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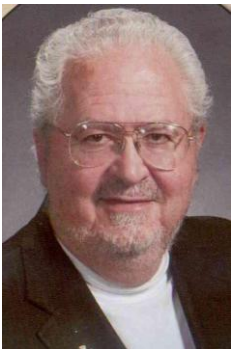
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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR SEPTEMBER 2013

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My Brother Knights: I'm a relatively new member who has been asked to write—*based, I'm told*, on the tradition of previous Deacon members—a brief thought for *The Sword And Anchor* on occasion, so I thought I might start by introducing myself and say a little about the Deacon vocation; especially as it relates to our two parishes; since I am assigned to St. Athanasius but grew up in St. Agnes, and have happily been asked by Fr. Rock to preach and to help out there where I still have many friends and family.

I grew up in Reading, on the corner of Minot St. and Center Ave (yes! Mudville); attending the Reading public schools through Jr. High. I attended Don Bosco Tech in Boston my freshman year of high school; then transferred to the Junior Seminary of the *Salesians of St. John Bosco* in Paterson, NJ, eventually joining the order as a Brother, where I taught in high schools and worked in summer camps and other ministries in the NY, NJ area until

finally returning to Don Bosco Tech in Boston as a teacher.

I left the Salesian order after fifteen years (though I continued to act as a liaison with the printing industry for the school's printing program). Eventually my wife "Bridie" (the former Bridget Murphy) and I met, married and moved back to Reading to raise a family. We have three grown children and now one 9 month old grandchild.

Our parishes (and our Council) have two Ordained, Permanent (Married) Deacons now—yours truly, and Deacon Bill Reidy from St. Agnes. Next month, on September 21st, Matt Baltier from St. Athanasius will be ordained by Cardinal Sean, and a year from now we'll be blessed with the ordination of Mike Curren as our fourth Deacon, and second from St. Agnes.

The ministry of a deacon is similar to, but different from that of a priest or bishop. Through Holy Orders, the deacon acquires a special relationship to the bishop, and is sent by Christ through the bishop to care for the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests.

As such a Deacon may solemnly Baptize, assist and preach at Mass, distribute Holy Communion and bring Holy Communion to the sick (and if no priest is available), bring Viaticum to the sick who are dying, A Deacon may also be the minister of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, impart other blessings, officiate at the sacrament of marriage and lead prayers at Wakes, Funerals, and officiate at burial services at the cemetery. Obviously you will be seeing more and more of us as time goes on—I know in my case, I supposedly "retired" some years ago but I've never been so busy, since being ordained in 2008!

I think I can speak for all the present (and future) Deacons of our parishes when I say we are thrilled to be assigned to work with the great people of this part of God's vineyard!

Yours in Christ; Deacon Neil Sumner

Sick and Vigil:

Remember to keep PGK Tim Knowles in your prayers he is at home recuperating from a fall he had recently.

Jim Knowles is up and about after recently suffering a broken leg.

Brother Dr. Ed Doherty is at home recuperating from heart surgery he had at Lahey Clinic.

Dick Fotino also had a heart attack recently, He is recovering at home.

Grand Knight Lenny Ebert had heart surgery to repair a valve. He is recovering at the Salem Spaulding Hospital, expects to be home by 9/1.

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.

ernea101@gmail.com.

2nd Annual Jimmy Knowles/MS Fundraiser:

On Friday August 9th the MD/Knowles family fund raiser took place at the Elks in Wakefield. The event was a huge success. It was great to see so many friends and family show up to support Jimmy, Timmy and the entire Knowles family. Our goal was to match last years \$6500. This year the amount has grown to approximately \$7300. Thank you to all that attended and donated to this well deserving family. The plan for the money is to get services in place to help with day to day life. A substantial donation will be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the Knowles name.

Special thanks from the entire Knowles family.

Barbecue – Pool Party:

Grand Knight Len Ebert had to postpone the get together at his home on August 17th from 1:00 – 4:00 due to illness. He hopes to reschedule it at a later date

September Birthdays:

9/1 Anthony Marino, John McCullough, John Shaw, 9/2 Ken Gillis, 9/3 Mike Cloonan, 9/4 David Rossi, 9/6 Jerry Colford, Tom Strandberg, 9/8 Paul Robertson, 9/19 Martin McHardy, 9/21 Frank Connolly, 9/22 Joe Baranofsky, 9/23 Richard Deroo, 9/25 William Coveney, Fred Hanifan, 9/27 Rocco Iapicca, Tom Williamson, 9/29 Frank Castiglione, Deacon Neil Sumner, 9/30 Dick Felone.

Your Help is needed to update our Records:

If your birthday is incorrect let us know. Email John Silva at jasilva397@aim.com or call 781 944 4285.

28th Annual St. Agnes Men's Retreat:

You are invited to participate in our annual retreat that will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury the weekend of Sept. 6th – 8th. The Retreat begins with dinner on Friday night and ends with Sunday lunch. However there is a 'Saturday Only' option available for those unable to spend the weekend with us.

This is a rather laid back retreat that was initiated and is still run by laymen. If you have never been on a Retreat would be a good place to start, you may be surprised at what you find.

This year, the presentations, reflections, sharing and prayer will focus on: "**What sustains me in my Faith?**"

For additional information contact either John Silva 781-944-4285, email jasilva397@aim.com, or Ernie Arsenault 781-944-9083, email at ernea101@gmail.com.



Men's Retreat - 2010

Tootsie Roll Drive:

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive") will be held on the weekend of Oct. 11,12 & 13. Please put this on your calendar and sign up to help make this a success. You can sign up on line at <http://www.readingkofc.org/activities.htm>.

Reading Fall Street Faire:

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 8th advertising the Councils good works and selling Meatball Subs. As always we need your assistance to make this a success. You can sign up to help out, on line at <http://www.readingkofc.org/activities.htm>.

K of C Penalty Kick Challenge:

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge to be hosted by K of C Reading Council 1031. The local competition will be held Sunday September 15th at 1:00 P.M. at the Parker Middle School Field, Reading, MA rain or shine. Players test their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Points are awarded by kicking the ball through scoring zones in the net. This is a **free** event. Age group winners can continue to compete at the next level.

Event Chairman;

Michael.Canavan@comcast.net 781-944-0042.

Knights' helpers please sign up at

<http://www.readingkofc.org/activities.htm>.

From the Financial Secretary:

Membership cards have now been sent to all members who have paid their annual dues of \$38.00. If any member has not paid their dues please do so and forward it to K of C Attn. Charles Fallon FS 11 Sanborn St. Reading MA 01867.

Birthday Reward:

Visit the lounge during the month of your birthday and Steve will be happy to present you with a free drink of your choice.

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Knight's Calendar-at-a-glance:

Sept. 8 Reading Street Faire








Sept. 10 8:00 PM Council meeting

Sept. 15 Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge

Sept. 17 7:30 HBC Meeting

Sept. 24 8:00 PM Council meeting

Oct. 11-13 Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

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