

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR** **MAY 2018**

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



Brothers: As the Council calendar moves into May and June, we are completing the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. On Tuesday evening May 22, 2018, at our annual Awards Night Celebration, the Council will recognize and honor four long term Council members, two (2) with 50 years of service and two (2) with 25 years of service, both to our Council and the Knights of Columbus. That evening the regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held in Enos Hall and dinner will be served after we acknowledge the honorees. Please make the effort to attend! This is the final social event of the year. Log onto the Council web site and sign-up to give us an accurate count for planning dinner.

During the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Council will hold its annual Charity Drive to collect funds to assist the Reading Food Pantry and other local charities. Brothers will be collecting funds at Market Basket, Bagel World and the DD on Salem Street. This is an important collection and requires many volunteers to be successful. Please sign-up to volunteer on the Council web page. At the close of this fraternal year, the Council must reorganize and elect a new group of members to lead the Council for the next Fraternal Year. This is a great opportunity for newer members of the Council to step up and volunteer for one of the officer positions.

Officers to be elected in June include: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard and Outside Guard. Working together in **Unity** and **Fraternity** with other Council members, to carry out and sustain the **charitable** mission of the Council. Members are asked to prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these positions.

Ernie Arsenault our long serving master of the Council's monthly Bulletin – The Sword and Anchor, has asked to retire from this responsibility. This is another opportunity for a member to volunteer to staff this important assignment. Ernie plans to work closely with whoever volunteers to ensure a smooth transition.

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Coco, Grand Knight, Council 1031

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Mrs. Patricia Baltier died April 13 at the age of 97. Pat was the mother of Brothers Mark and Deacon Matt Baltier. She will be missed by many; I personally enjoyed playing bridge with her at the Senior Center.

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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### **WE ARE IMPORTANT**

Most of us can recall a time in life we would call "a mountain-top experience." Perhaps something as common as turning 21, a milestone vacation—or perhaps actually driving through a great mountain range—for instance the Rockies or the Alps, or even the top of our own Mt. Washington, where we cannot help but reflect on the overwhelming vastness of the surroundings.

And, if we allow ourselves some real time there, we'll also begin reflecting on the insignificance of one, lone human being (*namely ourselves*) in comparison to the mountains, as well as to the whole universe.

Well, we certainly aren't the first to experience such feelings.

Nor was King David, who wrote in praise of God: "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars which You have set in place—what is man that You are mindful of him*

Mindful indeed! Actually, man means very, very much to our creator! In fact, so much so that God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, into death to make us His children for all eternity.

Remember always, when we're overwhelmed by Gods' wonderful creation surrounding us everywhere, that in God's eyes, we really are important!

**DEACON NEIL**

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### **May Birthdays:**

5/1 Rev. William Faix, Francis E McCormack,  
5/2 Guy B Demartinis, 5/6 Peter E Nestor, 5/7  
Robert J Mandile, 5/14 Dino F Cuscuna, 5/15  
Robert B Aiello, Corey E Collins, John J Tierney,  
5/16 Rev Thomas J Powers, 5/22 Ralph A  
Barile, 5/26 Larry Penta, James A J Brangiforte,  
5/27 William J Squires Jr., 5/30 Steven E  
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### **K of C Charities:**

The Council has recently approved the following donations:

- \$100 to the Reading Scholarship fund in memory of Patricia Baltier.
- \$250 to the Augustinian Formation Fund.

### **Awards/Old Timers Night:**

Old Timers Night also known as Awards Night will be held on Tuesday May 22. This is an occasion for our members, both the Older and the Newer Knights to come together in fellowship. There will be a dinner followed by recognition of some of our long standing members as they become Honorary Life Members.

Plan to join us. The evening will start at 6:30 with a Social and Dinner at 7:00. Signup at; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-awards>

### **Spring (50/50) Charity Drive:**

The Charities of the Reading Knights are funded with monies that are collected during the Spring Charity Drive that will be held this year on Fri. 6/1, Sat. 6/2 and Sun. 6/3. Your participation is needed to assure its success. Of the monies we collect 50% is donated to the Reading Food Pantry and the remainder goes to our Charity Fund.

Help to make this a success by donating two hours of your time to this worthy cause. Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA4A729A75-knights>

### **Honorary Life Member:**

In recognition of long term dedication to the Order a member after 25 years of continuous service and on reaching the age of 70 receives the distinction of —Honorary Life Member. The Honorary Life Member receives a permanent membership card and is exempt of further payment of dues.

If you are one of the 65 Honorary Life Members in our Council and are not as active as you once were we would like to hear from you. Drop us a line, share what you are doing and especially your present address.

### **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 me Ernie Arsenault; 781 944 9083; [ernea101@gmail.com](mailto:ernea101@gmail.com)

### **Bulletin Editor:**

We are in need of a new Bulletin editor. I have decided that after six years as the editor of our Monthly Bulletin it is time for me to move on. My final bulletin will be next month's June edition.

This position is recommended for anyone, especially new members that would like to become more aware of the workings of our council.

I will continue to maintain the ad page for the rest of the year if needed.

I am available to answer any questions you might have,

Ernie Arsenault, [ernea101@gmail.com](mailto:ernea101@gmail.com) or 781 944 9083

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

Meghan Donnelly advanced to the state finals after winning her age group (11 year old girls) in the Local, District and Regional competitions. The State competition was held April 14<sup>th</sup> at Anna Maria College, Paxton MA. Meghan was not a winner here but she did receive a nice trophy from State Deputy Paul O'Sullivan. Notice that Meghan is wearing her Reading K of C tee shirt.



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

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

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### **Council Calendar:**

May 8 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting

May 22 6:30 Awards Night

June 1-3 Spring Charity Drive

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