

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR MAY 2017**

***Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism  
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Brothers:

Mathew 20:28 says "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve". I think this one line sums up what the Knights of Columbus is all about. We should all strive to take more time to serve those less fortunate, or down on their luck. One of our newest Brother Knights, Kevin McKenna, is participating in a prison Cursillo in May. I am truly impressed by his deep commitment to serve others. I know we all wish him well on this endeavor.

We all will have an opportunity to serve coming up on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at My Brothers Table in Lynn. Last September we had 13 Brothers sign up and all felt as though it was a very meaningful and worthwhile experience.

On Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will hold our annual charity drive fund raiser at Market Basket and other locations around Reading. Half of our proceeds go to the Reading Food Pantry and half to our own charity fund. I know that the more Brothers that sign up, the more we will be able to donate!

Last year we donated \$1500...let's beat it this year!

Lastly, we will have our "Old Timers Night" on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at K of C Enos Hall. We take time to honor all men who have been Knights for 25 years plus. I hope you will come by and show your support.

All the sign-ups for these are located in our newsletter as well as on the Activities tab of our web site. I hope to see many of you at these events, you will be happy you signed up.

Vivat Jesus, Tom Cappuccio, Grand Knight

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Brother Ed Knowles died April 7, he was 87 years old. Ed was the father of the late PGK Tim Knowles and the late Brother Jim Knowles. Our prayers are with his wife Dorothy and their son Dan during this difficult time.

Brother George O'Brian is now at The Residence at Pearl Street. He is suffering from Parkinson's disease and is unable to get out. He would very much like to have visitors.

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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### IF ONLY WE'D HAD A CHANCE TO LIVE IN JESUS TIME!

*I'm sharing this thought from one of my own Lenten reflections about living in Jesus time...*

If we lived then, could we have recognized Christ? So many of those He met during His earthly life didn't—why would **we** have recognized Him? Why would we have failed to recognize Him?

"Oh," we exclaim, "if we'd lived in His day, if we could have *heard*, and *seen*, and *touched* Him, how dearly we'd have loved Him, how gladly we'd have left everything to follow Him!"

**REALLY?** Haven't we ever, *heard* or *seen* or *touched* Him here and now in our own lives? Heard Him in the proclamation of the Gospels, touched and communed with Him in the Blessed Sacrament, seen Him in our neighbors—*especially those in need*?

Nothing is further from the truth than the nostalgia that makes us imagine we would have been a good Christian if only we had lived two thousand years ago—*with Jesus*—instead of today.

But on the contrary, it's quite probable that our vices (*instead of melting away at His approach*) would have kept us from acknowledging Him as did thousands who drew near out of curiosity but slipped away disillusioned at finding Him so ordinary, insufferably eccentric and even scandalous - **we must** rejoice, appreciate and seek to know the Jesus we have as our Savior!

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**DEACON NEIL**

### **May Birthdays:**

5/1 Rev. William Faix, Francis E McCormack, 5/2 Guy B Demartinis, 5/6 Peter E Nestor, 5/7 Robert J Mandile, 5/13 Thomas J Ryan, 5/14 Dino F Cuscuna, 5/15 Robert B Aiello, Corey E Collins, John J Tierney, 5/16 Rev Thomas J Powers, 5/22 Ralph A Barile, 5/26 Larry Penta, James A J Brangiforte, 5/27 William J Squires Jr., 5/30 Steven E Kintigos, 5/31 Paul Fitzgerald.

### **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:**

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### **St. Agnes Welcoming Sunday:**

Sunday, May 7 our council will be serving coffee and donuts after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 Masses. Your help is needed to support. Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-stagnes1>

### **First Degree Ceremonies:**

Brother Charlie Adams is the latest member of our council. He received the First Degree at the Andover council on Apr. 17th. Introduce yourself as Brother Knights when you see him.



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

The Council has recently approved the following donations;

- \$100 to the Wounded Veterans, Run to Home Base.
- \$300 to the Reading Scholarship Fund.
- \$500 Award to a Reading High Graduate.
- \$500 for the St. Agnes Taste and See Event.

### **Pancake Breakfast:**

Grand Knight Tom Cappuccio presents Father Steve Rock a check for \$275. The funds include donations received during the recent K of C Pancake Breakfast at the beautiful new St. Agnes Parish Center kitchen and a direct donation from the K of C 1031



### **Communion Breakfast:**

This year's Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday April 2 with 9:00 AM Mass at St Athanasius followed by breakfast at the K of C Enos Hall. Approximately 40 Brother Knights and family members attended this popular event.



### **Awards/Old Timers Night:**

Old Timers Night also known as Awards Night will be held on Tuesday May 23. This is an occasion for our members, both the Older and the Newer Knights to come together in fellowship. There will be a dinner followed by recognition of some of our long standing members as they become Honorary Life Members.

Plan to join us. The evening will start at 6:00 with a Social and Dinner at 6:30. Signup at; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-awards>

### **My Brother's Table:**

Founded in 1982 My Brother's Table, the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore, has provided over 2.9 million hot, free meals and outreach to men, women and children in need. Last year alone MBT served over 126,000 meals.

Our Council has committed up to prepare and serve a dinner on May 13. Fourteen brothers or family members are required to help. The commitment is from 11:30 to 4:00. Sign up at.

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

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

The Charities of the Reading Knights are funded with monies that are collected during the Spring Charity Drive that will be held this year on Fri. 6/2 and Sat. 6/3. Your participation is needed to assure its success. Of the monies we collect 50% is donated to the Reading Food Pantry and the remainder goes to our Charity Fund.

Help to make this a success by donating two hours of your time to this worthy cause. Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA4A729A75-knights>

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

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

### **Council Calendar:**

May 7	St. Agnes Welcoming Sunday
May 9	8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting
May 13	11:30 My Brother's Table
May 16	8:00 PM HBC Meeting
May 23	6:30 Old Timers Night
June 2-3	Spring (50/50) Charity Drive



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