



The Knightlighter



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Grand Knight's Comments

Brother Knights,

Congratulations to the Council Knight of the Month – Craig Blackwell and Family of the Month Armand and Pamela Dion.

Events On the Horizon:



- October 27th – Jim Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil – Columbus Hall.
- October 29th – Memorial Service for Deceased Council Knights following the 11 AM Mass.
- October 29th - Widows luncheon, Columbus Hall after the Memorial Service.

Thank you to Tom Henry, LAMB Coordinator and all who assisted with the collection for LAMB at Mumfest 2023 – please refer to the article in this edition of Knightlighter.

Once again, this year, our Council is sponsoring the Coats for Kids Program to assist needy children in our community. David W. Nelson is again leading this effort and will deliver the first round of coats to St. Paul's School. Also, our Council will be providing 18 Thanksgiving Baskets and related food items to the needy on November 22nd. Stand by for an email regarding suggested dry goods contributions to deliver to the Knights of Columbus Lounge.

The Knights of Columbus will also once again be selling an assortment of beautiful Christmas cards and other items to support Keeping Christ in Christmas. Cards and other items will be on sale in the Atrium after all masses on November 18 / 19, December 2 / 3 and December 9 / 10. Thanks to Terry Anderson for his efforts with this program. I have included a signup link for open slots after the masses if you are able assist Terry:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AEAE23A0F5C52-44447063-kofc#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AEAE23A0F5C52-44447063-kofc#/)

Council 3303 supported with financial donations this past month to the following organizations: Merci Clinic, Catholic Charities, Fairfield Hospital Auxiliary, New Bern Senior Center – for Thanksgiving Baskets, My Sisters House and the Craven County Prostate Support Group.

Our next Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th @ 7 PM – Knights of Columbus Hall, Council Chambers. Again, I appreciate all your efforts in supporting our community – Thank you!

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

November

- 1st Assembly Officers Meeting @ 7 pm
- 6th Bingo
- 7th Council Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 8th Assembly Business Meeting @ 7 pm
- 13th Bingo
- 20th Bingo
- 27th Bingo
- 28th Council Officers Meeting @ 7p.m.

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300 Club Results for the Month of October

Below are the winners of the October 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.

October Winners

	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
10/04	Bruce Morris	Bill Madigan	Linda Casciello	John Sauerwald
10/11	Jim Kelly	Jim Cahill	Charlie Schmidt	Dennis Colbert
10/18	Ashley Kanyanee	Beverly Hartung	Paul Masotta	Tom Hartman
10/25	Bill Kravac	Hannah Schafranski	Emma Sisco	Martin Pagnozzi

Gerald Brenc & Brian Tolbert

Co-Chairs

Knight of the Month - October

Craig Blackwell is the Monsignor James R. Jones Knight of the Month for October.

Craig and his wife, Ruth, moved to New Bern in 2016 and has been an active member of the Council. He has been married for 35 years and has 4 daughters and 8 beautiful grandchildren. As a Knight you can find Craig working with the yard sale team as a Truck Monkey. You can also find him working with the Bingo Team and Lenten Fish Fry.

Craig joined the Knights in 1994 and served in various officer's positions including Grand Knight and served as District Deputy for 5 years. He currently serves as the Advocate for our Council.

Please join me in congratulating Craig Blackwell as our pick for Knight of the Month

Paul Masotta

Deputy Grand Knight

Family of the Month – October

October 2023 Family of the Month: Brother Knight Armand Dion and his wife Pam

This month we salute Brother Knight Armand Dion and his wife Pam as Council 3303 Family of the Month! Armand's wife Pam of 52 years and he grew up and met in Upstate New York. Armand comes from a family of 7 siblings now living from California to New York. Pam has two other sisters still residing in Upstate New York. They have one son (Scott) and Daughter in Law (Lisa) who reside in Albany NY. Armand's military service was with the US Navy from 1969-1973, aboard the USS Ranger off the coast of California.

In 2015 they decided to retire but were unsure of where to go. Armand had worked with someone that kept talking about New Bern, NC and how great it was there. In May of 2015 after selling their home, they loaded the truck and headed to New Bern. They fell in love with New Bern immediately and welcomed "the slower pace and the friendliest people you could ever meet. A welcoming change from the fast pace of NY."

You can find Armand every Monday and Tuesday driving the Knights of Columbus truck picking up donations. He also assists with tent setup and take-down and making deliveries during the sale. Pam also helps at the yard sale wherever she is needed. Armand also helps with the shrimp boil or wherever he is needed. Pam and Armand are also members of the New Bern Elks Lodge and have held numerous officer positions there as well.

Armand was employed at General Electric for 25 years as an Engineer in Large Steam Turbines and Generators. Pam retired from the Chapter 13 Trustees Office as a Chief Financial Officer serving the entire Northern District of New York. Armand enjoys riding his bike in his free time along with repairing all models of clocks from grandfather to mantel clocks. You can find Pam in the yard gardening. She also enjoys running, biking and reading. The rest of their time is spent spoiling their beloved boxer, Lucy.

Here's a well-deserved congratulations to Brother Knight Armand and his wife Pam!

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Mumfest 2023 – LAMB Collection



For the second year in a row, Council 3303 participated in Mumfest 2023 on October 14 and 15. Even though Saturday's weather was rainy for a good part of the day, the Knights were still able to collect \$908 for LAMB during the weekend. Tom Henry, LAMB Coordinator led the efforts with the assistance of the following Knights: Phil Nassef, Paul and Marie Masotta, Wally Seijo, Ralph Aviles, Ed Martinez, Richard McGee, Denny



Colbert, John Morgan, Al, Casciello, Patrick and Patricia O'Donnell, Mike Lynch, Marty Pagnozzi, Richard Plezia, George Tosato, Agnes Barber, Chris Henry, Dennis Henry and Randall Ramian.

Randall Ramian
Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Autumn Fall Yard Sale



At the end of the day on October 7th, the yard sale workers and our 3 Marine volunteers were able to celebrate the conclusion of another sale with a great lunch, great comradarie, and another financially successful event.

The weather was the nicest that we have seen in years, as the temperature stayed below 80 and a fall breeze kept everyone relatively cool!

We didn't have high income expectations for the sale as we had a very limited amount of high end furniture and appliances in our inventory. Fortunately, we have a number of departments that kicked in with high sales

volumes to make up the difference. As an example, Mary Patrick is still in shock over her \$1,100+ in outdoor clothes. We know it sounds corny, but this truly was an entire team effort!



Almost forgot, we were able to exceed \$40,000 in sales for the event, which is \$8,000 over our budget – great job!!



Although we had some difficulty obtaining Marine Volunteers for the week, we were assisted by Sgt David Cabantangan, LCpl Robinson, and LCpl Michael Leiva on Saturday with furniture movement, deliveries, and tent storage. Their help did make quite a difference!

After our customary 2 week break after the sale, the Yard Sale crew will start ramping things up in preparation for our next sale which runs from February 1 – 3..

Pat Rocco
Yard Sale Chairman

Membership Director's Desk

Recruitment

Recruitment of new Knights into our brotherhood is crucial if we are to continue doing the good works we do for the parish and community. Let's face facts. As every day passes, we get a day older. What we could do years ago as a younger individual is more of a burden as we age. We all have good intentions and want to do whatever we can to help in the various projects and programs our Council and Assembly have undertaken throughout the year. I am sure we all share a collective sigh of relief on the last day of the yard sale when everything is torn down and put away. While it was fun while it lasted, meeting wonderful folks who appreciate what we do for the community, it was nice to go home, kick back and relax for the evening. I truly believe there are a lot of men in our parish who with a little persuasion would join our brotherhood but need that little bit of encouragement.

Make it a point to talk to everyone you can about becoming a Knight. If your lost for words show them our bulletin board in the church and let them know that is a mere sampling of the many things we do. Pictures can be stronger than words in many cases. Let them know it is a family affair and wives are welcome to do their part if they so desire. I have been asked many times "what sort of commitment do I need to make?" and my answer to them is whatever you are willing to commit. We all have busy lives so whatever time you can share helping our cause is truly appreciated. We know we do God's work helping our fellow man and will be rewarded in the end.

Dan Macsary
Membership Director

Boy Scout Basketball Court Renovation

George Casciello, a 17-year-old Boy Scout and grandson of Financial Secretary Al Casciello undertook a major project in pursuit of his Eagle Scout badge. George, a parishioner at St. Paul Catholic Church spent two years working on the project and raised \$40,000. with the help of local donors to complete the project. The existing basketball court (see before and after photo) was beyond repair so George had to use his leadership and organizational skills, learned as a Boy Scout, to bring the project to fruition. The project is a difference maker for the residents of the Pembroke community and those that want to play basketball. Our Council 3303 and Assembly 1820 donated \$2,000. towards funding the project to renovate the local community basketball court

OLD



NEW



Dan Macsary
Membership Director

Popcorn Machine Donation to St. Paul Catholic School



On Wednesday, October 4, the Msgr. Jones Council of the Knights of Columbus presented Saint Paul Catholic School a popcorn machine for use at athletic and other school events. The school will be able to use funds collected from selling popcorn at these events to further support the athletic department. Pictured are Rick Dean, Council Faith Program Director, Kristi Blake, SPCS Athletic Director and several students.

Randal Ramian

Grand Knight

Faithful Navigators Report



Wow! The yard sale was packed everyday it was open. I have never seen so many people migrating to find a good deal. The fact that so many people were in attendance shows us that what we do within the community matters. We are able to help so many from the funds we make from the yard sale. It is a blessing that we are able to continue God's work with help from the community. I want to take the time to thank each and everyone who helped make the yard sale another success. I want to especially thank Pat Rocco for his continued leadership for the yard sale crew. Without him and the crew of dedicated workers, we would not be able to do God's work in our community. \$40,000 was made this past yard sale. This amount will be an asset to helping us serve the community in which we all live. Let's make the next one even bigger than the last. Thank you all!

We voted not to exceed 83,000 for a new building to replace the blue cans. We will take out the tree line and put a new metal building there. The extra room will help us store more stuff for future yard sales. The new project will start after the February yard sale. It will take an estimated 3 weeks to complete. I hope the weather is nice so we can get it done.

On January 20th there will be a 4th degree exemplification. We need all hands-on deck. More details will be provided the closer we get to this event. I want to take this time to also acknowledge our Sir Knight of the Month Randa Ramian. Randa serves as our faithful Scribe. Thank you for a job well done.

I would like to end with a big thank you to each and every one of you. I love you all. May God bless you and may he turn his face to you. God bless the USA, and the rest of the world during these times.

Philip Nassef
Faithful Navigator



Sir Knight of the Month – October

The selection for Sir Knight of the Month is Randal Ramian.

Randall is a great asset to the Assembly and the Council. His dedication and service are deserving of recognition as Sir Knight of the month.

Randall was born and raised in Chicago. After graduating from high school he attended San Jose State and the University of Southern California, earning an MA. Randall met his wife in California and they have been married 34 years. They have one son Christian. After college Randall worked in various jobs, technology, banking and at the California Naval Museum. Randall served in the Navy for over 20 plus years and retired as a Captain.

Randall's experience with Knights began in 2008 and has been active in both the Council and Assembly. He has filled many positions and is currently the Grand Knight of the Council and Scribe for the Assembly. When he is not taking notes from or running the meetings he is actively engaged in working as a caller for Bingo, helping with the yard sale setup and tear down. He can be found assisting with the Shrimp Boils, Fish Fries and widow dinner. He also gives his time to the LAMB collection.

Randall thank you for your efforts, good humor and dedication. We are proud to honor you as our Sir Knight of the Month.

Ron Biggs
Faithful Captain

Council 3303 Shrimp Boil



Friday, October 27th

To Be Held at Columbus Club Hall

1125 Pine Tree Drive

New Bern, NC

Social Hour @ 5:00 pm - Dinner @ 6:00 pm \$21 per person

Tickets sold at Bingo and after masses on weekends of 10/7 & 10/8, 10/14 & 10/15 and 10/21 & 10/22



November Birthday Wishes



NAME	DAY
GEORGE HALYAK	1-Nov
DEAN REYNOLDS	1-Nov
PHILIP PRITULSKY	1-Nov
EMANUEL JOYNER	1-Nov
JAMES HALEY	2-Nov
GARY ALLEN	5-Nov
ROBERT FRAVOR	6-Nov
ADAM NELSON	7-Nov
JOHN MORGAN	7-Nov
WILLIAM MARTINIE	7-Nov
FRANK SAMUEL	10-Nov
EDWARD NASSER	11-Nov
JAMES FERNANDEZ	12-Nov
DANIEL DOBAN	13-Nov
JOHN FERRARI	13-Nov
TIMOTHY LONGLEY	14-Nov
WILLIE OLDS	14-Nov
JAMES EVANS	15-Nov
DAVID KIERSKI	16-Nov
WILLIAM RANK	16-Nov
WILLIAM LESAK	18-Nov
CALVIN FLOYD	19-Nov
MICHAEL GLEASON	19-Nov
JOHN MONGAN	20-Nov
GEORGE LABAS	20-Nov
JAMES DUNHAM	22-Nov
THOMAS CONWAY	24-Nov
ALFRED LEFEBVRE	24-Nov
GEORGE MUNZ	28-Nov
DANIEL MILLER	30-Nov

THE EMBLEM OF THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then the first Supreme Knight. A quick glance at the Emblem indicates a shield mounted upon a cross similar to a Maltese cross, turned sideways. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The cross of Malta is the representation, in a traditionally artistic design, of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects; a mace standing vertically, and crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The mace from Roman days of authority, which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy.

Thus the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity. The red, white, and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the color of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God, and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim, and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white, and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the Martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith. Red, then, is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption, and in the mission of every man to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God had for man, and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man had for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she draped her beloved Son, through Whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

Brothers, be thus edified of the meaning of this, the noble Emblem of our Order. Always wear it with Pride, Dignity, and Honor, and be inspired to live the virtues it proclaims.

All Saints Day - Wednesday, November 1



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints.

These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints.

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes.

We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived.

On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

- Loyola Press



Empty Chair at the Table Prayer

This Thanksgiving, Lord, there'll be an empty chair at our table,
an ache in our hearts and tears on our cheeks...

We might shield others from our grief, but we can't hide it from you...

We pray for our loved ones whose loving presence we'll miss at this homecoming time...

Help us remember and tell again the stories that knit
us as one with the ones we miss so much...

Open our hearts to joyful memories of the love we shared with those who've gone before us...

Let the bonds you forged so deep in our hearts grow stronger yet in remembering those who've left our side...

Help us pray and trust that those we miss have a home in your heart and a place at your table forever and that one day
we'll be one with them once again...

Teach us to lean on you and on one another for the strength we need
to walk through these difficult days...

Open our eyes and our hearts to the healing, the warmth and the peace of your presence...

Give us quiet moments with you in prayer,
with our memories and loss, with our thoughts and tears...

Be with us to console us and hold us in your arms as you hold the ones we miss...

Even in our grief, Lord, this is the day that you have made: help us be glad in the peace you've promised, the peace we
pray you share with those who've gone before us...

For ourselves, Lord, and for all who find the holidays to be a difficult time, we make this prayer...

Amen.

– by Fr. Austin Fleming



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