



Council 11670, St. Joseph's Parish, Kingston Ontario
Grand Knight: Jeff Morgenstern
2016-2017 Highlights of Activities

Council 11670 Summary of 2016/17 Activities and Charities Funded

Council Activities:

- Monthly Executive and General Meetings on the 1st. Tuesday of each month
 - The General Meeting record of proceedings is maintained for approval at the next meeting
 - Distribution by email of the monthly Prayer List
 - Email distribution of the *Monthly Bulletin Highlights* of the General Meeting as approved by the Grand Knight
 - A Rosary led by the Chaplain to start each General Meeting
 - Use of email for ongoing contact as directed to those so served with hand delivery by a dedicated member for the few not on the internet
 - One or two suppers or BBQs during the year prior to the General Meeting as served by volunteer members
 - The annual November Memorial Mass for deceased members
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Recruitment:

- Recruitment is under the direction of the Director with a monthly report to Council
 - State sponsored a parish wide recruitment drive October 1 and 2, 2017 and the 5 respondents declined when individually followed up by the Director
 - The Council in cooperation with another (St. Paul's) maintains a 1st. Degree Team under the direction of the Team Captain
 - All sponsors of new members are regularly requested to encourage pursuit to the next two Degrees while 3rd Degree members are encouraged to continue to the Knight's 4th Degree
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Parish:

- Distribution of Rosaries along with CWL's Bibles to all first Communicants
- Serving beverages at all monthly Hospitality Sundays and special occasions as requested by the parish Council
- Annual Steak BBQ and Spaghetti dinner with some 80 parishioners attending
- Membership on the Parish Council
- Serving at all Funeral Masses and acting as pallbearers when requested
- Many members serving as Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir members and Ushers at weekend and special Masses
- Budgeted Financial contribution towards and delivery of the Christmas baskets
- Budgeted contribution to Junior Liturgy and Alter Servers Appreciation
- Budgeted cost of KofC insert in the parish bulletin

- The Council agreed to manage parking at the Cemetery Mass as requested
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Priests and Seminarians

- Annual Retired Priests' dinner
 - Financial contribution to parish Seminarians under RSVP
 - Stipend to clergy and others at Christmas
 - Attendance by some 6 Council members at the annual Seminarians' dinner
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Hospitals:

- Eucharistic Ministers at Hotel Dieu, Kingston General and St. Mary/Providence Care
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Prisons:

- Need a blurb from Br. Charlie Burbank and others?
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Culture for Life:

- The Director of Culture for Life is responsible for this program which is often part of the parish's programs
 - Yearly Baby Bottle for Birthright project led on behalf of Parish by our Director of Culture for Life
 - Participation in the Annual March for Life to Ottawa in May and Boxing day at KGH
 - The Masses for Priest for Life were held September 24/25, 2017
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Schools:

- Looking after each school's annual fall BBQ involving several members especially when occurring on the same days
 - Extraordinary requests for our assistance such as the 150th Canada Anniversary BBQ at St. Thomas More in May
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Youth Program:

- Our Council has a Youth Director
 - Annual Soccer Challenge at both St. Paul's and St. Thomas More schools with winners followed to both District and Regional finals
 - Annual BB Throw at the same two schools early in the new year with winners moving to District then Regionals
 - Purchase of 8 regular and 4 smaller basketballs divided evenly between the two schools
 - Purchase of "Participation Badges" for those competing in the two above activities
 - Budgeted annual Regis Notre Dame Scholarship delivered in person by Council Executive
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Bingo: All proceeds must be used towards community charitable organizations

- This was the first year of participation thanks to the ongoing efforts of our Deputy Grand Knight who continues to administer the program
- At least two monthly sessions involving at least two of the 12 trained Council members for about 2 hours each

- This is our main source of income for charitable causes and organizations
 - Efforts to recruit more volunteers continue in hope of participating in more profitable sessions
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Community Organizations:

- Organizing monthly contribution of hygienic items for personal use by residents of “In from the Cold” as supplied by members from free stocks at medical clinics, hotels et.al.
 - Budgetary contributions to Birthright, Arthritis Society, Partners in Mission and St. Vincent de Paul
 - Additional once only contributions to both Partners in Mission and St. Vincent de Paul at Christmas 2016 from the Bingo fund
 - Hospice Kingston received a once only financial contribution from the Bingo fund
 - Natural Family Planning Association of Ontario receiving funding from the Bingo fund for our Archdiocesan chapter to send two members of a Toronto training session
 - A significant once only contribution from the Bingo Fund towards the Peter Petersen Basketball League
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Billboards:

- The Director of the annual Billboards encouraged other Councils and the Assembly to also contribute to this project while organizing the posting of all 4 annual billboards
 - The Billboards are provided by Supreme and are exposed at the south west corner of Portsmouth and Princess for at least 4 weeks
 - The 4 posters are “Keeping Christ in Christmas”, an Easter message, a Pro-Life message and the new one for fall recruitment of new KofC members
 - The annual parish signage for Keeping Christ in Christmas was installed in a new location on the East lawn
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Other:

- Managing the 25K Bequeathment Fund as provided in the new Review and Approval process developed in late 2016
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Vivat Jesus!
