Thank you to all our current serving military members and veterans as we commemorate Memorial Day on May 27th.

To all our father's - Happy Father's Day!

June

- 3rd Bingo
- 4th Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 5th Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7pm
- 6th – 8th Yard Sale
- 10th Bingo
- 12th Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 17th Bingo
- 24th Bingo
- 25th Council Officers Meeting @ 7pm

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Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for June 4th – 7 PM - Columbus Club Hall, where we will conduct the 2024-2025 Council Officer elections, Columbus Club elections, and Budget approval.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight



300 Club Results for the Month of May

Below are the winners of the May 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.

May Winners

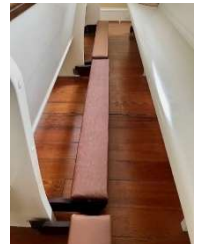
	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
05/14	Kelly Kuhlman	Rose Whetzel	Doug Uhland	Josh Blust
05/17	Debbie Brit	Edward Simmond:	Susan Kennedy	Jean Hanson
05/21	Dick Dodson	Bill Camp	Vince Fragnito	Gerald Abramowski
05/28	Heather Blust	John Scharf	Bob Sisco	Yvonne Meissner

Brian Tolbert
Chair

Kneelers Replaced at the Old St. Paul Church



Brother Knight Charley Schmidt, Facility and Grounds Manager at St Paul's parish was given budget of \$3k to replace the kneeling pads at old St. Paul's. However, he decided to have the old ones removed then install new ones. Charley asked Vince Fragnito to meet him at OSP to see what could be done. After checking it over Vince volunteered the KOC to do the entire job: remove old knee pads - 36, make new wood bases, add padding a new cover and then install.



Vince recruited. Carlos Espinoza, Brian Tolbert, Ron Biggs, Denny Colbert and Gordy Barnes. Vince built a jig to hold the wood, padding and covering together for stapling making for a quick assembly process. Removing the old and installing the new took less than 3 hours because Denny and Vince wouldn't let Carlos and Gordy take a break! Total cost of the project was \$209.00. Picture of new kneelers and work team less Brian.

Gordon Barnes

LAMB Project 2024

So far this year we (you) have collected \$2132 for our cause, which is about \$100 over last year, 2023, at this time. Feb yard sale was \$477, Food Lion was \$541, and Walmart was \$1114. There is another yard sale scheduled for June 6,7,8, of which I am looking for help from 10 am to noon on Friday and Saturday. Thursday has been filled.

Special Olympics of Jones County held their games on Friday April 26, where the Knights of Columbus were presented with an appreciation certificate for their donations, which I accepted on behalf of the Knights, which I presented to the Council at our May meeting. Our Council was also presented with a recognition for achieving 128% of our goal for LAMB in 2023 at the State Convention in early May. Thank you for helping us achieve those results.

This is the time of year where there is not much activity, because of the heat, but a lot of planning for the fall. I have applied to Big Rock Foundation again this year, along with International Paper. We have been accepted for MUMFEST again this year in October, Saturday and Sunday Oct 12-13. There will be a yard sale the weekend before. The ushers will be collecting for LAMB at all masses on October 26-27.

Thank you for your participation with LAMB, and have a safe and great summer.

Tom Henry
K of C Council 3303
LAMB Administrator

Knight of the Month – May

May 2024 Council 3303 Knight of the Month is Peter Miller.

Peter is from Long Valley, NJ where he met his wife Lori while coaching her son in Little League play and they married in July 1988. He worked for Shell for nine years after high school and followed that with a 30-year trucking career. After retirement they moved to New Bern. He has a son and a grandson of whom he is immensely proud. Peter has proudly served our Council as a brother Knight helping out with the yard sale, fish fry, and the Fourth Degree Exemplification dinner. Lori is also a great contributor to the yard sale. Please join me congratulating Peter Miller as our Knight of the Month

Paul Masotta
Deputy Grand Knight

Summer Yard Sale Coming Up Very Quickly



A lot going on these days between the weekly pickups, construction of our new storage building, and our appreciation BBQ held this past week. Well, the most important thing going on is in early June, June 6th thru 8th to be exact.

Happy to report that our storage areas and chambers are getting filled to the brim and we have already started to put inventory in our new storage building. This is just about the time that our beloved Rosie Bottcher would be asking “where did all this #&^%\$#@ come from?”

We have requested volunteers from Cherry Point and New River, who will hopefully provide us with the young muscles that we need to put this together. Tent setup is on Friday, May 31st starting at 9 am (beer and pizza buffet to follow), and the real work begins on Tuesday, June 4th after we get the tables from Bingo.

Pat Rocco
Yard Sale Chairman

Family of the Month – May

May 2024 Family of the Month: Sir Knight CJ Brooker and wife Peggy

CJ And Peggy Brooker were both previously married with both spouses having passed. Peggy is from Marshall North Carolina in the western part of the state. CJ was born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. They have been married six years.

Peggy worked in banking and as a consultant for twenty years. Most recently she was admissions director for The Epiphany School of Global Studies, and retired from there. CJ served as a US Marine for 25 plus years, retiring as a Major from the Corps in 2000. He deployed to Afghanistan as a civilian consultant in 2009-2010, retiring again in 2015. With families raised, they met in New Bern, where after courtship, CJ asked both Peggy and her son Michael to be married into her family. Somehow both accepted and they were married 28 April, 2018 at Saint Paul.

Peggy's son Michael is a college graduate and is employed in the film industry currently residing in Wilmington NC. CJ's children, Leah Flowers and Daniel Brooker are happily married with four children total. Their oldest grandchild, Charlotte Flowers attended Saint Paul Catholic school for nine consecutive years, graduating in 2023.

Peggy was received into the Church in 2016 and has been involved with the RCIA program, annulment tribunal, school media and gala volunteer, school board member and gala fund-raising assistant.

CJ is a "cradle Catholic" and has been involved in efforts with bingo, prison ministry, LAMB, Eucharistic Ministry, Bishops annual appeal, yard sales, Liturgy committee; and is a Past Grand Knight.

Peggy is an avid reader, loves sewing and time with Michael. CJ is an avid golfer. He and Peggy spend as much time as possible with their blessed blended family.

Here's a well-deserved congratulations to Sir Knight CJ Brooker and his wife Peggy, as Council 3303 May 2024 Family of the Month!

Terry Anderson
Recorder

Membership Director's Desk: Recruitment Goal Met

Brother Knights. Another year has passed us by and for the fourth year in a row we have met our recruitment goals. Thanks to all your efforts we are making our council and assembly larger in numbers and healthier by adding to our volunteer workforce. As we all know how important it is to get new members to help carry on the good works we do for the parish and community we need to keep our recruiting strong and continuous throughout the year. There are many good Catholic men in our parish that only need a little extra encouragement to join our ranks as Knights of Columbus. I am working on new and innovative ways to recruit new members which I will be addressing in the months to come. I ask that each and every one of you stay tuned and I ask for your support, as you have shown in the past, to help me make our council grow. The stronger our council and assembly are, benefits the parish and community in so many ways that we can't even begin to address them all. As Knights of Columbus, we do make a difference and are appreciated for all our efforts.

Keep up the good work. Once again, I sincerely want to thank you for all your efforts this past year in helping to meet our recruiting goal.

Dan Macsaj
Membership Chairman



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MASS

Beginning **Saturday, June 15th**, and at the request of Fr. Pedro, members of the Knights of Columbus will be serving at Mass **every third weekend**.

All Liturgical Minister positions - Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers - will be filled by our Brother Knights at these Masses.

Brother Knights who are not liturgical ministers, are also asked to attend these Masses with their spouse in support of this effort.

Fr. Munoz wants the Knights to be the **“spiritual role models”** for all of the St. Paul parishioners.

Your presence and participation is vital to the success of this effort.

If you are interested in serving at these Masses – or are interested in becoming a liturgical minister – please reach out to Sir Knight Terry Anderson at tanderson@spccnb.org or 252-288-2680.

Future Mass dates are as follows:

- Sunday, July 21 at 8 am
 - Sunday, August 18 at 11 am
 - Saturday, September 14 at 5 pm.
- (More dates to follow)*

This is a wonderful opportunity to not only have an even closer connection to the Liturgy but to be able to share that experience with your Brother Knights!

- Deacon Jim Hackett

Faithful Navigators Report



Another yard sale is on the horizon. The yard sale is June 6th, 7th, and 8th. We will put tents up on May 31st. If you would like to help please be at the Knights building at 9am. We will provide beer and lunch for those willing to come help out. On June 4th, we will be pulling out all of the furniture, if you can please come out and help us that day as this is where we need the most help. We need all the help we can get to make sure this yard sale is the best yet.

We will vote on officers next month. If you would like a position please let me know. I would like to thank Craig Baader for his hard work on getting the building done. It was a pain, but it will be a big payoff in the end. We are already able to start stuffing it with items, which is a huge help to the success of the yard sale.

The budget will be up for a vote next month. This meeting will be held June 23rd and 24th. Please give it a glance at the Knights hall before the meeting if you can. I want to thank Craig again for all of his hard work on putting the budget together.

On May 23rd we will be putting flags up at the church for Memorial Day. We will start at 9am, and could use your help. I would like to thank Denny and the color corp. for walking in the heat with Father Pedro and the deacons who walked from the old church to the new one.

Thanks to all who have helped me over the last two years to make this organization the best. May God bless you and may he turn his face to you. Tell someone you love them.

Philip Nassef

Faithful Navigator



Sir Knight of the Month – May

Assembly 1820 Sir Knight of the month is Brother Craig Badder.

Craig moved here from Maryland in 2011. He and his bride have been actively involved with the Knights since moving here. They have two children and 2 grandchildren. Craig is a jack of all trades. He can be found most Mondays and Tuesdays working at the Yard Sale building loading and unloading items for the sale. He is always at the Setup and tear down of tents for the yare sale. He also works the yard sale in the collection of funds for deposit. He is actively involved in the Monday night Bingo working the Kitchen taking orders and delivering items to the Bingo players. He also works the Shrimp Boils. He is the Assembly's comptroller and does exceptional work in that position. Keeping meticulous records and making timely suggestions and giving sound advice concerning the Assembly's funds. Craig over the past several months has managed the construction of our new storage building. He worked many long hours ensuring everything went smoothly from the breaking ground to ensuring all required permits were obtained. Due to his outstanding attention to detail and tireless efforts the project was completed on time and under budget.

Craig is and has been an invaluable asset. The entire Knights of Columbus family want to thank him for his service, dedication and support.

Ron Biggs

Faithful Captain

June Birthday Wishes



Name	Birth Date
ROBIN VOILES	06/04
LAWRENCE FELDHAUS	06/05
PATRICK O DONNELL	06/06
JOHN KARAM	06/10
THOMAS SIMPSON	06/11
JAMES MC CONNELL	06/16
VICTOR DOVE	06/20
RAYMOND KARAM	06/20
ROBERT MONTEDONICO	06/20
ROBERT NYBERG	06/20
MICHAEL MAHONEY	06/21
GORDON BARNES	06/24
DAVID PREIS	06/25
ANGEL SANTOS	06/25
VINCENT FRAGNITO	06/28
JOHN LAPOINTE	06/30

Council 3303 Recognized in the May Edition of the Columbia Magazine

 **KNIGHTS IN ACTION** ✦ **FAITH IN ACTION**



Members of St. Francis of Assisi Assembly 3602 in Dasmariñas City, Luzon South, provide an honor guard as Knights carry memorial wreaths during a ceremony honoring the 127th anniversary of the death of Jose Rizal, a hero of the fight for Philippine independence in the late 19th century. Columbian Squires were also involved in the ceremony at Dr. Jose P. Rizal Elementary School.



AN EAGLE GETS HIS WINGS

Msgr. James R. Jones Council 3303 and Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820 in New Bern, N.C., together donated \$2,000 to help renovate a community basketball court. The renovation was led by George Casciello, a young parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church, as his capstone project toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

NOTHING BUT NET

Approximately 30 children participated in the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge sponsored by Holy Spirit Council 10502 in Palmyra, Pa., at Campbelltown Community Park. Eight competitors advanced to the district-level championship.

WHEELCHAIRS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Sacred Heart Chaldean Council 2695 and Denis Mahoney Council 8215 in Ponteix, Saskatchewan, joined forces to purchase 10 new wheelchairs for Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon. The hospital requested help obtaining wheelchairs that patients with mobility limitations could use as desk chairs.

CELEBRATING (WITH) CHARITY

Meadville (Pa.) Council 388 raised \$1,500 for its charitable works during a banquet celebrating the council's 125th anniversary.

GRILL'S ON!

Peter A. Conte Sr. Council 5419 in Worcester, N.Y., held a chicken barbecue fundraiser that garnered more than \$1,500 for the council's charitable donations, including Bibles for college and prison ministries, and contributions to the Order's Disaster Relief Fund.

FALLEN HERO HONORED

Sacred Heart Assembly 179 in Warner Robins, Ga., presented Pat McCloskey, a new member of the assembly, and his wife, Kathy, with a plaque honoring their son Army Sgt. 1st Class Shawn McCloskey, who was killed while serving in Afghanistan in September 2009. The plaque was donated by the Til Valhalla Project, which funds therapy for veterans with mental health issues in addition to creating military memorials. This is the third time Assembly 179 has honored a fallen service member connected with Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



Community



Members of Exeter (N.H.) Council 2179, including their chaplain and pastor, Father Matt Mason, join staff from the city's public works department under a new electronic radar speed sign near St. Michael Church. The parish sponsored the sign, with funds raised by Council 2179, to improve the safety of the busy intersection for pedestrians.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIANS IN NEED

Tri-Cities Council 1098 and Tri-Cities Assembly 224 in Granite City, Ill., each donated \$10,000 to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund in honor of Father Robert Piorowski. A priest for the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago, Father Piorowski was a Knight for 18 years and previously served as the assembly's faithful friar; he died in 2020.



Happy Father's Day!



Father's Day: Celebrating the Blessings of Our Earthly Fathers & Heavenly Father

Fathers are called in a special way to reflect God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Similar to the way our heavenly Father cares for us, our earthly fathers are there to help us navigate life's challenges and pick us up when we fall.

God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood. Fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families.

They do this by:

- Being the spiritual leaders and guardians of their families.
- Praying for and with their families.
- Being a courageous witness to the Gospel.
- Providing care and support for their families.
- Serving as an example of goodness and truth.
- Leading with courage and accountability.
- Laying down one's life for the other.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life.
- Our priests and bishops who act as spiritual fathers.
- God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

Deacon Jim Hackett





The Strength of a Mountain

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad!
- Author Unknown*

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