

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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Dear Brother Knights:

With January behind us and the short month of February now beginning, we can almost see spring, especially as the daylight hours start to lengthen. So much for looking ahead with an optimistic view.

February also brings with it the start of Lent, this year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, the same day as St. Valentine's Day. Lent for Catholics is a period of spiritual renewal and sacrifice. As Lent begins ask our Lord for special guidance during this period of fasting, prayer and abstinence as we spend the next 40 days preparing for Easter. On March 18th the Council will hold our annual

Communion Mass and Breakfast. This is an important event held during Lent and will take place this year at St. Agnes Church. An early note of this event is provided here to help members make plans to participate this year.

The membership drive conducted this past January was very successful, especially at St. Agnes parish, were 10 men indicated an interest in joining the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to Deputy Grand Knight Robert Baynes and Chancellor John Rodrigues for their fruitful efforts in this year's membership drive.

Finally, the February Social event for the Council is Saturday, February 10th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Signup on the Council web site.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Coco

Grand Knight - Council 1031

Sick and Vigil:

PGK Sean Tierney is at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia

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

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

CAN WE WAKE OURSELVES UP THIS LENT?

Even as we hear now, back at the end of World War I there was a loud cry that Christianity had failed. G. K. Chesterton, the great English writer and Catholic convert, promptly took those who held this view to task: "*The trouble with Christianity is, **not that it's failed,**" he said, **"but that it's never been tried...not that it can't remake the world, but that it's DIFFICULT."***

If everyone who has a Christian upbringing and the grace to adhere to it were to make use of Christ's principles in every walk of life, we should soon see Christianity changing the face of the globe. The Devil, knowing this, keeps alive the fiction that it is impossible to bring high ideals into the workaday world, and the enemies of Christ make it their business always to proclaim that Christianity won't work.

Yet, despite this, the one thing that terrifies the godless world over is the fear that someday those who believe in Christ will **wake up—and start acting their beliefs**. Once that happens, most of the great problems which plague mankind will disappear overnight, "...because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the savior of all, especially of those who believe. (I Timothy 4:10)

DEACON NEIL

February Birthdays:

2/3 Steve Gagnon, 2/4 Mike Fennelly, 2/6 Ed McCabe, 2/13 Dan Gray, 2/14 Len Ebert, 2/16 Mike Gildea, 2/18 Rev Tomas Vattalhara, 2/19 William Fox, 2/22 Robert Haley, 2/25 Mark Notarangeli, 2/27 Dennis Symes, 2/28 Mark Spengler.

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St. Valentine Social:

On Saturday February 10 we will be holding a special Valentine Day Social in Enos Hall from 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:00. This is also the beginning of Mardi Gras, as Lent begins the following Wednesday.


Signup Now! a firm count is needed by Feb. 7th
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-february>

Irish Comedy Night:

It's not too early to mark your calendars and put a hold on March 24. Comedian Dave Kane will be back to entertain us with an all new repertoire.

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

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K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

We had another successful event this year with 25 youngsters (boys and girls from 9 – 14 years old) participating and a great show of Knights to assist Youth Chairman PGK Mike Canavan.



The winners will advance to the District competition, they were:

- Age 9 Boy Dominick Fratto,
- Age 10 Boy Timmy McGrath
- Age 11 Girl Ella Abreu
- Age 11 Boy Shea Donahue
- Age 12 Boy Alex Dinapoli
- Age 13 Girl Liana Winans (not shown)
- Age 13 Boy Ryan Mulvey (tied) with Timmy Mulvey (not shown)
- Age 14 Boy Spencer Caskey

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An important meeting of the HBC was held on Jan. 30 at 7:00 PM.

Purpose for the meeting: Election of directors and officers of the corporation, Update the HBC bylaws (The last update was 04/09/1991), Vote on contract to lease the parking lot, Review and assess Supreme Council policy and guidelines in the *Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities*, Review HBC income and our current business practices, a Non-binding review of the continued ownership of 11 Sanborn Street and other HBC business.

The results of the meeting will be in next month's bulletin.

Membership Drive:

Our annual membership drive was another success this year. It was held at St. Agnus on Jan. 6-7 and at St. Athanasius on Jan 13-14. Nine men showed interest, the Membership Committee will be contacting these men further.

Communion Breakfast:

Our annual Communion Breakfast will be held on March 18 this year with beginning with the 9:00 Mass at St. Agnus followed with breakfast at Enos Hall.

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Council Calendar:

Feb. 13	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
Feb. 10	5:30 – 8:00 St. Valentine Social
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
Feb. 27	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
Mar. 18	9:00 AM Communion Breakfast
Mar. 24	Irish Comedy Night

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