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THE SWORD AND ANCHOR DECEMBER 2017

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Dear Brother Knights:

December is not only the last month of 2017, but also represents the start of a new church liturgical year. The next three Sundays of Advent lead us to Christmas Day, the joyous celebration of the birth of Christ.

In keeping with the season, the Council Christmas Party will be held in the Council Lounge on Saturday evening, December 9, 2017 starting at 6:00pm. Join us! This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of the Council.

In January we will be holding our annual membership drive at both St. Agnes and St. Athanasius parishes. Your help will be needed to make the drive successful. More details will follow in next month's bulletin.

This past November 5th six Brothers advanced to the Second and Third Degrees at ceremonies held at the Andover Council. Congratulations to Brothers Matt Annunziata, John Canning, Dave Costa, Kevin McKenna and Jason and Ron Surette. There were over 22 Knights from other Councils making their 2nd and 3rd Degrees that day. The team conducting the two Ceremonies did an outstanding job.

Brothers who are 1st or 2nd Degree members are strongly urged to consider advancing to the 3rd Degree. Ceremonies are scheduled for early next year for those interested. Please contact me or another Officer so we can plan for your participation.

I extend to all Brothers, their families and friends, best wishes for a very Happy, Joyful and Prayerful Christmas.

Vivat Jesus! Richard Coco, Grand Knight, Council 1031

Sick and Vigil:

PGK John Firenze is at home recuperating from an operation.

PGK Chet Tyminski is at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

Remember to keep our Former Financial Secretary Charley Fallon in your prayers as he continues to do battle with cancer.

Brother John Shaw and Brother Peter DelGreco will be undergoing surgery this month.

Mrs. Marlene Connery of Tampa FL, the mother of Brother Tom Connery, died November 26 at the age of 84. Our prayers are with Tom and his family during this difficult time.

A GOOD KNIGHT THOUGHT

Our Personal Christmas Card.

I saw a cartoon of a little boy drawing a picture which reminded me of our *real* Christmas cards. In the cartoon his mother asks, "How can you draw a picture of God? Nobody knows what He looks like."

The youngster replies, "They **will** when I finish this picture!"

Through our lives WE can draw pictures of God more important than any Christmas card for in the Bible it says, "***Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love—as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.***"

God is seen in Jesus, from the Nativity to the Cross and Resurrection. In His love Jesus came to us at Bethlehem and gave His entire life to teach, heal, feed and forgive. Above all, He gave Himself as a sacrificial offering to the Father for the sin and guilt of all people and thereby gave them life.

As we speak of the saving love of God and *demonstrate* that love through lives of service to those about us, we imitate Jesus and thereby *draw* **OUR PICTURE OF GOD** for those who observe **US**.

Lord, grant me, as your Knight, greater love and power that by my life of love and service I may draw a picture of **You** that will attract those about me to come to know and love You. Amen.

Have a very Holy and Blessed Christmas Season

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

Installation of Council Officers:

Installation of GK Dick Coco and his fellow officer for this Fraternal Year took place Tuesday November 28 at 8:00 PM in the Council Hall on.

The ceremony was conducted by DD Bill Travascio.



My Brother's Table:

Brother Knights from our Council prepared and served dinner at My Brother's Table in Lynn on Oct. 28. This is the third time we have participated; all agree that it is a good experience.



DGK Bob Baynes is not shown, he took the picture.

Mass for our Departed Brothers:

On November 14th we celebrated our annual Mass for Departed Brothers followed with dinner. Those Brothers that we lost this year were:

- Brother Theodore R. Watson – died March 6, 2017
- Brother Edmund F. Knowles - died April 7, 2017
- Brother Richard A. Hill - died April 19, 2017
- Brother Kenneth J. Masse - died May 10, 2017
- Brother William A. Guazzaloca - died June 4, 2017
- Brother Gerald A. Intonti - died September 25, 2017



Lounge Christmas Party:

There will be a Christmas Party in the lounge for members and their guests on Saturday Dec. 9th from 6:00 to 11 PM. Join us for a good time and enjoy some of Camille's appetizers.

Degree Ceremony:

Second (Formation) Degree and Third (Knighthood) Degree Ceremonies were held Sunday, November 5, at the Andover Council.



Six of our Brother Knights completed their journey to Knighthood.

They were: Matt Annunziata, John Canning, Kevin McKenna, David Costa, Jason Surette, and Ronald Surette.

Introduce yourselves as Brother Knights when you see them.

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There will be an important meeting of the HBC in the lounge on Dec. 19 at 8:00 PM. All members of the Council are also members of the HBC. You are urged to attend to show your support to the Brothers that are working to maintain our building.

Blood Drive:

Our Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday December 29 from 2 to 7 in Enos Hall. Your help is needed to make this a success. Sign up now to donate at <https://goo.gl/GJ3992>

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Council Meeting:

The Council Meeting scheduled for Dec. 26 has been cancelled. Merry Christmas!!!

Council Calendar:

- Dec. 9 6:00 – 10:00 Lounge Christmas Party
- Dec. 12 8:00 – 9:00 Council Meeting
- Dec. 19 8:00 HBC Meeting
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas
- Dec. 29 2:00 – 7:00 Blood Drive

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