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My Brother Knights,

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all brothers and their family. I hope that everyone is in good spirit and that the weather starts acting more like spring.

We had a busy month with the basketball free throw challenge and the pancake breakfast at Saint Athanasius. The pancake breakfast was a success. During the breakfast we presented awards to the altar servers and the children's choir for their service to the church. I wish to thank all the members that helped out with the basketball free throw and the pancake breakfast.

We had a contingent from the council attending the Friendship Dinner for DD Pat Curley. Pat is finishing his term as District Deputy this year; however we expect that we will continue to hear of his further involvement in the Knights.

If you would like to contact me, my email address at home is lenebert1943@comcast.net. We lost one of our brothers this month PGK Andy Kiezulas. Please keep him in your prayers.

I hope to see more of you volunteering where you are needed.

I do not know every member and I am sure all members do not know each other. I hope to get to know every brother. One way is to volunteer or attend a meeting. If you ever see me please introduce yourself.

Yours in Christ
Len Ebert Grand Knight

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

As another Lent comes to a close, it's time to see if we've really accomplished all our *prayer, fasting, and alms giving* goals. I am relatively successful at fasting and alms giving, but for me the hardest of these goals was praying ***attentively***. I'm so busy all the time—and distracted by so much noise and clutter in my daily life.

I'm not alone in this. In the Nov. 2013, *US Catholic* magazine author *Heather Gary*, interviewed some really average Catholics about prayer, (a housewife, a web manager, teacher, etc.). ***ALL*** had problems with prayer.

Some lacked the time; some felt they were in a spiritual rut, and tried various books and forms of prayer to pull themselves up and out; others stuck to the tried and true forms of prayer—from the rosary to the *Catholic Book of Hours* and some even tried meditation. But all of *their* problems with prayer (*and ours*) seem to be universal.

I'm reminded of Pope John Paul II's comforting comment to: "**Pray any way you like, so long as you do pray!**"

This article was not all bad news though, for with all the talk of "*electronic pollution*" being so detrimental to quiet prayer and meditation; I was delighted to hear how one person, *thinking outside the box*, used a smart phone to remind herself to take *some of the time she had at hand each day TO PRAY*—usually coinciding with her daily drive time, or the: "*waiting for the kids to come out of school*" times, which are normally, *thoughtlessly*, wasted.

There must be some way we too can remember to pray. IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME OF THE DAY—A time not to be skipped or wasted—I'd be interested in any ideas you come up with;

For I can use all the help I can get!

DEACON NEIL

Sick and Vigil:

I'm sorry to report that Brother Knight and Past Grand Knight Andy Kiezulas died at Brooksby Village at age 95 on March 4. Andy was Grand Knight of the Reading Council in 1965.

Deacon Neil's daughter Margaret was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent an operation on St. Patrick's Day. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers.

Remember to keep PGK Tim Knowles and Jim Knowles in your prayers there are both recuperating from recent injuries.

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.

April Birthdays:

4/1 Joe LaCreta, 4/2 Bruce Kingman, 4/4 Joe Donegan, Frank Dunn, 4/6 Dr. Ed Doherty, Regi Peters, 4/7 Pat Curran, Ed Sartell, 4/8 Richard Halloran, 4/13 John Cafazzo, Richard Hill, 4/14 John Ferguson, 4/18 Dennis Collins, 4/20 John Baccari, Frank Pilkanis, 4/21 Robert McInerney, 4/22 Roger D'Entremont, 4/24 John Barrette, 4/25 Ed Dee, 4/28 Robert Beckman, 4/29 Domenic Cacciapuoti.

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.

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.

Honorary Life Member:

In recognition of long term dedication to the Order a member after 25 years of continuous service and on reaching the age of 70 receives the distinction of "Honorary Life Member". The Honorary Life Member receives a permanent membership card and is exempt of further payment of dues.

If you are one of the 65 Honorary Life Members in our Council and are not as active as you once were we would like to hear from you. Drop us a line, share what you are doing and especially your present address.

Communion Breakfast:

Our Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on April 6th. The morning will begin with the 9:00 Mass in the upper church of St. Agnes. Breakfast will follow at the Council's Enos Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. This is always a very special occasion for our council so sign up early so we can have a head count.

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAE2EAB9-communion

Pancake Breakfast:

The Council sponsored a very successful Pancake Breakfast at St. Athanasius after the 9:00 Mass on March 16. We had net proceeds of \$200 which will be donated to the church.



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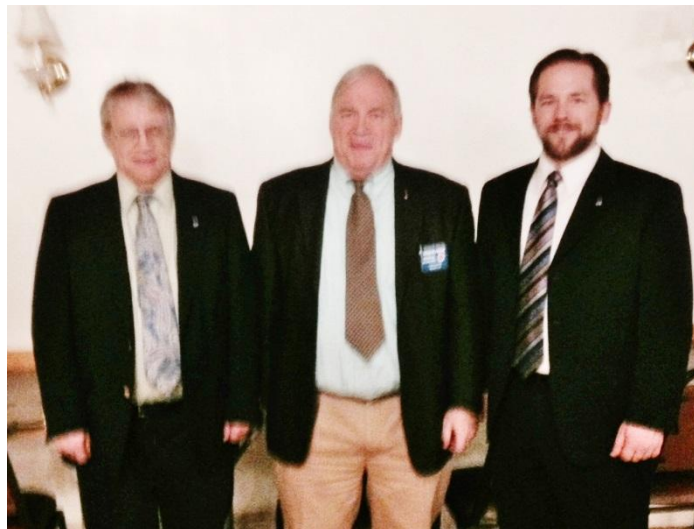
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Mon, Tues, Wed. - 4:00 to 9:00
Thurs., Fri. Sat. - 4:00 to 11:00

First Degree:

There are two new members to our council. Brothers Richard Fallon and Richard Schneeberg received their First Degree at a ceremony held on Mar. 17 at the Andover Council.



FS Charlie Fallon is shown with his brother Richard Fallon and Richard Schneeberg.

K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

The Regional Competition was held at the Reading Coolidge Middle School on Mar.15. There were four winners from District 22 councils that will continue on to the State competition. Three of the four district finalists were from our council.

They are:

10 year old girl class Sophia Lahlou - Finalist

11 year old boy class Christopher Capachetti
- Champion

14 year old boy class Zachary Lahlou - Finalist

Champion Christopher Capachetti is eligible to continue on to the State Finals which will be held Mar. 29 at Nichols College, Dudley.

Knight's Calendar-at-a-glance:

April 6	9:00 AM Communion Mass & Breakfast
April 8	8:00 PM Council meeting
April 15	7:30 PM HBC Meeting
April 22	8:00 PM Council meeting

