



# Monthly Newsletter



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## Grand Knights Report:

Thank you to the 13 brother knights who attended our 4th meeting of our fraternal year on December 13th at St. Joseph's Friary. I hope members will make an effort to attend at least one of our meetings during this fraternal year. I know you will find them informative and enjoyable.

The council completed its Citrus Fruit drive for this year and I want to thank Brother Eric Griffin for organizing and leading this year's drive. We had 21 of our brothers participate and sold 224 cases which will net us \$1600. for doing our good works in the coming year. We are also very thankful to the many parishioners and knights who bought the fruit.

Brother Dave Haverty and his helpers delivered groceries for 6 thanksgiving dinners to those in need along with 6 turkeys which were donated by Hannaford Bros. Brother Dave and his helpers are now working on our Christmas donations to those in need which will be completed by December 25th. Sincere thanks to the brother knights who donated to both efforts.

The Christmas crèche was erected this month and will be lighted at the Christmas eve mass. Please take the time to view the crèche with family and friends during the holiday season.

The children of our parish along with family and friends enjoyed a breakfast with Santa hosted by the Knights and the Home School Association from St. Brigid School on December 4th. The kids really enjoyed visiting with Santa and making ornaments for their Christmas trees.

Our next business meeting will be on January 10th, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Friary conference room at St. Joseph's Parish. It would be great to see you there.

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Michael E. Pizzo, GK**

**Council 11257, Portland**

## Service Program Directors for the coming year:

Program Director:	Norm Twaddel
Church Director:	David Bergson Jr.
Vocations Director:	Dewayn Marzagalli
Community Director:	David Haverty
Council Director:	Michael Pizzo
Public Relations:	Eric Griffin
Family Director:	Norm Twaddel
Youth Director:	Peter Rovnak
Membership Director:	James Pizzo
Retention Chairman:	Reuben Ramos
Insurance Promotion:	Michael Pizzo

**Call of Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order on December 13th 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, P. Rovnak	E
Recorder, J. Merrill	P
Financial Secretary, R. Ramos	P
Treasurer, D Bergson	P
Lecturer , Unassigned	E
Advocate , D. Farr	E
Warden , J. Pizzo	P
IS Guard , J. Russell	P
OS Guard, T. Libby	E
1 Yr. Trustee , B. Delaney	E
2 Yr. Trustee , D. Haverty	P
3 Yr. Trustee , E. Griffin	E

P = Present

A = Absent

E = Excused

**Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Reading of the previous meeting minutes were waived.

**Report of Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications:**

NONE

**The Chaplain's Report:**

NONE

**Membership Statistics:**

Council Membership:	
Insurance Members	31
Associate Members	42
Inactive Insurance Members	<u>1</u>
Total	74

Of the 74 members we have:

Honorary Life Members	3
Honorary Members	0

**The aging of our council:**

20—30 = 1	31—40 = 9
41—50 = 12	51—60 = 14
61—70 = 24	71—80 = 10
81—90 = 4	91—100 = 0

The average age of our council membership is **59**

**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: 11/30/11**

BEGINNING BAL 11/1/11      **\$2,546.83**

**INCOME**

Dues	680.00
Citrus Funds	<u>4,559.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,239.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

FS Ramos for stamps	( 74.91)
GPCCM	( 25.00)
Presence Radio	( 50.00)
Indian River for Fruit	( 2,997.43)
Postmaster Portland	( 44.00)
Deposit only stamp	( 31.00)
Bank Fee to be reimbursed	<u>( 23.50)</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$3,245.84)</b>

ENDING BAL. 11/30/11      **\$4,539.99**

Respectfully submitted, David Bergson,  
Treasurer

Motioned and accepted as presented by the treasurer.

**Reading of Bills and Communications:**

Request for donations from Maine Right To Life and Guest House.

**The Financial Secretary Report:**

Financial Secretary reported that dues billings have been mailed for 2012 and 40 of our members are already paid. Follow-up billings will be done in January 2012 of those not paid.

**Report of Trustee's:** NONE

**The Chancellor's Report:**

A note was received from our seminarian Deacon Emil Dube with a blessing for the holidays. Deacon Dube will be ordained on 5/26/2012 in Lewiston and we will be getting an invite to attend.

**Report of Service Program Committees:**

DGK Twaddel reported on our surge program totals to date. We had 5 surge reports since last meeting which included the breakfast with Santa, installing the creche, assisting with the Nuns annual dinner and the thanksgiving dinners.

**Unfinished Business:**

It was decided to donate the proceeds from our tootsie drive to Camp Susan Curtis. The check was received and an anonymous donor added to it for a total donation of \$500.

**New Business:**

Donations of \$25 to Maine Right to Life and \$50 to Guest House. Hoop shoot planned for Jan. 21st. Major degree January 15th at St.Pius hall. Pasta Dinner with Home School Assoc. in January date TBA.

**District Deputy Report:**

NONE

**Upcoming Event:**

<b><u>January 10, 2012 (Tuesday)</u></b>	Council business meeting, Friary Conference Room 7pm
<b><u>January 15, 2012 (Sunday)</u></b>	2nd/3rd degree being held at Fr. Flannagan Hall at St. Pius hosted by Council 101. Contact GK Vincent Marcisso
<b><u>January 21, 2012 (Saturday)</u></b>	Hoop Shoot, Fr. Hayes Center 2-4pm, sign-up required.
<b><u>January 28, 2012 (Saturday)</u></b>	Pasta Dinner w/Home School Association Fr. Hayes Ctr. 5-6:30pm
<b><u>February 12, 2012 (Sunday)</u></b>	Valentines breakfast Fr. Hayes Center 8-10:00am

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF OUR EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT GK MIKE PIZZO.

**Good of the Order:**

Healing prayers are offered for the following members and friends of our council.

**Brother David Holt****Brother Dominic Bernabei**

**Lacey Ramos**, daughter of Br. Reuben Ramos

**Maxine Morgan**, wife of Br. John Morgan

**Nancy Ward**, wife of George Ward

**Connie Ryan** wife of Br. Ed Ryan

**Brother Bob Delaney****Brother Don Farr****Brother Dave Bergson's dad****Brother Tom Roche****Brother Bill Hubbard****Lecturer Report: NONE**

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 7:00PM in the Friary conference room, 2nd Tuesday of every month (Except the months of July and August). Please review the Upcoming Events included in this newsletter and we welcome your participation and attendance.

**Calendar of Events**

Please visit our Calendar of Events page on our Web-Site for the scheduled events for '11-12

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

**News of the Fourth Degree:**

Our 4th Degree Assembly 356 meets in Westbrook on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm in St. Anthony's hall. No meetings during July or August.

**Insurance Program:**

Please consider the Knights Insurance programs for your insurance needs. Contact our Field Agent Pascal Pelletier, 207-651-7701.

**Birthdays Wishes to following members:**

Todd Libby	Dec 15
Michael Pizzo	Dec 16
Reuben Ramos	Dec 20
Howard Rowe Jr.	Dec 22
J. Stephen Fazio	Dec 26
Richard Leduc	Dec 28
Tim St. Hilaire	Dec 28
David Holt	Dec 29
Phillip St. Jacques	Dec 29
Robert Kennedy-Jensen	Dec 30
Kevin Dickinson	Dec 31

**EDITORS NOTE:**

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**Pictorial Highlights From Current Events**

**Mrs. Webster's 2nd Grade class at St. Brigid's helped wrap the Christmas gifts for those in need.**

