

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR SEPTEMBER 2017

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



Dear Brother Knights:

I hope all of you have had a safe and very enjoyable summer. As we transition from summer to fall there are many upcoming opportunities for members to support our many charities and outreach programs.

On Sunday September 10th the Council will be sponsoring a booth at the Reading Faire which will allow us to showcase our various charitable and youth programs and hopefully attract new members. Sunday September 17th PGK Mike Canavan will coordinate the annual K of C Soccer Challenge at Parker Middle School.

On October 6th and 7th we will hold our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Volunteers are needed to cover Market Basket in Reading, Dunkin Donuts and on Sunday the two Reading churches Saints Agnes and Athanasius. In late October we will ask for volunteer to

serve at Our Brother Table in Lynn.

A list of events planned for this Fraternal Year are included in this month's Bulletin, Several social get together are also planned to provide opportunities us to meet other Brothers and their families. Please review the material and consider volunteering for at least one event to help make them successful.

The three guiding principles of our order are Charity, Fraternity and Unity. They are the hallmarks of being a Knight. Helping at events fulfills our commitment to these principles and strengthen the Council.

Vivat Jesus

Dick Coco, Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

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

Lawrence Canavan the father of PGK Michael Canavan died suddenly on July 30. Our prayers are with Mike and his family at this time.

Mary Jakul has died. She is the mother-in-law of DGK Bob Baynes. Our prayers are with Bob and Anne during this difficult period.

John Firenze is recuperating from an operation.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

It doesn't matter what religion you are, as long as you are a good person!

The claim that all religions are equally valid and true—*since all supposedly lead to the same destination*—is well-intentioned, but leaves many questions unanswered. *Oh! Certainly* being a good person is an important step to establishing peace between people. But, what does it even mean to be a truly good person? Who determines the definition of a good person? And is being good, enough? Does being a good person represent the fullness of the truth—the fullness of life?

Our Catholic faith would answer “no.” to all this. It is Christ's death and resurrection that save, not our being good. Yes, we are to try to be good people (*a tremendous challenge given that we live in a fallen world plagued by sin*), but more so we are called to the life of Christian discipleship—a discipleship that finds its fullest expression in our personal relationship, friendship, with God.

Remember too, the good young man in the Gospel who had done all that was required to BE GOOD, but still wanted more, Jesus finally said “**Then, come follow me.**” That's the essence of our Christian religion—our following him—our continuing relationship with him—*our Savior and our God.*

DEACON NEIL

August Birthdays:

8/1 Richard Surette, 8/2 Kevin Barile, 8/5 Ted Keltgen, Carl Schloth, 8/5 Joe Marotta, Ed Kosta, 8/7 David DeBenedetto, 8/9 Don DeHart, Joe Gesmundo, 8/10 John Freitas, Jim Condon, 8/11 Tom Finn, Jim Ruff, 8/12 Robert D'Entremont, 8/14 Mike Boschetti, Paul Parisi, 8/15 Bill O'Brien, 8/23 Mike Nazzaro, 8/26 Bill Malin, 8/31 Bill Ripa

September Birthdays:

9/1 Anthony Marino, John McCullough, 9/4 David Rossi, 9/6 Jerry Colford, Tom Strandberg, 9/8 Paul Robertson, 9/18 John Shaw, David Chase, 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.

Installation of Council Officers:

Installation of the new officers will take place Tuesday September 26th at 7:00 pm in the Council Hall on Sanborn Street. The ceremony will be conducted by DD Bill Travascio. All Brothers are invited and encouraged to attend this important event. There will be a “Meet & Greet” social in the lounge following the ceremony.

Degree Ceremony:

Second and Third Degree Ceremonies will be held at the Andover Council Nov. 5. First Degree members of the Reading Council should plan to attend.

Advertiser Space:

There is presently ad space available. New ads will run for the remainder of 2017 at no cost. The annual rate starting in 2018 for a single space is \$40, \$80 for a double space and \$160 for a four space block. If you or someone you know are interested in placing an ad contact Ernie Arsenault ernea101@gmail.com.

Reading Fall Street Faire:

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire on Sept. 10th 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, online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-reading3>.

K of C Penalty Kick Challenge:

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local council 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, September 17th at 1:00 P.M.** at Parker Middle School Field, Reading, MA rain or shine. Players test their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Age group winners continue to compete at the next level. Helpers sign in at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-kofc3>

Tootsie Roll Drive:

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive") will be held on the weekend of Oct. 6, 7 & 8. Please put this on your calendar and sign up now to make this year's campaign a success.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-campaign2>

Council Calendar:

Sept. 10	Reading Fall Street Fair
Sept. 12	8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting
Sept. 26	8:00 – 9:00 PM Council Meeting
Oct. 6,7,8	Tootsie Roll Charity Drive

Tentative -- K of C Council 1031 -- Calendar Fraternal Year 2017/2018

	Date (or TBD)	Event	Coordinator
September	Sept. 10, 2017 Sept. 17, 2017 Sept 26, 2017	Reading Faire Penalty Kick Challenge Officer Installation	Richard Coco Mike Canavan DD Bill Travascio
October	Oct. 6-7 2017 Oct 21, 2017 Oct 14, 2017	Tootsie Roll Drive/Lounge Event My Brothers Table Community Service Fall Social – Italian Dinner	Richard Coco Need 10-15 Brothers Steve Kintigos and others
November	Nov. 14, 2017 Nov. 26, 2017 Veterans Day	Mass for Departed Brothers Children's Open House (Start time 3:00pm) for Reading Tree Lighting	TBD Richard Coco
December	Date - TBD Date - TBD	Lounge Christmas Party Host Pancake Breakfast at St Athanasius	Steve Kintigos Need volunteers
January	Jan. 7 & 8, 2018 Jan. 28, 2018	Membership Drive BB Free Throw Contest	Bob Baynes/Rich Coco Mike Canavan
February	Event Date TBD Date - TBD	Mid-Winter Social Host Pancake Breakfast at St. Agnes	Steve Kintigos and others. Need volunteers
March	March 17, 2018 (FRI)	St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Should we consider Saturday instead??)	Steve Kintigos and others
April	Date - TBD Date : TBD	Communion Breakfast- St. Agnes My Brothers Table Community Service	Richard Coco Need volunteers
May	Date - TBD Date - TBD	Host Pancake Breakfast St. Athanasius Recognition Dinner	Need volunteers
June	June 3-4, 2018	Charity Drive	Need volunteers

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