

# Knights of Columbus

**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR**

**JANUARY 2019**  
**Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism**  
**Live your Faith!**



Dear Brothers:

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 2019!

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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> during welcoming Sunday and at St. Athanasius the weekend of January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. At both parishes we will host a coffee and donut meet and greet 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 on the Council web page for each parish to provide a means for Brothers to volunteer to help. Additional details are in this bulletin.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Coco

Grand Knight - Council 1031

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Brother John Shaw who is recovery from a fall.

Brother Peter Del Greco who is ill.

Brother Bert Almeida who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Brother Joseph Warren Walker died on December 24<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was celebrated at Saint Agnes on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

## A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

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### "THE BEST HE COULD"

Some time back I ran across a gravestone on which the following was engraved:

*"He did the best he could."*

In a way, this might seem a bit dubious. Yet in a true sense it is high tribute to anyone. If, when God calls us, it can be truthfully said that *"he did the best he could" to make the world a bit the better for his being in it*—that would be tribute enough before God and man.

Christ does not demand the impossible of any of us. He does want us to do the best we can with the talents with which he has entrusted us.

However, if we bury the talents He has given us, if we insist on hiding our light under a bushel basket, if we postpone, neglect, avoid, or otherwise fail to play our part, however small, in "changing the world for the better," then it might be more truthful if it were written about us that: "He failed to do the best he could."

This is the time of year we *"make resolutions"* Let one resolution be to develop and make use of our God-given talents for the benefit of the Knights, our Parishes, our Town and our Family so people can truly say of us *"He did the best he could!"*

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**DEACON NEIL**

### K of C Charities

The Council has recently approved the following donation

- \$100 American Cancer Society

### 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 Colorusso, Richard Fallon, Nick Marrangoni, 1/22 Fred Litterio, 1/23 Paul Cummings, 1/24 Andrew Gori, 1/29 George McHugh

### 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.

### Knight of the Month

We will start the year off right with our January 2019 Spotlight Knight of the Month. You read his work monthly as he is the coordinator of the Knights of Columbus newsletter, but let us get to know Ken Charest a little better. Brother Charest and his wife Michele Urann attend Mass at St. Agnes but when their three sons and two daughters were younger, St Joseph's in Wakefield was their parish.

Ken lives on Elliot Street and enjoys doing projects around his home. Cooking and gardening are new hobbies that he has undertaken. Similar to many Knights, family is most important to Ken. Spending time with Michele and text responses from his children are most prized by Ken. Brother Charest grew up in Lawrence and served in the United States Air Force. Upon discharge he attended UMass-Boston and graduated with a BA in Economics. He is currently a semi-retired Plumbing Design Engineer.

A goal for 2019 for Brother Ken Charest is to golf at the Middleton Par Three Golf Course with his oldest son.



# ***Faith in Action***

## ***Faith - Community - Family – Life***

### **Membership Drive**

Our Knights of Columbus service programs now focus on putting our Faith in Action. A big part of that is inviting men from our parishes to join us in doing so. Joining the Knights is one way of living out a commitment to the Catholic faith and to service to family, parish and community. We need members to help invite new members after each Mass at St. Agnes January 5-6, 2019 and at St. Athanasius after Masses January 12-13, 2019. Thanks for your help!

Sign up Genius links are below:

St

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

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

### **Opportunity for Service - Council Treasurer**

Please consider serving the council as our Treasurer. The Treasurer handles the council funds, receives money from the financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts. He is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council.

Our long time Treasurer PGK Brian Nowicki has served the Council ably over many years but is looking to move on from the position. Brian is available to provide training and guidance to our new treasurer. Please prayerful consider serving the council in this important position. Please contact GK Dick Coco or DGK Bob Baynes for more information.

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

This is a very popular event for the community and although regionals are held at Coolidge Middle School later in the year our council has not always taken part in it due to lack of leadership. Thanks to PGK Mike Canavan who has once again volunteered to chair this event. It will be held Saturday, January 26 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. at the Reading YMCA.

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>

### **Support the Lounge Hours of Operations**

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| Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. | 4:00 to 11:00 |

### **Council Calendar:**

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| January 5 & 6   | Membership Drive<br>Saint Agnes ( <a href="#">Sign-up</a> )      |
| January 8       | 8:00-9:00 Council Meeting  |
| January 12 & 13 | Membership Drive<br>Saint Athanasius ( <a href="#">Sign-up</a> ) |
| January 22      | 8:00-9:00 Council Meeting  |
| January 26      | K of C Free Throw  |

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