



Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

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My Brother Knights,

As we enter a New Year let us pause to remember the Brothers that we said farewell to this past year.

Brother Mil Dixon, died December 11, 2013

Past Grand Knight Andy Kiezulas died March 4, 2014

Brother Dan Doran, died August 13, 2014

Brother Dr. Ed Doherty, died September 9, 2014

Brother Jim Knowles, died September 13, 2014

Past Grand Knight Tim Knowles, died Sept. 22, 2014

I hope our Council will continue to grow, continue to support our many functions and charities, and maybe add additional ones. I am open for suggestions and ideas. It is always great to have the members helping at these events but we need others to help spread the load. We would like to see more brothers at our meetings, our social events and volunteering to help out as needed.

Let's all make this the year that we increase our participation in Council Activities. And remember brothers we practice; Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism and we live and practice our Faith as Catholic Gentlemen.

Yours in Christ

Len Ebert Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

Mrs. Dorothy Fallon, the mother of Brothers Michael and Steve Fallon passed away on October 10. Our condolences to Tom 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.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

The Papal Address known as ***Urbi et Orbi*** [that is, to the city—of Rome—and to the whole world], which Pope Francis delivered in Rome at noontime on Christmas Day, was indeed broadcast to the whole world and concluded with a blessing which imparted a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions) to all who accepted it in Faith, including those in the Basilica, on radio, on television and now even those who view and accept it via the internet.

The address was particularly meaningful for us Knights in view of our continuing program—***Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive***, and all the local council projects devoted to the welfare of families and children, examples of which, we see each month in Columbia Magazine.

Pope Francis, speaking of the baby Jesus said: ***“My thoughts today go to all children who are abused and mistreated: those killed before they are born; those deprived of the generous love of their parents who are buried under the selfishness of a culture that does not love life; those children displaced by war and persecution, abused and exploited under our eyes and our silence that makes us accomplices.”***

At this time of year, when we traditionally seek resolutions intended to improve ourselves and our world, I think we could not do better than to reflect the Holy Father’s concerns by resolving to create and support K of C projects locally and nationally (*in WORD and DEED*) that are aimed at improving quality of life for children. Thus bringing ourselves closer to Jesus, who showed his great love and care for children. **–HAVE A HAPPY, HOLY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2015!**

DEACON NEIL

January Birthdays:

1/1 Marcel Boisvert, John Hoell, Lenny Merullo,
1/2 Jim Sullivan, 1/3 Brian Desmond, 1/5 Peter Broderick, 1/6 Bill Cotreau, 1/8 Frank Andrews, 1/9 Tom Connery, 1/12 Tim Griesmer, 1/14 Fr. Darin Colarusso, 1/15 Peter DelGreco, 1/21 Charley Fallon, Richard Fallon, 1/22 Fred Litterio, 1/23 Paul Cummings, 1/24 Andrew Gori, 1/29 George McHugh

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.

K of C Evangelization:

A recent publication by a noted Professor at BC, George Weigel mentioned the K of C and evangelization in the Catholic Church. "The K of C, which in the twenty first century has become an international network of Catholic laymen who are robustly and dynamically orthodox and who undertake various charitable and educational activities. The Knights are also a major factor in Catholic philanthropy throughout the world Church."

Christmas Open House:

We held our annual “Children’s Open House” at Enos Hall on Sunday November 30th from 1:00 to 4:00. This is the day of town’s Tree Lighting Ceremony. It is usually well attended as we provide arts and crafts for the children and hot chocolate as they await the tree lighting at 4:30.



Mass at the Field House:

St. Agnes Parish held their 4:00 Xmass Eve Mass at the High School Field House again this year. The seating was rearranged and all of the bleachers were opened in order to accommodate last year's overflow. It is estimated that 2500 attended the Mass. There was 24 Lay Ministers used to distributed communion.



Fourth Degree:

DGK Tom Cappuccio received his Fourth Degree at a ceremony on Nov. 30th; he is now a member of the St. Pius X Assembly.



K of C Basketball Free Throw competition:

This is a very popular event for the community and although regionals are held at Parker Middle School later in the year our council has not always taken part in it due to lack of leadership. Thanks to PGK Mike Canavan who has once again volunteered to chair this event it will be held January 24 at the "Y".

We had a very successful event last year, thanks to PGK Mike Canavan, with 24 youngsters (boys and girls from 10 – 13 years old) participating.

Plenty of help is needed. If you are able to assist please sign up at

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

Lounge Christmas Party:

The annual Xmas party for members and guests was held on December 13 in the lounge. A great time was had by all and the many treats were certainly enjoyed.

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.

If you are interested contact Ernie Arsenault at 781 944 9083 or ernie101@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:

Jan. 13 8:00 PM Council meeting

Jan. 24 5:00 PM Free Throw Competition

Jan. 27 8:00 PM Council meeting

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