

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR AUGUST 2018**

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



Brothers: At the July meeting, the Council completed the election of Officers for this Fraternal Year. Their names and Council office are listed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

All Council meeting are important! At these meetings Council activities are discussed and planned. The next Council meeting is on Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> in the Lounge, starting at 8:00pm. The more members present adds more ideas and points of view to the discussions. All Brothers are strongly encouraged to make the effort to attend and participate.

Upcoming Council activities in the fall include: the Reading Faire on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>; the Soccer Kick Competition also held the in September at a date to be announced and the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive in October. Volunteers are needed to help staff each of these events and sign-up geniuses will be put in place on our web site make it easy to sign-up.

One of the key focuses of the Council this Fraternal Year will be the collaboration between the St. Athanasius and St. Agnes parishes. The Reading Council will work with both parishes to help make this very important transition go smoothly.

I hope each of you and your families are enjoying a very happy, healthy and safe summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Coco,

Grand Knight, Council 1031

## **Sick and Vigil:**

Remember to keep Brother Brian Snell in your prayers who is recovering well from a recent health emergency.

Remember to keep Brother Steve Gagnon in your prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

Remember to keep Brother Chester Tyminski in your prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

Remember to keep Brother John Firenze in your prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

## **A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT**

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### **A REASON TO BE!**

Our summer schedule should usually leave us more time for “*PERSONAL REFLECTION*” right?

*So, we should take some time to reflect on this:* One day a little boy returned home from his first day of school. The teacher had asked the children to bring copies of their birth certificates so the school could update their records. “*Certificate*” was a big word for the little guy to deal with, but he had the right idea. Bouncing into the house with his important message, he promptly shouted: “*Mommy...Mommy, tomorrow I have to take my excuse for being born to school.*”

Isn't that an interesting way to put it—*AN EXCUSE FOR BEING BORN*. Everyone should have one. What's our excuse? Unless we have a purpose in life, we will miss the very challenge and joy of living. We have a choice, we can reach for the HIGHEST GOALS or aim at NOTHING AT ALL and easily hit it.

But, God had a purpose for sending His Son Jesus to this world. His reason for being born was so that He could be our Savior, and He died on the cross to accomplish that for you and for me.

We, by virtue of our Baptism and our association with the Knights of Columbus, should long ago have zeroed in on our goals and aims in life—*our reasons for being born*—but let's take some time to think about this and to recheck the direction our lives are taking, then make adjustments if needed!

Blessed are those who have Jesus as their excuse for being born—as their reason for living.

**DEACON NEIL**

### **August Birthdays:**

08/01 Richard A Surette, 02/08 Kevin M Barile,  
08/05 Theodore J Keltgen, 08/06 Alan D  
Beaulieu, Edward M Kosta, 08/07 David M De  
Benetto, 08/09 Mr Don B De Har, Joseph D  
Gesmundo J, 08/10 James W Condon, John C  
Freitas, 08/11 Ken Charest, Thomas M Finn,  
08/12 Robert L D Entremont, 08/14 Paul J Parisi,  
08/16 Daniel J Sweeney, 08/18 Ralph A  
Colarusso, 08/23 Michael Nazzaro, 08/26 Mr  
William J Malin, 08/27 James A Buczynski, 08/31  
William E Ripa

### **Your Help is Needed to Update our Records:**

If your birthday is incorrect let us know. Email  
John Silva at [jasilva397@aim.com](mailto:jasilva397@aim.com) or call 781 944  
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### **Council Officers for 2018/2019:**

The following Brother Knights accepted their  
nominations and were elected at the meeting of  
July 10<sup>th</sup> to guide our Council for the coming year.

Grand Knight	Richard Coco
Deputy GK	Bob Baynes
Chancellor	John Rodrigues
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Trustee	Jim O'Leary
Financial Secretary	Tom Cappuccio PGK
Chaplin	Fr. Steve Rock

## **Knight of the Month – Justin Collela:**



Allow us to introduce Justin Collela, a recent 1st Degree Knight who has joined Council 1031 from St. Agnes church. Brother Collela received a communications degree from Norwich University and works in the transportation industry. Enjoying travel himself, his employer Yankee Line bus company, coordinates multi day tours in eastern United States and Canada. Justin is an Eagle Scout and grew up in Winchester, MA. Like most Knights of Columbus, family is most important to Justin and he is a proud father to his two year old daughter Josephine with his endearing wife Susan. Justin hopes to travel to all 50 US states some day and he enjoys photography. Brother Collela was recently elected to the position of Inside Guard for the Knights of Columbus Council 1031.

## **Reading Catholic Community:**

As the Saint Athanasius/Saint Agnes Collaborative efforts move forward consider viewing “*Managing Transition*” at [www.StAthanasiusreading.org](http://www.StAthanasiusreading.org) or [www.StAgnesReading.org](http://www.StAgnesReading.org)

## **Faith in Action – Helping Hands:**

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the new Faith in Action model was initiated and under the category of **Community Helping Hands** was introduced. The Helping Hands Program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities, a review of the program indicates that our efforts at **My Brother’s Table** comply with program requirements.

## **Reading Fall Street Faire- September 9th:**

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire advertising the Councils good works. 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>.

## **St. Pius X Assembly Golf Outing – Sept. 16th**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Pius X Assembly Golf Outing to benefit their Council Scholarship and Charity Funds will be held at Hillview Country Club. North Reading. A \$50 entrance fee includes: (9) holes of golf with cart; cookout; and Blind partner prizes. Registration at 11:00 AM with tee off at 11:45 AM. Contact Joe Barletta PFN, PGK at 603-458-2363 or Bill Berry PGK at 617-966-8712.

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

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## **Council Calendar:**

August 14	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
September 9	<a href="#">Reading Fall Street Faire</a>
September 11	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
September 25	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
Soccer Kick	TBD
My Brother’s Table	TBD

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