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**Council, No. 1031**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR OCTOBER 2014**

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



My Brother Knights,  
I hope to find you all in good spirits.  
Because the Lord is the God of our ancestors, we want to strengthen the relationships between our family's generations.  
Have you ever wondered how you became a Catholic? Have you ever given any consideration that it could have started with your ancestry? How my family's ancestors I think go way back in my mother's family. My mother's parents are 100% Italian from Italy. I believe that the family ancestors were Catholic. My father's parents came from Germany. They fled Germany and I think they became Catholic either when they left Germany, or when they came to this country. Their ancestors go back to Judaism. This is how my family started. Ever wonder how your family started? Take time out to research into your ancestry or family tree. I think I have a very strong family relationship with our God.

Yours in Christ

Grand Knight Len Ebert

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Brother Dan Doran age 83 died on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. We wish to extend our condolences to his family.  
Long time Brother Knight Dr. Ed Doherty age 81, died on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. Our condolences to his wife Phyllis and their family.  
Brother Jim Knowles age 48, died on Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> after a long battle with Muscular Dystrophy. Jim will be missed by his many friends.  
PGK Tim Knowles, brother of Jim, died on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tim was 53 years old. He also suffered from the effects of Muscular Dystrophy.  
Please remember the Knowles family in your prayers; their father Brother Ed Knowles, their mother Dot and their brother Dan.

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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**Mother Teresa often said that she saw Christ in “the distressing disguise of the poor”.** Outside the Episcopal Church in Davidson, North Carolina there is a controversial sculpture of a homeless man sleeping on a park bench covered completely by a blanket except for his bare feet which, on closer inspection, show marks of the nails left by a crucifixion—so it becomes clear that the homeless man depicted on the bench is in reality Jesus.

Though some people were shocked by the “*homeless Christ*” the sculptor makes it clear that his inspiration was taken from St. Matthew’s Gospel: “*Whatever you did for the least of these, you did to me*” (25:40). And this should cause us to pause and wonder if this is not exactly where we should be looking for Jesus in our day and age.

As we approach the winter season, so *dangerous to the wellbeing of the poor and the homeless*, it is our duty as Jesus’ followers and his Knights, to see Christ in the homeless and the poor surrounding us every day—even in the silent, hidden poor of suburbia—who call to us for attention, for aid, for tenderness, for mercy, for dignity, and for love.

While this is certainly the sentiment of Pope Francis; whom the world admires—and who experienced so much poverty while working among the poor of his diocese—**we have to ask ourselves**, do we see Christ in those who are desperate, needy and forgotten? And, more importantly, what are our plans to do something about it in HIS name?

**DEACON NEIL**

### **October Birthdays:**

10/1 Ed Knowles, 10/2 Joe DiCalogero, 10/3 Brian Nowicki, 10/8 Bill Guazzaloca, 10/12 Bob Castine, Peter Nunes, 10/13 Mike Fallon, 10/15 Dan Stanton, 10/16 Fran Enos, 10/17 Dennis Farrell, 10/21 Mike Canavan, 10/26 Jason Melius, 10/27 Tom O’Connor, 10/29 Greg Gohr, 10/30 John Firenze, Brian Jones.

### **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.

### **Happy Anniversary:**

Brother Brendan Hoyt and his wife Sally recently celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the Hillview Country Club with many friends and family. They were married at St. Agnes Church, June 3, 1944. Brendan is presently the longest serving member of our council.

### **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.

### **Reading Fall Street Faire:**

Again this year we had a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> advertising the Councils good works. We gave away Tootsie Rolls and solicited contributions toward our regular Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.



Thanks to all that came out to help. A special thanks to Charlie Fallon for having some great banners made that presents what we are all about.

### **Tootsie Roll Drive:**

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive") will be held the weekend of Oct.11, 12, &13. Your help is needed to make this important fund drive a success.

We are usually short of help on Friday. Maybe some of you retirees could sign up for an hour or two. As you can see from the picture it's not very strenuous.



**Jim Knowles and Chet at Market Basket**

We especially need your help this year to make up for the loss of our Brother Jim Knowles. Jim would faithfully donate 4-6 hours every year during the weekend. And he knew everyone so his pot was always full.

Please commit some time during this event to ensure it is a success.

You can sign up on line for the day and time that works for you:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAE2EAB9-campaign2>

If you don't have access to a computer to sign up you can call Ernie Arsenault 781-944-9083 and he will help you schedule a time.

Don't forget to sign up for after the weekend Mass.

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

The Soccer Challenge was held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event, thanks to PGK Mike Canavan and the Knights that assisted him. The winners will be published next month.

### **Mass for our Departed Brothers:**

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Mass for Departed 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 September 22

If you know of any other Brother Knight that has passed away in the last 12 months please inform FS Charlie Fallon.

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

This event is open to guests. Please sign up to attend at:

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

### **District Deputy:**

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

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

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

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

### **Council Meetings:**

Oct. 10, 11, 12 Tootsie Roll Drive

Oct. 14 8:00 PM Council meeting

Oct. 28 8:00 PM Council meeting

Nov. 5 6:30 PM Mass for Departed Brothers and Dinner

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