

Worthy Sir Knights, October 17, 2021

Fall is here and while the beautiful colors of the season inspire wonder in us, they also remind us that it is time to finalize preparations for the season of scarcity. Like the animals of creation around us, we also make ready for survival through the lean times. Humans stock away canned goods and dry good, set aside cash to pay for heating oil, tune up our snowblowers and dig out the shovels and windshield scrapers.

Knights come from all socio-economic backgrounds. Some of us are well known in our community and some are anonymous. We are wealthy, working class and poor. Some are living large while others are just getting by. Our Brother Knights come from all walks of life. All of us, however, are Catholic men called to live the best examples of Christian life that we are capable of.

Assembly 337 hereby calls all of its members to step up during this season of scarcity. Jesus said "Feed the poor, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick and visit the prisoners." The Knights of Columbus are men who work toward turning our savior's teachings into actions. This means we need your participation in the life of your Assembly.

Father Sebastian Rasle Assembly 337 meets at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month except July and August. Meetings are held at the Parish Center annex at St. Pius X Church, 492 Ocean Avenue, Portland, Maine.

Participation comes in many forms. A great place to start is to attend a meeting to share in the fellowship of Knighthood. A knight is always welcomed by his Brothers, no matter how long since he last attended. Pope Francis reminds us that Catholics can always come home. He encourages us to share the gifts of the Spirit in the midst of our brothers.

I was heartened with the increased number of Sir Knights who attended our October meeting. My head count was 14, which is the largest number of participants we have had since the covid-19 pandemic shut down in-person meetings 18 months ago. Donating time to attend a meeting, cast a vote, help plan events, volunteer as a staff person during an event, or making a financial offering to sponsor the event are all ways of supporting the Knights.

I recognize that there are a variety of reasons why not all of you are able to attend in person. I will be offering an option to join us via ZOOM for the next meeting. I offer this option at Council 11257 meetings and we have Brothers joining us from Hawaii, Florida and New Hampshire as well as those who live right here in Maine, but are unable to get to the hall in person.

You will need to have ZOOM on your computer. It's FREE. About a week before the next meeting, Faithful Comptroller Andy Litcher and I will send an email invitation with a link to click which will allow you to see, hear and speak with your Brother Knights at the meeting hall.

Many thanks to those who made the effort to attend our September and October meetings. I recognize that you have many options available to choose from and you chose to be with your Brother Knights. Thank you for answering Jesus' call to service.

Fraternally,

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