



# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR AUGUST 2014**

***Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism  
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My Brother Knights,

I hope to find you all in good spirits.

As many of you know John Russo's son Gregory passed away in July. John holds the position of Faithful Recorder in our Council, attending all our meetings and recording the minutes. Life was not easy for Gregory as he fought to overcome the many disabilities that he suffered throughout his life. But he died doing what he wanted, helping others. He was on missionary program in Bolivia with his church when his life was taken.

Parents should not have to bury their children. We often wonder why God does this to us, I myself have lost a daughter when she was only 15 and my wife died recently from colon cancer. Life can be difficult. I do not understand why this happens. There are people in this world who are fighting just to stay alive and well. Gregory wanted to help them by doing God's work. We lose someone who is young. Then I wonder why. Is it because life is a mystery? I give John's son Gregory a lot of credit for doing missionary work. In Christ Gregory wanted to do God's work and this is what we believe in. Please keep Gregory in your prayers and please acknowledge John and his family.

Yours in Christ

Grand Knight Len Ebert

### **Sick and Vigil:**

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](mailto:ernea101@gmail.com).



Gregory (Greg) Russo son of John and Susan passed away suddenly while on a mission trip to the Niños Con Valor (Children with Value) orphanage in Cochabamba, Bolivia. He had spent a joyous week serving with a team from Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Danvers. The team recalled how much the children enjoyed Greg and the love and attention he showed them. Greg always enjoyed working with the arts and children and he brought those gifts with him to the mission.

Gregory was born 44 years ago and valiantly worked to overcome his physical and learning disabilities, enduring many surgeries on his spine and joints. Despite his disabilities, he persevered and didn't give up. He worked hard to achieve his own high expectations. He was an intelligent and funny guy with a dry sense of humor. He spent his last days doing the Lord's mission work to those who have the least in the world—parentless and disabled children.

As a mission team member wrote, "My most powerful memory of Greg is of the day we visited the state orphanage for children with major physical and cognitive disabilities. I observed them watching Greg in awe as he walked freely on his own, amazed I think, at the life he had in light of his massive challenges."

### **A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT**

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**Deacon Neil was unable to submit "A Good Knight Thought" this month. His Computer took early retirement. A replacement has been hired but he's not up to speed yet.**

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**DEACON NEIL**

### **August Birthdays:**

8/1 Richie Surette, 8/2 Kevin Barile, 8/5 Ted Keltgen, 8/6 Ed Kosta, 8/7 David DeBenetto, 8/9 Don DeHart, Joe Gesmundo, 8/10 Jim Condon, John Feitas, 8/11 Tom Finn, 8/12 Robert D'Entremont, 8/14 Mike Boschetti, Paul Parisi, 8/15 Bill O'Brien, 8/16 Dan Sweeney, 8/18 Ralph Colorusso, 8/23 Mike Nazzaro, 8/26 Bill Malin, 8/31 Bill Ripa.

### **The Charities of the Reading Knights:**

The council voted to support the following:  
Donate 50% of the June Charity Drive, \$1200.00 to the Reading Food Pantry.

### **District Deputy:**

The State Council has assigned Marc Lyonnais as our new District Deputy. Marc lives in Bradford and is a member of the Methuen Council.

### **St. Agnes Summer Musical:**

This year's annual musical by this talented group will be, The Sound of Music. It will be presented in the Parker Middle School Auditorium on the evenings of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

The performance is free. There will be a reception in the Lower Church after each performance.

**Little League:**

This has been the inaugural year for the Reading Little League and our Council sponsored the AA Orioles.

The Orioles, proved to be a resilient team this season. After finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place (out of 12 teams) in the regular season, the Orioles went 5 and 2 in the playoffs to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall and flashed the leather as the best defense by giving up the fewest runs against. The Orioles were managed by Brian Nowicki, PGK.



*Top Row (left to right): Matthew DeCourcy, Nicholas Fotino, Braden Nowicki, Matthew Gerardi, Aidan Leonard, Maxwell Bowen*

**Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:**

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

**Council Meetings:**

The meetings that are normally scheduled for the Second Tuesday for July and August have been cancelled.

**Knight’s Calendar-at-a-glance:**

Aug. 7, 8, 9 7:30 PM The Sound of Music at the Parker Middle School  
Aug. 12 8:00 PM Council meeting  
Sept. 7 Reading Street Fair  
Sept. 13-14 Men’s Retreat

**29<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The Retreat begins with breakfast on Saturday and ends with Sunday lunch. However there is a ‘Saturday Only’ option if you are unable to spend both days 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 this would be a good place to start.

This year, the presentations, reflections, sharing and prayer will focus on: **“Recognizing and Sharing Our Faith Stories.”**

We all have a story, come and join us as we share our stories and to be open to hearing the faith journey of others.

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



**Men’s Retreat – 2013**

**John Silva’s Emmaus Ride:**

Thank you for supporting me on the Emmaus Cycle for Shelter Ride, a 100 mile bike ride to raise funds for the Emmaus House in Haverhill. Donations are accepted until the end of August; visit:

<http://events.emmausinc.org/goto/jasilva397> to make your contribution.

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