



Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR MARCH 2015

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

I hope I find everyone in good spirits.

The joy of all parents is to teach their children art of living a happy and fruitful life. As parents we want to be the primary educators of our children.

I have always believed that the family that prays together stays together. A child is called to something greater than him or herself and will realize this through his or her relationship with others. It is up to us as parents to help our children as they grow and become adults. Eventually they will have a family of their own.

Through our religion we will keep them close to our God and keep them and their children 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:

Lucretia Barrett, the loving wife of Brother Robert Barrett passed away on February 6. She was 87 years of age. Our condolences to Bob and his family.

FS Charlie Fallon is recuperating at home after having a knee replaced. Lots of pain.

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

Every so often I come across an article or reflection which I find so inspiring and memorable that I cannot but share it with you. I encountered one such reflection in the Lenten booklet, *Let Jesus Lead the Way*, by Joseph Sica. In it, we're told to:

Watch out! You're contagious.

Each of us carries **the FLU**—*not the disease kind*—but the *in-FLU-ential kind* through which we will affect every person we come into contact with. ***Even if we're unaware***, people will adopt certain mannerisms, catchphrases, and attitudes from us.

Yes, our “FLU” IS contagious.

We're always communicating—simply by being who we are, and by saying what we say, and by doing what we do. We may be the only carrier of positive influence that another person has—so, it's a big responsibility. As a healthy carrier of influence, we must showcase absolute integrity, possess a positive frame of mind and attitude, deliberately listen to, understand, and appreciate people's differences—and DO what is right.

In other words we do the Knights and our beloved Church credit—***IF...that is IF...***we are a **POSITIVE INFLUENCE!**

We need to spend the remaining holy season of our Lenten celebration polishing up the image with which we wish to influence the world and help to build the Kingdom of God on earth. We can all use a “buffing up” and if we're honest, we each know where we must begin to make the improvements in our lives.

DEACON NEIL

March Birthdays:

3/1 Walter Kulakowski, Joe Walker, 3/7 Matthew Bloomfield, 3/15 Richard Coco, 3/17 Gerald Boudreau, Bob O'Brien, 3/20 Michael Gordan, 3/21 David Ventola, Ted Watson, 3/23 Kevin Kerrigan, 3/28 Robert Barrett, Ed Marchand, 3/29 Frank Bastolla, 3/30 Jim Fandel, Rev. Dennis Gallagher.

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.

Your Help is needed to update our Records:

If your birthday is incorrect let us know. Email John Silva at jasilva397@aim.com or call 781 944 4285.

Communion Breakfast:

This year's Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday March 22 with Mass at St Athanasius at 9:00 followed by breakfast at the K of C Enos Hall. This popular event is open to all and we especially invite you to bring your children and make this a family event. Let us know how many are coming. Sign up at:

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

Please help Camille order the correct amount of food. RSVP now, but no later than Thursday, March 19.

Let's Help Charlie:

Our Financial Secretary, Charlie Fallon had his knee replaced in January and it has been a long recovery. It would be a big help to Charlie if his Brother Knights would send in their dues ASAP. This would be a big help by saving him from the need to send a second mailing.

The Charities of the Reading Knights:

The Council recently voted to contribute to various organization.

- \$100 to the Reading Education Foundation. The Reading Education Foundation provides private money to fund initiatives that are beyond the reach of public funds.

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.



The winners of our local competition, their names were published in the February bulletin, advanced to the District Competition that was held at the Andover Council February 8.

The winners of this competition were:

- Boys, age 9 - Owen Vetreo, Newburyport
- Girls, age 9 - Megan Pappo, Reading
- Boys, age 10 - Carter Fox, Reading
- Girls, age 10 - Liana Joy Winans, Reading
- Boys, age 11 - Charles Gagnon, Newburyport
- Boys, age 12 - Maxwell Lindbergh - Reading
- Girls, age 14 - Korine Haidul – Reading

These winners will advance to the Regional Competition to be held at the Parker Middle School in Reading on March 21.

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>

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.

Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:

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

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

Council Meetings:

March 10 8:00 PM Council meeting

March 22 9:00 AM Knights Mass/Breakfast

March 24 8:00 PM Council meeting

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