



Monthly Newsletter



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Grand Knight's Message – DECEMBER 2022

Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe that 2022 is over. I think it was last week that I finally stopped dating everything 2021. When I think back I realize that we as Knights did a lot of great things this year.

To name a few, coats for kids, the essay contest, several parish meals, food for the needy, oil assistance and more. There are too many to mention but all very important to those who received the help. None of this would have happened without the dedication of this council. Well done!

We had a great meeting with 7 in house, 3 on zoom and a visit by WDD Norm Bisson. It was great to have an official Melekalikimaka greeting direct from Hawaii. I look forward to what next year will bring and what good things we can accomplish. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all.

May God bless and keep us safe,

Dick Pratt

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 DEC.13TH business meeting was called to order by GK Dick at 7:00pm. GK also lead us in the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Chaplain Fr. Jack	E
Grand Knight, D. Pratt	P
Deputy GK, M. Pizzo	P
Chancellor, N. Twaddel	E
Recorder, J. Pizzo	E
Fin. Secretary P. Rovnak	P
Treasurer, D Bergson	P
Lecturer	U
Advocate , R. Leduc	E
Warden , F. Stephens	E
IS Guard P. Sullivan	E
OS Guard, D. Marzagalli	P
1 Yr. Trustee, G. Doughty	P
2 Yr. Trustee , E. Griffin	E
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 was under the weather and was excused from the meeting.

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: 11/30/22

BEGINNING BAL. 11/01/22 \$2,348.42

INCOME

Holiday Appeal Donation \$ 2,620.00
Dues from 1 Member \$ 25.00
Take out dinner receipts \$ 820.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 3,465.00

EXPENSES

Essay winners stipend (\$ 250.00)
101 Share TO dinner (\$ 480.00)

TOTAL EXPENSES (\$ 700.00)

ENDING BAL. 11/30/22 \$ 5,083.42

Respectfully submitted,
David Bergson, Treasurer

Motioned and passed unanimously to accept report.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Thank you note from Greater Portland Health for our donation of \$500.

The Financial Secretary Report:

FS Peter Rovnak reported that 50% if 2023 Membership dues have already paid.

Trustee's Report

NONE

The Chancellor's Report:

NONE

Report of Service Program:

Tree lights and setting up the Christmas Crèche' was done during November 2022. Coats for Kids were delivered to St. Vincent DePaul to be used for children in need. Mitten trees up for donations of Mittens, Gloves and Hats. Essay contest completed. 6 knights rang bells for Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at Maine Mall.

Unfinished Business:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Motioned and passed to donate \$500 to Preble Street Heating Fund in Portland. We will be discussing Seminarian support at our next meeting. Discussed getting together with Council 101 for a dinner social for our members during January date to be determine. Donation to Special Olympics tabled to next meeting.

District Deputy:

WDD Norm Bisson reported on Affiliated members and calendar raffles. News from the State KC and applauded the number of good works by the Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 17th: Take Out Dinner's for those who signed up, from 5 to 6pm. Fr. Flanagan Hall, St. Pius Church.

Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joseph's church with lighting of the memorial lights out front of the church prior to mass. Visit the crèche' after mass. It will be up during the Christmas holidays.

Dec. 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Good of the Order:

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

Chaplin Fr. Jack A'njou

Laurie Doughty, Wife of PGK

Gil Doughty

Bro. Todd Libby & Family-

passing of Mother Karen

Clyde Marzagalli, 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 INSURANCE

AGENT

WILLIAM WEISS 691-2740

Happy Birthday Wishes to following members:

Todd Libby	DEC. 15
Michael Pizzo	DEC. 16
Reuben Ramos	DEC. 20
Howard Rowe Jr.	DEC. 22
J. Stephen Fazio	DEC. 26
Gil Doughty	DEC. 28
Duke Leduc	DEC. 28
Tim St. Hilaire	DEC. 28

Blessings and Congratulations.

EDITORS NOTE:

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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 pms63@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