



# Knights of Columbus

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR NOVEMBER 2014**

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Live your Faith!***



My Brother Knights,  
Because God rested on the seventh day so should we, by celebrating Sundays with our family.

I have heard this many times and I believe in it. A family that prays together stays together. What ever happened to our Sundays?

What do you remember of your younger days? I remember the whole family going to Mass every Sunday. I remember that if you did not get there early it was standing room only. I and my wife brought our children to Mass every Sunday. I remember my parents and grandparents would get together for a meal and then I would play cards with my grandfather. Sometimes we would pack a lunch and with other family members we would load up the car, with more than

we should have, and head up to Canobe Lake for the day. Maybe it was a generational thing. Families today seem to go to Mass but then go their own ways after. When I go to Mass I look around to see the families that are there and those that are missing. Anyway families seem to go their own ways. I know the church has gone through some changes and is still trying to change. Our family still tries to spend time together on Sundays. Maybe we should have a Sunday Movie Night, some board games and cards. I think we should try to get back to the way it was when most stores were closed by the Sunday Blue Laws.

Let's try to make our Sundays truly the Lords Day.

Yours in Christ  
Grand Knight Len Ebert

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Wallace Snell, the father of Advocate Brian Snell died Oct. 10, our condolences to Brian 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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On Tuesday, October 14, 2014, Fr. Robert Barron wrote in the Pilot about the recent release of the midterm report on the deliberations of **phase one** of the Synod on the Family which caused a fair amount of hysteria all around the Church.

Whether one is on the left, or the right, or in the middle, Father Barron rightly warns us that “What has just appeared in print is not even close to a definitive, formal teaching of the Catholic Church. It is a report on **what has been discussed SO FAR** in a synod of some two hundred bishops from around the world.” –and that’s all it is!

Our Catholic Church has a long history of Councils and Synods in which similarly controversial arguments have been front and center; with consensus evolving only after lengthy and often acrimonious debate. This release and the subsequent report on the completion of part one of the Synod reflects only the halfway point in the process. More discussion will follow as Pope Francis has indicated: “Dear brothers and sisters, now we still have one year to mature, with true spiritual discernment, the proposed ideas and to find concrete solutions to so many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families must confront; to give answers to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families.”

Only then will the Final Synod on the Family take place, during which many more arguments and counter-arguments will be made; finally, some months—perhaps even a year or so, later—the Pope will sum up the entire process and offer a definitive document on the matter. Until that time, as Fr. Barron says: “. . . everyone should take a deep breath.”

And until that document is promulgated, we Knights should not believe and rebroadcast everything we see and hear in the media. We should all exercise the virtue of patience. **As Knights in support of the Church, we should hold our counsel and PRAY often.** Don’t add to the useless noise in the church—but follow the example of Pope Francis who asked for these discussions and obviously has the confidence and the patience required to allow the Holy Spirit to work in his preferred fashion.

**Why not check out Fr. Barron’s full article in the PILOT, As well as the Pope’s remarks at the Mass of Beatification of Pope Paul VI celebrated at the Synod’s closing.**

**DEACON NEIL**

### November Birthdays:

11/1 Dick Fotino, Mark McDonough, 11/5 Matt Baltier, 11/10 Brian Snell, 11/11 Jack Swymer, 11/14 Mike Allardi, 11/16 Bob Baynes, 11/17 Andrew Goldy, 11/18 Al Santosuosso, 11/22 Bob Whelan, 11/24 George Grilli, 11/29 Fr. Steve Rock.

### 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.

### Tootsie Roll Drive:

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka “Tootsie Roll Drive”) was held the weekend of Oct.11, 12, &13. This year we collected \$3800 compared with \$3600 last year. Job well done!

However we did not have the needed support on Friday AM. Normally there would be two Knights at each of the two Market Basket doors. For most of the day, from 9:00 to 1:00, only one of the two doors at Market Basket was covered.



### **Mass for our Deported Brothers:**

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Mass for Deported Brothers at 6:30 PM in Enos Hall followed with dinner.

This past year we have lost a number of our Brother Knights, unfortunately we are not always informed of their deaths. The ones we know of are:

- Brother Mil Dixon, died December 11
- Past Grand Knight Andy Kiezulas died March 4
- Brother Dan Doran, died August 13
- Brother Dr. Ed Doherty, died September 9
- Brother Jim Knowles, died September 13
- Past Grand Knight Tim Knowles, died Sept. 22

This has always been a much appreciated and well attended event. Please make every effort to attend.

This event is open to families and guests. Please help us get an accurate head count for dinner by signing up by Oct. 31 on:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-mass1>

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

The council voted to make a donation of \$200 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of Jim and Tim Knowles.

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

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

### **Council Meetings:**

Nov. 5	6:30 PM	Mass for Deported Brothers and Dinner
Nov. 11	8:00 PM	Council meeting
Nov. 25	8:00 PM	Council meeting
Nov. 30	1 PM – 4 PM	Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Children's Open House

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

The Reading Knights of Columbus hosted a Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge on September 28th at 1:00 P.M. at Parker Middle School Field. There were 19 boys and girls from ages 9-14 that participated in the local Council level of competition. Players tested their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Points were awarded by kicking the ball through scoring zones in the net.

The winners of the age groups now get to compete at the Regional Knights of Columbus competition. Our Reading winners were Alex Bica (age 9 boys), Madison Fox (age 9 girls), Tanush Mittal (age 10 boys), Kate Shankland (age 10 girls), Ryan Pryputniewicz (age 11 boys), Heather Carminati (age 11 girls), Mateo Cappuccio (age 12 boys), Katie Stathoulopoulos (age 12 girls), Alyssa Pryputniewicz (age 13 girls), and Bryan Doucette (age 14 boys).

The Regionals were held on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> in Lawrence. Bryan Doucette placed first in the 14 year olds and Alex Bica placed second in the nine year olds. They will be continuing on to States Competition.



