

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR** **JULY 2017**

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



Dear Brother Knights:

I am sincerely honored to have been nominated and elected Grand Knight of Council 1031 for the upcoming fraternal year. I am committed to continuing the efforts initiated by PGK Tom Cappuccio to grow membership, expand our charitable contributions and increase our volunteering in community based support programs.

Charity, Unity and Fraternity are the three guiding principles of the Knights of Columbus. Working together we can accomplish much! Currently, only a small number of members volunteer to help support our many charitable and volunteer programs. It is important that more of the current 200, members that make up

Council 1031, volunteer and become active helping our Council meet its goals.

As a start, this fall the Council will again have a booth at the Reading Town Faire scheduled for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed to set up and staff the booth which is an important means of showing the public our many contributions to Reading.

During this coming year, I would like the Council to sponsor 2 – 3 social events for members and their families. To achieve this 3-4 members will be needed to staff a social committee to plan these events. Another opportunity for volunteer service.

I am honored and privileged to have been elected Grand Knight for the coming fraternal year and thank all members in advance for your prayers and support as we move forward.

Vivat Jesus Richard Coco Grand Knight

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Brother Ken Masse died May 10 at the age of 70. Ken was a long time resident of Reading and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1031. Our prayers are with his family.

Brian Kraft the 43 year old cousin of Treasurer Brian Nowicki has died. Our prayers for his family at the loss of this young man.

Remember to keep our Former Financial Secretary Charley Fallon in your prayers as he continues to do battle with cancer.

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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### Just what is happening in our world?

With all that has been going on lately with the media outlets screaming 24/7 about drug trafficking, pedestrian attacks, airport bombings and school shootings—It seems as if the world is whirling out of control. I even heard one man questioning: *"Has God deserted the world?"*

God originally created a beautiful, orderly world that provided everything people needed. Human greed—*always wanting something we don't have*—brought evil into that perfect world. It's a wonder that God didn't turn away in disgust, vowing never to have anything more to do with humanity.

But, instead, God stayed as near to us as we are to ourselves. And we are as dear to Him now as ever. It is not God who has deserted the world. It is the world that has deserted God.

Let's not blame God for the present sad condition of the world. Rather, let's spend some of our down time this summer, in quiet reflection, asking forgiveness from God for trying to take the world away from Him; for hurting our fellow human beings, for not caring enough about what happens to the earth or to the people on it. And then, let's focus our prayers asking His help to address these evils at least in our own lives, by spreading love and unity instead of hate and division.

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### DEACON NEIL

#### **July Birthdays:**

7/01 Kevin G, Cashin, Sylvain J Tremblay, 7/04 Dominick A Caturello, Christopher R Lively, 7/10 Thomas D Boudreau, 7/13 Chester F Tyminski, 7/17 Joseph S Failla, John F Russo, Daniel J Sullivan, 7/18 Guillermo "Bill" Bachiller, 7/23 Joseph J Doherty, Robert J Stanton, 7/24 Thomas Cappuccio, Bartholomew G Mullin, 7/25 Domenic Cacciapuoti Sr, 7/30 Ronald J Healy.

#### **Summer Lunch:**

We have an excellent opportunity to be involved in a local program that benefits residents of Reading. Brother David Ventola, who is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul council at St. Agnes Parish, is helping to coordinate this program with the Reading Food Pantry. There is a brief description of the program below as well as a sign up genius link.

This program is to support families that receive subsidized lunch during the school year. The families that subscribe receive each week a one week stock of non-perishable food items for lunch.

Help is needed on Thurs. and Fridays. Sign Up; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4daaad2da02-reading>

#### **Council Officers for 2017/2018:**

The following Brother Knights accepted their nominations and were elected at the meeting of June 27 to guide our Council for the coming year.

Grand Knight	Richard Coco
Deputy GK	Bob Baynes
Chancellor	John Rodrigues
Warden	Richard Fallon
Treasurer	Brian Nowicki
Recorder	Steve Kintigos
Advocate	Steven O'Shea
Inside Guard	Jim O'Leary
Outside Guard	Ron Petrin
Trustee (1 Yr.)	Tom Cappuccio
Trustee (2 Yr.)	Mike Canavan
Trustee (3 Yr.)	Chet Tyminski

#### **Permanent Position:**

Financial Secretary – Jason DeAngelis

#### **Co-Chaplains:**

Fr. Darin Colarusso

Fr. Stephen Rock

### **Spring (50/50) Charity Drive:**

This year we were able to man all stations on Friday and Saturday. Thanks for your support that made this a success and enable us to give to the many worthy causes asking for our assistance. We collected \$2650 and will be donating \$1500 (50%) to the Reading Food Pantry.



**Guy and Maxwell DeMartinis**



**Steven O'Shea and Bob Baynes**

### **Congratulations:**

Reading resident and Brother Corey E. Collins, D.O. has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the statewide professional association of physicians with more than 25,000 members.

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### **K of C Charities:**

The Council has recently approved the following donations;

- \$100 to Special Olympics
- \$100 to MS, "Brother Kevin McKenna's ride to Provincetown."
- \$50 to purchase Rosary booklets
- \$500 to the Schoolhouse Fire Fund.
- \$100 Brother John Silva's Ride for the Emmaus House
- \$1500 to the Reading Food Pantry.

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

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 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/30e044cadae2eab9-reading3>.

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### **Bulletin Publication:**

The bulletin will not be published in August, See you in September for the start of our new year.

### **Council Meetings:**

The meetings that are normally scheduled for the Second Tuesday for July and August have been cancelled.

### **Council Calendar:**

July 25	8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting
Aug 22	8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting
Sept. 10	Reading Fall Street Fair



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