

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR SEPTEMBER 2015

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Fellow Brother Knights

I am honored to have been nominated and elected to serve as your Deputy Grand Knight for the coming year. I look forward to working with Grand Knight Tom Cappuccio to strengthen and grow our Council.

Briefly, I was born and raised in Lawrence, Mass., graduated from Lawrence High and attended Holy Rosary church in that community. I am an engineer by training, having graduated from Boston University/College of Engineering in 1962 and MIT Aero/Astro Graduate School in 1969. I have retired from both Draper Laboratory and MIT.

My wife Joan and I were married in May, 1971 and have two children Susan and Robert. We have resided in Reading since 1973 and both of our children attended Reading Schools. Our family attends church at St. Athanasius. Joan is a retired Transfer Agent and I am currently on the Wakefield High School staff working as a part time substitute teacher.

Having participated in several events supported by our Council, I have found that the same groups of Brothers volunteer to help at these events. If our council is to grow and continue to be active in our community more members need to step up and volunteer to help at the events the Council supports.

Deputy Grand Knight Richard Coco

Sick and Vigil:

Our Brother Knight and Treasurer Brian Nowicki's mother Ellen recently underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor, please remember her in your prayers.

Brother Arthur Nigro died on August 21 he was 88 years old.

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

ABOUT OUR HOSPITALITY...

Alice and Bill were pleasantly surprised while on vacation when they arrived very early for the virtually empty 4:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass at a local Catholic church and were greeted with the words: *“Oh! You must be new here”*. Their joy was short lived, however, when they found out later that the parishioner knew they were *“new”* because they were sitting in his regular pew (*and he was none too happy about that either*).

We claim, as Christians (and Brother Knights) to value our hospitality—rolling out the red carpet in our parishes and K of C councils to welcome all—especially strangers—*But do we really?*

Do we actually go out of our way to greet strangers; saying hello—introducing them to others—and guiding them through the intricacies of our Parish or Council’s individual *“protocol”*—especially, concerning the celebration or occasion for which they are present? Or, do we show by our body language, (which is often more hurtful than verbal communication), that interrupting what we’re doing at the moment to help *them*, is going to be a real burden?

Do we greet strangers on the way out—asking if they need directions or information on the area to make their stay more enjoyable? Or do we barge ahead of them in the aisle or worse, risk their lives in the parking lot trying to get home, or to be first in line for the early bird special?

What lasting impression do we leave with visiting strangers at our Church or Council?

DEACON NEIL

September Birthdays:

9/1 Anthony Marino, John McCullough, 9/3 Mike Cloonan, 9/4 David Rossi, 9/6 Jerry Colford, Tom Strandberg, 9/8 Paul Robertson, 9/18 John Shaw, 9/19 Martin McHardy, 9/21 Frank Connolly, 9/22 Joe Baranofsky, 9/23 Richard Deroo, 9/25 William Coveney, Fred Hanifan, 9/27 Rocco Iapicca, Tom Williamson, 9/29 Frank Castiglione, Deacon Neil Sumner, 9/30 Dick Felone.

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

30th Annual St. Agnes Men’s Retreat:

You are invited to participate in our annual retreat that will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12th – 13th. The Retreat begins with breakfast on Saturday and ends with Sunday lunch.

However there is a ‘Saturday Only’ option if you are unable to spend both days with us.

For additional information contact either John Silva 781-944-4285, email jasilva397@aim.com, or Ernie Arsenault 781-944-9083, email ernea101@gmail.com.

Reading Fall Street Faire:

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 13th advertising the Councils good works. We will be giving out Tootsie Rolls and soliciting contributions toward our regular Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. As always we need your assistance to make this a success. You can sign up to help out, on line at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cdae2eab9-reading3>

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. Please put this on your calendar and sign up now to make this year’s campaign a success. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cdae2eab9-campaign2>

The Charities of the Reading Knights:

The Council recently voted to contribute to various organizations.

Donate \$1200 to the Reading Food Pantry. This represents approx. 50% of the amount that was collected in the spring charity drive.

Donate \$250 to the Mitchell Family in memory of Brother Knight David.

Second Degree:

Grand Knight Tom Cappuccio is shown with Brothers Jim O'Leary, Rich Fallon and Bob Baynes after they received their Second Degree on July 28 in a ceremony held at the Saugus Council.



John Silva's Emmaus Ride:

Thank you for supporting me on the Emmaus Cycle for Shelter Ride, a 100 mile bike ride to raise funds for the Emmaus House in Haverhill. To learn more about the many ways they are making a difference visit their website, www.emmausinc.org.

K of C Soccer Penalty Kick Challenge:

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge to be hosted by K of C Reading Council 1031. The local competition will be held Sunday Sept. 27th at 1:00 P.M. at the Parker Middle School Field, Reading, MA rain or shine. Players test their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Points are awarded by kicking the ball through scoring zones in the net. This is a **free** event. Age group winners can continue to compete at the next level.

Event Chairman;

Michael.Canavan2@comcast.net 781-944-0042.

Knights' helpers please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-kofc2>

Four Degree Golf Outing:

St. Pius X Assembly 4th Degree is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Golf Outing at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading on Sept. 27, Guest golfers are welcome, \$45 includes 9 holes golf w/cart, followed by a cookout at the North Reading K of C Hall on Rt. 28. Proceeds to benefit the St. Pius X Assembly Scholarship and Charity Funds.

Contact PGK Joe Barletta 603-458-2363 or PGK Bill Berry 617-966-8712

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Council Calendar:

Sept. 8	8:00 PM Council Meeting
Sept. 12-13	30 th Men's Retreat
Sept. 13	Reading Town Fair
Sept. 22	8:00 PM Council Meeting
Sept. 27	4 th Degree Golf Outing
Oct. 4	1:00 Penalty Kick
Oct. 9, 10, 11	Tootsie Roll Drive

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