



Monthly Newsletter



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Grand Knight's Message – OCTOBER 2022

Brother Knights,

A big Thank you to all who were present at our last meeting. We had 9 present and 4 on Zoom. We gained one more at this meeting but also had several out due to surgeries and vacations. We are on a positive track to getting increased attendance at our meetings.

We moved forward on several fronts that are all very positive for our council and the community. The coats are in and will be given entirely at St. Vincent de Paul. Seventy-two coats will be going to help people who need them most. Well done all. We will also be distributing two, \$500.00 checks. One will go to St. Vincent's and the other to Greater Portland Health. A big Thank you to Eric and his team for researching and picking these worthy recipients. Justin Russell talked about the Acts Retreat, something all Catholic men should consider. Also, Dewayn will be running the essay contest again this year for St. Brigid School. This has been a very positive program.

Upcoming plans include helping get the Christmas lights ready for St. Joseph's church and preparing the crèche for setup, when Fr. Paul requests us to do so. Any help with these projects is appreciated. Please plan to attend our next meeting on November 8th at 7pm. The door and Zoom open at 6:30 for fellowship. The meeting starts promptly at 7pm. Please pay special attention to our appeals letter, which is attached. This is our best fundraiser. We cannot do these charitable works without your help with these funds. Thank you for your attention and support.

May God keep us in his heart,

Dick Pratt

GK 11257

Faith in Action Program Directors/Chairpersons 2022 - 2023 year:

Program Director: Michael Pizzo, PGK

Faith Director: James R. Pizzo, PGK

Community Director: GIL DOUGHTY, PGK

Family Director: David E Bergson, Treasurer

Life Director: Dewayn C. Marzagalli, PGK

Membership Director: Peter Rovnak, FS, PGK

Retention Chairperson: Michael Pizzo

Insurance Promotion: Dick Pratt, GK

Vocations Chairperson: Norman W. Twaddel, PGK

Public Relations: Eric Griffin, Member

Call of Meeting to Order

The Oct.11TH business meeting was called to order by GK Dick at 7:00pm. Fr. Jack lead us in the opening prayer and GK lead us in Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Chaplain Fr. Jack	P
Grand Knight, D. Pratt	P
Deputy GK, M. Pizzo	P
Chancellor, N. Twaddel	P
Recorder, J. Pizzo	E
Fin. 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, G. Doughty	E
2 Yr. Trustee , E. Griffin	P
3 Yr. Trustee , J. Morin	P

P = Present
A = Absent
E = Excused

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

It was motioned and passed to dispense with the reading of minutes from our previous meeting.

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

No new admissions.

The Chaplain's Report:

Fr. Jack's message was it is important for Catholic men to learn about Jesus and a good source is the Bible.

Membership Statistics:

Council Membership:
Insurance Members 25
Associate Members 23
Insurance Members 1 Inactive
Total 49

Of the 49 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 = 11
61—70 = 15 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: 09/30/22

BEGINNING BAL. 09/01/22	\$4,097.00
<u>INCOME</u>	
Share of dinner exp. 101	<u>424.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 424.00

EXPENSES

Per Capita Me St Council	(\$ 396.00)
K of C Coats for Kids 2022	(\$1,538.00)
PGK Lapel Pin G.D.	(\$ 37.63)
GK Pratt Badge	<u>(\$ 25.95)</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$1,997.58)
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ENDING BAL. 09/30/22	\$2,523.42
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Respectfully submitted,
David Bergson, Treasurer

Motioned and passed unanimously to accept report.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

NONE.

The Financial Secretary Report:

FS Peter Rovnak reported 49 members in the council and all reports filed for the council

Trustee's Report

Audit was done for 6 months ended June 30, 2022 and submitted to supreme before the deadline.

The Chancellor's Report:

NONE

Report of Service Program Committees:

Take out dinner for the parish on 10/15 by Knights. Essay Contest to be held during Oct/Nov St. Brigid School. Coats for Kids to be distributed next few months. Assist parish with events during holidays.

Unfinished Business:

Donation of \$500. to St. Vincent De Paul and \$500. to Greater Portland Health.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed upcoming events and the focus for the coming year to help the parish as much as possible.

PGK Justin Russell spoke about the ACTS program for Catholic Men. Encouraged participation if possible.

GK reported meeting with Pastor Fr. Paul went well and we will continue to coordinate events with the parish and 101. Discussed plan for distributing our Coats for Kids this year and Holiday events.

District Deputy Report:

NONE

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 15, 2022 Pasta Take Out Dinner for the parish done jointly by council 11257 and 101. Will need volunteers to assist the day of the event.

NOV. 8, 2022 Council business meeting Fr. Flanagan Hall Annex. Meeting begins 7:00pm, social meet and greet at 6:30pm, Zoom available.

Upcoming: Essay Contest with St. Brigid School 8th grade students Oct/Nov 22, lead by Br. Dewayn Marzagalli.

Good of the Order:

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

Bro. Todd Libby & Family-
passing of Mother Karen
Clyde Maragalli, Brother of Bro.
Dewayn Marzagalli
Bro. Dave Bergson
Bro. Ralph Brown
Katie Bergson, Daughter of Bro.
Dave Bergson
Bro. Jim Pizzo
Mary Polito, wife of Bro. Jim
Pizzo
Bro. Jerry Morin
Bro. John Laplante
Fr. Ted Corley
Fr. Don Bosco
Bro. Peter Rovnak & family
Ramos Family
Corinne Pratt Daughter of Bro.
Dick Pratt
Joseph Ranese Cousin of Bro.
Marco Nargi

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 INSURANCEAGENT

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Happy Birthday Wishes to following members:

Gerry Morin	Oct 20
James Pizzo	Oct 20
D. Marzagalli	Oct 27
Bob Malconian	Nov 01
Peter Sullivan	Nov 03
Peter Rovnak	Nov 05
Justin Russell	Nov 05
Tony Myatt	Nov 06
Michael Turner	Nov 20
John Turner	Nov 27

Blessings and
Congratulations.

EDITORS NOTE:

Please address omissions
and corrections to:

PP Michael Pizzo

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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 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:

HOLIDAY AND COUNCIL APPEAL

Brothers,

A few years ago we reported that after a unanimous decision and much discussion among all members present that we would be eliminating the ten-year long annual fruit drive. To replace this necessary fundraising drive we decided we would put out a call to our membership for a donation to help support the cost to continue our holiday outreach to those in need.

Among one of the holiday programs we participate in includes our complete Thanksgiving dinners to those parishioners or neighbors who need help in celebrating the holidays with their families. In the past, we have donated dinners to seven of our parishioners or folks in our community. Hannaford has partnered with us by donating the turkeys.

We also participate in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. This entails purchasing 72 winter coats and hats for children who need warm winter clothing. In addition to this program, we also partner with Catholic Charities, Immigrant Assistance Program, WCSH Coat for Kids drive, and St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen to provide coats to children in need. Our Supreme KC Council provided all the new coats at a cost of \$1,600, of which most of the funds came from our Fruit Sale.

To continue to support these very important programs that provide for a real need in our community, we are asking for a contribution from our council members. Any amount will help, but a donation of \$25 or more would really help us to serve our community and parish as we have been able to do in the past. This year we have an anonymous donor who will be matching gifts from members up to an amount of \$2000! That means your donation of \$25 or more is matched until we reach \$2000. That is a great incentive for those members who contribute to our drive.

If you can help, please send your cash, check, or money order payable Knights of Columbus 11257, to our treasurer Brother Dave Bergson, 185 Pinecrest Road, Portland, 04102. Your donations will be tax deductible. Any remaining funds from our holiday events will be retained in our council treasury for use during events of your council during this fraternal year.

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

**Michael Pizzo, DGK and Program Director
on behalf of our GK, Dick Pratt and the officers of KC Council 11257**