



# The E-Knightlighter



The Official Publication of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. James R. Jones Council  
3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC



7, 14, 21, 28 – Bingo, KOC  
Hall, 6:30

1 – Third Degree, Business  
Meeting, Chamber, 7:00  
PM

8 – First Degree  
Exemplification,  
Chamber, 8:00 PM

9 – Fourth Degree Business  
Meeting, Chamber, 7:00  
PM

26 – Msgr. Jones Golf  
Tournament, River Bend  
Country Club, 9:00 AM

29 – Third Degree Officers  
Meeting, Hall, 7:00 PM

29, 30, 31 – Yard Sale Work,  
9:00 AM

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## New Publishing Dates for Knightlighter

The only constant in life is change. That being said, the Knightlighter will now be published and delivered on the Thursday following the Fourth Degree Business Meeting. "Why change things now?", you ask. It is very difficult to surprise a member with an award or recognition when the news has already been put into print. By delaying the release for a few days, those being recognized will not know (we hope).

We are also going totally paperless in the near future. With the rising cost of paper, printing, and postage, publishing the Knightlighter every other month, has decreased the funds available for other needs. We will publish a date very soon. Please stay tuned for that announcement.

## Yard Sale

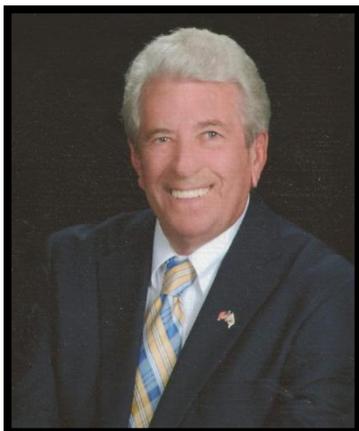
On Thursday, October 1, from 8 am to noon the brick building with furniture only will be open. In addition on Friday October 2, from 8 am to noon and Saturday, October 3, 7 am to noon, rain or shine, both buildings will be open. The Knights have new and exciting news! The back blue building has more shelves, wider aisles, which will help make it more pleasant to shop. In addition they have provided tent coverings outside to protect you while shopping outside. We have CD's, DVD's, electronics, a selection of small appliances, tools, home décor, jewelry, a lot of new books, pictures, house wares, assortment of craft supplies, an expanded selection of antiques plus many other items for sale. We have a separate building for furniture, appliances, rugs and exercise equipment. You will find we offer the best deals in town! Please come and especially see all of the new items.

We welcome donations of good and clean items. You may drop them off at the KC blue building, 1125 Pine Tree Drive from 10 am to noon on Tuesdays. If this is not possible call George Halyak (252)637-9225 or Ralph Aviles (252) 638-1704 to arrange for pick-ups. One phone call takes care of it! Donations are tax deductible. No donations after September 25, 2015.

Also donations of motorized vehicles are acceptable year round.  
Nancy Stewart, PR KC



## Grand Knight's Knightlighter Comments



Summer always seems to fly by as we travel, entertain family and friends and enjoy outdoor activities. It's hard to believe that when you read this letter school will have already begun.

August was a busy month for all of the Knights. The month began with the Installation of Officers on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at our Hall with 120 attendees. Father Tully, our Chaplain, was present to give us a Blessing. A delicious dinner followed with the food provided by Paula's Restaurant.

This Council is fortunate to have the support and prayers of Father Tully, Father Upham, and Father Lesak. We thank each of them for attending our social events and meetings and their spiritual guidance.

While you're reading this report, reach for your calendars and pencil in that our Annual Shrimp Boil will be held on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> and our Annual Widows Appreciation Dinner will be on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see all of you there.

I want to pass along to you some important information about the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program in which I recently participated. The online training program consisted of three modules. The first component was entitled "Meet Sam" and was about child sexual abuse awareness. The second module on "Duty to Report" explained the legal reporting requirements. The third module was entitled "Know Your Policies".

While not all knights are required to participate in this online training program, "All" knights have an obligation to report any suspected abuse to law enforcement. If there is a reasonable basis to believe that a child is being abused either physically, sexually, psychologically and emotionally or is being neglected report it.

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Hotline telephone number is: 1-844-KOFC-SAFE (1-844-563-2723)

This month Dick Dodson, PGK, approached the Officers of your Council with a tragic story about a deployed Marine whose house and all its belongings had been destroyed by fire. The Marine's wife and three children were not harmed, but they had no clothes other than those they had on. The Knights responded by giving a cash donation and items from the Yard Sale Building.

Lastly, we need to recruit and retain members this year. Our goal is two (2) members per month. The Council needs each of you to talk to your Church friends and their wives about the charitable works the knights do. Tell them a story about someone or some organization that we have helped in a time of need. Let's each help grow the knights so we will be able to continue our charitable works representing not only the Knights of Columbus and St. Paul Catholic Church.

Now that vacations are over, I hope to see more of you at our monthly meeting. Please try to stay for the social afterwards and enjoy the pizza and friendship of your fellow brothers.

Next Meeting: September 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, Knight of Columbus Hall, 7PM.

Vivat Jesus  
Jim Whetzel, GK

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## Family of the Month

The family of the month for September is Rita and Mikie Casem.

They are within themselves an institution to the Knights, Church and community. Rita is a lecture at our church among the other hats she wears. She is always available to help out whenever called upon.

Mikie is a past grand knight and wears many hats in our council. He never turns down an opportunity to help when needed.

Thank you Rita and Mikie for making our council, church and community what it is today.

Nick Dalessandro, Family director

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## Faithful Navigator's Report



Sir Knights,

I just couldn't help but think about our yard sale and all of the Knight's, wives and individuals who come out faithfully to prepare for the day of the Big Sale. All those who were there helping out the week of the last sale, deserve a huge thank you for a job well done. These dedicated souls battled oppressive temperatures and kept their cool under sometimes stressful operating/sale conditions, all to ensure that our sale was a success. I applaud every one of you. This is what we do; we are the Knights of Columbus.

Stop and think for a moment about why we do what we do. It certainly isn't for the pay. The volunteer time that we sacrifice to do things that will help others does not go unnoticed by any means. By helping others, individually and the community organizations that we donate to, either monetarily or with volunteer hours, we in fact are making our world a better place in which to live. We, as an Order/Assembly, are doing what we can to improve quality of life and maybe even develop, in ourselves, a deeper understanding of what it is to be a Catholic in a very changing and many times very uncaring, selfish world. Without a doubt, the good Lord also notices these acts of kindness. This is what we do; we are the Knights of Columbus. Our Principles of Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism will guide us in our efforts and equip us as an Assembly to make a difference by helping others.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend our installation of officers and diner that followed. We had over 100 in attendance at the Flame for a few hours of good food and conversation. I am truly touched by your support as I take on my new responsibility of Faithful Navigator

Patrick Rocco, Faithful Navigator

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## Sir Knight of the Month

Assembly 1820 Sir Knight of the Month for September is Vince Fragnito.

Sir Knight Fragnito has been a member of 1820 for five years and with his wife Lois has dedicated much time and talent to the Assembly. Vince served as the 2014 Faithful Navigator and during that time helped navigate the yard sale team thru a time of transition and reorganization. Vince remains active with the yard sale repairing broken furniture getting it ready for the next sale. He also shares his time outside the assembly volunteering at RCS, Soup Kitchen, and Lecture at the 5 p.m. Mass.

Thanks Vince for all your time and energy.

God Bless  
David Rose, Faithful Captain

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## Special Olympics Update

Special Olympics Save the dates, join in the fun!

**Craven's Got Talent** is a community concert which supports Special Olympics. It will be held on Saturday September 19, 2015 at the Grover C Fields Middle School Auditorium. The program is scheduled to start at 6:00 Pm. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Please see me for tickets. is the location.

**Andy's 20<sup>th</sup> annual Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner** is scheduled for October 15 in the Council Hall.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this dinner a great success. Without the support of the Council and Assembly we would not be able to share this special event with our community. Over the past 19 years we have sent over \$33,000 Special Olympics in our tri-county area. As always we need to support the event by buying a meal, promoting ticket sales and helping in the hall. Our goal has always been serve 700 meals.

Our major supporters have been Pizza Hut, Harris Teeter, Armstrong Groceries, Smithfield Chicken and Barbeque, Minges, Target and Walmart. Do you know of others who would support the event financially? Everyone's help is needed.

Your help in ticket sales at St Paul's on October 3-4 and 10-11 at all masses is needed.

Join the hall team serving the meal and the take out team. We all have fun serving our guests.

### **Sports activities are as follows:**

Bowling 3:30 pm, Thursdays at Strike Zone

Swimming 1:00 pm, Fridays at YMCA

Bowling Competition 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Strike Zone

October 14 – Elementary Schools

October 21 – Middle and High Schools

October 28 – Adult Groups

Lane captain volunteers needed.

Vivat Jesus! John Scharf

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## **Fourth Degree Installs New Officers**

Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly # 1820 Knights of Columbus recently installed new officers for the Fraternal Year 2015-2016. The installation was at Saint Paul Catholic Church followed by a fantastic dinner at the Flame Restaurant. The Knights contribute their time, talent and treasure for many community needs.

Nancy Stewart, PR KC 4<sup>th</sup> degree



Picture left to right-row 1 – Sir Knight Ignacio “Budd” Rancatore, Trustee 1 year; SK Greg Ciesielski, Assistant District Marshal; Father William Lesak, District Friar; Father William Upah, Faithful Friar; SK Patrick Rocco, Faithful Navigator; SK David Onofrio, District Master; SK Rick Lewis, District Marshal.

2<sup>n</sup> row SK James Whetzel, Trustee 3 year; SK “Sandy” Stewart, Trustee 2 year; SK Larry Feldhaus, Faithful Scribe; SK William Camp, Faithful Comptroller; SK Doug Umland, Inner-Sentinel; SK Richard Tomasik, Faithful Admiral; SK Phil Nassef, Outer-Sentinel; SK David Rose, Faithful Captain.

3<sup>rd</sup> row Color Corps/Honor Guard, SK Claude Lalonde; SK Dennis Colbert Commander; SK Clark French and SK Jack Betler.

Absent: SK George Halyak, Faithful Purser and SK Ralph Aviles, Faithful Pilot.

## Joshua

A few weeks ago a young man died in New Bern. He took his own life. Other than his mom and some close friends, few mourned or even noticed his passing. You may have met him. He lived in halfway houses and often found himself on the street. His name was Joshua.

This summer we held our usual Fourth of July cookout. This year's small gathering was unlike any other at our home. It included my wife, daughter and myself and a handful of guests, none of whom my wife or I had ever met. Along with our daughter, all of our guests are in recovery. Each person in recovery faces a life-long horrific illness with some form of addiction, be it alcohol, narcotics or both. As they struggle to get better, they have owned up for the poor choice(s) they have made which put them in their particular situation. Anyone who has found his/her self as a caregiver to a loved one in recovery knows well the consequences of these poor choices; the loss of one's family, friends, livelihood, health and often it means jail time. During a life long journey recovering persons trying to stay clean such as the individuals at our table have sought out and received professional help at a substance abuse rehabilitation center, sometimes more than once. These facilities provide short term intensive care treatment while identifying long term venues such as available counseling sessions and daily AA and NA peer support group meetings. While such ongoing support networks can provide a safe arena for mutual help, life remains fragile and everyone involved knows there are no guarantees.

Before our Fourth of July meal, we held hands and said grace, thanking God for His blessings and for bringing us here together, new friends and old friends, and we asked God to help each of us move forward in our own brokenness. Halfway through the meal and without warning, I began to sense a Holy Presence among us, a surreal awareness that it was not me who was feeding our guests. It was they who were feeding me. While we ate, I clumsily tried to join in with small talk with the fellow to my right whose easy smile seemed to mask a troubled mind. He answered briefly before quickly joining his companions in a light hearted, and often animated exchange. At the end of our gathering, the young man seated next to me stopped on our porch, extended his hand and thanked us again for inviting him into our home. His name was Joshua. Mikie Casem, PGK

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## Yard Sale Help Request

Yard Sale Help needed for Furniture Pick Up Please Call Ralph Aviles 252-638-1704 or George Halyak 252-637-9225

If you can help one day a week or anytime during the month, we would like to put a list together so that we have a pool of volunteers to call please help if you are able  
Patrick Rocco, Faithful Navigator

## Officers and Program Chairmen of Msgr. James R. Jones, Council 3303

Chaplain	Reverend Thomas Tully	Community	Walter Bock
Grand Knight	Jim Whetzel	Family	Nick Dalessandro
Deputy Grand Knight	Phillip Nassef	Youth	Jeff Ross
Chancellor	Ray Savage	Membership Director	Tony DiFede
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Lector	Larry Feldhaus	Knightlighter	Michael Haynes
Warden	Nick D'Alessandro	House	Jimmy Bottcher
Inside Guard	James Knickerbocker	Golf	Chick Natella
Outside Guard	Kevin Blust	300 Club	Chick Natella
Trustee (1 Yr.)	Leo Minervini	Columbus Club	Gerald Boyle
Trustee (2 Yr.)	Pat Rocco	Bowling	Don Monk
Trustee (3 Yr.)	Richard Dodson	Special Olympics	John Scharf
Program Director	Open	Public Relations	George Halyak
Church	Jim Anderson	Web Master	Martin Culpepper
Council	Open	Lounge Manager	Ralph Aviles

## Officers of Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820

Faithful Friar	Reverend William J Upah	Inner-Sentinel	SK Doug Uhland
Faithful Navigator	SK Patrick Rocco	Outer-Sentinel	SK Phil Nassef
Faithful Captain	SK David Rose	Faithful Admiral	SK Rich Tomasik
Faithful Pilot	SK Ralph Aviles	Trustee 3 Year	SK James Whetzel
Faithful Comptroller	SK William Camp	Trustee 2 Year	SK Sandy Stewart
Faithful Scribe	SK Larry Feldhaus	Trustee 1 Year	SK Ignacio "Budd" Rancatore
Faithful Purser	SK George Halyak	Lounge Manager	SK Ralph Aviles
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