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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR **JUNE 2014**

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My Brother Knights,

I hope to find all of you in good spirits. We had a busy month of May. We had our Awards, also known as Old Timers, Night; eight of our Brother Knights received their pins as Honorary Life Member. We were happy to have ten of our Past Grand Knights with us that night; they represent 14 years of Council Leadership (some served two years). There were also a large number of members that came to celebrate with us. And again we had a great meal by Camille.

In our council it takes not only the Grand Knight to make our council a great success. It is the officers and all members participating in our many events including our charity drives. All charity drives are important to me; especially the food pantry drive. This is where we can collect money for the Reading Food Pantry and money needed to support the many organizations that request our help.

I would like to see more of my brother knights donating their time where needed. I hope in the next coming year we can make our council the best it can be. Remember to make this council a success it is up to each of us knights. I hope to see more of you knights.

Yours in Christ
Len Ebert Grand Knight

Sick and Vigil:

Brother Ralph Barile Jr. is at home recuperating from an operation.

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.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

A few weeks ago, I came across an article in ***FAITH MAGAZINE*** that astounded me. It told of a **15-year-old Pakistani boy** who was on his way to school with a cousin when a man stopped and asked for directions to their school. They pointed it out, and the man went on. But the 15-year-old told his cousin that he thought something was amiss; he thought the man was a suicide bomber and needed to be stopped.

While others backed away, he caught up to the bomber and begged him not to detonate the bomb; but the man panicked and pulled the cord anyway, killing himself and the young boy. Later, the boy's father said how proud he was of his son: *"He made his mother cry, but saved hundreds of other mothers from crying for their children."*

Very few of us ever face such life and death choices; but as Knights we should occasionally take the time to seriously ask ourselves: "How willing am I to sacrifice for the needs of others?" "How willing am I to put others first and me second as Jesus asks?" "How much would I consider *too much* for Jesus to ask of me?"

Pope Francis has made it very clear that, as Christians, *[and more so as Knights]* we need to reach out beyond our comfort zone to meet the needs of others—***and not just in material ways!***

But, reaching out to others takes time--and today we just don't seem to have enough time for others; especially the poor—and remember that **"the poor"** does **not just mean financially poor**. It includes the disabled, mentally challenged, sinners who need forgiveness, the lonely, the abandoned, the sick and the dying—to whom we must listen and show a willingness to be really present—spending time, that we don't think we have enough of, so that wounds can be healed and Jesus Love become known by all. Before we begin this work however, we must ask the Lord in prayer to show us just how to go about this—in His Love.

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Awards Night:

Awards Night (formally Old Timers Night) was held on Tuesday May 27. Those in attendance enjoyed another great dinner prepared by Camille; Thank You!

Joseph Doherty and John Quinlan were recognized as Honorary Life Members for their continuous membership of 50 years. Mark Notarangeli received a 25 year membership award.



Past Grand Knights at Awards Night



June Birthdays:

6/1 Tom McKenna, John Quinlan, 6/2 Brendan Hoyt, 6/4 Mike Giacalone, 6/7 Mike Olivo, 6/8 Robert Beane, Pat Iapicca, 6/11 Paul Guazzaloca, 6/12 Charles Gazzara, 6/18 Dermot O’Keeffe, 6/19 Ron Beaupre, 6/20 Steve Goldner, 6/21 Chris Sullivan, 6/29 Charles Donovan.

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.

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil:

An All-Night Vigil has been held monthly in the Archdiocese for 42 years. The vigil for June will be held at St. Agnes on June 6. The vigil will open with Mass at 9:00 PM celebrated by Fr. Rock and close with a 5:00 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served throughout the night in the Lower Church along with a video entitled “Science Tests Our Faith”.

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Home Builders Corp.

There will be a meeting of the HBC on Tuesday June 17 at 7:30.

The HBC has the legal responsibility for all aspects of our building. All current members of our council are also 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:

June 6	9:00 PM	St. Agnes Eucharistic Vigil
June 10	8:00 PM	Council meeting and Election of Offices
June 14	6:30 PM	St. Athanasius Wine Tasting Fund Raiser
June 17	7:30 PM	HBC Meeting
June 21	8:30 AM	Walk for Life
June 24	8:00 PM	Council meeting

The Charities of the Reading Knights:

The Council recently voted to contribute to various organizations.

- \$250 to St. Agnes Parish to purchase food for the Out Door Mass and Picnic to be held on June 22nd
- \$300 to the Reading Scholarship Foundation.

