



# The E-Knightlighter



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4, 11, 18, 25 - Bingo 6:30  
PM, Hall

5 - 3rd Degree Meeting 7:00  
PM, Chamber.

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

13 - 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00  
PM, Hall

19 - 300 Club Dinner. Hall,  
5:30 PM

24 - 3rd Degree Officer  
Installation, 4:00 PM,  
Hall

26 - 3rd Degree Officer  
Meeting, 7:00 PM - 8:00  
PM, Hall

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## Joseph Rachid Alumni Award

The Joseph Rachid Alumni Award in Honor of Distinguished Graduates of Saint Paul and Saint Joseph Catholic Schools is awarded each year to honor Joe Rachid. Joe Rachid was a long standing member of the Knights of Columbus. This award, started in 2006, was named in honor of a man who was a role model for devoted service, accomplishment and life-long adherence to the values of Catholic education. This year marks the 129<sup>th</sup> year of continuous Catholic education in New Bern.

Mrs. Pat Kelly was pleased to introduce the 2016 recipient, Dr. Matt Smith. Dr. Smith graduated in 1980 from Saint Paul. He then went on to complete his high school years at New Bern High School where he graduated as Salutatorian in 1984. Dr. Smith graduated Magna Cum Laude from Wake Forest University in 1988. While in Winston Salem he met his wife, Beth and then moved to New Bern and started with Eastern Carolina Internal Medicine and has been there for almost 20 years. Dr. Smith is a lifelong member of Saint Paul Catholic Church and served as an altar boy.

Looking back he credited the discipline, study habits and attention to details that he learned at Saint Paul Catholic School with the ongoing success that he enjoyed throughout his higher education and his career. He quoted "My moral compass was set at an early age. I knew right from wrong and was strongly encouraged to follow the right path wherever it would lead me."

We were pleased to have some of the past winners with us. Unfortunately Mrs. Joe (Joyce) Rachid could not be with us.

The Stewarts



Picture 1<sup>st</sup> row Aggie Derda; 2<sup>nd</sup> row Col. Joe Calisto, Margaret Lamb, John Zaytoun, Dr. Matt Smith (2016 recipient), Tony Salem and Hannah French; 3<sup>rd</sup> row Father Bill Upah, Pat Kelly Program Coordinator, Father Thomas Tully, Pastor, Deacon David Kierski and Tiffany Dove.

## Grand Knight's Knightlighter Comments



I would like to thank you for entrusting me to be the Grand Knight of Council 3303. To start off I would like to recognize and say thanks to Jim Whetzel for his hard work as past Grand Knight. Jim's countless hours made the Knights a better Council. Let's start this year off with a bang!

The new year will be a busy one by starting off with an insurance meeting on July 5 after our regular meeting. To keep the wives better informed they are invited to the insurance meeting. The next item on the agenda is the 300 club pot luck dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Let's give away some money!

The installation of officers will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the hall, all are invited. There will be dinner following the installation. We will also be giving out the Knight of the year and family of the year awards.

I would like to thank Karl Lewis, Jansen Namowicz, Mark Mc Closkey and Robert Wernersbach, who made their second degree in June.

I look forward to working with you and your wives this year. Let's make this an exciting and fun year for all. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS. WE ALL CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Vivat Jesus  
Philip Nassef, Grand Knight

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### **Knight of the Month**

The Council Knight of the Month for July, 2016 is none other than our Immediate Past Grand Knight, SK James Whetzel.

Jim has been actively involved in the Order since first becoming a Knight in September, 2002. He quickly went through the degrees and became a Sir Knight in October, 2004.

Not only did Jim successfully lead the Council in a remarkable year as Grand Knight. He previously held the position of Faithful Navigator for the Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly # 1820, and is a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps.

Jim has accomplished much in his leadership roles in both the Council and Assembly. Being an organizer and hands on person he is willing to share his expertise and knowledge with anyone. Also he is an individual who is easy to work with, and has an attitude which promotes success. Jim played a major role in two very successful State Conventions which were held here in New Bern. His lead in the very successful Council annual shrimp boil is paramount. This event is tremendously enjoyed by not only Knights and their families but also encourages prospective members from Saint Paul Church to look into becoming a Knight.

We say Thank You to SK Jim Whetzel for a job well done and congratulate him on making our little corner of the world a better place in which to live.

Vivat Jesus  
Richard Tomasik, PGK/PFN

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### **Family of the Month**

The Family of the month for July 2016 is Rosemary and Jim Whetzel.

Rosemary over the last few years, helped to organize the very successful Saint Paul's School Gala. She helps with the fish fry every Lenten season and is always volunteering to help set up for all of our K of C functions. She did a great job along with Priscilla Dodson in running last year's successful Christmas Party. Rosemary also volunteers her time for the church and for our 4<sup>th</sup> degree yard sale.

Jim is our outgoing Grand Knight. What a wonderful job he has done for our Council. He gets involved with every function we have from the Fish Fry, the Widows dinner, Christmas party, and raising money for various charities. Jim helps sell tickets for every event held by the Council. He also does volunteer work at the church. Jim has been a great leader this past year for our Council. Congratulations to Rosemary and Jim for helping make our Council one of the best in North Carolina.

Nick Dalessandro, Family Director

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### LAMB Update

There will be a LAMB collection event on Saturday July 23, 2016 at the three Food Lion stores in New Bern. A two hour commitment is all that is requested. As always I thank you for your help with this endeavor.

Please signup online at [mysignup.com/summer2016](http://mysignup.com/summer2016) If you encounter any problems, e-mail me at [jwkelly1@suddenlink.net](mailto:jwkelly1@suddenlink.net) or call me at 252-288-5668.

Jim Kelly, Director LAMB 2016

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### National Rosary Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus will hold their fifth Sunday Rosary Prayer Service on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00PM in the Chapel at Saint Paul Catholic Church. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join Sister Monique as she leads the Five Glorious Mysteries. This is part of a nationwide service the Knights hold when there are 5 Sundays in a month. We pray everyone will join us at this meaningful service.

Nancy and Sandy Stewart, PR KC Council

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### Faithful Navigator's Report



Thank you for reelecting 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 as 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 have once again made our June sale one of our biggest yet breaking all previous sales records. Without the dedication of so many people, especially the ladies who put in so much of their time, our sales would not be as successful as they are. I know that we will continue to have successful sales because those individuals work so hard.

At our meeting which will be held on July 13 at 7 PM our Budget for the Fraternal year 2016-2017 will be voted on. Please take the time to attend this meeting so that you can vote on the budget.

As most of you know our Faithful Friar Father Bill Upah has been assigned to the Parish in Havelock, I have asked our current NC State Chaplain and State Faithful Friar, Father Bill Lesak if he would like to take our vacant Friar position and he has accepted our invitation.

Our installation of officers will be on Sunday August 14, 2016 at Saint Paul Church at 4PM with a dinner to follow at the Flame. We are still working out the details, I will be sending out a phone tree with all the information on dinner choices, so please save the date.

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

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### **Sir Knight of the Month**

Assembly 1820 would like to acknowledge Kevin Blust as Sir Knight of the Month for July 2016. Kevin joined the Assembly in June of 2001. Since that time he has served our organization and parish with his time and talent. Kevin lends his time and energy organizing and leading the Saint Paul Knights Golf team. He also lends his time organizing different golf outings for the Assembly. When you see Kevin please thank him for all he does.

God Bless,  
David Rose, Faithful Captain

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### **We've Come a Long Way**

A lot of you probably don't remember, back in 1978 a group of "younger" Knights set up for the first time, what they called the Knights of Columbus "Yard Sale." It was in 1978 on Trent Road in front of Brother Walt Scheper's insurance office. According to Danny Gennantonio's recollection, some of the Knights that started this "little" yard sale were Joe Rachid, Walt Scheper, Danny Gennantonio, Jerry Tetreault, John and Lewis Zaytoun, Joe Hatem, Oscar Dove, Tony Abeyounis, and John Barnick. Some of these dedicated Knights are still with us and a lot of their relatives are. You probably recognize the names, so please remember to say thanks for their efforts, in starting what has become a much larger project.

The yard sale needs help, particularly doing pick-ups. Please call Ralph Aviles at 252-204-7700 to volunteer, even if it is only for a few hours. They have jobs everyone can do. They are busy getting ready for the October 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Yard Sale. You may drop off donations at the blue building. If you can't bring your donations to the KC hall, call and ask for a pick-up. Please call Ralph or Sandy Stewart 633-9419.

For those who haven't seen the newest addition to the blue building these KC pictures will, hopefully, give you an idea of how large the sale has become.

The Stewarts



## **TAX SAVINGS BONUS:**

Moving money from a government-controlled retirement plan into a Knights of Columbus policy can also reduce the taxes you may owe on your Social Security benefits.

Many people are surprised to discover that it's possible that up to 85% of your Social Security benefits might be taxed. After all, you paid into the system for a long time – shouldn't every penny of what you receive from it belong to you?

We think it should, which is another reason The Knights of Columbus makes so much sense! The income you take from your policy does NOT get counted in the IRS calculations used to determine how much of your Social Security benefit is going to get taxed.

### **If you haven't turned 59-1/2 yet...**

As you're probably aware, taking distributions from a tax-deferred government-controlled plan before you're age 59-1/2 requires you to pay income taxes PLUS a 10% penalty, in most cases.

As mentioned above, you can't get around paying income taxes on withdrawals; however, if you believe tax rates are going up long term, you'll come out ahead paying the taxes now and moving your money into a Knights of Columbus policy. **You can access both your principal *and* growth in a Knights of Columbus plan with *no* taxes due**, under current tax law.

### **How to avoid owing the 10% early withdrawal penalty...**

You **can** avoid paying the 10% early withdrawal penalty by taking advantage of Internal Revenue Code 72(t). That's shorthand for a provision in the tax code that allows you to take early distributions from your retirement plan or IRA and avoid the 10% penalty.

You can avoid that penalty as long as the distributions are made as part of a "series of substantially equal periodic payments" (or SOSEPP for short).

Once you start taking these distributions, you have to keep it going for the longer of five years or until you reach age 59-1/2.

There are three different methods you may use to determine what your withdrawals would be. Rather than spell that out here, [here's a link to a list of 12 FAQ's regarding the 72\(t\) on the IRS' website.](#)

### **Moving money from a retirement plan is only one of the 8 common ways to free up money to fund a Knights of Columbus Policy**

These range from restructuring debt, to reducing funding of your traditional retirement account, converting existing life insurance policies, and tapping your savings.

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Council 3303  
Request for Personal Information Update  
*Help keep the Council informed so they may keep you informed***

Member Name

Member #

Date of Request

**Information to be changed**

What do you wish to update?

Existing Information

Change to Information

Please return this form to:

A drop box will soon be available in the Chamber to return your request:

Post Office costs continue to rise and add considerable expense to the Council's budget.

Do you have an email address or have access to an email address?

**Email Address to use:**

Thank you for helping us to keep accurate and up to date records.

All Information will be sent to the Financial Secretary for his attention.

The Tech Team

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