



The E-Knightlighter



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Outgoing Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

This will be my last comments as your Grand Knight. Doesn't seem possible that 2 years have passed already.

First, I would like to thank Fr. Tully for agreeing to be our Chaplain and attending all of our Meetings. Your words of Wisdom and Reflection gave us all something to contemplate and spur us to a greater understanding of our Faith and how to put it into action.

Thanks to all of you who have been so active in applying our Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Your actions and hard work has helped so many people in our Church and Community; all of whom are better off because of your commitment to helping the needy and less fortunate.

Keep up the good work, our Church and Community need us even more as people continue to struggle and remain impoverished.

Your incoming set of Officers will continue the good work of our Council and will need your continued support, so please pray for them and jump in to help when they ask.

Thank you again and may God Bless you, your families, our Church and the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus! Dick Dodson, Grand Knight

Council 3303 Knight of the Month

Members of Council 3303 are honored to recognize Dick Dodson, Grand Knight from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, as our Knight of the Month for his many accomplishments and contributions.

Throughout the last two years, our leader, Dick Dodson, has always inspired each of us to live by the principles of our order -- "unity, charity and fraternity".

Dick volunteers his time and talent to the Knights, the Church, and to the New Bern Community.



6, 13, 20, 27 - Bingo 6:30
PM, Hall

7 - 3rd Degree Meeting 7:00
PM, Chamber.

8 - 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00
PM, Chamber

14 - Family Pot Luck Dinner &
300 Club Drawing

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As leader of our Council, he has initiated many new programs and overseen many existing programs. Dick was instrumental in starting the "Wives Appreciation Dinner" which has become an annual event, our Christmas Widow Project, and the Christmas Family Dinner for members and families of our Church and Council.

Dick is a Cashier for Bingo, our main fundraiser. He works at Pot Luck Dinners, Breakfasts, Fish Fries and all socials of the Council. He is an enthusiastic supporter of Right to Life, St. Paul Catholic School Athletic Program, Widow Programs, Social Event Programs and St. Paul Youth Programs.

Dick visits our sick members in the hospital and nursing homes and attends funerals for all brother Knights and their wives. He lends his support where ever needed to the Columbus Club and to the Fr. Kenneth I. Parker Assembly.

During his term of office, the very successful North Carolina State Convention was held here in New Bern..

Over the years, at Church he has been actively involved in a large number of projects for our Church and School. Dick is a Eucharistic Minister at the Sunday 8AM Mass and also visits our sick and home bound parishioners. In the Community, Dick serves on the Board of Directors for RCS. He also is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

All the member of Council 3303 thank you for your leadership and dedication to our organization.

Jim Whetzel, GK

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for July 2015 is Priscilla and Dick Dodson.

Dick is our most recent past Grand Knight and has done an extraordinary job during his two year tenure. He was a hands on Grand Knight pitching in or creating a lot of successful programs for our Council. He is also an usher and helper at our church as well as a Eucharistic Minister. He has put in many hours a week to help make our Council what it is today.

Priscilla has stood by his side and helped Dick in every aspect of the job. She always kept herself available making sure all of our functions were successful. From table decorations to the work she did for the yard sale helped immensely to make our Council a big success. Priscilla along with Dick deliver meals weekly to the needy through the Meals on Wheels program. She is also a Eucharistic Minister and does a lot of work for the Parish. Hats off to Priscilla and Dick from all the members of the council for a job well done. Your dedication to our council is very much appreciated.

Nick Dalessandro, Family Director

Assembly 1820 Faithful Navigator's Report

Thank you for electing me to be your Faithful Navigator . While it's a big responsibility I look forward to the coming year

Last year we had numerous accomplishments ,but we still have a way to go, and a lot of organizations count on our support .

Let's begin by remembering that we belong to this organization because we share common beliefs, values and interest. Sometimes we each have to remind ourselves that it's ok to disagree , but we should never forget to act in a brotherly way to each other.

As I am writing this many dedicated yard sale workers are busy at work in the summer heat getting ready for our June 12-13 sale .Without the dedication of so many people and especially the ladies who put so much of their time, our sales would not be as successful as they are. I know that we will once again have a successful sale because of those individuals working so hard.

At our next meeting which will be held on July 8 at 7 PM our Budget for the Fraternal year 2015-2016 will be presented . A copy will be posted on the bulletin board in the Chambers . Please take the time to look at it and feel free to bring any questions to our following August meeting.

I ask each of our SK to start attending our monthly meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Be a part of the decision making process by expressing your views on issues.

Once again thank you all for this opportunity to be you Faithful Navigator .

Patrick Rocco, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight of the Month: Ralph Aviles

I met Ralph an hour before he was to take his 1st Degree . We interview each candidate so that we know what will interest him once he becomes a member. This helps new members to become active quickly in our organization.

Well, it didn't take long for Ralph to get involved .He jumped right in by helping and picking up furniture for our yard sale even though he was not a member of the 4th degree. He now is the assistant manager of our yard sale ,you will see SK Ralph in the kitchen on almost all our events and he works Bingo for the council every Monday. Whatever seems to be done Ralph seems to be there to lend a hand, from power washing , painting and he still finds time to be our lounge bartender.

When you see SK Ralph please thank him for all he does .

Faithful Navigator, Patrick Rocco

The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin



The following article was submitted by our Immediate Past Grand Knight and seems appropriate during the season we celebrate the birthday of our Nation.

All Americans should be given this lesson!

Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms. I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers: Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life. The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America , and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic..

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of ' Liberty and Freedom.'

MAYBE THE SUPREME COURT SHOULD READ THIS EXPLANATION BEFORE THEY RENDER THEIR DECISION ON THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. FORWARD IT; MAYBE SOMEONE WITH THE NECESSARY POWER, OR POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL INFLUENCE, WILL GET IT TO THEM. IN THE MEANTIME, MAY G O D PROTECT US ALWAYS.ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

A Word from your Family Director

Well, we are now into a new Calendar year. All new officers will begin their term on the July 7th meeting. We have several programs this year for our members and their Families.

We will start off with a Pot Luck Dinner and 300 club drawing. This will take place on July 14th 2015 at our hall starting at 6:00 P.M. The Club will supply the main dish which will be Ham. Each Family whose last name begins with A-K please bring a Vegetable or Salad dish. Those ending in L-S please bring a starch dish (Potato salad, Pasta Etc.). Those with letters T-Z bring a Dessert. Other functions will be a Communion Breakfast and our very successful Christmas Party. The dates for these will be announced soon. If anyone has any ideas of other functions we can hold please contact me.

Nick Dalessandro, Family Director

Knight of Columbus Insurance

Being the good Catholic gentlemen that we are, we know that death is a part of life and we should not be afraid, because our creator is taking us to a better place. However, many of us do not like to consider life insurance because it forces us to consider our own mortality.

We are also told that life insurance is "for the living, not the dead." However, many of us only buy enough insurance to cover our funeral expenses. How many times have we seen on the news, or read in the papers about a "SUDDEN UNEXPECTED TRAGIC DEATH"? Do they mention in the report that the person has left behind a grieving widow and children who cannot afford to continue paying the mortgage, or finance her children's college education?

It seems that these tragedies happen every day, yet we only insure the replaceable items such as our

cars and homes. If you were to die tomorrow, have you made all of the necessary arrangements to ensure that your family will be able to continue to live comfortably? Are you fully insured?

This is the reason that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in the 1800's, and it still holds true today. Only today we should not still be doing a "pass the hat" system for a brother knight who passed. I encourage you to look to the Knights of Columbus for help with planning against any unexpected misfortunes. Please contact your K of C field agent, or General Agent Christopher Mahoney, at (919)845-5595 or by email at Robert.Leonardo@kofc.org

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