

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



# Monthly Newsletter



Volume XVII Issue I

February 2010

## The Grand Knights Report:

Thank you to the 16 brother knights who attended our 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of our Fraternal Year on February 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Your Grand Knight introduced our two newest members Kevin Dickinson and James Merrill. Kevin and Jim had the honor of making their 1<sup>st</sup> degree at St. Max's January 28<sup>th</sup>. All the members present gave them a rousing welcome applause. As your Grand Knight, I'm reminded on a regular basis from 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. March is recruitment month and if you have someone who might be interested but wants to talk about membership further, please have them contact Grand Knight Michael Pizza at 797-6326 or Membership Director James Pizza at 772-1391.

On January 30<sup>th</sup> the council and the Home School Association (HAS) of St. Brigid's hosted a very successful pasta dinner for the beginning of Catholic School week. All parishioners and families of children attending St. Brigid's were invited and the proceeds are being utilized to purchase new tables for the lunch program to replace the old ones. Thank you to my brother knights who assisted with preparation and serving along with all the members of the HAS.

February 14<sup>th</sup> was our Valentine's Day breakfast. Those who attended were treated to a very nice breakfast and the opportunity to win a very large box of chocolates by purchasing a 50/50 ticket. I am pleased to say that the President of the Ladies Sodality Barbara Dalton was the winner! Kudos's to the brother knights who helped put on the breakfast especially new member Jim Merrill.

We will be hosting a baked haddock dinner with the Ladies Sodality during lent on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> in the Fr. Hayes Center from 5:00 – 6:30pm at a cost of \$7.00 per person (\$4.00 for children 5 and under). Please join us for the dinner and the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

Your council recently filed our year end Fraternal Activities Report for 2009. As your Grand Knight I am very please to say that our council was able to donate to our church, community and youth a total of \$6500 and 950 volunteer hours! I know you are as proud as I am in all the good works that our council performs.

As you can see our council is very active in the community and our parish. I'm also reminded by our Financial Secretary that 11 of our members have not yet renewed their 2010 membership. If you are reading this and haven't done so, please do it today!

Our next council meeting will be on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the friary meeting room. Hope we see you there.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael E. Pizzo, GK

Council 11257, Portland

**Call of Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order on Feb. 9th 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	P
Chancellor	G Sundik	E
Recorder	H. Sundik	P
Financial Secretary	R. Ramos	E
Treasurer	D Bergson	P
Lecturer	G Flaherty	P
Advocate	D. Farr	P
Warden	J. Pizzo	P
IS Guard	M. Reynolds	E
OS Guard	E, Griffin	P
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:**

We have 2 new 1st Degree members. Kevin Dickinson and James Merrill received the honors of the 1st Degree at St. Max's on January 28th. Congratulations to our newest members.

**The Chaplain's Report:**

None

**The Membership Directors Report: (Cont.)**

Council Membership:

Insurance Members	30
Associate Members	50
Inactive Insurance Members	<u>2</u>
Total	82

Of the 82 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 \$3,223.66

**INCOME**

Income	244.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>244.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Expenses	(571.51)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(571.50)</b>

ENDING BALANCE \$2,896.15

Respectfully submitted, David Bergson, Treasurer

**Reading of Bills and Communications:**

None

**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:**

Your council recently filed our year end Fraternal Activities Report for 2009. As your Grand Knight I am very please to say that our council was able to donate to our church, community and youth a total of \$6500 and 950 volunteer hours! I know you are as proud as I am in all the good works that our council performs.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**District Deputy Report:**

None

**Upcoming Events:**

January, 2010 (Saturday)

**Jan. 12, 2010 (Tuesday)**

Jan. 16, 2010 (Saturday)

**Feb. 9, 2010 (Tuesday)**

Feb. 14, 2010 (Sunday)

February 26, 2010 (Friday)

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

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

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

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

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.

Brother John Flaherty

Parish Member Ray Pinkerton

Parish Member David Holt

Brother Bill Hubbard

Brother Jack Lee.

Brother Dominic Bernabei.

Connie Ryan—Brother Ed Ryan's Wife

Brother Gerry Roy

**News of the Fourth Degree:**

A 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on May 15th in Brunswick.

All eligible members should contact Mike Pizzo GK.

**Birthdays:**

Fr. Ted Corley	Mar 5
Eric Griffin	Mar. 7
Joseph Tuttle	Mar 10
Mike Lane	Mar. 12
David G Brimmer	Feb. 14
David Bergson	Mar. 17
Greg Sundik	Mar 19
George A Flaherty	Mar. 22
Ralph Blake	Mar. 23
John LaPlante	Mar. 23
John Voyer	Mar 23

**Lecturer Report:**

Brother George Flaherty

The effects of the I295 corridor on Back Bay and Portland.

To be continued next month.

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.

**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

**EDITORS NOTE**

Please address omissions and corrections to Mike Lane

Phone: 207.797.7776

Email:  
mlane@northeastdesigndrafting.com

**Highlights:**

**None submitted this month**