



Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR MAY 2015

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



My Brother Knights,

I hope that you are all in good spirits.

This past weekend we learned about being a good shepherd.

I feel as though we Knights are the shepherd. It is up to us to help where ever there is a need in our community. Our Council tries and often succeeds in helping a person and family in need.

Also in our community we must also remember our families. They are the most important ones in our lives.

I would like to sponsor a family from one of our parishes this coming

Christmas.

Please give me some feedback if we could proceed with this family in need.

Yours in Christ

Len Ebert Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

Brother John Hoell died April 21. John was a veteran of the Navy; he served in the Pacific during WWII, and a longtime resident of Reading. Our condolences to John's family.

Brother Ed Knowles has been admitted to Lahey Hospital. Pray for his speedy recovery.

Brother Bill Guazzaloca has been admitted to the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

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

We tend to think of Original Sin as something which happened a long, long, time ago which does not really concern us now in our modern day and age. But, it is precisely because of the fact that, after original sin, God came looking for mankind (looking for US—*asking the question: “Where are you?”*), that the act of Original Sin became so important to us, *even today*, because this question, following the fall, began the long history of dialogue between God and us that we call *prayer!*

Here, God made it possible for us to draw close to him once again; for it is GOD who asks for US—GOD who calls to US.

As we have seen in our readings from the Acts of the Apostles during this Easter Season, the first disciples turned to their *dialogue with God—their prayer*—to receive the instructions and directions that God had for them; to learn where and what he was calling them to do, especially in difficult times.

As dedicated Christians and Brother Knights, our ability to seek out—to discover, define, and accept our calling—*Our Personal Mission from God*—comes to us, and grows in us only in prayer.

Do we believe we're too young or too old, too busy or too ... *well... whatever... to receive another call—FORGET IT!* God calls us in his own good time. And his call can come at any phase and at any place in our lives. Those who know me know that I myself have had three “careers” or “callings” in the church—as a professed religious—as an active lay parishioner, husband and father—and now as an Ordained Permanent Deacon. And many others have similar stories to tell about their “surprise” calls to service. So we'd all better learn to be open, to pray always, and to be prepared for whatever God asks of us at any time that he chooses to do so—*Above all, don't be so surprised when he does actually call!*

DEACON NEIL

May Birthdays:

5/1 Rev. William Faix, Francis McCormack, Arthur Nigro, 5/2 Guy Demartinis, 5/6 Peter Nestor, 5/7 Robert Mandile, 5/9 Robert Ryan, 5/13 Tom Ryan, 5/14 Dino Cuscuna, 5/15 Corey Collins, John Tierney, 5/16 Rev. Tom Powers, 5/22 Ralph Barile, 5/26 Jim Brangiforte, 5/30 Steve Kintigos, 5/31 Paul Fitzgerald

The Charities of the Reading Knights:

The Council recently voted to contribute to various organizations.

- \$100 to sponsor John Silva's Ride for Emmaus.
- \$400 to sponsor the Reading Little League Red Sox. This covers the cost of uniforms, supplies and allows us to have our name on the uniforms.
- \$100 to the “Best Buddies” Association
- \$100 to the “Run to Home Base” Campaign which helps to heal the Invisible Wounds of War of returning Veterans.

Pancake Breakfast:

The Reading Knights of Columbus Council 1031 will be sponsoring a complimentary pancake breakfast for St. Athanasius parishioners on Sunday, May 17th from 9:45 to 11:15am. The council will also honor parish Altar Servers and Youth Choir members at this time.

Sign up Now to Help out!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-stathanasius2>

Old Timers Night:

Old Timers Night also known as Awards Night will be held on Tuesday May 19. This has always been occasion for our members, both the Older and the Newer Knights to come together in fellowship. There will be a special Dinner followed by recognition of some our long standing members as they become Honorary Life Members. Please plan to join us. The evening will start with a Social at 6:00 and Dinner at 6:30. **We need a count! Signup Now!** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAE2EAB9-awards>

Honorary Life Member:

In recognition of long term dedication to the Order a member after 25 years of continuous service and on reaching the age of 70 receives the distinction of “Honorary Life Member”. The Honorary Life Member receives a permanent membership card and is exempt of further payment of dues.

If you are one of the 65 Honorary Life Members in our Council and are not as active as you once were we would like to hear from you. Drop us a line, share what you are doing and especially your present address.

We Have a Couple of Winners:



Maxwell Lindbergh from Reading won the Knights of Columbus (KofC) State Free Throw Competition for boys age 12 on Saturday, March 28th at Nichols College. He hit an unbelievable 22 out of 25 shots. He previously won the Regional competition held at Parker Middle School in Reading on March 21st (also hitting 22 out of 25), preceded by winning the District competition in Andover February 7th and the Reading Council competition held at the Burbank YMCA on January 24th.



Korine Haidul from Wakefield was a runner up at the KofC State Free Throw Competition in the girls age 14 category after just missing first place in a tie breaker round. She also previously won the Regional competition held at Parker Middle School in Reading on March 21st (winning in a tie breaker round), preceded by winning the District competition in Andover February 7th and the Reading Council competition held at the Burbank YMCA on January 24th

Spring (50/50) Charity Drive:

The Charities of the Reading Knights are funded with monies that are collected during the Spring Charity Drive that will be held this year on Fri. 6/5 and Sat. 6/6. Your participation is needed to assure its success. Of the monies we collect 50% is donated to the Reading Food Pantry and the remainder goes to our Charity Fund.

Please help to make this a success by donating two hours of your time to this worthy cause. **Sign up now!!**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA4A729A75-knights>

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.

Brian Nowicki, PGK/Treasurer

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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.

HELP WANTED - Customer Service:

Part time bartender needed for our members lounge. Training provided. Members, family and friends that are interested in the job should contact the bar manager for details. Please call Steve at [781-944-9748](tel:781-944-9748) Monday - Saturday after 4:00 PM.

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.

Council Meetings:

May 12	8:00 PM	Council meeting
May 17	9:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
May 19	6:00 PM	Old Timers Night
May 26	8:00 PM	Council meeting
June 5-6		Charity Drive
June 9		Election of Officers

