



Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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



My Brother Knights,

I hope to find you all in good spirits.

Here we are at the end of the summer. We are going into the fall season. The fall I can handle, the winter sometimes I cannot handle. We are planning to have a booth at the Reading Town Faire to display the good works of the council and give out Tootsie Rolls. I am looking forward to this event and with your support I'm sure we can have a successful afternoon. I hope to see our brother knights at this event. Even if you are not actively working the booth stop by and say hello. There are many members that I don't know and I would love to meet

you, please introduce yourself.

Whatever our council does it takes you, my Brother Knights, working together to make our activities successful and for our council to be the best it can be. I would like to meet you members, and some of you I do not know who you are. I would like to see members more active and attend a meeting.

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.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

Though a Knight, and therefore a dedicated follower of Christ, do you have a tendency to be a *curmudgeon* (or a first cousin to Oscar the Grouch)?

I recently read an account of a psychologist who asked his class to jot down the initials of all the people they disliked. Some students could think of only one person, while others listed as many as fourteen!

On reviewing the results, the professor determined that those who disliked the largest number of people were themselves the most widely disliked!

Perhaps, when we find ourselves continually disliking others, we ought to ask ourselves: “*What’s wrong with me?*”

Very likely when we develop an aversion to someone, it is not because they deserve it, but because WE are lacking a *quality, virtue or talent* we also see missing in them (and we hold them responsible for that deficiency, but not ourselves). While other people we like, we believe are mirrors of us, in the sense that we see them as a reflection of all our good qualities—our “perfect” selves!

This may sound depressing but it’s never too late to change our lives **if**, (in this case) we concentrate on—and celebrate—the good qualities, virtues, and talents of all those we meet and interact with each day *and try to emulate them in our own lives.*

DEACON NEIL

September Birthdays:

9/1 Anthony Marino, John McCullough, John Shaw, 9/2 Ken Gillis, 9/3 Mike Cloonan, 9/4 David Rossi, 9/6 Jerry Colford, Tom Strandberg, 9/8 Paul Robertson, 9/19 Martin McHardy, 9/21 Frank Connolly, 9/22 Joe Baranofsky, 9/23 Richard Deroo, 9/25 William Coveney, Fred Hanifan, 9/27 Rocco Iapicca, Tom Williamson, 9/29 Frank Castiglione, Deacon Neil Sumner, 9/30 Dick Felone.

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.
Donate \$100 to Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church Library Fund in memory of Greg Russo.

Tootsie Roll Drive:

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka “Tootsie Roll Drive”) will be held on the weekend of Oct. 10, 11 & 12. Please put this on your calendar and sign up to help make this a success.

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.

K of C Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge:

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge to be hosted by K of C Reading Council 1031. The local competition will be held Sunday September 28th at 1:00 P.M. at the Parker Middle School Field, Reading, MA rain or shine. Players test their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Points are awarded by kicking the ball through scoring zones in the net. This is a **free** event. Age group winners can continue to compete at the next level.

Event Chairman;

Michael.Canavan@comcast.net 781-944-0042.

Knights’ helpers please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-kofc2>

Reading Fall Street Faire:

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 7th advertising the Councils good works. We will be giving out Tootsie Rolls and soliciting contributions toward our regular Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. As always we need your

assistance to make this a success. You can sign up to help out, on line at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-reading3>

Trinidad:

Dear Knights of Columbus community, Thank you SO very much for your generous donation towards me and my trip! During my work down in Trinidad I saw many things. But one thing that stood out to me was the poverty. Yes, for the most part we do have it better here than many Trinidadians, but I am not talking about material poverty. I am talking about poverty of faith. What could bring a parent to leave scars on their own child? While my time in Trinidad did not answer this question of mine, I do know this: bringing Jesus into the lives of Trinidadian children is hope for the next generation of kids down there. On the second to last day of the vacation bible school we hosted, we asked the children to bow their heads and pray with us if they were accepting Jesus Christ as their savior for the first time. Later that day, when I and two other team members were walking home some of the kids who had attended our camp, I asked if they had said the prayer with us, and each of them said yes. Our afternoon schedule consisted of either construction or a ministry visit to places like orphanages or an elderly home. I was touched while taking part in devotions with the elderly, and again at the orphanage it to see kids the age I am stepping up into the role of a parent for the children who are too young to fully take care of themselves. I was forced to look at my life and realize how much I truly have been blessed. So once again with a deep thank you, I appreciate all of your kind words, prayers, and financial support!

Dianna Gagnon



First Degree:

Brother Alan Beaulieu Received the First Degree of our Order on August 11 at the Andover Council.



Alan with Officers of Our Council

29th 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. 13th – 14th. 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. For additional information contact either John Silva 781-944-4285, email jasilva397@aim.com, or Ernie Arsenault 781-944-9083, email at ernea101@gmail.com.

Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:

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

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

Council Meetings:

Sept. 7 Reading Street Fair
Sept. 9 8:00 PM Council meeting
Sept. 13-14 Men's Retreat
Sept. 16 HBC Meeting
Sept. 23 8:00 PM Council meeting
Sept. 28 1:00 PM Soccer Challenge

