

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR** **APRIL 2017**

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Brothers, As we near the end of Lent I hope that you all have been able to take a little time each day to pray and listen to God and be open to what he has to say. It's not always what we want to hear but we need to accept his plan and do the best we can with the gifts he has given each one of us.

Our council has continued to grow and change over the last month. We welcomed 4 new Brother Knights on March 27<sup>th</sup> at our own Enos Hall. We have been blessed to have experienced the growth of membership over the past few years, truly a sign that God is hard at work at our parishes.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> the K of C held their regional free throw contest at Coolidge Middle School and our council had 3 children win their age brackets and move on to States. Thanks to Mike Canavan and Dick Coco for their support and involvement with this event.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will hold our annual communion breakfast at our K of C Enos hall after the 9 am mass at St. Athanasius. Hopefully you have signed up but there is still time to do so (see the link in our bulletin).

Lastly our HBC (Home Builders Corporation) has been busy discussing and planning for the future of our building. We are looking for as many as possible to get involved and help us improve our facility which will help us to be more charitable. Any help is appreciated.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Cappuccio, Grand Knight

### **Sick and Vigil:**

PGK Ted Watson passed away on March 3 at the age of 93. He was Grand Knight in 1954, the longest living Grand Knight In our Council. Ted loved the Knights and always attended our affairs, in fact last May's Old Timers Night was the first event he had missed in many years. He will be missed by many.

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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What can we say to people who complain their prayers are not answered?

*First*, remind them that our prayer may be about our needs, but should never be about our wants. Prayer is an honest conversation with God for which there are only three responses by God: 'yes,' 'not yet' and 'I have a better idea'—NOTICE "NO" is not an option.

*Second*, perseverance and persistence are always required. Think of each prayer as a seed which—*only over time*—produces the blade, then the ear and finally the ripe wheat in the ear—all typically out of the sight and control of the farmer who planted the seed.

*Finally*, we must always consider that God may have a better idea which calls for our discernment and, ultimately, our willing acceptance of His Divine Will.

We can help others in difficult times by praying with and for them, by encouraging persistency in prayer, and by demonstrating *our* trust in God's faithfulness—always praying with Jesus as he taught us, by praying, "*not my will, but your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*"

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### DEACON NEIL

#### **April Birthdays:**

4/2 Bradley Agostinelli, 4/4 Joseph F Donegan, Frank J. Dunn, Jason Deangelis, 4/6 Reginald T. Peters, Patrick J, Curran Jr., Edward F. Sartell, 4/8 Richard P Halloran, 4/11 Patrick H Lantry, 4/13 John E. Cafazzo, Richard A. Hill, 4/14 John Ferguson, 4/16 James L. O'Leary 4/17 Michael Olivo, 4/21 Robert G McInerney, 4/22 Roger J. D'Entremont, 4/24 John P. Barrette, 4/25 Edward G. Dee, 4/26 Paul G. Lannon, 4/28 Robert J. Beckman, 4/29 Domenic Cacciapuoti.

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#### **Let's Help Charlie:**

Let's all help FS Charlie Fallon by providing prompt payment of your dues ASAP. This would avoid the need for him to send a second mailing.

#### **First Degree Ceremonies:**

Four new members to our council received their First Degree on Mar. 27. Introduce yourself to these men as Brother Knights when you see them.



Michael Conway, Kevin McKenna, John Shinn, Mathew Toombs

### **First Degree Team:**

This First Degree ceremony was held in our Enos Hall and was presided over by a team of brothers from our Council.



Warden Bert Almeida, Grand Knight Tom Cappuccio, Deputy Grand Knight Dick Coco, and Chancellor Jack Swymer. Jack filled his role with gusto, reminiscent of Chet's many times in that role.

### **Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition:**

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Regional Basketball Free Throw Competition at the Coolidge Middle School in Reading on March 4. There were nine boys and girls from ages nine to fourteen from Reading who participated as a result of winning the Local Competition in Reading on January 28. The winners are now eligible to advance on to the State Competition on April 29.



Regional winners from Reading were; Kyle Weaver, Ben Regazzini, and Liana Winans.

### **Communion Breakfast:**

This year's Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 2 with 9:00 AM Mass at St Athanasius followed by breakfast at the K of C Enos Hall. This popular event is open to family and friends. Please sign up at:

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#### **Callers Needed:**

We need people to who are willing to be callers. We have a call tree established where 1 Brother calls about 10 people a few times a year to give a verbal invitation to the major events; Mass for Our Departed Brothers, Communion Mass, Charity Drive, Columbus Day Drive. This is an important service to our council. It's often how we find out how our Brothers are doing; ensure they have current email addresses on file, etc. We are short callers and need some more people to help with this service to our Council. If available, please contact Mike Canavan, 791-872-0042 or [michael.canavan2@comcast.net](mailto:michael.canavan2@comcast.net)

#### **Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:**

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#### **Council Calendar:**

Apr. 2 9:00 AM Mass at St. Athanasius  
Followed with Breakfast in Enos Hall

Apr. 11 8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting

Apr. 18 8:00 PM HBC Meeting

Apr. 25 8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting

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