

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR JANUARY 2018

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Dear Brother Knights:

January marks the start of a new calendar year. On that note, I wish each Brother, their families, and friends a very healthy, happy and successful 2018!

January is the traditional month for our Council to conduct its annual membership drive. We have had very good results in past years to add new members to our ranks. I trust this month's effort will be as successful.

The membership drives will be held at St. Agnes the weekend of January 7th during Welcoming Sunday and at St. Athanasius the weekend of January 14th. At both parishes we will host coffee and donut meet and greets after each morning Mass

For both these weekends volunteers are need after each Mass on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and at the collations. Your helping to pass out literature and answer questions of potential members is essential for the Council to again have a successful drive for new members

A Sign up genius will be posted for each parish to provide a means for Brothers to volunteer to help.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to this important membership drive.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Coco

Grand Knight - Council 1031

Sick and Vigil:

PGK John Firenze is at home recuperating from an operation.

PGK Chet Tyminski is at home.

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

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

BUILDING UP OUR TRUST IN GOD IN THE NEW YEAR

We trust God for the big things, like salvation, forgiveness of sins, heaven and eternal life. But we sometimes don't trust Him for the little things, like our bills, hurts, broken relationships, or desires.

Why? Well perhaps we think He's concerned only with large, eternal issues and it's difficult for us to believe that He—our God and Savior—is just as concerned about our small, passing needs.

God IS our Savior. But He's also our Lord, the Lord of everything in our lives. He's not just the Lord of our FUTURE, *the Lord of heaven.* He's also the Lord of our HERE and NOW, *the Lord of our life on earth*—and, most importantly, a personal friend.

Jesus Christ literally went to hell and back to win that personal relationship for us through His sacrifice on the cross. He's given us a close relationship with the Father, a special bond we'll never have to doubt. And Scripture tells us that God even counts the very hairs on our heads and so, YES! We can trust God for the BIG things...but also the SMALL ones too.

Let's make one of our resolutions this New Year to place more trust in God in our daily lives and learn to "LET GO *and* LET GOD" as the saying goes.

DEACON NEIL

January Birthdays:

1/1 Marcel Boisvert, 1/2 Jim Sullivan, David Tuttle, 1/5 Peter Broderick, 1/6 Bill Cotreau, 1/8 Frank Andrews, 1/9 Tom Connery, 1/10 Ron Pomerleau, 1/12 Tim Griesmer, 1/14 Fr. Darin Colarusso, 1/15 Peter DelGreco, 1/21 Chris Colarusso, Charlie Fallon, Richard Fallon, Nick Marrangoni, 1/22 Fred Litterio, 1/23 Paul Cummings, 1/24 Andrew Gori, 1/29 George McHugh

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Family Program Activities:

Dave Costa and David Ventola have volunteered to co-lead the Family Program. Primary focus of the Family Program will be to increase support of Reading Food Pantry. Dave and David met with Phyllis Maxwell, Director of Reading Food Pantry. Top 2 priorities for the Reading Food Pantry are 1) Increase cash donations and 2) get support for non-food supplies given out to clients. The Council agreed to donate another \$275 dollars. The Reading Food Pantry has created a "shopping list" on Amazon. Brother Knights please consider purchasing some items which will be shipped directly to Food Pantry. Use this link to explore the shopping list: <http://a.co/aBpauWI>.

Home Builders Corp.

There will be an important meeting of the HBC in the lounge 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.

Members interested in serving as a director or an officer of the HBC should make their interest known to the Council. The Council meetings are scheduled for January 9, 2018 at 8:00 PM and January 23, 2018 at 8:00 PM. A copy of the HBC bylaws and a copy of proposed changes are available for review in the Member's Lounge. A copy of Supreme Council's *Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities* is also available for review in the Member's Lounge.

All members of the Council are also members of the HBC. You are urged to attend to show your support to the Brothers that are working to maintain our building and to add your efforts to our continued success.

Clergy Gifts:

Continuing a long tradition the council recognized the Clergy of St. Agnes and St Athanasius with small monetary gifts in appreciation of their ministry.

Lounge Christmas Party:

The annual Christmas party for members and guests was held on December 9 in the lounge. The weather was messy and kept a lot of people home. But for those that made it a great time was had and the many treats were certainly enjoyed.

Advertisers:

We could use a couple of new advertisers. The **annual** cost for advertising is \$40 for a single space (approximately 1 x 2 inches) and \$80 for a double space. You can contact me at ernea101@gmail.com, when you have an interested new advertiser.

Membership Drive:

All Brother Knights are asked to help out at the upcoming Membership Drive to be held after all Masses. It will be held at St. Agnes on the weekend of Jan. 6 - 7, as part of their monthly Welcoming Sunday and at St. Athanasius the weekend of Jan. 13 - 14.

You are asked to meet after Mass to have coffee and doughnuts as we greet potential new members and hand out material.

This has been a very effective method to bring new men into the organization, last year's drive brought in 26 new members; it would be nice to repeat that this year.

But, your help is needed to make it happen. You can register to assist at:

St. Agnes;

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-stagnes1>

St. Athanasius;

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-stathanasius1>

K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:

This is a very popular event for the community and thanks to PGK Mike Canavan who has once again volunteered to chair this event. It will be held Saturday, January 27 from 3:00–4:30 PM. at the Reading YMCA.

We had a very successful event last year with 25 youngsters (boys and girls from 9 – 14 years old) participating.

If you would like to see how much this effort is appreciated sign up to assist. Plenty of help is needed. If you are able to assist please sign up at:

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

Participants may register at:

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

St. Valentine Social:

Mark your calendar and save the date of February 10 for a special Valentine Day Social to be held in Enos Hall from 3:00 to 7:00.

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:

If your birthday is incorrect let us know. Email John Silva at jasilva397@aim.com or call 781 944 4285

Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:

Mon, Tues, Wed. - 4:00 to 9:00

Thurs., Fri. Sat. - 4:00 to 11:00

Council Calendar:

Jan. 9 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting

Jan. 23 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting

Jan. 30 8:00 HBC Meeting

Feb. 10 3:00 – 7:00 St. Valentine Social

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