

Knights of Columbus

Council, No. 1031

Reading, Massachusetts 01867

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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR SEPTEMBER 2018

***Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism
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Dear Brothers:

I hope all of you have had a safe and very enjoyable summer. As we transition from summer to fall, our Council meetings return to the normal schedule of the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

There are many upcoming opportunities for members to support our many charities and outreach programs.

On Sunday September 9th, the Council will be sponsoring a booth at the Reading Faire, which will allow us to showcase our various charitable and youth programs and hopefully attract new members. Sunday September 16th, PKG Mike Canavan will coordinate the annual K of C Soccer Challenge at Parker Middle School. Both

of these events need members to volunteer to help.

On the weekend of October 5, 6 and 7 we will hold our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Volunteers will be needed to cover Market Basket and Dunkin Donuts Friday and Saturday and the two Reading churches, Saints Agnes and Athanasius, on Saturday and Sunday. Sign-up list is on the Council web page.

The three guiding principles of our order are **Charity, Fraternity** and **Unity**. They are the hallmarks of being a member of the Knights. Volunteering and helping at Council events fulfills our commitment to these principles and strengthen our Council.

Vivat Jesus

Dick Coco, Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

Remember to keep Brother John Firenze in your prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

NO IMPORTANT USES?

One of the most authoritative dictionaries of its time, published in 1944, defined uranium as:
"A rare, heavy, white metallic element . . . never found native, which has no important uses.

"NO IMPORTANT USES?"—This is what was written and believed but a few years ago about what is today probably the most valuable metal in existence.

Little did people realize then the tremendous importance of this single element. Nor did they realize the worldwide fear and awe in which the very name uranium would be held—and bitterly fought about even in our most recent presidential election.

It's a reminder to us to never to judge by outward appearances. We ought not even to judge ourselves so, or we too may begin to think **we** have *"NO IMPORTANT USES."*

Yet there are within us all, untapped sources of excellence which, when sparked by purpose or need, and strengthened by the grace of God, will enable us to do tremendous things for Him.

What are we each being called to do by Jesus in our church in Reading in this time of transition?

DEACON NEIL

September Birthdays:

9/1 Anthony Marino, John McCullough, 9/3 Michael Cloonan, 9/4 David Rossi, 9/6 Jerry Colford, Tom Strandberg, 9/8 Paul Robertson, 9/18 John Shaw, David Chase, 9/19 Martin McHardy, 9/21 Frank Connolly, 9/22 Joe Baranofsky, 9/23 Richard Deroo, 9/25 William Coveney, Fred Hanifan, 9/27 Rocco Iapicca, Tom Williamson, 9/29 Frank Castiglione, Deacon Neil Sumner, 9/30 Dick Felone.

K of C Charities:

The Council has recently approved the following donations;

- \$100 to Pan-Mass Challenge Ride of Kevin Barile.

Reading Fall Street Faire - September 9th:

Again this year we will have a booth for the Fall Street Faire advertising the Council's good works. As always we need your assistance to make this a success. You can **sign up** to help out, on line at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-reading3>

K of C Penalty Kick Challenge - Sept 16th:

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local council level of competition for the **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge** to be hosted by *K of C Reading Council 1031*. The local competition will be held **Sunday, September 16th at 1:00 P.M.** at Parker Middle School Field, Reading, MA rain or shine. Players test their skills by kicking a series of 15 penalty kicks. Age group winners continue to compete at the next level. Participants and helpers **sign up** at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-kofc3>

Tootsie Roll Drive - October 5, 6 & 7th:

The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive") will be held on the weekend of Oct. 6, 7 & 8. Please put this on your calendar and **sign up** now to make this year's campaign a success.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cadae2eab9-campaign2>

Knight of the Month – Ron Pomerleau:



Let's get to know Brother Ron Pomerleau a little better. Ron is a lifelong Reading resident having grown up on Timberneck Drive and currently living on Rustic Lane, and easy mile drive down Haverhill Street for his move. Ron and his

wife Mimi have had personal and family sacraments at both St. Athanasius and St. Agnes, so they feel affiliated with both parishes, but usually attend St. Athanasius for mass. University of Hartford is where Brother Ron earned his Mechanical Engineering degree and he continues to use those skills at Hanscom Air Force Base. He is also an avid wood worker and actually finds it relaxing to work on "Honey-Do" lists around the house. Completing his goal of hiking all the 4000 foot peaks in New Hampshire is Ron's current pursuit and he hopes to some day visit all the US National Parks. Being a first time grandparent to almost one year old Cora Rose, currently provides much joy in Ron's life. Additionally he enjoys biking and going to the gym. Being voted one of the captains for the 1978 Reading Memorial High School Varsity Boys Soccer team was an honor for Brother Ron. Humbly Ron says that he was not a very good soccer player. It is this gentlemanly nature that his teammates noted years ago and why he is being featured in this month's Reading Council 1031 newsletter as Knight of the Month.

Reading Catholic Community:

As the Saint Athanasius/Saint Agnes Collaborative efforts move forward consider viewing "***Managing Transition***" at www.StAthanasiusReading.org or www.StAgnesReading.org

Faith in Action – Family Fully Alive:

In addition to a new *Building the Domestic Church Kiosk* for Saint Athanasius, (300) *Family Fully Alive* booklets have been procured. In coordination with the Religious Education Directors at both our parishes, the booklets will be passed out to first and second grade families at the start of the school year.

Support the Lounge – Hours of Operation:

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

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 – New Advertisers:

Your help is needed to get new advertisers to replace ones that we have lost. This past year we lost three, Lynch Construction, Bangkok Spice and Reading Trophy.

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

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Council Calendar:

September 9	Reading Fall Street Faire
September 11	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
September 16	Soccer Penalty Kick
September 18	7:30 – 9:00 HBC Annual Meeting
September 25	7:00– 8:00 HBC Monthly Meeting
September 25	8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
October 6, 7 & 8	Tootsie Roll Drive
October 20	1:00-4:30 My Brothers Table
October 27	6:00 – 8:00 Italian Night

Charles Fallon Memorial Renovation of Enos Hall

On January 30, 2018 there was a special meeting of the HBC of the Reading Knights of Columbus to elect new Officers of the HBC and discuss the merits of selling vs. keeping the building at 11 Sanborn St.

There was an energized debate and it became apparent the majority of those in attendance felt keeping the building was in the best interest of the Council. Since that time the HBC Leadership group has been reviewing and evaluating the Building and opportunities to more fully utilize the space to the advantage of the Knights and the Greater Reading Community. The HBC has determined there a several renovations projects that need to be addressed for the building to be viable going into the future and utilized to its greatest potential. Without these renovations the topic of selling the building would once again need to be considered.

This list is by priority. As each project is financed, it will be undertaken.

1. Installation of a handicapped access ramp to the Upper Hall	\$17,000
2. Installation of a handicapped accessible bathroom in the Upper Hall	\$28,000
3. Installation of Air Conditioning units for the Upper Hall	\$24,000
4. Re-facing of the Kitchen cabinets	\$ 1,400
5. Renovation and updating of Upper Hall and landscaping	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$80,400

On August 14, 2018 the HBC voted to create the Charles Fallon Memorial Renovation Fund, and to initiate a Capital Campaign to raise the required funds to complete all these projects. We have been approached by an anonymous donor with an offer of a 100% match of the first \$20,000 raised by the end October 2018.

To make a donation to the Charles Fallon Memorial Renovation Fund, please make your check out to the **HBC of Reading** and include **CFMRF in the memo line**. Please bring your donations to a Council Meeting or drop off during regular operating hours.

A Capital Campaign Committee is being formed. If you have interest in serving on the Committee please contact John Canning at jcanningjr2875@msn.com.

Through our good work we can continue to lead and unify the Reading Catholic Community and further the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Reading.

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