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**Council, No. 1031**

**Reading, Massachusetts 01867**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR FEBRUARY 2014**

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



My Brother Knights,

I hope you are enjoying the New Year. We were disappointed that the Patriots didn't go all the way but we look forward to next year, maybe they will have a better defense.

We are planning activities for this year. At the last meeting I brought up the possibilities of bringing back dances for the members and their spouses. I realize there are pillars in the middle of our hall that may be difficult to work around but it might be worth considering. I have a DJ available that will donate his time to us. I would like to get some feedback from anyone; should we pursue it. Also some consideration should be given to upgrading the kitchen. I would like to replace the

stove and refinish the cabinet fronts. If anyone can help with this please let me know.

We will have membership drives at both churches during February. Please support this effort.

Let's all make this the year that we increase our participation in Council Activities. And remember brothers we practice; Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism and we live and practice our Faith as Catholic Gentlemen.

Yours in Christ

Len Ebert Grand Knight

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Remember to keep PGK Tim Knowles and Jim Knowles in your prayers there are both recuperating from recent injuries.

If you know of any brother or family member in need of prayers or assistance, communicate these needs to Ernie Arsenault for inclusion in the newsletter. [ernea101@gmail.com](mailto:ernea101@gmail.com).

## **A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT**

*One hot humid summer day, a filthy looking bag-lady went down the street in her poor neighborhood repeatedly picking something up from the ground, and then hiding it in her coat pockets.*

*A police officer, watching her, became more and more suspicious—wanting to know what on earth she was doing. At first, she refused to say. But, when he insisted, she showed him what was in her pockets—just assorted pieces of broken glass! He just stared at her dumfounded until she finally said: “The Kids play stickball barefoot around here all the time and I was afraid they would cut their feet!—O.K.?” “Yes,” the policeman said, “it’s VERY O.K.”*

*That poor lady may never change the whole world. No committee will ever present her with a plaque, or throw a banquet in her honor. The children she was protecting will probably never even know what she’s done for them; much less have an opportunity to thank her. Nevertheless, she will leave her world a better place than she found it—for, in her humility—and despite her limitations, she has learned TO DO WHAT SHE CAN FOR OTHERS.*

*To do what WE can for others IS EXACTLY what Jesus wants OF US. And, of course, we DO TRY, don’t we—OR DO WE? Or, instead of helping, do we make all kinds of well-intentioned plans to help others: do we, for instance, firmly resolve to visit that sick neighbor, or the one who’s just entered the nursing home in town. Or, do we promise to check in on or . . . (well, at least CALL) Aunt Millie, who lives alone . . . AND, Oh, Yes! I’ll write that check for the food pantry. . . (Well . . . Not right now, of course, . . . but . . . SOON, probably sometime this week . . . or for sure next week, if it stops snowing so I can get to the post office!*

*Somehow, very few of us get around to carrying out all of our fine plans. I mean, we’re SO BUSY—YOU all know that! And besides, when we see all those people in the world, in such REAL and Desperate NEED, well, we become VERY DISCOURAGED—after all, WE can’t do it ALL can we?*

*Jesus doesn’t expect us to do it all. BUT, Jesus does expect us to do WHAT WE CAN!*

**DEACON NEIL**

### **February Birthdays:**

2/3 Steve Gagnon, 2/4 Mike Fennelly, 2/6 Ed McCabe, 2/10 David Defelice, 2/12 Larry Byron, Mike Flaherty, 2/13 Dan Gray, 2/14 Len Ebert, 2/16 Mike Gildea, 2/19 William Fox, 2/22 Robert Haley, 2/25 Mark Notarangeli, Tim Failla, 2/27 Dennis Symes, 2/28 Mark Spengler

### **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 to update our Records:**

If your birthday is incorrect let us know. Email John Silva at [jasilva397@aim.com](mailto:jasilva397@aim.com) or call 781 944 4285.

### **Annual Dues:**

Our Financial Secretary Charley Fallon has done a great job getting bills for the Annual Dues to us in a timely manner, the earliest in years. Let’s support his efforts by responding in kind so as to avoid the cost and labor needed to send out second notices.

### **Support Our Advertisers:**

Our advertisers help to defray the cost of this Newsletter, Please give them your support.

### **Advertising Space:**

There are some advertising blocks available for 2014. The annual cost for a single block is \$40; the double block is \$80.

The Sword and Anchor is a relatively inexpensive way for our advertisers to communicate their business to the local community. The income that is derived from these Ads helps us to live the first leg of our order, which is Charity.

Your help is needed to find potential advertisers. Ernie Arsenault ([ernea101@gmail.com](mailto:ernea101@gmail.com)) can assist with the details.

### **Membership Drive:**

St. Agnes will be holding their Annual Ministry Fair the weekend of Feb. 1-2. The purpose is to interest parishioners to become actively involved. There will be a K of C table and Knights are needed to talk to potential new candidates, sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAE2EAB9-stagnes>

St. Athanasius will have a membership drive the weekend of Feb. 8-9. There will be pulpit talks at each Mass. Knights are needed to meet with possible candidates after each Mass, sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAE2EAB9-stathanasius>

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

The local competition was held at the Reading YMCA Saturday Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> with a good showing of 24 boys and girls 9 to 14 years old.

The winners of the age groups will continue on to the District Competition to be held at the Andover Council on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.



The winners were: 9 year boy Michael Capachietti, 9 year girl Megan Pappo, 10 year boy Ben Regazzini, 10 year girl Sophia Lahlou, 11 year boy Chris Capachietti, 11 year girl Emily Fuller, 12 year boy Chris Wheeler, 13 year boy Cam Benassi, 14 year boy Zachary Lahlou.

**Tootsie Roll Charity Drive Results:**

The State Council recently published the results of the Fall Fund Raiser; Reading Council 1031 came in 23<sup>th</sup> of 139 councils reporting. Our net contribution was \$3,356.

**The Charities of the Reading Knights:**

Charity, the first word of our motto is truly practiced by our Council.

The Council recently voted to donate \$100 to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts.

Event Chairman and Referee PGK Mike Canavan had the help of his fellow Knights; Bob Baynes, Tom Cappuccio, Dick Coco, Frank Andrews, Brian Wolff and John Silva.



**Home Builders Corp.**

There will be a meeting of the HBC on Tuesday Feb. 18 at 7:30 The HBC has the legal responsibility for all aspects of our building. All current members are also members of our council are members of the HBC.





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

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

**Knight's Calendar-at-a-glance:**

Feb. 1-2	St. Agnes Membership Drive
Feb. 8-9	St. Athanasius Membership Drive
Feb. 11	8:00 PM Council meeting
Feb. 18	7:30 PM HBC Meeting
Feb. 24	8:00 PM Council meeting



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