



# Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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## THE SWORD AND ANCHOR DECEMBER 2014

*Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism  
Live your Faith!*



My Brother Knights,

Sunday Nov. 23, Solemnity of Christ the King

As Catholic Christians we know every day is “borrowing of time”. But what are we doing with it? The scripture tells us what we should be doing.

What should we be doing? As Knights of Columbus we are doing God’s work. All of us should be able to assist in any way that we are needed.

We are all members of the Knights of Columbus. We should be spending more of our time, each and every one of us to help out whether it is for church – council – or anyone in need. There are over 200 members. Where are you? The scriptures this Sunday show us how we should be spending our time. “Look for me”, Christ says, “Look for me among the small, the discarded, the ravaged, the naked, the poor”.

**Remember God does not make junk, He loves us all overwhelmingly.**

Yours in Christ  
Grand Knight Len Ebert

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Mrs. Mildred Strandberg, the mother of Brother Tom Strandberg passed away on October 10. Our condolences to Tom and his family.

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).

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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Nothing heralds the Christmas season like our homes sporting welcoming bright candles lighting the windows.

This tradition (as all our Christmas traditions) was a gift of immigrants coming to our shores for peace and freedom. In this case the Irish are credited; because of the English occupation of Ireland and their attempt to suppress the “Roman” religion by making Priests outlaws, forcing them to celebrate Mass in secret as fugitives.

When Christmastime came, some Irish families decided to place lighted candles in their windows and leave their doors unlocked (supposedly to provide Jesus, Mary, and Joseph a place to stay on Christmas Eve—*which, of course, the English considered another silly superstition*). But in reality the candles were meant to be a signal to Priests on the run that this house was safe to stop at, and say Mass on the sacred night of Christ’s Birth.

We continue to keep the tradition of placing lights in our windows—and just about everywhere else we can think of—but do we do this merely as just one more of many decorations we’re expected to put up for the season—or do we actually chose to decorate with lights as a way to announce the coming of the Christ Child, the light of the world? Do we, in fact, decorate in order to make Jesus welcome in our homes as did our ancestors from Ireland?

How do candles in our windows and all our other Christmas decorations reflect not only the warmth of our home, but our hospitality, which is clearly based on the brightness and love of the Christ Child—come to save the world?

Let our homes truly reflect our FAITH in this blessed season!

**DEACON NEIL**

### **December Birthdays:**

12/1 George O’Brien, 12/2 Charles Tidd, 12/3 Gary D’Entremont, Don Martinage, 12/5 Ralph Barile Jr., 12/9 John Flaherty, 12/11 David Ebert, 12/13 David Crowley, 12/15 John Silva, Mike Terry, 12/18 Dennis Ebert, 12/21 Mark Baltier, Francis Keane, 12/26 Steve Percy, 12/27 John Nawoichyk, John Parisi, 12/28 Paul Ripa, Richard Schneeberg, 12/30 George MacDougall, 12/31 Ernie Arsenault

### **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.

### **Lounge Christmas Party:**

There will be a Christmas Party in the lounge for members and their guests on Saturday Dec. 13th from 4:00 to 11 PM. Join us for a good time and enjoy some of Camille’s appetizers.

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

- Coats for Kids – The State Council contracts directly with a manufacturer to supply warm coats to needy children. Our Council donated \$50 toward this worthy cause.
- Wreaths Across America – The State Council places approx. 1000 wreaths each year on graves located at the Bourne National Cemetery. Our Council donated \$50 toward this worthy cause.
- Red Stocking Drive – The Boston Chapter’s Charity drive to help inner city children. Our Council donated \$50 toward this worthy cause.
- St Athanasius Christmas Fair – Our council donated \$150 toward the rental of tables and chairs.

**Mass for our Departed Brothers:**

Fifty six knights and guests attended the Mass for Departed Brothers that was held in Enos Hall on November 5. The Mass was followed by dinner prepared by Camille, thank you Camille.



**Our Chaplin Fr. Steve Rock**



**The Knowles were able to attend**



**Dr. Ed Doherty's Family**

**K of C Basketball Free Throw competition:**

The council is in need of someone to head the Basketball Free Throw Competition scheduled for January 24. We had a very successful event last year, thanks to PGK Mike Canavan, with 24 youngsters (boys and girls from 10 – 13 years old) participating.

This is a very popular event for the community and although regionals are held at Parker Middle School later in the year our council has not always taken part in it due to lack of leadership. We need someone to step up.

Plenty of help is available but someone is needed to chair the event. If you are able to assist please contact PGK Mike Canavan at [Michael.Canavan2@comcast.net](mailto:Michael.Canavan2@comcast.net) 781-872-0042

**K of C Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge:**

Bryan Doucette won the State competition for 14 year old boys. Congratulations Bryan.

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If you are interested contact Ernie Arsenault at 781 944 9083 or [ernie101@gmail.com](mailto:ernie101@gmail.com)

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Mon, Tues, Wed. - 4:00 to 9:00

Thurs., Fri. Sat. - 4:00 to 11:00

**Council Meetings:**

Nov. 30 1 PM – 4 PM Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Children's Open House

Dec. 9 8:00 PM Council meeting

Dec. 13 4:00 pm - ??? Knights Christmas Party

Dec. 23 8:00 PM Council meeting

Jan. 24 5:00 PM Free Throw Competition

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