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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR FEBUARY 2015

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



My Brother Knights,

I hope you are enjoying the Blizzard of 2015. It has us grounded so I can write this message as we await the Super Bowl. Because God is the Lord of Mercy, we want to heal our family wounds and promote forgiveness within the family. What is a family? A family starts from the beginning with parents. All should be able to help, love, fun, sadness, joy. We are not all perfect, but what happens to us and our family when one of us becomes dismembered. Why are we afraid to reconcile or why do we not want to reconcile? This happened on my father's side of our family. My family has gone separate ways. I would like to heal

all wounds. Some of you may have the same thing happen to your family. Let's make this the Year of Reconciliation. Reach out to the family member that feels slighted or hurt in any way.

Yours in Christ
Len Ebert Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

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

Lent is a time of *Real Renewal*, which requires us to get *real help* if we are to be successful. *We cannot do it alone, and we don't have to*, for Jesus is always with us; **REALLY WITH US**, on our altars, in the Blessed Sacrament . . . what we Catholics call— and firmly believe to be—“**JESUS' REAL PRESENCE**”.

It has always been the teaching of the Church to take Jesus words said over the bread and wine at the last supper literally. We believe that at the consecration (*by Jesus and by our Priests at Mass*), the whole substance of the bread and of the wine changes into the *body* and the *blood* of Christ. Only the external appearances of the bread and the wine remain. In other words what was the bread and what was the wine is now Jesus.

We know that belief in the real presence is again under fire, as it was in the 12th century when the devotions of Adoration, Benediction, and even private visits to Jesus in front of the church's tabernacles were instituted. What can we Knights do about this modern reappearance of ignorance and doubt about Jesus presence among us? We can strive by our words and actions to promote true devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Perhaps, in light of our circumstances, (the seemingly great indifference to, if not a lack of belief in the real presence), we Knights could **focus our own *Real Lenten Renewal* on devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**.

By seeking Jesus' help in our own renewal—by frequent quiet visits to His presence, and by our attendance at our parishes' Hours of Adoration and Benediction—we might gain His help and also demonstrate our belief in/and respect for His real presence to others, thereby encouraging them to do likewise.

DEACON NEIL

February Birthdays:

2/3 Steve Gagnon, 2/4 Mike Fennelly, 2/6 Ed McCabe, 2/10 David Defelice, 2/12 Larry Byron, Mike Flaherty, 2/13 Dan Gray, 2/14 Len Ebert, 2/16 Mike Gildea, 2/19 William Fox, 2/22 Robert Haley, 2/25 Mark Notarangeli, Tim Failla, 2/27 Dennis Symes, 2/28 Mark Spengler

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.

Communion Breakfast:

This year's Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday March 22 with Mass at St Athanasius followed by breakfast at the K of C Enos Hall. This popular event is open to family and friends so mark your calendars. There will be a sign up sheet in next month's bulletin.

Communion Breakfast History:

At a recent meeting when we were checking the date for this annual event some questioned why it's called “Communion Breakfast” rather than “Mass/ Breakfast”?

The name predates Vatican II at a time when receiving communion was not as common as it is today. Only a relatively small percentage of those at Mass would receive communion. During this period a person would normally go to Confession within a few days of receiving the host at Mass in order to be sure that the temple of their body has been swept clean and they are ready to receive Jesus.

The Communion Breakfast was started in order to be sure that all Knights met their obligation to receive communion at least once a year. It was always held on the Sunday before Palm Sunday, two weeks before Easter and was one of the highlights of the year.

Maybe it's time to change the name, possibly “The Knights Annual Mass and Breakfast”.

K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

The Reading K of C sponsored the local Basketball Free Throw Competition at the Burbank YMCA on Saturday January 24th. There were 14 boys and girls from ages nine to fourteen who participated.



Congratulations to all the winners that are now eligible to continue on to the District Competition. The winners in the various age groups were:

- Age 9 Girl Megan Pappo
- Age 9 Boy Mason Moreira
- Age 10 Girl Joy Liana
- Age 10 Boy Cater Fox
- Age 11 Boy Luke Emilius
- Age 12 Boy Maxwell Lindbergh
- Age 13 Boy Luke Ventola
- Age 14 Girl Korine Haidul

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.

Looks like we have some more winners;



Apartment for Rent:

Brother Al DiCampo has an apartment for rent. It is lower level separate unit in his family home located at 432 Grove St. The apartment consists of a 10 x 13 ft. bedroom, 12 x 11 ft. living room and 9.5 x 10.5 ft. kitchen, bathroom with shower. The apartment includes a stove, refrigerator, and washing machine. It has its own entrance from carport. All utilities are included. Rent is \$900 per month. Call 781-389-6879.

Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:

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

Council Meetings:

Feb. 10 8:00 PM Council meeting
Feb. 14 8:00 PM Council meeting

