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Monthly Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2021

Grand Knight's Message – SEPTEMBER 2021

Brother Knights,

As we return to our council meetings and fellowship of our Brother Knights, let's be thankful for the blessings we have received in these fleeting days of summer. I'm not going to name specific things or provide a list of items to check off on the "pro" side to combat the "con" side. I'm just going to suggest that all of us take a moment to recognize the positive rather than be tempted to mull over and ruminate on the negative.

Mass media seems to glory in encouraging us to turn in on ourselves and brood over our current troubles and past injuries. The Covid-19 virus itself suggests to us that all is gloom and doom. As creatures of a spiritual nature, we are susceptible to screeching headlines and shocking statistics tempting us to close ourselves off, lock the doors and huddle in the uncertain safety of our comfort zones.

Let's not forget that our spiritual nature is a gift from God. As Knights, we stand up and take on the challenges as best we can. Thankfully, the strong right arm of the church, as Saint Pope John Paul 2 called us, doesn't have to go it alone. God, himself, has got our back.

God calls us to real courage. The modern day Knight's values clash with those who profess power at any cost, personal comfort above truth and the coronation of cold science over the natural wonders of the very world it seeks to explain. Don't let your souls grow numb, Brothers. The heart of a Knight carries God's light into a dark world. God's perfect love demands sacrifice by and for the faithful. Believe in the power of mercy, the love more powerful than the cult of the individual and the good news you have received freely from God.

God Bless,

Gil Doughty
Grand Knight
11257

Call of Meeting to Order

The SEP 14th IN PERSON business meeting was called to order by GK Gil at 7:00pm. Fr. Jack lead us with the opening prayer and GK Gil lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Chaplain Fr. Jack	P
Grand Knight, G. Doughty	P
Deputy GK, M. Pizzo	P
Chancellor, N. Twaddel	E
Recorder, J. Pizzo	P
Financial Secretary, P. Rovnak	P
Treasurer, D Bergson	P
Lecturer	U
Advocate , R. Leduc	E
Warden , F. Stephens	P
IS Guard P. Sullivan	E
OS Guard, D. Marzagalli	P
1 Yr. Trustee , J. Morin	P
2 Yr. Trustee , D. Pratt	P
3 Yr. Trustee , E. Griffin	E

P = Present

A = Absent

E = Excused

U = Unassigned

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motioned made to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting. Second and passed.

Report of Admissions**Committee on Reading and voting for new members:**

No new admissions.

The Chaplain's Report:

Fr. Jack lead us in the asking for our council members to perform the good works for our parish for the 2021-22 Fraternal Year.

Membership Statistics:

Council Membership:

Insurance Members 25

Associate Members 25

Insurance Members 1 Inactive

Total 51

Of the 51 members, 11 are Honorary Life,

3 Honorary and 1 is Inactive

The aging of our council:

20—30 = 0 31—40 = 2

41—50 = 5 51—60 = 12

61—70 = 16 71—80 = 15

81—90 = 1

The average age of membership **66**

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: 07/31/21

BEGINNING BAL. 07/01/21 \$1,098.10

INCOME

NONE

TOTAL INCOME \$ 00.00

EXPENSES

KC State Council Per Capita

And Insurance for 2021 **(\$ 459.37)**

TOTAL EXPENSES **(\$ 450.37)**

ENDING BAL. 08/31/21 \$ 638.91

Represents the treasury from July to Aug. 31 as we were not meeting those months.

Respectfully submitted, David Bergson, Treasurer

Motioned to accept the report was unanimously approved.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Thank you note from Bro. John Laplante. MRTL invitation to annual meeting.

The Financial Secretary Report:

We now have 51 members in our council due to the passing of Bro. George Leahy, he was 97.

Trustee's Report

NONE

The Chancellor's Report:

NONE

Report of Service Program Committees:

We discussed future events for the council in lieu of Covid. The council will be soliciting for donations from the membership and friends in order to raise funds for our Coats For Kids Program in the upcoming months.

Unfinished Business:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

This was the council's first in-person since the Covid pandemic. It went well and all the members and guests at the meeting were vaccinated. We will do in person meetings utilizing the covid protocols.

It was agreed by the members present that we will be doing our Coats For Kids program this year and will solicit donations from our members and friends.

District Deputy Report:

NONE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 10, 2021 **There will be a mass for Brother George Leahy from the knights at St. Joseph's Church at 10:00am. Bro. George passed away in August 2021 and was our oldest member at age 97.**

October 12, 2021 **Council business meeting at Fr. Flanagan Hall Annex Room at St. Pius church at 7:00pm.**

Good of the Order:

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bro. George Leahy who passed away in August 2021.

Prayers are offered for the following members and friends of our council:

Carole Doughty, Sister of Bro.
Gil Doughty
Katie Bergson, Daughter of Bro.
Dave Berson
Bro. Jim Pizzo
Mary Polito, wife of Bro. Jim Pizzo
Bro. Jerry Morin
Bro. John Laplante
Connie Ryan wife of deceased member Ed Ryan
Fr. Ted Corley
Fr. Don Bosco
Rovnak family
Ramos Family
Louise Stankiewicz Mom of Bro Glenn
Pat Stephens wife of Br. Frank
Corinne Pratt Daughter of Bro. Dick Pratt

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.

Lecturer Report:

NONE

News of the Fourth Degree:

Our 4th Degree Assembly 337 meets in Portland at St. Pius Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm

COUNCIL INSURANCE AGENT

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Happy Birthday Wishes to following members:BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS

Parick Venne	JUL 06
Stan Haupt	JUL 23
Bill Burke	AUG 11
Deacon John McAuliffe Jr.	AUG 17
Mark Lavoie	AUG 18
William Leary III	SEP 01
Paul Musgrove	SEP 02
Paul Music	SEP 13
John Morgan	SEP 14
Ralph Brown	SEP 20

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Our business meetings are held at 7:00PM in the St. Joseph's rectory 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

A copy of our Calendar of Events for this fraternal year is available on OLOH website under KC Council 11257 or contact Program Director, Brother Michael Pizzo at phs63@aol.com or 233-4780.

OTHER NEWS:**2021 HOLIDAY OUTREACH FUNDRAISING APPEAL
Bishop Amadee W. Proulx Council 11257**

It is that time of year again! It's the Knights of Columbus "once a year request" where we call upon the generosity of our Council members to support our annual "Holiday Outreach Fundraising Appeal." This year's goal is to produce similar results as last season, where our members and friends contributed \$3000.

Most all donations we collect will go toward sponsoring a long-time KofC holiday tradition. The "Coats for Kids" program allows your council to acquire coats and hats that will be distributed locally to children who lack warm winter clothing. It's a chance for us to directly help our fellow parishioners and neighbors who are in need.

To support this important service program offering assistance in our home community, we are asking for a monetary donation from you, our council Brothers. Any amount will help and a gift of \$25 or more would go a long way to provide financial support that makes these kinds of charitable endeavors possible.

Worthy Knights, if you can help, we ask that you respond by October 22nd as we need to know where we stand financially prior to placing our coats order the following week. We ask that you contribute by check made payable to K C Council 11257 and mail to council Treasurer Dave Bergson who resides at 185 Pinecrest Road, Portland, ME 04102. Your donations will be tax deductible.

Thank you, Brothers, for your consideration and may God Bless you and your family during the coming holidays.

Gil Doughty, GK, Council 11257