

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR MARCH 2018**

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Brothers:

The St. Valentine's dinner was a great success with many members and guests enjoying dinner and a chance to socialize prior to the start of lent.

Lent is a time for sacrifice and spiritual renewal as we continue our march toward Easter Sunday. In keeping with the Lenten season, we will hold our annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 18, 2018. All Brothers are invited to attend the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Agnes Church, followed by breakfast at the Council's Enos Hall. I hope that Council members will use this opportunity to join their fellow brothers in attending Mass, receiving Communion and demonstrating the principles of the Knights of Columbus are not only charity but also of unity and fraternity. Please sign-up on the Council web site.

Congratulations and a welcome to the newest members of our Council, Justin Collella, Edward Fitzpatrick and Ken Charest, who completed the First Degree Exemplification ceremony held at the Andover Council on Monday February 19.

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. Our prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

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

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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### THE FINAL WORD

There's a small white stone hidden in the bushes of an old New York state cemetery that bears no name—nor is there any date inscribed on it.

To the stranger passing by it tells nothing about the man or the woman, or the child whose final resting place it marks. Nothing except one thing! Still legible on the face of the fading stone, in letters which neither wind nor weather have been able to erase, is one single, solitary word...the simple word...

"F-O-R-G-I-V-E-N."

The nameless person lying there had No bronze plaque embossed with brilliant feats accomplished, splendid goals achieved, or heroic battles won. Just a simple stone, and a single word . . . FORGIVEN. But what a glorious, victorious word. FORGIVEN.

Could any epitaph be more glorious? To have found forgiveness at the hand of a merciful God, forgiveness because of the death of His Son for us—which we will celebrate through Holy Week and Easter—could anything be more wondrous?

And to think ***FORGIVENESS IS OURS*** now and forever through Jesus Christ! *What a blessing!*

DEACON NEIL

### March Birthdays:

3/1 Joseph Warren Walker, 3/15 Richard Coco, 3/17 Gerald Boudreau, Bob O'Brien, 3/21 David Ventola, 3/23 Kevin Kerrigan, 3/28 Robert Barrett, Robert Benoit, Ed Marchand, 3/29 Frank Bastolla, 3/30 Jim Fandel, Rev. Dennis Gallagher.

### Lenten Mission:

Our two Parishes are joining together for a Lenten Mission on 3/11 – 13. Adam Janke is the Mission presenter. Adam lives in Michigan with his wife and six children. He has appeared on EWTN and other networks. The schedule is:

Sunday Mar. 11 6:45-7:30 St. Agnes  
Monday Mar. 12 7:00 – 9:00 St. Athanasius  
Tuesday Mar. 13 7:00 – 9:00 St. Agnes

### Communion Breakfast:

This year's Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday March 18. We will be attending the 9:00 AM Mass at St Agnus followed by breakfast at the K of C Enos Hall. This popular event is open to family (children of all ages) and friends. Please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cade2eab9-communication>

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### Irish Comedy Night:

Join us on March 24. Comedian Dave Kane will be back to entertain us with his new program.

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### **First Degree:**

Three men received the First degree of our Order in a ceremony that was held on Feb. 19 at the Andover Council.



The new members, Justin Colella, Ken Charest, and Ed Fitzpatrick are shown with GK Dick Coco. Introduce your selves as a Brother Knight when you meet them.

### **St. Valentine Social:**

Many members and guests enjoyed a special Valentine Day Social that was held in Enos Hall on Saturday February 10.



### **K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition:**

The District Free Throw was held at the Reading YMCA on Feb. 24. Six off our local winners will advance to the Regionals to be held in Lynn Mar. 17.

The District participants are shown.



### **K of C Charities:**

The Council voted recently to support the Reading Conference St. Vincent di Paul with a gift of \$1500. The conference provided \$35,550 in assistance to families in need during FY 17. This aid is available to all Reading residents and those parishioners that live out of town.

### **Home Builders Corp.**

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

The meeting was attended by 55+ Brothers, a great show of support. Election of directors and officers of the corporation was held and the updated HBC bylaws were reviewed and approved. There was a significant amount of discussion on a proposal to lease the parking lot to the developer of the Post Office Site. The members finally voted to have the HBC officers continue to meet with the parties and make the final determination.

The new officers are:

- John Canning - President
- Ralph Colorusso - Vice President
- Bert Almeida - Treasurer
- Patrick Lantry - Secretary/Clerk
- John Shaw - Director
- Steve Kintigos - Director
- Ron Pomerleau - Director
- Jim O'Leary - Director
- Richard Fallon - Director

### **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.

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

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### **Council Calendar:**

Mar. 11 -13 Lenten Mission  
Mar. 13 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting  
Mar. 27 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting  
Mar. 18 9:00 AM Communion Breakfast  
Mar. 24 Irish Comedy Night

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