

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



Monthly Newsletter



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The Grand Knights Report:

Thank you to the 18 brother knights who attended our 4th meeting of our Fraternal Year on December 8th 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.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is but a few weeks away. Many of our council members have been very active since beginning this fraternal year in September. Thanks to Brother Norm Twaddel who organized our charitable drive in October for those with disabilities, our council was able to raise over \$1400. which will be presented to the Morrison Development Foundation for Cerebral Palsy and the Susan Curtis Learning Center to help Maine children in need. Brother Dave Haverty led our Thanksgiving project and thanks to Hannaford's and generous gifts from our council members we were able to supply complete Thanksgiving dinners to 6 families in need. David is also leading our drive to help those in need at Christmas and we hope to provide needed items to 27 people during the holiday. Donations are still being accepted and you can send your check to the Knights of Columbus C/O of your Grand Knight.

I think you will all agree how wonderful St. Josephs' Parish looks with the Christmas lights thanks to Brother Knights Michael Pizzo, Jim Pizzo, Eric Griffin and his son Marcus, and Peter Rovnak who donated their time repairing and installing the lights. The beautiful Christmas crèche will once again be displayed in our church during the Christmas holiday thanks to Brother Tom Roche and his helpers who will be installing the crèche the week of December 14th. The Knights with assistance from the Home School Association at St. Brigid's school held our breakfast with Santa on December 6th that was attended by over 200 parishioners and many children who visited with Santa.

Knights from our council just completed a very successful fruit sale drive to raise much needed funds for our many charitable activities. Sincere thanks goes out to Brother Eric Griffin who organized and ran the entire drive and Brother Jim Pizzo who was our lead salesman with 38 orders and the other brother knights who participated in reaching our goal of 160 orders! Our thanks also go out to the many people who bought the fruit and supported our drive.

During the holidays we are also selling discounted tickets for visits to the Victoria Mansion in Portland to help us raise funds to help the people in need at Christmas. You may contact Brother Greg Sundik at 332-1434 if you would like to purchase tickets.

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 in the new year on January 12th, 7:00pm in the friary meeting room. Hope we see you there.

A very Merry Christmas to you and your family and a blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael E. Pizzo, GK

Council 11257, Portland

Our next Regular meeting is January 12, 2009, 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		P
Chancellor, G Sundik		P
Recorder, H. Sundik		P
Financial Secretary, R. Ramos		P
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:

The membership directors presented James Merrill as a candidate for the First Degree and admittance in to the Knights of Columbus.

Application for admission was presented to the council, voted on and passed.

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 Grand Knight's Report:

Please see page 1

The Chaplain's Report:

None

The Treasurer report: 11/30/2009

Reported by David Bergson	
Beginning Balance 10/31/09	\$1,649.57
INCOME	
Citrus Fruit Fund Raiser	2,262.00
Dues	615.00
Donations	128.00
Total	3,005.00
EXPENSES	
Stamps and Supplies	(127.75)
Donations	(75.00)
Essay Contest Gifts	(126.00)
COG Fruit Fund Raiser	(2,008.47)
Total	(2,327.22)

ENDING BALANCE 11/30/09 \$2,327.35

All invoices for Dues have been mailed. Please pay your dues promptly.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

To be included in the next newsletter

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 council.

Report of Trustee's:

None

The Chancellor's Report:

None

Report of Service Program Committees:

Please see Upcoming Events page 3 and also the Calendar of Events page on our website.

Unfinished Business:

1.) Motion made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the Diocesan Vocations Office
2.) Motion made and seconded to donate \$100.00 each to Seminarians Alan Cyr and Emile Dube. These donations are made through the State RSVP program.

New Business:

1.) Motion made and seconded to donate \$150.00 to the Washington County Self Help Agency.
2.) Motion made and seconded to donate \$150.00 for gift cards to help the needy parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish. Fr. Peter will determine the number of cards and their amounts.

Insurance Agent's Report:

To be included in the next newsletter

District Deputy Report:

We have a new District Deputy. Please join us as we welcome

Brother Ted Borduas

News of the Fourth Degree:

To be included in the next newsletter

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.

Natalie Twaddel, spouse of Brother Norm Twaddel

Brother Jack Lee.

Brother Dominic Bernabei.

Brother John LaPlante's brother.

Lecturer Report:

Brother George Flaherty

No report this meeting.

Upcoming Events:

December, 2009

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)

Collection for families during the Christmas season – Dave Haverty
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

Highlights: Breakfast with Santa pictures, Dec. 6, 2009



Gabe & Isaac Russell, children of Brother Justin Russell



Charlotte Elizabeth Libby, Daughter of Brother Todd Libby, Granddaughter of Brother Dave Bergson

Birthdays:

Todd Libby	Dec. 15
Michael Pizzo	Dec. 16
Reuben Ramos	Dec. 20
Howard Rowe	Dec. 22
Stephen Fazio	Dec. 26
Richard Leduc	Dec. 28
Philip St Jacques	Dec. 29
Russell Brimmer	Jan. 4
Francis Stephens	Jan. 6
Mark Cannon	Jan. 28
Thomas Roache	Jan. 30

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

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