



# Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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## THE SWORD AND ANCHOR APRIL 2015

*Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism  
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My Brother Knights,

Happy Easter to all my Brother Knights and their families.

Today it is tough for our teenagers and young adults as they come to terms with this part of their lives. In order to add stability to their lives we should share the memories and history of our families with them. Someday they will marry and have children of their own and they will have this history along with their spouse's history to pass on to them. If we do not try to help our children and teach them love of family, what will happen to them?

The Knights of Columbus always stresses families first. I believe that sharing our past and our religion with our children is the right path to having healthy children. Through our religion we will keep them close to our God and close to us. It is up to us guide our children, to teach them what is right and wrong.

Yours in Christ  
Len Ebert Grand Knight

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Brother Al DiCampo passed away on March 12. Al was an usher at St. Athanasius for many years and a faithful attendee at Council events. He will be missed by many.

Brother Brendan Hoyt passed away on March 20. Brendan joined the Knights in 1941 at the age of 21 and had been a member of our council for 74 years. We expect this is a record for the longest anyone has ever been a member of our council. Our condolences go to his wife Sally and their 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 \_\_\_\_\_

***We are an EASTER PEOPLE— this is our time of great REJOYING!***

There was a pastor so renowned for his bold, eloquent, preaching that people from other parishes would travel just to hear his lofty rhetoric—but at the height of his popularity something strange happened—he repeated the exact same homily, word for word, two weeks in a row; then a third week in a row! When confronted about this he replied, ***"You are right! And I'll keep repeating the same homily until you put it into practice!"***

Just like the pastor's homily, the Easter mystery has not changed for more than 2,000 years. We read the same story about the same people, with the same outcome, year after year. Yet we keep coming back; and next year we shall do it all over again. The question is: If Christ's resurrection from the dead was such a breakthrough in human history and in the story of our salvation—why do we need to celebrate it over and over again?

The answer is simple: the story may not change—its outcome may always be the same—but it is **WE** who are supposed to change each time we gather to celebrate. Hopefully, each time we do so, we grow just a little bit more in our ability to **LIVE** *the mystery and become the Easter people we are called to be.*

For us, as Christians *and dedicated Knights*, Easter is not just a story we tell once a year. It is a way of life where we gratefully accept *the duty of giving witness to the faith by our lived example*. In rising from the dead, Christ transformed the tomb from a place of death and despair to a channel of life and grace. As an Easter people, **it is now up to us** to joyfully continue the work Christ began by working to bring hope and healing where there is darkness and death in our world today.

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**DEACON NEIL**

**Communion Breakfast:** Our Annual Lenten Mass was held at St. Athanasius on March 22 followed by breakfast at Enos Hall. It was not well attended but those that were there enjoyed the fellowship.

Thanks to Camille Guazzaloca for once again cooking a nice breakfast and to Steve Kintigos for setting up the hall, heating/serving the food and then assisting in the cleanup.



### **April Birthdays:**

4/2 Bruce Kingman, 4/4 Joe Donegan, Frank Dunn, 4/6 Regi Peters, 4/7 Pat Curran, Ed Sartell, 4/8 Richard Halloran, 4/13 John Cafazzo, Richard Hill, 4/14 John Ferguson, 4/17 Michael Olivo, 4/18 Dennis Collins, 4/20 John Baccari, Frank Pilkanis, 4/21 Robert McInerney, 4/22 Roger D'Entremont, 4/24 John Barrette, 4/25 Ed Dee, 4/26 Paul Lannon, 4/28 Robert Beckman, 4/29 Domenic Cacciapuoti.

### **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.

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

The Council recently voted to contribute to various organizations.

- \$300 to the Reading Scholarship Fund
- \$500 to establish award to a graduating student who has excelled in Community Service.

### **K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:**

We had five winners of our Local and District competitions that advanced to the Regional Competition that was held on March 21 at the Parker Middle School. The names of these five were posted in the March Bulletin.

Of these five;

Maxwell Lindbergh - Boys, age 12

Korine Haidul – Girls, age 14

have advanced to the State Competition to be held at Nichols College Dudley on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Callers Needed:**

We need people to who are willing to be callers. We have a call tree established where 1 Brother calls about 10 people a few times a year to give a verbal invitation to the major events; Mass for Our Departed Brothers, Communion Mass, Charity Drive, Columbus Day Drive. This is an important service to our council. It's often how we find out how our Brothers are doing; ensure they have current email addresses on file, etc. We are short callers and need some more people to help with this service to our Council. If interested, please contact Mike Canavan, 791-872-0042 or michael.canavan2@comcast.net

### **Advertisers/Memorials:**

The bulletin has space available for you to advertise your business. It is also appropriate to add a memorial to a love one. The annual rate for a single space is \$40, \$80 for a double space and \$160 for a four space block.

### **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities:**

Please help our council to collect your volunteer hours. This can include hours you volunteer for K of C events, other Church activities such ministries, religious education, etc. as well as time you donate to community-based charitable organizations. The survey can be completed on line at the following link: <http://readingkofc.org/index.php/members/annual-survey>

### **Treasure's Message:**

I'd like to thank those Brother Knights who have already paid your 2015 annual dues. Your timely support allows us to continue our mission without interruption. If you have not yet paid your dues please take a moment to do so now. If you have a financial hardship please let me know. We are considering developing online payment by credit card as an option if there is sufficient interest. If you would like to use this approach in the future please let me know. And don't forget to patronize our advertisers and thank them for supporting your council. On behalf of all the officers, we wish you and your family a very Happy Easter!

You may show your interest in online payment at: <http://readingkofc.org/index.php/members/online-dues-survey>

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### **Charity Committee:**

"There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need."

At our last meeting I introduced the idea of establishing a committee to identify and recommend donations worthy of council support and consistent with our mission and values. If you have interest in serving on this committee please let me know. Also, if you have suggestions for charities you'd like the council support please pass them along anytime.

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

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

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

### **Council Meetings:**

April 5

Easter Sunday:

"He Is Risen, He has truly risen""

April 14

8:00 PM Council meeting

April 28

8:00 PM Council meeting

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