



The Knightlighter



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June

- 1st Summer Yard Sale
- 2nd Summer Yard Sale
- 3rd Summer Yard Sale
- 5th Bingo
- 6th Council Meeting -
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Grand Knight's Comments

Wow it is hard to believe that this year is almost over. We have had one busy year. During the past year, we have seen great people join the order to work long hours to help people in need. I hope you will continue to show your generosity during the 2017 - 2018 year and all the years to come.

I can't thank all of you enough for the support you have given me. It gives me confidence that we can look forward to another great year.

The state convention was held in Durham this year and I attended along with our Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Lynch. We talked about different ways to get new members to continue the work of our organization and how we can help people who are less fortunate than we are. They told the story about a woman who was going to abort her baby, but reconsidered when they performed an ultrasound. After she looked at the screen and saw the baby waving at her she changed her mind and decided to keep the infant. The Knights played a role in this story as they provided the ultrasound to the mother.

That story pretty well documents why we do what we do.

I cannot express my heart felt thanks to each of you for the contributions that you make to our organization.

See, you can make a difference in someone's life.

God Bless Y'all and Keep You Real Good!

Phil Nassef
Grand Knight

Family of the Month

Family of the month to end the year are Susan and Stan Namowicz.

Stan has been a Knight since 2014. He helps out on Monday Nites at Bingo. He also serves as the recorder for the Council.

In the past year, Stan and Susan assumed responsibility for the Special Olympics dinner held in October of each year. Susan is a member of Saint Paul Choir. You will always find her at the at 5 o'clock Mass on Saturday evenings. Susan also works as a teacher at the Saint Paul Catholic school.

Stan and Susan are always ready to volunteer when asked. Their Son Jason is also a member of our Council.

Thanks for all you do.

Nick Dalessandro
Family Director

Knights of the Month

The Knight of the Month for May 2017 is Brother Richard Robusto.

Wow, where do I start? Brother Richard is an inspirational member of our Order who epitomizes what it means to serve the community. He is a long time Knight who remains very active in our local community even at the age of 90 years young. Richard starts most days with some moderate exercise at a local gym to stay healthy which allows him to get around town and help out. Brother Richard can often be spotted several days per week assisting patients and family at Carolina East Medical Center as one of the regular volunteers. Another passion that is very rewarding for Richard is his reading newspapers to the blind, which stems back to his days as a newspaper type-setter. His care for the less fortunate citizens of our community is regularly on display at the RCS Soup Kitchen where Richard volunteers his time several days per month serving food to those in need.

Brother Richard is also a member of the Civitans and a former member of the Lions Club where he also volunteered his time and talents. For those brothers who attend the 11AM Sunday Mass, Richard stepped up last year to be an Usher. Richard and I, along with some other Knights here and there, serve as ushers on the left side pews. When not busy volunteering, Richard enjoys his passion for wood-working. He has a shop in his garage and creates many beautiful wood treasures which he gives to friends and families. He has a daughter that lives by him and many friends who enjoy his company.

Lastly, I'd also like to honor Richard Robusto for his military service in the Army. Richard is also one of a very few World War II Veterans still living in our area and we are proud to have him as a Brother Knight. We pray that younger members of our Order will step forward as you have done to serve and volunteer.

Well Done, Brother Richard!

God Bless You,
Michael Lynch, DGK

TILLERS OF FAITH

Like scores of other Catholic youth growing up in the 40's and 50's, my siblings and I attended parochial grade school. This meant, of course, we were under the patient and battle-tested tutelage of Nuns, a now fading special band of Holy Women who committed their lives to serving Christ as His Apostles in the classroom. Sister might coax you, scold you, bring out the yard stick, or praise you. But at the end of the day, she was more than up to the task. Before class most Nuns spent their pre-dawn hours in the sanctuary of the parish church, on their hands and knees humbly scrubbing the floor or replacing the altar coverings with freshly ironed linens. Long after grade school I continue to encounter Nuns who have made a difference in my life. Below is a glimpse of these unheralded Tillers of Faith, whom God has chosen to send my way. Their words and example still resonate in my heart, comforting me, lifting me up and challenging me to grow in my faith. A bit lengthy, but some of this overdue tribute may re-ignite a few memories of your own, and perhaps a smile or two along the way,

Sister Robert Mary, O.S.D. First Grade Sacred Heart School (SHS), Washington DC. First Nun I ever met face-to-face, I asked her two questions: Do you have any hair, and why do you have a man's name? She knelt down facing me and replied, "Yes, I have light brown hair, and like the other Nuns, it is cut real short. We are asked to pick a name when we become a Nun and I chose my Dad's first name Robert." In addition to the traditional 3 R's, Sister taught us: about God, how much He loves each of us, and how to pray. She also planted the seeds of 3 other R's: Respect, Reverence and Responsibility: (1) Respect -- for one another, adults and the flag. (2) Reverence -- for priests and nuns, and sacred places like church and holy items like the Rosary and the statue of the Blessed Mother. (3) Responsibility -- for how we act. Misbehaving meant cleaning the blackboard erasers after class by taking them outside on the landing and clapping them together 'til no more clouds of chalk came out.

Sister Hillary, O.S.D. Second Grade (SHS) taught us that God gave Moses the 10 Commandments to show us how to act, and Grace is a gift from God that helps us to be nice to each other every day. Sister also taught us the definition of a

Sacrament: An outward sign, instated by Christ to give grace. So we get lots of Grace whenever we receive one of the 7 Sacraments; Baptism, Confession, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Extreme Unction (aka Sacrament of the Sick). Sister spent the year patiently preparing her rambunctious class of seven-year-olds for our First Confession and First Communion which we received in the spring. Sister bolstered my self-confidence by repeatedly assuring me that yes, my ears were big enough to play Dopey in our class play, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Sister Raphael, O.S.D. Third & Fourth Grades (SHS) taught us about the Communion of Saints: how we can pray for one another here on earth, and to the Saints in Heaven to help us, and for the souls in Purgatory who need help getting to Heaven, and how the Saints in Heaven can pray for us and the souls in Purgatory. Sister Raphael also visited me in Children's Hospital where I had to periodically be admitted to address ongoing kidney problems which I had since birth. In fourth grade Sister introduced us to the Sacrament of Confirmation which we would receive in fifth grade. After studying the Lives of the Saints booklet, we had to tell Sister our Saint's name for Confirmation. When it was my turn, I awkwardly mumbled, "Saint Raphael." Sister looked at me quite surprised and smiled, oh my, why did you pick that one? I stammered, because he was a pretty neat angel and that's your name and you really made me and my Mom feel good when you visited me in the Hospital. During Third grade I joined the Children's Choir and got to sing the Ave Maria from the church choir loft at my little sister Patty's First Communion.

Sister Rose Ellen, O.S.D. Fifth Grade (SHS) spent the year reviewing with us what we had learned in our Baltimore Catechism and in the classroom. She reminded us of the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation because it is a public event where we re-confirm our belief in God and the Catholic Christian Church and are prepared to live our life accordingly. At our parish church the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Cardinal O'Boyle presided at the altar alongside our Pastor Msgr. Winters at Solemn High Mass celebrating our Confirmation. The pews were jammed with beaming family members, friends and a handful of inspired infants, whaling their approval.

Sister Dominica, O.S.D. Sixth Grade (SHS) was in charge of recruiting altar boys (aka altar servers). My older brother Tommy was already serving. Sister was a task master at doing things the right way. With her metal clicker she kept your attention on exactly how to bow, genuflect, and when to ring the bells. Then of course, there was memorizing all the Latin prayers. Once you got over the spooky thing, serving at funeral Masses were choice because it meant getting out of class. My worst nightmare as a Server: seeing the scowl on Msgr. Winters face after dropping the incense holder at his feet on the Persian carpet on the altar during an Easter Season Mass. The ensuing sudden loud commotion through the thick choking clouds of incense meant most of the congregation were bolting for the closest exit and a breath of fresh air.

Sister Eleanor, O.S.B. Seventh & Eighth Grades Saint Anthony of Padua Grade School (SAS). New neighborhood, new school and new found friends (Ronnie Elmslie and me) meant Sister Eleanor had her hands full. But she was as good as her word, and took no prisoners. Skipping school and whimsical pranks kept the two of us in detention doing stupid writing exercises in the convent. Just before graduation which seemed like a lost cause, I leaned out our second floor classroom window and started whistling at a bunch of fourth grade girls down on the playground. They turned and waved back. Seven Years later I would climb out of the trunk of a friend's car and introduce myself to one of those now grown up girls, a cute brunette named Rita Harner. On Oct. 16, 1965 Rita and I would exchange our Wedding Vowels right there at our parish church Saint Anthony of Padua.

Sister Agnes McCarthy, O.H.C. Pastoral Associate, Saint Mark Church Hyattsville, MD. As a young married couple with one daughter Tammy, Rita and I were emotional and spiritual shipwrecks after enduring the excruciating loss of five children through miscarriage. After meeting her through our new parish priest Father Tom Wells, Sister became a frequent and welcome visitor in our home. Her gentle manner and pragmatic nature was like a soothing balm which gradually eased our broken hearts and souls. Sister's favorite word was 'Providential', reminding us that God has a plan for everything. In his infinite wisdom and mercy, he can weave a wonderful tapestry of good out of good and bad things that happen. All He asks of us is to cling to our tiniest thread faith and trust Him. When Rita and I heard about an unwed pregnant teen who wanted to have her child but she was looking for a home, we were hesitant. Sister told us to pray over it, follow our hearts and leave the rest up to God. We took Theresa into our home. She lived with us for five months until her son Jonathan was born. Thirty-two years later Theresa Palumbo would return and save my life by donating one of her kidney's to me.

Sister Monique Dissen, I.H.M., Pastoral Associate, Saint Paul Church, New Bern, NC. Soon after retiring and relocating to the New Bern area in 2000, Rita and I attended a workshop conducted by Sister Monique for Eucharistic Ministry at the

Hospital. Her assuring presentation that as Christians, we are called by our faith to serve one another as "earthen vessels" eased our anxiety about being worthy of doing this. Thanks to Sister's invitation, we were blessed and humbled to join other fellow ministers to be the hands and feet of Christ at the bedside of the sick and dying. As life continues to unfold, Sister Monique remains a comforting and consoling voice of reason to ours and so many other Saint Paul Parish families.

Mikie Casem, PGK.

Sir Knight of the Month

Assembly 1820 would like to acknowledge Ignacio "Bud" Rancatore as Sir Knight of the Month for June 2017. Bud joined the Assembly in October of 2002. In that time, he has served our organization with his time and talent. Bud is a past Grand Knight of Council 3303 and past Faithful Navigator of our Assembly 1820. He currently serves as Trustee 1 year and keeps us on track and within our budget. He also set everything up and coordinates the cashiers for our yard sales!

We are grateful for his service and dedication to our Parish and Assembly. When you see Bud please thank him for all he does.

God Bless,
David Rose, Faithful Captain

Faithful Navigators Report



Sir Knight's,

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since you awarded me the honor of being your Faithful Navigator for this amazing Assembly. I have been proud to represent you in all of our state meetings and articulate all that you are doing for our Community, our Church, and our Assembly in New Bern. I am well aware of all that you do, and it would take many pages to list them all in Faithful Navigators Report. I however, like to mention those who stepped forward and made it all happen.

The main group of individuals I would like to comment on is the Assembly Officers who have served us all well over the past two years. They are a group of Catholic Gentlemen with whom I am proud to have served. Whenever I have been out, they step up and do a great job in keeping the Assembly moving forward. Many of them ran for office again and continue to serve our Assembly well. One of these gentlemen, SK David Rose will be our new Faithful Navigator for the next year and I know he will continue to grow our Assembly.

I also wanted to mention SK Dennis Colbert, our Color Corps Commander who leads this group of dedicated SK's who show up at the funerals of our departed Brothers. They show up and represent the Knights at viewings and funeral Masses faithfully, and I know that the families are very appreciative when we honor their loved ones.

I want to thank all of our hard working Yard Sale workers and their dedication to the never ending stream of dishes, furniture etc. They are always there with a smile on their faces and ready to work. Because of your dedication, our Assembly is able to do all that we do, a big thank you.

It has been a great honor for me to have the opportunity to lead this Assembly, I had a great time and will miss it.

Patrick Rocco, Faithful Navigator

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"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land..." EZEKIEL 22:30

A CALL TO BATTLE

I begin this letter with a clarion call and clear charge to you, my sons and brothers in Christ: Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes.

The world is under attack by Satan, as our Lord said it would be (1 Peter 5:8-14). This battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident. Since AD 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith, parish religious education of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, infant baptism has dropped by 28%, adult baptism has dropped by 31%, and sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41%.¹ This is a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines. While the Diocese, - has fared better than these national statistics, the losses are staggering.

One of the key reasons that the Church is faltering under the attacks of Satan is that many Catholic men have not been willing to "step into the breach" - to fill this gap that lies open and vulnerable to further attack. A large number have left the faith, and many who remain "Catholic" practice the faith timidly and are only minimally committed to passing the faith on to their children. Recent research shows that large numbers of young Catholic men are leaving the faith to become "nones" - men who have no religious affiliation. The growing losses of young Catholic men will have a devastating impact on the Church in America in the coming decades, as older men pass away and young men fail to remain and marry in the Church, accelerating the losses that have already occurred

These facts are devastating. As our fathers, brothers, uncles, sons and friends fall away from the Church, they fall deeper and deeper into sin, breaking their bonds with God and leaving them vulnerable to the fires of Hell. While we know that Christ welcomes back every repentant sinner, the truth is that large numbers of Catholic men are failing to keep the promises they made at their children's baptisms - promises to bring them to Christ and to raise them in the faith of the Church.

This crisis is evident in the discouragement and disengagement of Catholic men like you and me. In fact, this is precisely why I believe this Exhortation is needed, and it is also the reason for my hope, for God constantly overcomes evil with good. The joy of the Gospel is stronger than the sadness wrought by sin! A throw-away culture cannot withstand the new life and light that constantly radiates from Christ. So I call upon you to open your minds and hearts to Him, the Savior who strengthens you to step into the breach!

Columbus Club

Completed the revision of the bylaws at the past meeting and we are still trying to get the proposal to renovate the hall and men's rest room ready for presentation to the Council and the Assembly for funding approval. Receiver bids in from painters, carpenters, audio designers, plumbers, electricians, etc. Hoping to start the project in mid-June if funding is approved by the two organizations. News to follow!

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Our Order is among the highest rated life insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 38 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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Yard Sale Reminder – June 1st thru 3rd

As they said years ago in the Navy – **All Hands on Deck!!!!** The time for the yard sale is quickly approaching and we need all the help that we can get!!!!

We will be installing the tents on Friday, May 26th and can use all the bodies that we can muster to put up the two new large tents in addition to the Bedouin Village that we already created in the past. We will finish up the outside activities by setting up the tables on Monday, May 29th. Our troops will arrive from Cherry Point on Tuesday morning to start emptying the storage areas and set up the merchandise for sale. With all storage areas filled to the brim (including some offsite storage at a Red Cross Warehouse), there will be plenty to do and the more help that we have the better. On Wednesday, we will complete our storage removal task (with the help of some troops) and continue the setup for the start of the sale on the following day. Please note that there will be no public sales while we are setting up as there is a lot to do and not much time given the quantity of materials.

The sale starts at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 1st and will be operated for 5 hours on each day. We will wrap up on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., breaking down our tent village and putting them back in storage.

Thanks in advance for your help as we expect this one to be a biggin (Phil gave us that word!)

Ralph Avilas and Craig Baader

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