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July

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July 9-11 Yard sale (Tentative)

July 12 Council Installation of Officers and Assembly Installation of Officers

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Grand Knight's Comments



Brother Knights,

We have just completed another successful transition of leadership for our council. I am honored to have been selected as the Grand Knight. Over the past five years as the Financial Secretary and Deputy Grand Knight I have had the pleasure of working with so many superb knights and ladies who have volunteered their time and talent to serve our parish and

community. I hope to continue that tradition in my role as Grand Knight. I wish to thank Brother Mike Lynch for all he has done as the Grand Knight in the past two Fraternal Years. I also wish to thank our outgoing officers and Service Programs Leaders for all they have done.

FY 2020-21 Officers: Over the past month our Trustees (Brothers Dick Dodson, Clark French, and Phil Nassef) have prepared a superb slate of officers for the coming year. The slate was approved at our June business meeting. They are:

- Father Thomas Tully remains as our Chaplain.
- Brother Randall Raiman will be Deputy Grand Knight.
- Brother David W. Nelson has accepted the position of Chancellor (with concurrent duties as the Faith in Action Community Director).
- Brother John Murphy is the new Recorder (and the Faith in Action Family Director).
- Brother Doug Umland remains as the Treasurer (and once again will lead the Bingo Team).
- Brother Don Hanson continues as the Lecturer (and will lead the Columbus Club).
- Brother Craig Blackwell remains as the Advocate.
- Brother Paul Masotta moves from the Recorder position to become the Warden.
- Brother Chris Skaggs remains the Inside Guard.
- Brother Carlos Espinoza will be the Outside Guard.
- Our Trustees are three past Grand Knights: Brothers Clark French, Phil Nassef and Mike Lynch.
- Brother James Knickerbocker starts his third year as Supreme-appointed Financial Secretary.

Service Program Personnel: I want to thank in advance several Brothers who have agreed to lead various Service Programs.

- Brother Randall Raiman will be the Program Director. He will be the person to make sure each Faith in Action Program Director and Event Chairman has the resources to get the job done.
- PGK Dick Dodson will once again be the Faith in Action Faith Director. In that role he is the advocate for all activities related to supporting St. Paul Church and School. PGK Mike Lynch will assist as the Youth Programs Coordinator.
- Brother Jerry Schill remains as the Faith in Action Life Director. He will be assisted by Brother Stan Namowicz who will focus on Special Olympic organization support.
- Brother Daniel Macsay is the Membership Director.
- Brother Tom Henry remains as the LAMB director.
- Brother Bo Wernersbach is the Public Relations Director.
- Brother Guy Ferrante remains as the Knightlighter Editor.
- Brothers Craig Baader and Bill Camp are the behind the scenes gentlemen making sure the Knightlighter is distributed efficiently.
- Brother Kevin Blust continues as the 300 Club Leader.
- Finally, and some would say most importantly, Brother Don Hanson is the Lounge Manager.

Event Chairpersons: Major events will have leaders who will be reaching out for your help. I am amazed by the generosity of our members and I have every reason to believe it will continue in the coming year. Event chairs for some of our major programs are shown below:

- Brother Jim Whetzel Memorial Shrimp Boil—Brothers Craig Baader and Phil Nassef
- Widows Luncheon--Brother Gordy Barnes
- Thanksgiving Baskets—Mrs. Dena Sierocki
- Christmas Card Sales—Brother Steve Harman
- Widows Cards and Poinsettia Delivery—Brothers Mikie Casem and Vince Fragnito
- Senior Center Christmas Party—Brother Jerry Abramowski
- Parish Family Christmas Party—Brother Gordy Barnes and Mrs. Rosemary Whetzel
- Special Olympic Dinners—Brother Stan Namowicz
- Wives Appreciation Dinner—Brother Paul and Marie Masotta and Brother George and Louise Halyard
- Lenten Fish Fries—Brother Ralph Aviles
- Council Family Picnic—Brother Phil Nassef.

Two Brother Knights Have Passed: Brother James Dominach passed on June 5th. He was 84. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Therese. Brother John Gossler passed on June 9th at the age of 86. He is the father of Brother Knight Ken Gossler and the father-in-law of Brother Knight Stan Namowicz. May the souls of these dear men rest in peace.

Looking Ahead: Our council will conduct the Installation of Officers on Sunday, July 12th at 4 PM in the Columbus Club Hall. The Assembly Installation will follow immediately after. Brothers, spouses, and widows are welcome to join us. Seating will be arranged to meet the appropriate distancing guidelines. Due to COVID-19 restrictions plans for a dinner are tentative.

VIVAT JESUS!

Steve Harman, Grand Knight



...One Nation Under God...

A Prayer for Our Nation

Eternal God stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism on this Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the

light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind.

Amen.

Courtesy of **Deacon Jim Hackett**

God of All Ages

A lot of mornings when I look in the mirror, I find myself mumbling out loud, O' God, it's true. This getting old really ain't for sissies. But God isn't worried about a sagging body. He's more concerned with a sagging soul. Skin lotions, diet, exercise, medicines, good DNA, and new body parts can only take us so far. Fact is, from our very first wobbly steps as a toddler, each step we take inches us one step closer to the inevitable end of our earthly journey. – Just as God our Father and Creator intended.

Iconic funny man and outspoken social justice advocate, TV actor/producer Alan Alda, 84, says, a sense of humor is an essential ingredient in maintaining one's stability in the aging process. Too many people miss the joy of life by taking themselves too seriously. Laughter lifts your spirits. Laughter makes you look up instead of down. It's contagious, in a good way. It slows down the pulse rate, releases anti-toxins, and regulates adrenalin flow. Laughter makes us vulnerable. It loosens us up, and levels the playing field. In a recent interview with Alda and his wife of 64 years, Therese Alda said they laugh now more than ever, even during the COV-19 pandemic. Alda mentioned that a friend had phoned him a while back to check on how he was doing. Alda replied, "I'm still here. And when I'm not I'll give you a call."

Two of my favorite sacred scripture readings on aging inspire me greatly. The first one implores God not to abandon us in old age. (Psalm 7 19) "Cast me not off in my old age; as my strength fails, forsake me not." The second reading proclaims an exuberant trust from St. Paul that his plodding along and trying to do the right thing on his earthly journey has not been in vain. (2Timothy 6-15) "I have competed well; I have finished the race. I have kept the faith, and the crown of Glory awaits me in the eternal Kingdom, as it awaits others who follow God's laws." Growing older requires great patience with our bodies. As a 77-year-old grandpa, I need to continually check my kindness meter. Am I cemented in my ways, or am I a good listener when offered advice? Moving more slowly allows me to see now what I could not see when I was younger. But how well do I pass that information along? Our God is a God of all ages. It's been said there is an old one in each of us that we need to cherish. Whatever our age, it would be good if we ask God to teach us to receive ourselves as lovingly as He receives us.

Mikie Casem

Past Grand Knight

Family of the Month – June

This month we recognize Don and Jean Hanson as our Council's Family of the Month. It is hard to identify a more deserving couple for this honor. Both engaging and selfless, they seem ubiquitous in all matters concerning the Knights and the parish.

Interestingly, they met as pen pals when Don served in the Marine Corps as an avionics technician. They both come from Minnesota, Jean from Minneapolis, and Don from a farm in the western part of the state. They have been married for 53 years and have two children, a son in Woodbury, Minnesota and a daughter in Atlanta, Georgia.

After four years in the Corps, Don transferred his avionics skills to North Central Airlines where he spent the next 23 years, moving into the engineering department and maintenance management. He then went to work for Airbus for the next 17 years as Director of Customer Support for airlines in the US and Canada. They moved to New Bern in 2006 after Don retired, built a house in Taberna, and play golf.

When not on the links, they devote their time to the Knights and the parish. What is great about this couple are their upbeat dispositions. Never without a smile, Jean works at the Yard Sale and assists in many of the Council's dinners. Don is on the board of the Columbus Club and will take over as President on July 1st. In addition, he serves as bar manager for the club: time demanding. He is also Lecturer for our Council and a Eucharistic Minister for the parish.

Their involvement is great and as a couple, have made K of C Council 3303 vibrant and stable. They epitomize the vision our founder Father McGivney had for the Knights of Columbus.

John Murphy



Eight Guarantees from the Knights of Columbus

These days, amid a volatile market and an unsettled economy, there's much left to chance. Nothing seems to come with clear-cut guarantees. Life is full of surprises. Guarantees are, quite simply, hard to come by. But not for the Knights of Columbus.

Here are eight guarantees from the Knights of Columbus that you and your family can count on.

1. We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance.

The beauty of whole life — or permanent — insurance is that it is truly permanent. It's a way to insure your life for life. That is true not only of the death benefit but also of the cash value, which is guaranteed, provided that you continue to pay premiums according to the contract.

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4. We guarantee the principal on your retirement annuity. Not only will the rate on your Knights of Columbus retirement annuity never fall below your guaranteed minimum, the principal in your Knights of Columbus annuity will never decrease, guaranteed. If you put \$10,000 into your annuity, the value in your account — before you begin to withdraw funds — will never drop below \$10,000. If you put \$20,000 in, it will never drop below \$20,000. Quite simply, unless you execute an early surrender or withdrawal, you will never lose money on a Knights of Columbus annuity.

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8. We guarantee not to invest in companies that directly deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the foregoing, and pornography.

The Knights of Columbus should be different than all other insurance companies — and we are. It is Catholic both professionally and fraternally. Our faith informs our work at every level, including the evaluation of each investment we make. Our founder, Father Michael McGivney, would not have wanted it any other way. We are looking out for you in a way that no other company can because we are your brothers.

So, join the hundreds of thousands of brother Knights who have chosen to help protect their future with the Knights of Columbus. Contact me to see what options are available to you and your family.

Fraternally,

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Faithful Navigators Report



Greetings Brother Knights.

I hope you and your families are all doing well as we continue with this Covid 19 pandemic. Hopefully, the increase in cases is for the most part due to testing and will level out sooner than later.

The budget for 2020-2021 has been approved. The new Officers for 2020-2021 have also been approved. The Installation will be Sunday July 12 more information will follow. Congratulations to all the Officers.

As you know your new Yard Sale Chairman is Sir Knight Pat Rocco. I'm sure Pat with his experience will do a good job in this role. Thank you to Sir Knight Phil Nassef for a great job these past two years as the Yard Sale Chairman.

Because of Covid 19 the Yard Sale has been put on hold for the time being. We are waiting for Governor Cooper's decision hopefully by the end of next week to see if we will be moving into phase 3. More information will follow as it becomes available.

I would like to thank all the Officers and the Assembly for your support these past two years as your Faithful Navigator... I would also like to thank Father Rob Schmid for being our Faithful Friar and wish him good luck as he takes on his role as Pastor in his new parish. Best of Luck Father Rob, you will truly be missed!

Please pray for all our veterans and our military and their families. Please pray for our country and its leaders in this time of social unrest. Please pray for equality for all people.

Ralph Aviles
Faithful Navigator

Celebrating the Fourth of July as a Catholic

Soon we will celebrate the most important day in American history. On this supremely significant day 244 years ago, fifty-six British land-owning men signed a watershed document, the Declaration of Independence, in a little-known Pennsylvania colony. And this document would pave the future of what would arguably become the greatest nation in the world, the United States of America.

How are we as Catholic Christians and Americans supposed to celebrate this great day? John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers of our country, wrote this about how to celebrate the Fourth of July:

"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with shews, games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating the Fourth of July the way one of the greatest Founders envisioned. Parades? Check. Pomp? Check. Sports? (Backyard games count, right?) Check. Bonfires? Check. Illuminations? Double check. Solemn Acts of Devotions to God Almighty? Um . . . I don't know about you, but I don't typically live up to that calling on the Fourth of July.

But John Adams set an example for us. After everything is said and done, we owe God more than anyone else for what occurred 244 years ago. In fact, the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence explicitly points to God as the source of our freedom:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Not our parents, or politicians, or government, are the source of our most important rights. Only God. As the source of our rights, he deserves the highest praise, honor, and glory on Independence Day - and every day.

There are many ways to honor God on this special day. Perhaps you can read a passage from the Catholic Bible with your family to kick off the festivities, or pray a family rosary with the special intention for our political leaders and our country's future.

Or you could pray this simple prayer for our nation written by George Washington, our first President:

“Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.” AMEN!



Deacon Jim asks us to remember – on the 4th of July – and EVERY day – in God we trust!

Knight of the Month – June

Brother and Sir Knight Philip Nassef is the Knight of the Month for June 2020. Phil has been a member of Council 3303 since 1986. He has been an usher at Sunday Mass for several years. He is one of our knights who has continually contributed his time and talent over many years. For fifteen years he has led the Bingo Kitchen Team. In that role he plans the food purchases, finds the most cost-effective sources, and helps prepare the food for every Monday night bingo. For the past two years he has been the man in charge of the Assembly Yard Sales. In the recent past he has held the council officer positions of Deputy Grand Knight (FY 2014 - 2016) and Grand Knight (FY 2016 - 2018) and is currently a Council Trustee. While he was Grand Knight Phil organized a picnic for knights and families to close out the Fraternal Year. As a Trustee, Phil was recently extremely helpful in speaking to candidates for council leadership positions for the new fraternal year. In addition to fulfilling all the duties associated with various officer positions Phil has been and continues to be an event leader in many ways. One example is the hosting of our annual shrimp boil. Phil goes right to the source in Oriental to find the best shrimp every year and he is a key member of the team preparing the meal.

Our council appreciates the dedication of our brother, Phil Nassef and we are proud to honor him as our Knight of the Month.

Steve Harman
Deputy Grand Knight

Sir Knight of the Month – June

Lud Hartung is our selection for Sir Knight of the Month for June 2020. He and his wife, Beverly are long-time residents and now make their home on Mellen Rd in the Taberna section here in New Bern.

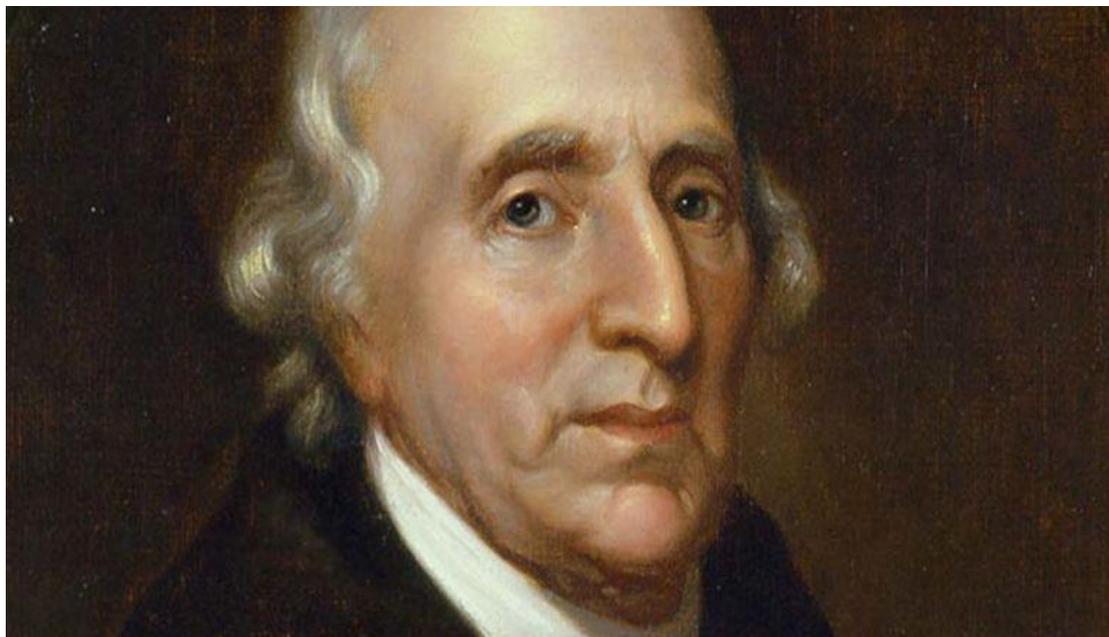
Lud is an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus. He made his 1st degree in April 1976 and completed his 4th degree in Oct 1990. He has held a number of officer positions in the Council including that of Grand Knight. He also served a two-year term as District Deputy. In fact, he was the one who recruited me into the Knights back in 2005. He has been active in many of our Council activities. He chaired our annual Christmas card sales drive for a number of years and volunteered his time working as a caller in our weekly bingo games.

For the past few months, Lud has been struggling with some health issues. We hope and pray that he can get better soon and be active again as soon as this Covid-19 crisis is a thing of the past and things return to normal. Lud's selfless dedication has been instrumental in keeping our organization the vibrant, energetic entity it is today. We salute you, Lud, and congratulations on your selection for Sir Knight of the Month. You richly deserve it.

Vivat Jesus,

Doug Uhland
Faithful Captain

Know Your July 4th Catholics: Charles Carroll



When celebrating Independence Day, take a moment to remember Charles Carroll of Carrollton (1737–1832). Though not typically mentioned as a Founding Father, he might as well have been, given his outstanding contributions. So how many of the following do you know about the pioneering political Catholic?

- He was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- In fact, he was the last surviving signer of the Declaration.
- Perhaps obviously, he also served in the Second Continental Congress.
- He was asked to accompany Benjamin Franklin on his diplomatic mission to Canada.
- During this journey he kept a journal, which is still studied by scholars today.
- His cousin, Fr. John Carroll, also went on that trip.
- That same cousin would become America's first Catholic bishop. He's referred to as Charles Carroll of Carrollton to distinguish him from his father, Charles Carroll of Annapolis (1702–1782), one of the richest people in Maryland and a well-known Catholic.
- He was educated at the second school opened by the Jesuits in the colonies.
- One scholar says that Carroll was “perhaps the single most influential person in persuading Maryland to support the cause of independence.”
- His grandfather Charles Carroll the Settler (1661–1720) owned nearly 48,000 acres in Maryland & was, according to a writer, “the most influential & visible Catholic in the colony.”
- He was the first United States Senator for Maryland (1789–1792).
- In that capacity, he tried to end slavery in Maryland.
- Carroll read widely and even dangerously, so to speak. He was, writes one scholar, “especially fond of Montesquieu and Voltaire, both of whose works had been placed on the Index of Forbidden Books.”
- His wife gave birth to seven children.
- He wrote a letter to George Washington volunteering his only son for military service.

For putting his vast wealth on the line in the service of American freedom as a politician, Charles Carroll of Carrollton is widely recognized as an upstanding Catholic revolutionary.

Deacon Jim, again!!

Farewell (Faithful Friar) Father Rob Schmid



On a Father's Day Sunday, St. Paul Parish held a farewell gathering and picnic meal for our beloved Father Rob Schmid who has served as both our Worthy Council Chaplain and Assembly Faithful Friar over the last few years. Father Rob has been a great ambassador for the Knights and will be deeply missed. The council, assembly, and several individual Knights, wives, and parishioners presented Father with tokens of thanks and gratitude for all he has done as the St. Paul Parochial Vicar. Father Rob will be heading North up to Ahoskie, NC where he will serve as Parish Administrator for Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Ahoskie is a little over 1 ½ hours away so we hope to see Father if he visits New Bern occasionally. Father Rob will remain a Brother Knight and Sir Knight on our rolls. May God bless him in his new leadership role.

Mike Lynch
Past Grand Knight



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