



Knights of Columbus

READING COUNCIL, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

The Sword and Anchor *January 2013*



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Brothers,

I hope you have enjoyed a blessed Christmas with your families. Christ is alive in us as we share our love with others. It's been a fantastic year for the Knights. We have been generous with our charitable works. I am happy to report that we were one of the top 25 councils in the State for the annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for Intellectual Disabilities. We grew our Council this year by adding 23 new Brothers. We have supported many charitable causes with funds raised to support our Charity Fund. We have made contributions to our very own KofC Building to help offset the big maintenance costs. We continue to support our parishes directly as individuals and by sponsoring recognition events like the Altar Server/Children's Choir recognition lunch. We support our community with the Soccer Challenge event (and soon the Free Throw Challenge event). We also supported our community by giving the Reading Food Pantry a \$1250 donation. We have also taken on a big initiative to distribute the Bulletin electronically to cut back on costs and time to distribute. Thank you for your support in this initiative.

I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing Financial Secretary John Ferguson. John stepped into this position when our Council needed him the most. Clarence had this position for as long as anyone can remember. John has kept our Council strong with his dedicated work on the many FS duties, member mailings, records in order, audits, deposits to treasurer. He has done this with efficiency and a positive attitude. We thank him and look forward to his continued active participation in our Council. I am pleased to announce that Charlie Fallon has been appointed to take over as our Financial Secretary.

I need your support in 2012, starting off on January 26 with our first Free Throw Basketball Challenge in many years. Also, we will be doing another membership drive in Jan/Feb so please ask someone to join us to help us get stronger in our charitable work.

In Christ,
Mike Canavan, Grand Knight

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Sick and Vigil:

Reading Council lost its oldest living member, Brother Patrick, 'Joe' Duggan at 100+ years of age on December 5, 2010. Joe would always greet you with a happy friendly smile. He seemed to be filled with boundless energy. Please keep Joe in your prayers, as he meets God in Heaven.

Please keep Brother Tim Knowles in your prayers also, he is at home recuperating from a fall he had recently. If you know of any brother or family member in need of prayers or assistance, communicate these needs to us for inclusion in the newsletter at ernea101@gmail.com.

Why Catholic?

Make plans to join us on six Wednesday nights during Lent. The previous season was devoted to Prayer, this next season will be "What do we Believe" based on the Apostles Creed.

January Birthdays:

1/1 Marcel Boisvert, John Hoell, Lenny Merullo, 1/2 Jim Sullivan, 1/3 Brian Desmond, 1/5 Peter Broderick, 1/6 Bill Cotreau, 1/9 Tom Connery, 1/12 Tim Griesmer, 1/14 Fr. Darin Colarusso, 1/21 Charley Fallon, 1/22 Fred Litterio, 1/23 Paul Cummings, 1/24 Andrew Gori.

K of C Basketball Free Throw competition:


We need help with 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 will be held at the Reading YMCA on January 26th. We will be using five courts simultaneously for the free throw, so many hands are required. If you would like to be part of this fun event please contact GK Mike Canavan at Michael.Canavan2@comcast.net 781-872-0042.

You may sign up to assist at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAE2EAB9-knights>.

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Council Christmas Party:

The Council Christmas Party was held in the lounge for members and their guests on Dec. 15th from 6 to 11 PM. A great time was had by all. There was plenty food, thanks to Camille and others that brought snacks. We had a fun game of "Right, Left, Center". Jim Knowles was the winner.



In Elaine, Helen and Louisa enjoyed the evening



Jim Counting his Winnings



Our Present & Future Financial Secretary

Santa's Visit:

Santa (AKA GK Mike Canavan) made a surprise visit to some of our senior Brothers on Christmas Eve to deliver cookies that he had made himself. He is shown here with PGK Chet Tyminski




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January 8th - 8:00 PM Council meeting
January 22nd - 8:00 PM Council meeting
January 26th 3:30 – 6:00 PM Free Throw at the YMCA

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