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Brothers;

On behalf of my family and also on our Treasurer Brian Nowicki and his family, I would just like to thank all of you for your support and prayers during our recent losses. It does mean so much and does help in the healing process. It is a nice feeling to be surrounded by so many caring Brother Knights!

I hope you were all able to enjoy time together with your families at Thanksgiving. It has always been my favorite holiday because it is all about family and spending quality time with them. And of course Christmas is right around the corner and we will all be in hyper mode soon (if not already).

Our council has been busy in the last month with our Mass for Departed Brothers on November 15th, our Open House for the town Tree Lighting on November 27th and also a couple of newly knighted brothers, Matthew Annunziata and John McEleney. I have known John for several years and am very happy he has joined our council. He is a great family guy and I know that both he and Matthew will be great additions to our council.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope to see many of you at our council events coming up in the next few months and remember it is always better to GIVE than to receive!

In Christ,
Tom Cappuccio, Grand Knight

In Memoria

Brother Joe Donegan died October 23 at the age of 70; our prayers are with his wife Angela and their family during this difficult time.

Edna Pomerleau, the mother of Brother Ron Pomerleau passed away October 30; Edna was a very active member of St. Athanasius Church and will be missed by many.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT _____

THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS . . .

During the Roman Empire Caesar Augustus was hailed as a "god" and the "savior of the world" for the peace he enforced—a peace built largely on intimidation and violence against the vulnerable, the poor, and the powerless.

And then, one night in a backwater of that great empire, a new vision of peace appeared. It was peace centered on that perfect love between a mother and her newborn child. God's love for us took on a human face, heart and body that evening.

PEACE is not just the absence of strife but the presence of compassion and forgiveness. **PEACE** is not fearful passivity but loving perseverance to reconcile and heal. **PEACE** is not enforced by one's power but celebrated in mutual respect and generosity. **PEACE** is not the province of the powerful but the responsibility of all "men and women of good will." **PEACE** exalts humility, poverty, simplicity and service—**PEACE** is built on justice for all and the dignity of the most vulnerable.

The work of building God's kingdom of **PEACE** begins with us on this Christmas Day. In what concrete ways can we transform **PEACE** from an absence of conflict into God's PEACE of generosity, forgiveness, and humility?

Have a very Holy, and therefore a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

DEACON NEIL

December Birthdays:

12/1 George O'Brien, 12/3 Gary D'Entremont, Don Martinage, 12/5 Ralph Barile Jr., 12/9 John Flaherty, 12/11 David Ebert, 12/13 David Crowley, 12/15 John Silva, Mike Terry, 12/18 Dennis Ebert, 12/21 Mark Baltier, Francis Keane, 12/26 Steve Percy, 12/27 John Nawoichyk, John Parisi, 12/28 Paul Ripa, Richard Schneeberg, 12/30 George MacDougall, 12/31 Ernie Arsenault

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.

Dues Increase?

There will be a proposal presented at the 12/13 meeting to increase the Council's annual dues, which has not changed in 20 years. If you want your voice heard join us at this meeting.

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Mass for our Departed Brothers:

Fifty knights and guests attended the Mass for Departed Brothers that was held in Enos Hall on November 5 in honor of Brothers John Baccari, Richard Burns, Andrew Goldy, and Robert Fotino, who passed away this past year.



Lounge Christmas Party:

There will be a Christmas Party in the lounge for members and their guests on Saturday Dec. 17th from 4:00 to 11 PM. Join us for a good time and enjoy some of Camille's appetizers.

First Degree Ceremonies:

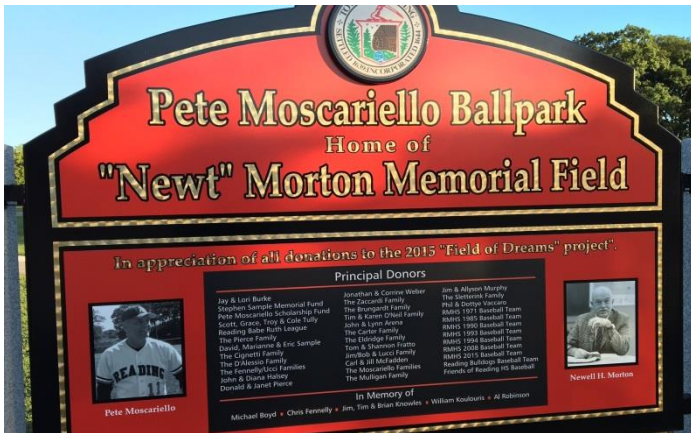
Recent new members to our council that received their First Degree were; David Costa, Matt Annunziata and John McEleney. Introduce yourself to these men as Brother Knights when you see them.

David is shown with DGK Dick Coco. Matt and John are shown with FS Charlie Fallon.



Ball Field Sign:

A new sign has been dedicated at the High School ball park. The sign is in memory of Jim, Tim and Brian Knowles, and others,



Christmas Eve Mass:

Once again St, Agnes will hold their Christmas Eve 4:00 mass in the High School Field House. The past two years have been a blessing as we joined our neighbors and embraced the love of Jesus Christ. If you have never been to Christmas Mass at RHMS come and witness what is indescribable. With almost 2500 in attendance you can imagine the love as we celebrate Jesus amongst us.

There will be parking attendants, greeters and many more to help make this a memorable family event.



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Council Calendar:

Dec. 13 8:00 PM Council Meeting

Dec. 17 4:00 Lounge Xmas Party

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

Dec. 27 Council Meeting is Cancelled

Dec. 31 Happy New Year

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