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**Council, No. 1031**

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## **THE SWORD AND ANCHOR MAY 2014**

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My Brother Knights,

I hope this finds all our brothers in good spirit, spring has sprung. I would like to thank all our brothers that helped out to set up and clean up with our communion breakfast. I do not know if we have ever had an appreciation for our past Grand Knights. It may be something we could do. I want to thank them personally and I am sure that we all thank them for making our council a success all these years. It not only takes the grand knights and officers. It takes all brothers that have donated their time to help out in many ways were needed. I hope to see more brothers come and donate their time during the next coming year. I would like to see you especially at our monthly meetings; we

have our food pantry drive coming up in June. I hope to see many volunteers and especially some of our newer members.

Yours in Christ  
Len Ebert Grand Knight

### **Sick and Vigil:**

Roger Nagle, the father-in-law of Brother and Advocate Brian Snell passed away April 14. Please remember Brian's wife Linda and her family in your prayers.

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

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During a heavy storm at sea a nervous woman passenger on a large cruise ship went to the captain, seeking reassurance. "Captain," she asked, her voice nervous and trembling, "are we in great danger?" "Don't worry, madam," he answered, "after all, we are in the hands of God."

"Oh," she gasped, terror written all over her face, "is it as **BAD** as that?"

We are always in the hands of God, whether or not the weather is stormy. It is therefore as **GOOD as**, not as **BAD as** all that the woman thought! Sometimes we forget God's presence until the last moment; until we feel the storm all around us. However, we should be aware, *even during the calm periods of our lives*, of the continuing buoying support of Christ.

Pope Francis asked in his Easter Vigil Mass that we "Be not afraid", that Christ is always with us and that we should think back in our lives to the particular time when our conversion occurred—whether as a pre-teen, as a teen or during a mid-life or other crisis—think back to the point where we first met Christ face to face and felt his call and knew he was with us, (guiding us as he was guiding the Disciples after the Resurrection). Pope Francis wants us to think back to that wonderful time in our lives and to renew our Faith and our TRUST in CHRIST, knowing he is always, and will always be with us.

That renewal of our trust and Faith will make for a very HAPPY EASTER for us all.

**DEACON NEIL**

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### May Birthdays:

5/1 Rev. William Faix, Francis McCormack, Arthur Nigro, 5/2 Guy Demartinis, 5/6 Peter Nestor, 5/7 Robert Mandile, 5/9 Robert Ryan, 5/13 Tom Ryan, 5/14 Dino Cuscuna, Almerico DiCampo, 5/15 Corey Collins, John Tierney, 5/16 Rev. Tom Powers, 5/22 Ralph Barile, 5/26 Jim Brangiforte, 5/30 Steve Kintigos, 5/31 Paul Fitzgerald

### 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.

### Men's Reunion:

The Saint Agnes Men's Retreat community invites you to our 2014 Reunion on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm in the lower church at St. Agnes Church.

Father Steve Rock will be our keynote speaker sharing his thoughts on the question: 'What sustains me in my faith?'

Join us for a night catching up with old friends and hearing God's Word in sharing and singing.

Refreshments will be served.

We hope you will be able to join us.

### The Charities of the Reading Knights:

The Council recently voted to contribute to various organizations.

- \$100 to the Reading Education Foundation. The Reading Education Foundation provides private money to fund initiatives that are beyond the reach of public funds.
- \$150 to the RMHS Robotics Team
- \$150 to the state K of C Charity Fund for the purchase of Wheelchairs.
- \$350 to Sponsor a Little League Baseball Team.

### 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. 5/30 and Sat. 5/31. 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.

Please help to make this a success by donating two hours of your time to this worthy cause.

### Sign up now!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E054EA4A729A75-knights>

### **Awards Night:**

Awards Night (formally Old Timers Night) will be held on Tuesday May 27. This has always been occasion for our members, both the Older and the Newer Knights to come together in fellowship. There will be a special Dinner followed by recognition of some our long standing members as they become Honorary Life Members. Please plan to join us. The evening will start with a Social at 6:00 and Dinner at 6:30. **Signup Now!**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADA2EAB9-awards>

### **We have a winner:**

Christopher Capachetti, parishioner of St. Athanasius, won the Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition for the 11 year old boy's age group.

He hit 22 out of 25 free throws to clinch the States. He had also hit 22 of 25 at the Regional K of C competition on March 15. He had previously won at the District and the local Reading K of C levels as he advanced. His parents, Tom and Kellie, as well as the Reading Knights and are very proud of him.



### **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.

### **Wine Tasting Fund Raiser:**

A "Few Good Men" are needed to assist at the St. Athanasius Wine Tasting Party to be held June 14 at 6:30. Please Sign Up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADA2EAB9-stathanasius3>

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### **Home Builders Corp.**

There will be a meeting of the HBC on Tuesday May 20 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.

### **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.

### **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:**

May 13	8:00 PM	Council meeting
May 20	7:30 PM	HBC Meeting
May 20	6:45 PM	Men's Reunion
May 27	6:00 PM	Awards Night
May 30/31		Charity Drive
June 14	6:30 PM	St. Athanasius Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

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