



# NEWSLETTER



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## ST. Michael the Archangel, Patron of Police, Council 12173

Greetings Brother Knights:

Our December meeting was called to order at 1900 hr's with 20 members in attendance. The influence of mother nature with her cold weather had its effects on our Council attendance and thats understandable but those consideration aside we had a very good meeting. GOOD FOOD, ANOTHER FATHER & SON TEAM, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEW IDEAS...READ ON

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Our prayers where directed to the passing of our councils long time (possibly a founding member) member Brother Knight, 3rd degree, Thomas J. O'Connor and his family that they be strengthened to withstand his loss. ALSO for the speedy and healthy recovery from surgery and medical procedures of SK Jimmy Zbella, (and later learned via phone conversation) SK Ralph DeBartolo (and also his wife Helen), SK LeRoy Statt and especially all Police Officers, First Responders, and the Clergy and Elected Leaders....

PS: SOME SAY A GOOD FRIENDLY CALL CURES ALL...( SO WISH THEM WELL ).

### BUSNISS:

Officers reports submitted/accepted with exception of Paul / District Deputy unable to attend. Our reputation precedes us and a request was made to assist nine families who are hanging on by a shoe-string not knowing where the rent money will come from and was unable to afford a turkey dinner for their family for Thanksgiving until the teachers at their school chipped in at Hinsdale South High School, District 86, DarienIll. so we where asked if we could help these families for Christmas.....a motion was made, to wit:

Motion made to help financially ....2nded....PASSED....Checked Sent

(IF THAT DOSEN'T MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES) GOOD JOB.

A modest Christmas gift given to building engineer Freddie. Also a new member was added to our council...we are honored to receive Ben Minasola as a Brother Knight to our council... it is a double blessing because we already have Tom Minasola....How lucky are we but additionally this signals the second father and son team we have since Paul Piraino and Rocco his son were the first....maybe we are starting a new trend?? God Bless them Both.







## OFFICERS

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Dennis Fitzgerald

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Maury McNulty

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**Recorder**  
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**Advocate**  
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**Warden**  
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It was realized after the fact, as established at our November meeting, that we forgot to have a special 3rd degree drawing for a sword for those 3rd degree members in attendance who plan on going to 4th degree to become Sir Knights.....SOLUTION.....in January two drawings.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE FOR THE CARDINALS "CONGRATULATIONS BOOK" that a option of other than signing a page, these are small pages 4.25" x 5.5", that a member could put a business card or past ID card like from CPD or CCSP just add Retired after your name or any other organizational card....it's just an idea...I plan on getting some CPD blank cards and if I can I'll get some CCSP also. FYI the pages are the color of the KC... Blue, Red, Gold & White I have plenty of pages a member can take a page home to prep it the way he wants it ...I'll show you next meeting. Any Council member who wants to be in on this and is not in attendance at a meeting ...can just cut a paper to size affix a card or just sign "Congratulations Your Eminence" with your name and be part of history and mail it to me at 2911 N. Newland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60634 and I'll put it in the book....any questions just call or text me #773-934-8961.

WE ARE STILL TABULATING ANY "YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE" ANY. SO CALL IT IN.....SEND IT IN.....TEXT IT IN.....BUT GET IT IN. FOR EXAMPLE: My 33yr's CPD + 2 yr's Chgo Public Schools Security + 2 yr's Park Dist Security + 18 yr's Chgo City Colleges Security = 56yr's (Think Back & Give Me The Total) When was the last time you where in a organization with maybe 4,000 yr's of Law Enforcement experience. So call it in #773-934-8961.

### NEW IDEAS:

To put the names of our wives on our councils membership roster (so we know who the boss is) and also to post the birthdays in a given month in the newsletter. Also We are hopeful to have one special Council entertainment event, modestly priced, per year. for example: In the month of June a nice sunshiny day, intended for members, family & friends, Meet at Pompei Restaurant 1535 W. Taylor, good food, deserts & drinks.... Double Decker Sight Seeing Tour Bus pick-up at Restaurant for 1.5 to 2hr Tour of Downtown Chicago & LakeFront.....it is planed that this would be another source of income for the Council.Subsequent events, yearly, could be anything like Chicago Theater, Chicago Orchestra Hall, Ravinia, Sears Tower Sky Deck, Trump Tower, or any other idea.....we will always strive to get the best price ... Brother Knight Pedro Momohara stepped up to make the initial inquires. More news to follow.

### FOOD:

Special thanks to SK Terry Cornell for the food for the night ....it really hit the spot.

Meeting adjourned 2000 hr's.

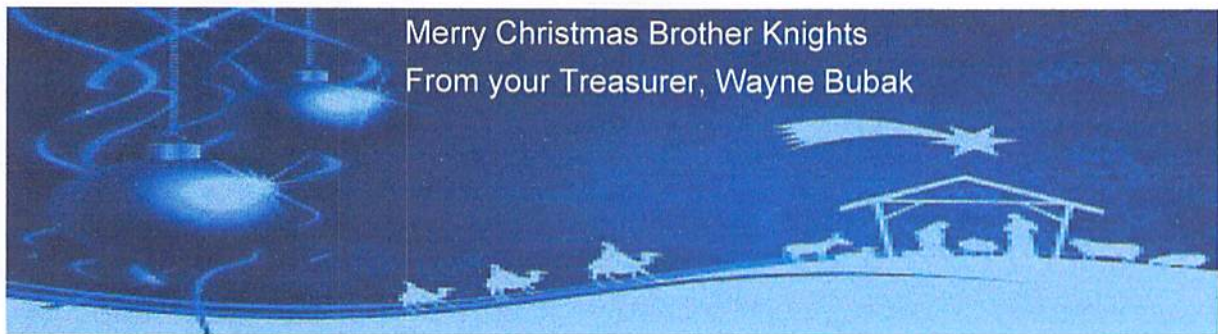
**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Give Thanks for what we have Received

Dennis P. Fitzgerald







**Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights and your families.**

God bless you at this most sacred time of the year. May the Christ Child be a source of grace and peace.

If you're looking for a place to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, please know you're always welcome at the police Mass. On Christmas morning, we'll celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. Your family is welcome to join you.

All the best,

Fr. Dan Brandt  
Chaplain

