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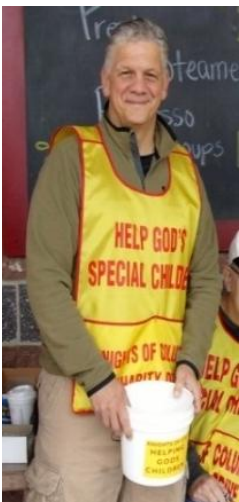
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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR OCTOBER 2015**

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My Brother Knights,

My 82 year old mom put things in perspective for me this month. I unknowingly called her during the Pope's mass at St. Patrick's in New York and instead of our usual 30-45 minute conversation; she abruptly said to me "Why aren't you watching the Pope?" Now I had just gotten home from a 12 hour day at work and before I could utter a word she said "Call me back later" and pretty much hung up on me! Quite a humbling experience for the youngest son of an Italian mother.

The Pope's visit to the US in many ways mirrors what is happening at our council during September and October. Our calendar is very full of events like the Reading Town Faire, Penalty Kick Challenge and our Charity Drive. We very much focus on community and charity and try to touch as many people as we can.

I must say I think the 78 year old Pope is holding up better than a lot of us are. He is an inspiration to us all.

I hope as many Brother Knights as possible can follow the Pope's example and get active in at least one of our events.

If not this month, there will be other opportunities throughout the year. It will make you feel good and more importantly it will be helping others.

Tom Cappuccio      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](mailto:ernea101@gmail.com).

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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### *ON CELEBRATING THE SABBATH*

It's hard to believe Ordinary Time is closing and we'll soon be celebrating Advent and a new liturgical year—***Time does fly!***

But the more hectic our lives, the more we need the celebration of liturgical feasts through the year—usually celebrated at our weekend Sabbath Masses—which serve to “keep us in touch” with the liturgical year, strengthen our Faith, and enable us to witness to the Good News for others.

Keeping holy the Sabbath at Mass through Prayer, the reading of Scripture, listening attentively to Homilies, and partaking of the Eucharist, all strengthen and prepare us for the Evangelizing work at hand—to which we have committed ourselves through our Baptism and Confirmation promises and as Brother Knights.

But Jesus also teaches us by word and example to ***go off alone to pray***. Now, we may not be able to leave the family and go on even a week-end retreat, but every so often (perhaps at the start of a new season, or in preparation for a particular Feast) we might take some time on our Sabbath, or on a “quiet” day during the week, to spend some extra time in prayer...perhaps by attending our parish Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, or just by making a lunchtime visit to a church near our workplace to spend some alone time with Our Lord.

DEACON NEIL

### **October Birthdays:**

10/1 Ed Knowles, 10/2 Joe DiCalogero, 10/3 Brian Nowicki, 10/8 Bill Guazzaloca, 10/12 Bob Castine, Peter Nunes, 10/13 Mike Fallon, 10/15 Dan Stanton, 10/16 Fran Enos, 10/17 Dennis Farrell, 10/21 Mike Canavan, 10/26 Jason Melius, 10/27 Tom O'Connor, 10/29 Greg Gohr, 10/30 John Firenze, Brian Jones.

### **Third Degree:**

Financial Secretary Charlie Fallon is shown with Brothers Jim O'Leary, and Rich Fallon after they received their Third Degree on August 29<sup>th</sup> in a ceremony held at the Lawrence Council.



### **Reading Fall Street Faire:**

Again this year we had a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> advertising the Council's good works. We gave away Tootsie Rolls and accepted contributions toward our regular Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Thanks to all that came out to help.



Dick, Charlie, Tom and John were there greeting visitors

### **K of C Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge:**

The Soccer Challenge was held on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event, thanks to PGK Mike Canavan and the Knights that assisted him. The winners will be published next month

### **Tootsie Roll Drive:**

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive") will be held on the weekend of Oct. 9, 10 & 11.

Many people including our Brother Knights have asked how and to whom these monies are distributed. The donations we receive, minus the cost of the Tootsie Rolls, are passed on to the state council. Individual Councils can receive grants based on a specific need that is documented in an application from the Grand Knight. This need can be for a number of items, in the past we have received grants to assist with Handicap Ramps, Hearing Aids, Wheelchairs, etc. If you know of a need let the Grand Knight know of it. In the past we have received grants that at least equal our contribution.

Please put this on your calendar and sign up now to make this year's campaign a success.  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-campaign2>

### **Calling All Knights-Tootsie Roll Weekend October 9-11<sup>th</sup>**

Columbus Day weekend and the Knights of Columbus Annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities is fast approaching. This year Reading Council 1031 has something special planned to recognize our Knights and help promote Membership in our council. We are asking **all** Knights attending any Mass at St. Agnes and St. Athanasius on October 10th & 11th to join together before and after Mass to help with the fund raiser. After Mass there will be a group picture of all Knights present. This will be taken for use in new membership materials. We are calling all Knights to stand together in Unity and Charity.

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### **Correction:**

The Council Officers for this fraternal year were published in the July edition. The Inside Guard was shown as Brother John Freitas. It should have been shown as Brother John Firenze.

### **K of C Insurance Program:**

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### **Council Calendar:**

Oct. 9, 10, 11	Tootsie Roll Drive
Oct. 13	8:00 PM Council Meeting
Oct 20	8:00 PM HBC Meeting
Oct. 27	8:00 PM Council Meeting
Nov. 10	6:30 Mass for Departed Brothers

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