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Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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My Brother Knights,

We are in the midst of February as I am writing, I can't believe the weather. We have had enough winter, bring on spring.

"I don't believe there is any other Catholic volunteer association that is making such a difference in our community for charity. That is our mission. And we are going to grow and accomplish that mission."

These are not my words; I am quoting our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

I believe that we have done great things since I have been a member of this council. I hope all members feel that way. However to accomplish our mission of charity we need more active members. We

recently had recruitment drives at both churches. There was a Knights Table at the St. Agnes Ministry Drive and Brother David Ebert spoke at all the Masses at St Athanasius, applications of three potential members were received.

I am calling on all member Knights in our council to participate, come to our meetings. Become an active member.

Yours in Christ

Len Ebert Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

Mildred Hoell, the wife of Brother John Hoell, passed away on Feb. 5th. Our prayers go out to John and his family at this time.

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.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

William Dean Howells (the Atlantic Monthly Editor, at the time) and Author and humorist, Mark Twain were coming out of church one morning just as it began to rain heavily—a veritable soaking deluge! In his impatience Howells asked: "Do you think it will ever stop?" Mark Twain answered in his familiar dry humor, "It always has!"

This comforting quote popped into my mind as I sat reading seed catalogs while looking out of my window at yet another never-ending snow storm this month—and thinking to myself: "Where is spring?" Now, how many times have we heard those very words spoken (or screamed out loud) so far this winter?

Unpleasant situations (like freezing cold, a snowy winter season, sickness, or chronic pain, etc.), have a way of appearing to last forever but, we should always keep in mind that nothing in this world is permanent. There is no evil that we cannot attack by faith, by good works, and by our prayers.

*In this sense, a "healthy optimism" a positive attitude, seems **THE natural point of view to take in life** for all true believers in Christ's goodness. A clever quote, but a hard task to accomplish is: **"to do what we can—yes, shovel the walk yet again—and then "LET GO, AND LET GOD!"** But if we truly trust God as we say we do then that's our only option—keeping in mind, of course that, as St. Paul tells, us we should also:*

"REJOICE IN THE LORD, ALWAYS." (Philippians 4:4)
DEACON NEIL

March Birthdays:

3/1 Walter Kulakowski, Joe Walker, 3/7 Matthew Bloomfield, 3/15 Richard Coco, 3/17 Gerald Boudreau, Bob O'Brien, 3/20 Michael Gordan, 3/21 David Ventola, Ted Watson, 3/23 Kevin Kerrigan, 3/28 Robert Barrett, Ed Marchand, 3/29 Frank Bastolla, 3/30 Jim Fandel, Rev. Dennis Gallagher.

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.

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.



Membership Drive:

Our Brother Knights are shown manning the registration table at the St. Athanasius member drive. Lenny's grandson David Ebert spoke at each of the Masses.

Annual Dues:

Our Financial Secretary Charley Fallon has done a great job getting bills for the Annual Dues to us in a timely manner, the earliest in years. Let's support his efforts by responding in kind so as to avoid the cost and labor needed to send out second notices.

K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

The District Competition was held at the Andover Council Feb. 15. There were nine winners in the competition that will advance to the Regional Competition that will be held at the Reading Coolidge Middle School on Mar.15. Four of the winners of this competition were winners our Council Competition.

They are:

Sophia Lahlou	10 year old girl class
Emily Fuller	11 year old girl class
Christopher Capachetti	11 year old boy class
Zachary Lahlou	14 year old boy class

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Snap Fitness of Reading:

Brother Knight Dave Crowley is General Manager of the newly opened facility at 46 Haven St. Stop by to and say hello. Dave will be giving a 10% discount to Brother Knights and their families.

Communion Breakfast:

Our Annual Communion Breakfast will be held at on April 8th. The morning will begin with the 9:00 Mass at St. Agnes. Breakfast will follow at the Council's Enos Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Pancake Breakfast:

The Council will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast at St. Athanasius after the 9:00 Mass on March 17. Your support is needed.

Testimonial Dinner for DD Pat Curley:

A dinner will be held to honor our DD Pat Curley at the Tewksbury Council on Saturday Mar. 22. Proceeds of the dinner will be used to support Pat as a delegate to the 2014 Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL. Our Council has voted to support up to 10 members to attend the dinner. If you are interested in attending you must submit your intention by the meeting of Mar. 11.

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There will be a meeting of the HBC on Tuesday Mar. 18th at 7:30. The HBC has the legal responsibility for all aspects of our building. All current members of our council are also members of the HBC.

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.

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

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

Knight's Calendar-at-a-glance:

Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
Mar. 11	8:00 PM Council meeting
Mar. 16	St. Athanasius Pancake Breakfast
Mar. 18	7:30 PM HBC Meeting
Mar. 22	6:00 PM DD Pat Curley Dinner
Mar. 25	8:00 PM Council meeting
Apr. 8	Communion breakfast

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