



The E-Knightlighter



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3303 and Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, New Bern, NC

Knights of Columbus Support HJ MacDonald Middle School Technology Students Association (TSA)



2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Bingo 6:30
PM, Hall

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

10 - 1st Degree
Exemplification, 8:00,
Chambers

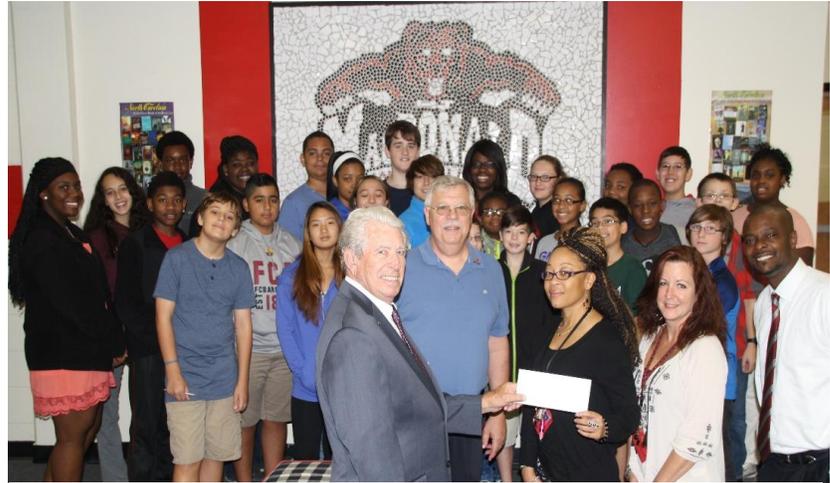
11 - 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00
PM, Hall

12 - Widows Dinner, 6:00 PM,
Hall

14 - 3rd Degree
Exemplification, 12:00
PM, Jacksonville

21 - 4th Degree
Exemplification, 12:00
PM, Raleigh

24 - 3rd Degree Officer
Meeting, 7:00 PM - 8:00
PM, Hall



Pictured: In the background: Members of the HJ TSA Chapter.
Foreground from left to right: SK Jim Wetzel, SK Michael Haynes
Adviser, Cassandra Bush Adviser, Kristi Frazier Adviser, and Tabari
Wallace, Principal.

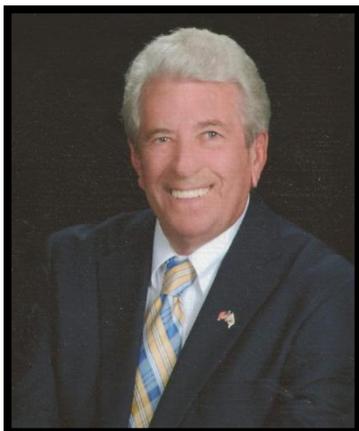
Recently Grand Knight Jim Whetzel of the Monsignor James R. Jones Council # 3303 in New Bern presented a check to HJ MacDonald Middle School Technology Students Association. This generous donation will be used to purchase robotic kits and practice equipment for their "Quest to be the Best" in the nationally recognized VEX IQ Robotics Competition. HJ's TSA chapter has a Donors Choose project posted on the DonorsChoose.org website to raise the remaining funds necessary. The chapter will field two teams of six students each. Both teams will compete in the regional and state events in order to qualify for the National Event that will be held in late June.

All of the chapter members are busy preparing for the regional, state and national TSA conferences and competitions. The students will compete in over thirty different events during each competition. They will also be attending leadership training and social activities through this program.

TSA is a student run program that seeks to provide leadership, technology, and employability skills for all members. There are currently over 220,000 high school and middle school students involved in chapters across America. Membership is open to all students in grades 6 through 12. The HJ MacDonald chapter has 28 members and is growing. The chapter advisers are Ms. C. Bush, Ms. K. Frazier, and Mr. M. Haynes.

If you would like more information about TSA or would like to get your students involved please contact the school at (252) 514-6450.

Grand Knight's Knightlighter Comments



October was filled with our regular meetings. In addition, the following events took place this month: a seminar on Retention hosted by Swansboro and presented by our State Council, and a Second Degree Installation hosted by our Council on October 25, 2015.

Many of our fellow brothers and families also supported Andy's 20th Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner held on October 15th with 360 attending. Our Annual Shrimp Boil on October 30th had between 175 and 200 attendees. Everyone involved in both events did an outstanding job, and I thank each and every one of you.

The Coats for Kids Program, a joint program being sponsored by our Council and Assembly, is being coordinated by Budd Rancatore, David Rose and Dick Dodson. We have purchased 144 coats, and the committee hopes to have them distributed in early November.

On Oct. 21st we were deeply saddened by the news of the passing of our dear Brother and Honorary Life Member, Charlie Sforza. For over ten years, Charlie worked at the Yard Sale in the small appliance and tool department. Because he tested and repaired all items in his department, our Yard Sale was known for selling reliable products. Charlie will be extremely missed by his wife, Mimi, of 65 years, his family and friends.

Please come to our annual "Remember Our Widows' Dinner" on November 12th and help us honor our widows. I don't know the theme of this year's event. However, Priscilla Dodson always surprises us with her decorating talent, and our chef, Vince Fragnito and Crew will once again prepare a wonderful dinner.

In closing, I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. Let us all thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on all of us. Please pray for people who have not been as fortunate as us and are living in violent neighborhoods, and people who are alone on this day and for those hungry or sick.

Vivat Jesus
Jim Whetzel, GK

Knight of the Month

Kevin Blust is the Knight of the month for November. Kevin is a hard working Knight. At Bingo you will find Kevin diligently at work, as he is the Assistant Chairman for Monday night Bingo. He continues to work with the kids on the Saint Paul golf team and really enjoys this job. Kevin usually does what task is asked of him and with a smile on his face. You can usually find Kevin picking up furniture for the Yard Sale, making money pickups during the sale and staying to clean up after the sale is over. Watch for Kevin out in front of stores collecting money for the LAMB program. Starting as a Knight in 1973 he has been a real asset to the Knights.

Thank you Kevin for all you do for the Knight's.
Philip Nassef, DGK

National Rosary Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Rosary Prayer Service Sunday November 29th at 3:30PM in Saint Paul Catholic Church. This is part of a nationwide service the Knights hold when there are 5 Sundays in a month. Everyone is welcome to join the Knights in this meaningful service.



Family of the Month

The Family of the Month of November 2015 is Dena and Walter Sierocki

Together they make quite a team! Walter takes care of all of our Hall rentals. He is also an usher at Saint Paul Church along with other volunteer work. Both Walt and Dena count the collections after Mass at Church. Dena is a Eucharistic Minister, has been in charge of the Fund for Needy Children for 24 years, has been a Guardian Ad Litem for 23 years, is in charge of the Safe Child Program at Saint Paul under the Diocesan rules. Both Dena and Walter prepare 12 Baskets at Thanksgiving time for the needy. They both keep themselves available to help out when they are called upon.

Thank you Dena and Walter.
Nick Dalessandro , Family Director

Faithful Navigator's Report



Sir Knights,

A big thank you to all, for a very successful Yard Sale in October. The weather was against us but thanks to all our volunteers we managed to bring in over \$20,000 to be distributed in our community. All of your weekly hard work has once again paid off. I would also say thank you to everyone who worked in our kitchen, the meals were again outstanding, and we cannot forget our Marines who helped during our sale, we all know that without them we could not succeed.

We are rapidly approaching a time of year when it seems time has no mercy on us. Sometimes it's hard enough trying to get our basic necessities done during the course of our day not to mention any extras that might come up. Getting ready for the Holidays can be pleasant time of year but it can also be very stressful, adding to our already busy schedules. Spending time with family and friends, preparing dinner, add shopping on to that and numerous other things and it's no wonder we feel a bit stressed out. One way to deal with it is to look ahead to after the New Year where things slow down a bit and we can breathe a little easier. Another way, to relax , is by taking a few minutes of quiet time out for yourself during the course of your day and reflect on what is really important in our lives and how truly fortunate and blessed we really are. Perhaps some time for prayer is always appropriate.

Once again thank you for all for all you do,
Patrick Rocco, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight of the Month

Assembly 1820 Sir Knight of the Month for November is Bob Andre. Sir Knight Andre has been a member of 1820 for 11 years and with his wife Lucy has dedicated much time and talent to the Assembly. The yard sale takes a lot of Bob and Lucy's time, between the electronics, cashier and toy department to clean up crew after the sale. He also lends his talents to the Bingo crew, LAMB and helps set up the hall for special events. When you see Bob please thank him for all he does.

God Bless
David Rose, Faithful Captain



Andy's 20th annual Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's event a great success. Without the support of the Council and Assembly we would not be able to share this special event with our community. Attendance this year included 378 lovers of fine Italian cuisine. We will be presenting \$1,538 to Craven County Special Olympics and \$500 each to Jones and Pamlico County Special Olympics this year. 205 guests enjoyed the meal served in the KC hall and 173 spaghetti dinners were served to our take out enthusiasts. Special thanks are sent to the youth volunteers from Saint Paul Catholic School. We must remember that Pizza Hut donates their time (10 volunteers) and treasure with over \$800 in supplies. Harris Teeter, Coke, Armstrong Groceries, Smithfield Chicken and Barbeque, Minges, Target and Wal-Mart were also financial contributors. In the spirit of charity the Council and Assembly absorbed the additional expenses which allowed ticket sales and donations to be presented to Special Olympics. With the help of brother Knights and their wives we accumulated 230 volunteer hours.

Vivat Jesus! John Scharf

The history of the "Special Olympic Spaghetti Dinner"

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Monsignor James R Jones Council 3303

1995 – May 12 a community activity catered by Charlie's Pizza. Contact Andy Yandura or Danny Gennantonio. Notes: Adults \$4 Children \$3. All proceeds to Benefit Craven County Special Olympics. J Mattingly reported the Hall was transformed into an "Italian Garden" with red and blue checkered table cloths and soft background music for ambiance. Special Olympics received \$800.

1996 – 1997 requires a review of the secretary's reports for detailed information.

1998 – October 26 the Special Olympics dinner seated 246 and \$984 was raised to benefit the cause.

1999- June 24 K of C Host "Town Special Olympics Dinner" for the Special Olympics Delegation from Switzerland attending the Special Olympics World Games. October 27 the annual spaghetti dinner was shared by 267. The chefs were Joe Sbarra, Fred Nelson and Don Monk. The gate keeper, cashier, official greeter and coordinator for the Special Olympics Andy Yandura presented \$1,300 to support Special Olympics.

2000 – 235 attended the October 25th event which generated \$1175 for the cause.

2001 – October 24 the Council served 175 meals which resulted in \$875 for our Special Olympics athletes

2002 – October 23 the report confirms that Joe Sbarra continues to lead the kitchen staff. Ms Karen Rubley of Pizza Hut became a major supporter of the event as was Mr. Wade Cline of Pepsi Cola Bottling Group. These companies donated their treasure in support of Special Olympics which help send \$1300 to the program.

2003 – October 23 saw a new record for the event. 389 guests enjoyed the meal prepared by the Pizza Hut team that presented their time talent and treasure to the cause of Special Olympics. The resulting \$1945 presented to support our athletes set a new goal for the future.

2004 – October 21 another record attendance of 400 was achieved. Our ability to send \$2000 to Special Olympics was in a great part due to Pizza Hut and Minges Bottling Group for their generous donations.

2005 – 250 attended the October 27th dinner. Because of the generosity of all who help S. O. C. C. received \$1250.

- 2006 – October 26 and the tradition continues as 300 gather to enjoy the fruits from the “Italian Garden” a tradition that is now 11 years and growing. The \$1500 sent to the cause will help the bowling, bocce and swimming programs.
- 2007 – October 11 sees 231 guests share a meal in the hall and 190 flowed thru the take out room. It is exciting to see the smile on Andy’s face as he greets the many who have come to make another record funds raiser take place. This K of C project sends \$2,081 to Special Olympics.
- This was my third year helping Andy and those involved in planning, promoting, preparing and serving the spaghetti dinner. It was an experience to hear all the kind words thanking the Knights of Columbus and Andy for doing what they do. The constant chatter about what a great meal confirmed that the many Knights and the Team from Pizza Hut were a great asset to the event. It also brought an understanding that Andy now had the desire to continue, however, limitations were changing his roll to be our inspiration to carry on.
- 2008 – October 16 - The year of the Squires. This new youth group came on board to sell tickets and serve meals in the hall. 424 meals were served. 265 take out and 159 dinners were served in the hall. The event presented \$1956 to Special Olympics. Analysis confirmed that inflation and changes in corporate contributions was affecting the outcome.
- 2009 – October 9 saw the attendance grow to 564 meals served. 309 meals served in the hall and 235 taken home. The Council shared the proceeds with Jones and Pamlico counties receiving \$200 each and Craven county Special Olympics \$2107. Yes, it was a great year, however, costs continued to affect our ability to meet our goal.
- 2010 – October 14 brings a new challenge as we must now carry on for Andy Yandura. His passing on September 3 concluded 15 years of leadership and dedication to Special Olympics. Ticket sales were set at \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth. Attendance changed to 275 meals in the hall and 170 take out and costs continued to increase, however the distribution of \$200 to Jones and Pamlico and \$1911 to Craven County Special Olympics saw only a minor reduction.
- 2011 – November 3 was the date set for “Andy’s 16th Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner” and attendance rebounded to 408 guests attending. The distribution was set at \$300 to Jones and Pamlico Counties and \$ 1731 to Craven County Special Olympics. The success of the project is a reflection of the dedication provided by volunteers who give of their time talent and treasure.
- 2012 – October 4 the project continues “Andy’s 17th Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner” serves 340 meals and sends \$300 to Jones and Pamlico Counties and \$1410 to Craven County Special Olympics.
- 2013 – October 10 the Marines have landed. Sgt Bradley Hoover, assistant Bocce coach, arranged for takeout dinners to be delivered to Cherry Point Marine base. A new addition to our sales effort. “Andy’s 18th SOSD” resulted in 428 meals and sent \$500 to Jones and Pamlico Counties and \$1640 to Craven County Special Olympics. 222 guests served in the hall and 206 takeout dinners moved us closer to realizing our goal of 500 meals served.
- 2014 – October 10 “Andy’s 19th Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner” serves 396 meals and sends \$400 to Jones and Pamlico Counties and \$1945 to Craven County Special Olympics. The projects ability to send \$2745 to Special Olympics was achieved because Pizza Hut, Harris Teeter, Coca-Cola, Wal-Mart, Target, Smithfield, Armstrong and Msgr. James R. Jones Council 3303 absorbed the \$1200 in expenses. The project is truly a community endeavor.
- 2015 - October 15 “Andy’s 20th Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner” let us reach our goal of 500 meals served. \$6 adults \$3 children is a deal.

The project has resulted in over 4000 volunteer hours served and approximately \$33,000 presented in support of Special Olympics Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties.

Praying the Rosary for our K of C Widows

In our efforts to more fully respond to our Founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney's call for the Knights of Columbus to support our widows, last year Council 3303 and Assembly 1820 jointly invited all Brother / Sir Knights to pick one day each week to say a rosary for our K of C Widows. The wonderful response we received from our members has us eagerly looking forward to carrying on this rewarding new spiritual tradition. Please join us by simply picking a particular day of the week, and on that day say a rosary for our widows. You can make your commitment in the privacy of your own heart. Also, you can make a public pledge via a sign-up sheet which will be circulated during the Nov. and Dec. business meetings.

Mikie Casem, PGK

Yard Sale Proceeds Help Saint Paul Catholic School



The Knights of Columbus, Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820 presents a check to Saint Paul Catholic School to continue with upgrades for the classrooms. These donations will enhance Saint Paul Catholic School to remain the success it is.

Left to right Sir Knight Bill Camp; Program Director and Section Leader Pre-K3 thru 5th Grade Sarah Anderson; Acting School Administrator Deacon David Kierski; Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Michelle Kalonji and Sir Knight Ralph Aviles

From the Desk of the Editor

I would like to start off my saying "Thank you" to all of my fellow Knights. It was very heartwarming to be on the receiving end of a donation from you. The students in the HJ MacDonald TSA Chapter were thrilled. We are slowly getting closer to our goal. With only about five weeks of contact time left, we will have to rush to be ready for competition.

I am thankful for you, my Brother Knights. As Knights we do a lot for our community. Each of us helps in our own way and when we can. Together we have made a difference in the lives of many. I am very proud to call each and every one of you my brother. Keep up the good work.

I am thankful for my strong and supportive wife. She has stood with me and beside me for forty-two years.

I am thankful for all of my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. You help me to see God in all that we do.

God Bless, SK Michael Haynes, Editor

K of C Council 3303
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