

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR

APRIL 2018

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Brothers:

April 1st, Easter Sunday! The day we celebrate the glory of the Resurrection and share the joyful news of the Risen Christ!! On this most holy of days, I wish all brothers and their families a very happy and joyful Easter Sunday.

This past March the Council held two events, our annual communion breakfast on Sunday March 18th at St. Agnes Church, followed by a St. Patrick Day Irish Social party which included dinner and an Irish comedy show on Saturday evening March 24th. Both events were well attended and gave us the opportunity not only to socialize, but to shrug off the March weather.

I recently had a chance to review the Council's membership rolls and was a bit surprised at the number of Brothers who have only completed their First Degree (Admission) Ceremony. Completing the Second (Formation) and Third (Knighthood) Degrees are the next steps to reaching full membership. In our area, the next Second and Third Degree Ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2018, at the Immaculate Conception Council 13966, 600 Pleasant Street, Malden.

If you have yet to complete either or both of these Degrees, I strongly urge you to consider committing to completing these next membership ceremonies. Please contact me or our Financial Secretary Tom Cappuccio, so we can make the necessary arrangement. E-mail addresses are listed on our Council website.

Vivat Jesus! Richard Coco Grand Knight - Council 1031

Sick and Vigil:

Brother Ron Healy of Rockland MA died Jan. 26. He became a member of our council while living in Wakefield. Ron had been a Boston Police Officer and moved to Rockland on retirement.

Brother Tom Ryan died Feb.27. Tom was an Honorary Life Member of our Council and a member Of St. Athanasius Parish.

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

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

SHAPING UP!!

We do not have to watch television very long at this time of year to realize that the world is trying to shape us up—*PHYSICALLY*. Ads for aerobic classes, portable exercisers and fad diets appear everywhere. They remind us that our bodies are in sad shape for the all-important beach season!

God is concerned about our bodies too—but *He is even more concerned about our spiritual condition*. He sent His Son to be a human being, not only to die in our place, but also to model for us the kind of life He wants us to live. God wants to shape up our lives to become more like the life Jesus lived.

Changing our shapeless lives into the shape of Jesus will be difficult.

But we cannot model His actions unless we get to know Him well in the Word, *and* with Him in prayer and meditation. Then, once we see the model clearly, we have to put it into practice in our daily lives.

Changing our shapeless lives into the shape of Jesus will be difficult—BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE!

We have the Word, we have the sacraments, and we have His Spirit to get us into shape—and we have our Brother Knights for example and encouragement. Each day we use **HIS DIET AND EXERCISES**, we will find that we, *day by day*, are changing a little bit more into His likeness.

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 Jr.

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K of C Charities:

The Council has recently approved the following donations

- Award to a Reading High Graduate--\$500
- Reading Scholarship Foundation -- \$300
- Reading Education Foundation -- \$100
- Donations made in the memory of Tom Ryan; Dana Faber Cancer Institute-\$50, Home for Little Wanderers--\$50.

Communion Breakfast:

This year's Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday March 18. It began with the 9:00 AM Mass at St Agnus followed by breakfast at the K of C Enos Hall. This popular event was well attended by our Brother Knights and their families.

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St. Vincent di Paul Society:

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Irish Comedy Night:

Comedian Dave Kane returned on March 24 to entertain us with his new program of Irish comedy. The evening, starting with dinner and was well attended.



Degree Ceremony:

A Second (Formation) Degree and Third (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, April 15th, at Malden’s Immaculate Conception Council. The Third Degree ceremony will take place at the completion of the Second Degree ceremony.

Members of the Reading Council who have yet to complete their 2nd or 3rd Degrees are strongly encouraged to attend and complete their journey to Knighthood. Candidates must notify GK Dick Coco and plan to meet at the Council for departure to Malden at 11:00am.

Council members are urged to show their support by attending.

K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

On March 17, 2018, the Knights of Columbus North Regional Free Throw Competition was held at St. Mary’s High School in Lynn. Reading Council 1031 had four Council and District level winners that competed in the North Regionals. Participants competed by shooting 25 free throws against other District Champions. Meghan Donnelly (photo attached) won the 11 year old girls competition and will now advance and compete at the State competition to be held April 14th at Anna Maria College, Paxton MA.



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Council Calendar:

April 10 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
April 14 Free Throw State Finals
April 15 1:00 - 2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremony
April 24 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting

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