

Bishop Amedee W. Proulx Council 11257—Portland, Maine 04103



Monthly Newsletter



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The Grand Knights Report:

Thank you to the 10 brother knights who attended our 5th meeting of our Fraternal Year on January 12th at St. Joseph's Friary. Please take a moment to review our Calendar of Events on the website and contact me or the person listed if you would like to participate in any of the events. If you do not have the time to help out, your attendance at our events would be greatly appreciated.

At this meeting our council was visited by our new District Deputy Ted Borduas. Brother Ted presented the council the Columbian Award 2008-2009 plaque for Service Programs. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon those councils who have performed a minimum of 4 projects in each of the 5 service program areas regarding Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth Activities.

The council once again had a very successful holiday season. I wish to thank all of our members who have participated in our activities to date. We had a lot of fun and raised some much needed funds for our treasury in order to help those less fortunate.

On December 18th, Brother Dewayn Marzagalli and GK Michael Pizzo presented awards to the winners of the KC essay contest which was held November 2009. The award ceremony picture along with the winning essay are included with this newsletter.

Under the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) our council has approved supporting two seminarians from the Lewiston area. They are Alan Cyr who is attending Theological College in Washington D.C. and Br. Emile Dube who is attending Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA. Please keep both of these seminarians in your prayers as they continue their journey to priesthood.

Our Financial Secretary, Reuben Ramos has reported that 75% of our members have renewed and that 25% or 19 members have yet to commit. We do hope that all those who have yet to renew will do so shortly.

I am reminded on a regular basis from all our constituents of just how much the Knights of Columbus mean to our faith, parish, and communities. There is always more than enough need for financial and volunteer assistance and we are continually looking to increase our membership. I would ask all members to consider approaching one of your fellow parishioners or friends to consider membership in our honored order. If you have someone who might be interested but wants to talk about membership further, please have them contact Grand Knight Michael Pizzo at 797-6326 or Membership Director James Pizzo at 772-1391.

As you can see our council is very active in the community and our parish. I do hope you will take a few moments and review our calendar of events and get involved as your time allows. **Our next council meeting will be on February 9th, 7:00pm in the Friary meeting room. Hope we see you there.**

Michael E. Pizzo, GK

Council 11257, Portland

Our next Regular meeting is February 9, 2010, at 7:00 pm, Held at the Friary Conference Room.

Call of Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order on Dec. 8th at 7:00 PM by GK Mike Pizzo.

The GK also lead the council in the Lords Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers

Chaplain	Unassigned	E
Grand Knight, M Pizzo		P
DGK , N. Twaddel		E
Chancellor, G Sundik		E
Recorder, H. Sundik		P
Financial Secretary, R. Ramos		P
Treasurer, D Bergson		E
Lecturer , G Flaherty		P
Advocate , D. Farr		P
Warden , J. Pizzo		P
IS Guard , M. Reynolds		E
OS Guard , E, Griffin		E
1 Yr. Trustee , D Haverty		P
2 Yr. Trustee , G Flaherty		P
3 Yr. Trustee , P. Rovnak		P

P = Present

A = Absent

E = Excused

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted

The Membership Directors Report:**The Chaplain's Report:**

None

The Membership Directors Report: (Cont.)

Council Membership:	
Insurance Members	48
Associate Members	31
Inactive Insurance Members	<u>2</u>
Total	81

Of the 81 members we have:

Honorary Life Members	3
Honorary Members	1

The aging of our council:

20—30 = 0	31—40 = 10
41—50 = 12	51—60 = 14
61—70 = 28	71—80 = 11
81—90 = 6	91—100 = 0

The average age of our council membership is: 60

The Following Have Received the Honors of the 2nd & 3rd Degrees:

None

The Following Have Received the Honors of the 4th Degree:

None

The Treasurer report: 12/31/2009

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,327.35
<u>INCOME</u>	
XMAS DONATIONS	650.00
VICTORIA MANSION FR	660.00
SANTA'S BKFST AND 50/50	925.00
DUES 2010	725.00
DONATIONS	30.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,990.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
BREAKFAST SUPPLIES	(224.69)
D. HAVERTY XMAS Don.	(890.00)
EMILE E DUBE, PRIEST	(100.00)
ALAN C CYR PRIEST	(100.00)
DIOCESAN VOCATION	(100.00)
THAW FUND	(100.00)
8 \$25 GIFT CARDS	(150.00)
R. RAMOS STAMPS	(44.00)
VICTORIA MANSION PYMNT	(385.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(2,093.69)
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$3,223.66</u>

Respectfully submitted, David Bergson,
Treasurer

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Bills: K of C Supreme Asmnts. \$351.51

Communications:

Thank you letters from Dube, Cyr, Morrison Center and Susan Curtis Foundation.

The Financial Secretary Report:

1.) Financial Secretary concurred with the Treasurers report.

2.) The FS notified the council that Brother Michael Hill has transferred to another council. We thank Brother Hill for his service and wish him well at his new

Report of Trustee's: None**The Chancellor's Report:** None**Report of Service Program Committees:**

Community Committee: Dave Haverty said \$1892 was raised with Knights contribution of \$752. Sources were also Citrus and Victoria Mansion Tickets.

Families Helped: 7 Cath Charities group of 7 families and 25 people as well as St Joseph's parish 3 families 9 people.

Youth; Brother Peter Rovnak reported a committee will hold the contest for up to 60 young boys and girls. On 2-4pm this Saturday January 16. Council winners will automatically be district winners since no other council is doing it.

Church (D. Marzagelli) : three Essay award winners from St Bridget got savings bond with 2 runners up getting books.

Unfinished Business:**New Business:****District Deputy Report:**

District Deputy Report; New Deputy Ted Borduas thanks to the council. Wants to announce;

1. Membership growth the key.
2. New 1st team being formed; to be in place by end of year.
3. Councils are doing well.

Brother Ted Borduas

Upcoming Events:

January, 2010 (Saturday)

Jan. 12, 2010 (Tuesday)Jan. 16, 2010 (Saturday)February 2010 (Friday)**Feb. 9, 2010 (Tuesday)**Feb. 14, 2010 (Sunday)March, 2010**Mar. 9, 2010 (Tuesday)**

Pasta Dinner w/H.A.S. for St Brigid, Fr. Hayes Ctr. 5:15-6:30PM

Council Business Meeting, Friary Conference Room, 7:00 PM

K of C Hoop Shoot - Peter Rovnak

Fish Chowder for first Friday of Lent, 5:00 – 6:30pm, Hayes Center with the Ladies Sodality and the Knights

Council Business Meeting, Friary Conference Room, 7:00 PM

Valentine Breakfast from 8:00 – 10:15 AM, Fr Hayes Center

Membership Recruitment Drive at St. Joseph's

Council Business Meeting, Friary Conference Room, 7:00 PM**Good of the Order:**

Please pray for the sick members and friends of our council.

Lacey Ramos for her health, daughter of Brother Reuben Ramos.

Fr. O'Toole

Fr. Feeney

Parish Member Ray Pinkerton

Brother Bill Hubbard

Brother Jack Lee.

Brother Dominic Bernabei.

Connie Ryan—Brother Ed Ryan's Wife

News of the Fourth Degree:

To be included in the next newsletter

Birthdays:

Mark Cannon Jan. 28

Thomas Roache Jan. 30

David G Brimmer Feb. 14

Lecturer Report:

Brother George Flaherty

No report this meeting.

Please take a moment to feel the movement of your council. We are, together, making a difference in our Parish and Community. If you are not already actively involved please consider the good we do and in greater numbers the more that we will be able to accomplish. I invite you to come with us on a journey to fulfillment.

EDITORS NOTE

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Our business meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. In the Friary second Tuesday of every month (Except the months of July and August) or please review the Calendar of Events included in this newsletter, Every Knight should make a concerted effort to attend.

Calendar of Events

Please visit our Calendar of Events page on our Web-Site for the scheduled events for '09-'10

A copy of the calendar of events is included with the newsletter being mailed to those who do not have an internet connection

Highlights:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BISHOP AMEDEE PROULX COUNCIL 11257 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO ESSAY
CONTEST WINNERS ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DECEMBER 18, 2009



From L to R:

1st Place winner Allie Walker; Brother Knight Dewayn Marzagalli; 1st runner-up Tim Jerome; Honorable mention Maggie Shellene; Honorable mention Rachel Dalton; 2nd runner-up Julie Cornell; Fr. Peter Kasetta; Grand Knight Michael Pizzo.

In November, 2009, Knights of Columbus Bishop Amedee Proulx Council 11257 along with St. Brigid School in Portland, sponsored an Essay Contest for the 8th Grade Class. The students were instructed to write 500 words or less on the topic entitled **“What St. Brigid School means to me.”** 21 students took part in the contest and each was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. The papers were graded utilizing a 100 point scale with points being awarded for overall impression (20 points), content (40 points) and Grammar (40 points). A \$100 savings bond was awarded to the winner with \$50 savings bonds awarded to the 1st and 2nd runner ups and reading books awarded to two honorable mentions.

The first place winner was Allie Walker, 1st runner up was Time Jerome, and 2nd runner up was Julie Cornell. Honorable mentions were Maggie Shellene and Rachel Dalton. Awards were presented at a school assembly on December 18, 2009 by Grand Knight Michael Pizzo and contest coordinator Dewayn Marzagalli.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS AND THE ENTIRE 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2010 AT ST. BRIGID.

Allie Walker
What Saint Brigid School means to me
11/6/09

Saint Brigid School is more than just a good education to me. It is a place where I feel safe and where I can grow into a responsible person. It is my home, and within that home, is my family. Saint Brigid School teaches me how to do the best that I can and not feel pressured about how others do. My school also gives me a great religious education, on which I can follow and be a part of God.

Saint Brigid School is getting me ready to go to high school and college and not need to rely on others for help. It is giving me the skills I will need later on in life. My favorite part about this school is that it is small and does not have a large number of kids in each grade. I feel my teachers know me and who I am, better than any teacher in a public school would. The teachers help me if I am struggling, and they give me their individual attention when I need something. Also, because it is small, everyone knows who most everyone is. It's always nice to have people saying hi to you throughout the day! I also love the uniforms. They give me an assurance that no one will “make fun of me” for my clothes, because they are wearing the same thing. I do not have to worry about what others think, and I even get to express my own style through earring, shoes, and other miscellaneous ways.

Saint Brigid's shows me how to act. It teaches me morals that many other schools don't teach. I am sure that it is preparing me to make the absolute best choices that I can in the future. My school teaches religion throughout the day, and I noticed since the first day that I attended classes here, that my religious teachings have shown up in my actions. I become more and more responsible with each year! I feel like this school suits me, and what I will need in life.

I know that I will definitely look back on my experiences at Saint Brigid School as some of the best and most formative years in my life. I also know that I will be thanking the teachers I have had here for everything they have taught me in my eight years at this school.