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Monthly Newsletter



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Grand Knight's Message – NOVEMBER 2021

Worthy Brothers,

This is the time of the liturgical year when our church moves out of ordinary time and into Advent. The scriptures we read relate to the end of times and the final days on the earth before Christ's triumphant return. Daniel 12 tells us about unsurpassed distress and tribulations that will only end when the power of the destroyer is brought to an end. However, the statement itself is cryptic and the knowledge of exactly who or what "the destroyer" is (and when that time will be) is then sealed in a book, hidden from human eyes, reminding us that it is not for humans to calculate a precise date for God's judgement.

So it is that *faith* takes its place at the center of our seasonal worship as well as our secular celebrations and those occasions that cross over into both the worldly and theological. We celebrate human achievement with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving; two auspicious events related to the creation and preservation of American civilization. In each of these, Christians see the hand of God at work, coming to the aid of his faithful people. With monumental events like the survival of a Christian pilgrim colony or the armistice which signaled the prayed for end of human slaughter in "the war to end all wars," there is little chance of these escaping our attention. Perhaps, however, we also need to acknowledge events that happen every day as chances to see the hand of God at work.

Pope Francis reminds us that as we give thanks for the harvest and the fruits of our labor, thanks for the sacrifices of those who have served to protect America's interests, we should also remember that giving thanks is something revered in the collective memory of the people. Tradition and remembrance are born from the trials and lessons of our ancestors, acknowledged in our time by the faithful and given to the coming generations with hope and certainty that the living faith of God in our lives and in our land will be preserved.

May God bless you and your loved ones as you celebrate a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Gil Doughty
GK 11257

Call of Meeting to Order

The NOV 9th IN PERSON business meeting was called to order by DGK Mike Pizzo at 7:00pm. Fr. Jack lead us with the opening prayer and DGK Mike lead us in the Pledge of

Roll Call of Officers

Chaplain Fr. Jack	P
Grand Knight, G. Doughty	E
Deputy GK, M. Pizzo	P
Chancellor, N. Twaddel	E
Recorder, J. Pizzo	P
Fin. Secretary P. Rovnak	P
Treasurer, D Bergson	P
Lecturer	U
Advocate , R. Leduc	E
Warden , F. Stephens	P
IS Guard P. Sullivan	P
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

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 spoke of the upcoming Thanksgiving and to show gratitude for the things we have and also to be aware of the sins that we need to do better addressing. See more on the last page of the Newsletter.

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: 10/31/21

BEGINNING BAL. 10/01/21 \$ 638.91

INCOME

Holiday Appeal Donations \$3,720.00

TOTAL INCOME \$3,720.00

EXPENSES

NONE

TOTAL EXPENSES (\$ 00.00)

ENDING BAL. 10/31/21 \$4,358.91

We have collected \$3,720 from our Holiday Appeal so far in October. Please consider a gift to the council if you have not done so already. It is funding our charitable work.

Respectfully submitted, David Bergson, Treasurer

Motioned to accept the report was unanimously approved.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

There were no bills during the past month.

The Financial Secretary Report:

FS Peter Rovnak has mailed or delivered dues bills for 2022. We have 51 total members including

Trustee's Report

NONE

The Chancellor's Report:

NONE

Report of Service Program Committees:

Br. Marzagalli is winding up the Essay Contest at St. Brigid and we will present to the winners shortly.

Unfinished Business:

Coats for kids program for this year was discuss at length. The number of Coats and cost are under new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible take out dinner of Meat Pies on Dec. 11th. Installation of the Christmas Crèche later this month.

Lights at St. Joe's to be set up for by Dec. 4th.

Bro. Rovnak with be putting up the Mitten Tree's in each church to remain in place until January 2022.

Hoop Shoot to be planned for January 2022.

Motioned & passed to purchase 10 cases of Coats for an amount not to exceed \$3000.

Motion and passed to spend \$150 for Essay Winners.

District Deputy Report:

NONE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov. 2021-Dec.2021 Essay contest completed by the 8th Grade Class of St. Brigid to be judged and winners announced at school mass in Dec. 2021.

Dec. 10, 2021 Coats for Kids being distributed to those in need at St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen by our Council.

Dec. 11, 2021 Possible take-out Meat Pie Dinner put on by our council and 101.

Dec. 14, 2021 Council business meeting at Fr. Flanagan Hall Annex Room at St. Pius Church at 7:00pm.

January 2022 Possible Hoop Shoot Contest for Boys & Girls age 9—14.

Good of the Order:

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

Katie Bergson, Daughter of Bro.

Dave Bergson

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. Vince Curtin

Fr. Ted Corley

Fr. Don Bosco

Rovnak family

Ramos Family

Louise Stankiewicz Mom of Bro Glenn

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. Please consider attending the 4th Degree meeting they are in need of member participation.

COUNCIL INSURANCE AGENT

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Happy Birthday Wishes to following members:

Michael Turner	NOV 20
John Turner	NOV 27
Todd Libby	DEC 15
Michael Pizzo	DEC 16
Reuben Ramos	DEC 20
J. Stephen Fazio	DEC 26
Gil Doughty	DEC 28
Dick Leduc	DEC 28
Tim St. Hilaire	DEC 28

Blessings and Congratulations.

EDITORS NOTE:

Please address omissions and corrections to:

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Our business meetings are held at 7:00PM in the annex of St. Pius, Fr. Flanagan Hall, 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 OLHP website under KC Council 11257 or contact Program Director, Brother Michael Pizzo at phs63@aol.com or 233-4780.

OTHER NEWS:**Message from our Chaplain:**

Fr. Jack led us in prayer and offered some thoughts on Gratitude especially during this time of year. He suggested that we might approach Grace at Dinner differently by asking attendee's what they might be grateful for over the past year. Fr. Jack suggested a practice of listing out our strengths and weakness for sin that we might pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Be proud of God's gifts to you and then see how sins take away from those God given gifts and strengths. Reflect on your life and see God's gifts to you. Gratitude is a way to live humbly.

TO ALL MY BROTHERS,

We are pleased to announce that we have surpassed our goal for the purchase of Coats for Kids during this holiday season appeal! Thanks to you, Brother Knights, we are able to purchase 10 cases for a total of 120 Coats for Kids to be distributed by us at St. Vincent DePaul's Soup Kitchen's clothes day on December 10th. The sizes range from toddlers to teenager's and boys girls. We are able to continue the Coats for Kids program because of your generosity and we still be able to take care of the special needs that arise from families within our parish this time of the year.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

BISHOP AMEDEE PROULX COUNCIL 11257, OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH.

Michael Pizzo, DGK

Program Director

Council 11257