

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR JUNE 2018

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Brothers:

Our Former Financial Secretary Brother Charlie Fallon has died. Charlie was the most active Knight this Council has seen in many years. He was responsible in revitalizing our Council by being personally involved in the recruitment of approximately 50 new members. He took part in every activity while he was with us. While he was Financial Secretary, which is difficult enough, he also volunteered to be Treasurer of HBC.

Charlie was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in November of 2015. The normal life expectancy with this cancer is measured in months, but Charlie was not your normal patient. He fought it for years with his ever-present smile and positive attitude, often in pain but never complaining. He

continued as Financial Secretary and HBC Treasurer for two years until he could no longer perform at the level he felt was needed.

Charlie's will to live was to serve the Lord. This was his driving force during his most difficult days. He never took his eyes off his goal.

Who would go through his own final days...final months...final years like he did? Might we even try to follow his journey before our time ends.

He has inspired us. Extraordinary...extraordinary is the only word we can use.

Charlie "fought the good fight, ran the race to the finish, kept the faith" he is now in the winner's circle.

Sick and Vigil:

Brother George O'Brien died May 11. George, along with his brother Bob, was a long time member of our council. His funeral was celebrated at St. Athanasius on Tuesday, May 15.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

WHO ARE WE?

Someone asked a truck driver what he was. He replied, "I'm a Christian." "I mean, what do you do?" "I thought you were a truck driver?" "Oh, that! I am a truck driver, but my real job is being a Christian—I drive trucks to pay expenses."

What are WE Knights? Is our real job doing whatever we do to earn a living, or is our real job being a Christian? *Can people even see Christ in us?*

Do we elbow our way to the front of the line or do we let someone go in front of us? Do we smile at the grocery store checker who is feeling frazzled? Do we speak truth in love, or do we swear in hate? Do we help the sick and the poor? Does someone feel better or worse after encountering us during the day?

If we have forgotten that our real job is being a Christian, stop a moment and join our own Pope Francis' prayer intention for this May 2018 where he prays:

"That lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today."

In the words of the Pope, that's our real job!

DEACON NEIL

June Birthdays:

6/01 Thomas P. McKenna, John J Quinlan Jr., 6/4 Michael Giacalone 6/8 Robert G Beane, Pasquale M Iapicca, 6/11 Paul J Guazzaloca, 6/12 Charles P Gazzara, 6/17 Brett W Hubbard, 6/19 Lambert 'Bert' Almeida, Ronald A Beaupre, Paul C Millett, 6/20 Stephen J Goldner, 6/21 Kenneth J Masse, Ronald L Petrin Sr, 6/22 Matt Langile, 6/27 Robert Murphy, 6/29 Charles W Donovan, Stephen M O'Shea..

Council Elections:

It's that time of the year to nominate and elect the officers that will lead our council next year. Nominations will close on June 12 and elections will be held on June 26. There are a large range of open positions from guards to Chancellor and Grand Knight. We look forward to having an active slate of nominees especially from the newer members. If you are interested in serving the council in this way please inform GK Dick Coco at rhcoco2@att.net

Spring (50/50) Charity Drive:

Your participation is needed to make this a success. If you have not volunteered to spend at least one hour it's not too late. Signup at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA4A729A75-knights>

K of C Charities:

The Council has recently approved the following donations:

- \$100 to the Boston Council's Red Stocking Fund to support the Inner City Children's Day at Canobie Lake.
- \$100 to Support John Silva's Emmaus Ride
- \$100 to Support Kevin McKenna ride for MS

Reading High School Award:

Our annual \$500 award to a deserving senior who excels in Community Service was received this year by Yanni Pang. The recipient of this award is selected by the High School Guidance Dept.

Bulletin Editor:

We have a new Bulletin editor. After six years as the editor of our Monthly Bulletin this is my final edition. Ken Charest has volunteered to pick up the reigns. Ken is an active member of St. Agnes Church. He became a member of the K of C this past year and volunteered to be editor. However as a new Knight he will need your help with news inputs, especially relative to Sick and Vigil. Please assist him by sending news, event information and photos to Ken at; kscee@comcast.net.

Awards/Old Timers Night:

Old Timers Night also known as Awards Night was held on Tuesday May 22. We had a very good turnout for this event. Approximately 35 members were present. There was a nice social time prior to a dinner, that was prepared by Camille (the Chicken Pot Pie was great).

The Brothers that were eligible for awards:

- Peter Nestor – 50 years
- Rev. Dennis Gallagher – 50 years
- Andrew Gori – 25 years
- Rev Thomas Vattathara – 25 years

None of these Brothers were able to attend, their awards will be mailed to them.



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.

Free Ride for New Ads:

The incomes that we receive from bulletin ads help us meet our many obligations. There is presently space available. New ads will run for the remainder of 2018 at no cost. The annual rate starting in 2019 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; 781 944 9083; ernea101@gmail.com

Reading Catholic Community:

The St. Agnes Stewardship Council will host a discussion based on the Development of Stewardship in a Collaborative Parish on Thursday, June 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the St. Agnes Parish Center, 2nd Floor Parish Hall.

A panel consisting of members of the Saint Anne’s / Saint Catherine’s Collaborative of Littleton/Westford will be joining us to discuss their experience.

There will be a Question and Answer session to address the opportunities and challenges of developing a growing spirit of Stewardship within the Reading - Saint Agnes / Saint Athanasius - Catholic Community. All are invited.

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Mon, Tues, Wed. - 4:00 to 9:00
Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. - 4:00 to 11:00

Council Calendar:

June 1,2,3	Spring Charity Drive
June 12	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
June 26	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting

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