

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR FEBRUARY 2017

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



Tom's View

Brothers,

As a Patriots season ticket holder I am thankful and appreciative of the great team and coaches that we have. The consistency that we have witnessed over the past 15 years is unmatched and one of the greatest examples of teamwork in the history of sports.

Our K of C team has enjoyed success and growth due to the hard work and dedication of our over 200 Brother Knights and I am very much appreciative of this.

In January we held a recruitment drive at St. Athanasius thanks to Rich Coco and several volunteers. At St. Agnes, God threw a snow storm at us but this set back actually has led to an even better recruitment opportunity as Bob Baynes and others will hold a pancake breakfast and recruitment drive on February 19th. This will be the first time we have had an event like this at St. Agnes.

Lastly, Mike Canavan and several volunteers hosted our annual Free Throw Challenge at the YMCA. We had about 25 kids sign up and enjoy the friendly competition. Also we would like to thank Brad Agostonelli, Teen Director at the YMCA and also a Brother Knight for helping with the event

Thanks for your support. Let us live our faith, show our face to our parishes in our recruitment drive so we can continue to do more for them and our community.

Let's all make this the year that we increase our participation in Council Activities. And remember brothers we practice; Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism and we live and practice our Faith as Catholic Gentlemen.

In Christ, Tom Cappuccio, Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

FS Charlie Fallon had a procedure Jan. 31 to remove new tumors from his liver. We pray for a successful and speedy recovery.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT _____

A ROADMAP TO PERSONAL EVANGELIZATION:

The Diocese of Lansing MI, in their program "**CALLED BY NAME**," chose *4 Pillars of Evangelization* as a practical guide to follow in helping others whom we hope will consider becoming (or returning to) our Faith.

PRAYER – the first and most fundamental Pillar reminds us that calling others to him is primarily God's work, and when we begin helping another come to, or return to the Church, we should seriously pray to God that he use us as his instrument; guiding us every step of the way.

WITNESS – We primarily witness by our lives and our words. *By our lives means* living in a manner that reflects true faith in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. *By our words means* clearly articulating God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ when teaching or answering any questions posed—and witnessing to Christ's saving power as we've see it in our own lives.

INVITE – Invitation has multiple levels. We may invite these seekers into a deeper relationship *with God* through prayer, open dialogue around faith issues or attending a church function—perhaps the Parish picnic or a pot luck supper, a great talk given at the parish or an opportunity to attend Mass together. We should also invite them into a closer relationship with ourselves, by opening our home, sharing common interests, or extending a listening ear. A deeper trusting relationship with us and our families will add credence to our witness.

ACCOMPANY – accompaniment is what we're doing in *prayer, witness and invitation*. It begins by recognizing that *we have a role in another's faith journey*. This pillar is about focusing on intentionally walking with those joining or returning to the Church. It's also about recognizing that this doesn't ever end. Examples of accompaniment are joining a Bible study group with them—or perhaps later sponsoring them as a Knight—but at the very least, checking in regularly (*as any friend would*) to see how they're doing on their faith journey.

DEACON NEIL

February Birthdays:

2/3 Steve Gagnon, 2/4 Mike Fennelly, 2/6 Ed McCabe, 2/13 Dan Gray, 2/14 Len Ebert, 2/16 Mike Gildea, 2/18 Rev Tomas Vattalhara, 2/19 William Fox, 2/22 Robert Haley, 2/25 Mark Notarangeli, 2/27 Dennis Symes, 2/28 Mark Spengler

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Reading Food Pantry:

Grand Knight Tom Cappriccio and Financial Secretary Charlie Fallon, of the Reading Knights of Columbus are shown presenting Phyllis Maxwell of the Reading Food Pantry with a check for \$1500.00. This represents 50% of our 2016 Charity Drive. The remainder is used to support other local charities, primarily to those in support of our school children.



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Recruitment Drive – St. Athanasius:

The Recruitment Drive at St. Athanasius was held the weekend of Jan. 14 - 15. They received applications from seven future knights. Fr. Colorusso is shown with some of the brother Knights that helped out.



Recruitment Drive – St. Agnes:

The Recruitment Drive that was scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 7 – 8 at St. Agnes was cancelled due to snow. It has been rescheduled to Feb. 18-19 and will include a pancake breakfast on the 19th. Breakfast will be the Parish center hall after the Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 Masses. Pulpit talks will be held at all Masses along with membership information after Mass. Please consider helping at this event, sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-stagnes1>

K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

The local competition was held at the Reading YMCA on Jan. 28. The results will be reported in the March bulletin.

Callers:

Can you help!! Additional callers are needed to be sure this is not a burden carried by a few. You will receive a list of names, no more the 10 to call on occasion. These calls are needed to get the word out about special events, maybe 3 - 4 times a year. For more information contact; Mike Canavan, email; michael.canavan2@comcast.net.

Home Builders Corp.

There will be a meeting of the HBC at 7:30 Tues. Feb. 21. Every Knight is a member of the HBC and you are urged to attend this very important meeting.

Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:

Mon, Tues, Wed. - 4:00 to 9:00
Thurs., Fri. Sat. - 4:00 to 11:00

Council Calendar:

Jan. 28	3:00 Free Throw at the RMHS Field House
Feb.14	8:00 PM Council Meeting
Feb. 18-19	Recruitment Drive at St. Agnes
Feb. 21	7:30 HBC Meeting
Feb. 28	8:00 PM Council Meeting

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