

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE – December 2012
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Brothers,

December is here. I hope you enjoyed time with your loved ones over Thanksgiving. I personally was happy to have my eldest son home from college for the first time since August. God has blessed us all in many ways. Thanks to all the Knights who assisted and supported our activities in November. The Mass for our Departed Brothers and Installation of Officers was a very nice evening. On November 12, we had ten Knights make their Second Degree. I think all Knights present, including Brother 3rd Degrees, felt inspired to stand united as Brother Knights. In November, we made a \$1200 donation in Market Basket gift cards to the Reading Food Pantry. The money was raised at our Charity Drive earlier in the year. This gift card donation will help that in need from our local community feed their families over the holidays. On November 25, we held our Annual Christmas Open House in conjunction with the town tree lighting festivities. Many kids got to write letters to Santa and make Christmas decorations.

As we anticipate the birth of Christ again, I hope you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas with your families.

In Christ,

Mike Canavan, Grand Knight

Mass for Departed Brothers and Installation of Officers:

Mass was celebrated on Oct. 30th in Enos Hall for our Departed Brothers. The mass was concelebrated by Fr. Darin Colarusso and Fr. Steven Rock. They were assisted by Deacon Neal Sumner. This past year we lost Br. Sherman Rogan 7/28/12, Br. John Beaudoin 7/30/12, Br. Fred Keaton 9/5/2012, and Br. John Cronin 10/13/2012. May they rest in peace.

The Officers for the current fraternal year, led by Grand Knight Mike Canavan were installed prior to the mass.



Second Degree Ceremony:

Eleven of our Brother Knights received the Second Degree of the Order at a ceremony that was held in Enos Hall on Nov. 12th. They are shown with GK Mike Canavan and DD Patrick Curley.



Sick and Vigil:

Please keep Brother Tim Knowles in your prayers, he is at home recuperating from a fall he had recently. Brother Ron Healy is at home after a stay in the hospital. The father of Brother Bob Baynes passed away recently.

If you know of any brother or family member in need of prayers or assistance, communicate these needs to Ernie Arsenault for inclusion in the newsletter at ernea101@gmail.com.

K of C Basketball Free Throw competition:

We are looking for someone to head up the basketball free throw competition. It has been several years since the Reading K of C has run a Free Throw competition. Each year when the state Knights of Columbus holds the finals right here in Reading we all agree that we would like to be part of this event for the youth of Reading.

This is a **free** event. The initial competition is tentatively planned for Jan 12 at Wakefield High School. If you would like to head up or be part of this event please contact GK Mike Canavan at Michael.Canavan2@comcast.net 781-872-0042.

Newsletter Mailing:

Starting with the January 2013 edition this Newsletter will be distributed via email. We must have your email address if you wish to continue to receive them. If we do not have your email address, please add it by logging onto <http://readingkofc.org/index.php/membership/member-information-form>. If you do not have access to email call Len Ebert at 781-942-1859 and arrangements will be made to mail the newsletter to you. The obvious reason for changing to email is cost, \$2050 per year, but there is also a good deal of effort required to put the mailing together.

Please: Send us your email address or call.

December Birthdays:

12/1 Andrew Kiezulas, George O'Brien, John Parisi, 12/2 Charles Ticki, 12/3 Gary D'Entremont, Don Martinage, 12/5 Ralph Barile Jr., 12/9 John Flaherty, 12/15 John Silva, Mike Terry, 12/18 Dennis Ebert, Joe Watson, 12/21 Mark Baltier, Francis Keane, 12/26 Steve Percy, 12/27 John Nawoichyk, 12/28 Paul Ripa, 12/30 George MacDougall, 12/31 Ernie Arsenault.

Lounge Christmas Party:

There will be a Christmas Party in the lounge for members and their guests on Dec. 15th from 6 to 11 PM. Join us for a good time and enjoy some of Camille's appetizers.

The Charities of the Reading Knights:

Charity, the first word of our motto is truly practiced by our Council.

We recently donated \$1200 in Gift Cards to the Reading Food Bank for distribution to local needy families. This money was raised by our Charity Fund drive in June.

Children's Open House:



There was a great turnout Sunday Nov. 25th for our annual open house that is held in conjunction with the Town turning on the downtown Christmas Lighting. There were free kid's crafts, snacks, drinks and a visit from Santa. A special thanks to Brother John Silva, his wife Karen and daughters Kara and Rachel for running the event.

Knight's Calendar-at-a-glance:

December 11th - 8:00 PM Council meeting
December 15th - 6:00 to 11:00 PM Lounge Party
December 17th - 1st Degree in Andover
December 18th - HBC Meeting
December 25th - Merry Christmas; The regular council meeting will not be held this month.