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Council 4442 Knightly News

From the Desk of the Grand Knight:

Brothers,

Springtime greetings to all! As I write this, the sun is bright and the temperature is "just right." The winter season has passed. From Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." In this past year, I have gone through the seasons, a time to die and a time to give birth; a time for sorrow and a time for reioicing.



In January of 2015, my wife Peggy died of cancer; we had 40 years together as man and wife. Just yesterday, our younger daughter Michelle gave birth to a beautiful son, her first child and my third grandchild. I, like many of



you, probably often feel as if on a wild roller-coaster of emotions as the days pass.

As Farther Tom said in his meeting talk tonight, "Do not be afraid" and "Trust in the Lord, for he loves each of us; he counts every hair on our head..." I will never know the mind of God and will never be able to answer the question of "Why?" to life's tragedies.

"Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6:27). I guess the best I can do is to Trust in the Lord, take each day one at a time, and make the most of it, seeking God's will for me.

There are opportunities for each of us coming up, a time to lend a hand and volunteer in our Knight's events. This newsletter points out many of them; here are just a few:

- Sign up for the Tootsie Roll drive; only two hours of your time is needed, and it will be two hours well spent!
- We will be holding council officer elections in June. Is it time for you to come forward and take a more active part in running our council?
- You can help support our veterans with Rico Casaletto's "White Clover Drive"
- And there is the "Relay for Life."

Become involved! Make a difference! Help out today!

Vivat Jesus! Paul St.Amand

Quickie CALENDAR

(And see our web Event calendar!)



Social Time before April meeting

Pro-Life Talk

St. Matthew, Windham Thursday, April 28, 7:00PM (Mr. John Matuszewski)

Pilgrim Statue of Mary

Friday, May 6; 2:30PM MQP (Rico Casaletto)

White Clover Drive

May 13, 14 (Rico Casaletto)



March Blood Drive

Deceased Members Mass

May 15 MQP Church, 11:00AM (Dick Collopy)

Tootsie Roll Drive

Weekend, June 3-5 All over Salem (Pete Klecan)

Relay For Life

Weekend, June 18 SHS Field (Mike Banks)

Family Day Picnic

Sunday, July 31 Our Hall (Joe Stafford)

Council Meeting Notes from April 13 UNOFFICIAL

(Taken from notes of the worthy recorder, Mike Banks.)



7:30PM GK Paul St.Amand opened the meeting on time. The meeting was attended by 37 people and concluded at 8:54PM. Roll call of officers: All present except Advocate (Excused), Warden (excused), Inside Guard (MIA) March minutes – change to ending balance – corrected ending balance as per Treasurer. – Motion to accept adjusted minutes was passed.

Chaplain's Message

7:35PM Who is <u>Tarzan Brown</u>? Native American, who won the Boston Marathon. His livelihood was stone masonry, and shell fishing. But work was hard to come by during this period of depression. In 1939, he borrowed \$1.00 to get into the marathon, and went on to set a record for fastest runner. It was also noted that another year he ran barefoot, as he didn't have running shoes. His home was built with debris from the dump. But he had nothing, yet was happy. The Pope sees this as he travels through third-world countries. You do not need possessions to be happy.



Jesus tells us not to worry about our life, what to eat, what to wear, life is more than food. Look at the birds of the sky, they don't sew or reap, yet your father feeds them. Are you not more important than they, can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life? Do not worry and say "what are we to drink, eat, wear" these are things that pagans are saying/seeking. Your heavenly Father knows what you need, seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you besides, so do not worry. We need to do what Jesus tells us to do.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: GK Paul St. Amand

7:42PM Letter from Cathy Kelly of Pennacook Preg. Center in Manchester, for our donation. "I don't know what we would do without Council 4442! P.S. Everyone loves our new website" (which our council partially funded.)

- •From SS M&J parish, for donating the I_Pad for the comedy fundraiser. "Your donation helped make the fundraiser a success."
- •Special Olympics of NH for our support of the Penguin Plunge.

Tip of the hat to:

- •Al Hamel for getting a replacement US flag for our outside flagpole. I asked him, he did it!
- •All the folks who helped setting up the chairs in School Gym for the Easter Mass and those folks who got pot at MQP. (see article below. ed)

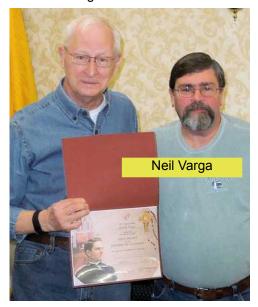
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer and Financial Reports

7:50PM From previous month, now down to 4 members not paid their 2016 dues. Charlie and Bob gave their numbers reports. Accepted.

Admissions - Chairman - Bill Richards

7:52PM Presentations by Bill Richards to: Neil Varga – 1st degree award, Jay Cappello 2nd and 3rd degree award, Bruce Silver – 3rd degree award.







Culture of Life - Dennis Groulx and Ron Bourque.

7:54PM Pro Life seminar – April 17th 12PM at the Cathedral.

April 28th is the next Pro Life meeting. "The Trauma of abortion for women" Mr. John Matuszewski, St. Matthew, starting time 7:00PM.

Thank the knights for funeral at St. Patrick for priest who passed away a couple weeks ago.

Ron B – two free used ultrasounds in good working condition – looking for a home. A doctor in Barre VT is interested, discussions ongoing. If any Brother knows of a need, contact Ron.

A statement from a Pregnancy Center on the value of these ultarsound machines: (from email to Ron B.)

We have been providing ultrasound for our clients for the past 10 years and have found that it is so powerful as they are making life and death decisions about their pregnancy. Actually seeing the baby that is growing in their womb reaches many who had thought abortion was their best option before the scan.

Linda Barry, Executive Director, Carenet Pregnancy Care Center of Nashua

Veteran's Report - Enrico Casaletto.

8:02PM White Clover Drive ready to go May 13-14. International/Traveling/Visiting statue of Mary – more info in the church bulletin. Our Lady of Fatima Tour Bus. Lily McKenzie organizing the effort here in Salem, is requesting 4th degree Knights to help bring the statue/honor guard into Mary Queen of Peace. Friday May 6th – 2 or 2:30PM – need 6-8 Knights. Call to Muster – Enrico to take the lead.

Newsletter Report - Paul St. Amand

8:04PM Thank you to our newest advertiser, Bob Carrier's new funeral home. He joins Goundry & Dewhirst, and Douglas & Johnson as advertisers. When it comes your time to check out, they will have you covered. *Hidden Survey:* Do you read the newsletter? If you are reading this, <u>click on this link</u> to send me an email. Just checking. This is not a joke; I will report on the statistics in May edition.

Bingo - Ron Bourque

8:04PM We are headed for best year – based on results to date.

Texas Holdem - Larry Belair

8:06PM 2 of the 8 events in the books. Possible 9th night. Should reach budgeted amount. Events 1 and 2 totaled \$15,850. Next event: April 20th. We have heard that 2017 will be the last year for gaming in the current format. After???

Rail Trail - Larry Belair - trail underway, trees being removed. Looking forward to this phase project completion, 3-4 months of work. Thanks to the Council/individuals who contributed. Next phase of trail project is funded and out to bid.

Alter Server Recognition - Mark Alfano

8:13PM ready to distribute the recognition awards to the altar servers. Scheduling Masses to hand out, to be done at the end of Mass. St. Joseph's – 4:15PM – Don Gagne. 4:00PM at MQP will be Don Simmons. MQP – 9:30am Dave Thompson. MQP 11:00am – Al Phair. St.Joe's 11:00AM – Pete Klecan.

Chief of the Boat: GK asked for a volunteer to head up a work party to care for the boat. Awkward silence in the room followed for 15 seconds. Decision by GK to keep it covered – Gene Bryant spoke and will reach out to contacts and report to GK. Boat needs brakes, and lights inspected. Wood is rotted in places – unsafe. KofC Nashua interested in using for Memorial Day, May 30. If there is no volunteer to head up a float-repair work party, then our Santa Maria will remain in mothballs and not be used, not even for our own Salem Christmas Parade.



Relay for Life: Mike Banks

8:18PM What I need help with TODAY!! (Mike Banks: 479-9470)

 Consider buying a \$20.00 raffle ticket – chance to win \$1000 in MASS Lottery Tickets

What I need help with on Friday June 17th at 7-8PM:

 Meet at St. Joseph's School garage/council hall to load tables and chairs into cube van

What I need help with on Saturday June 18th at 8-10AM

• Meet at the Salem High School to help unpack tables/chairs/tents

What I need help with on Saturday June 18th at 10AM-Noon

• Continue setting up, cook, sell raffle tickets, collect money, have fun

What I need help with on **Saturday June 18th at Noon-4PM**

• Cook, sell raffle tickets, collect money, continue to have fun

What I need help with on Saturday June 18th at 4PM-8PM

- Cook, sell raffle tickets, collect money, continue to have fun
- Hear me whine a little.....>

What I need help with on Saturday June 18th at 8PM-10PM

- sell raffle tickets, collect money, continue to have fun
- lightly pack up store for the night

What I need help with on **Sunday June 19th from 10AM-noon**

- break down tents, tables, chairs
- pack up the cube van
- unload at the KofC Hall and St. Joseph's garage

You can donate to the Knights of Columbus Team at: Knights-Kiwanis Relay page

Family Day Picnic - Joe Stafford

8:21PM Sunday July 31st. 16 Scholarship x \$500. Info on Council website. Picnic is open to all. Don Gagne noted that scholarship "send to" was missing. (New forms are made and are now on the web site and at our hall! - ed)

Tootsie Roll Drive - Peter Klecan

8:23PM June 3, 4, 5 – reaching out to retail stores for OK to operate out front. Schedule open – 2 hour shifts. Sign up!

Deceased Members Mass - Dick Collopy

May 15th 11am MQP. More to come at the May council meeting.

Blood Drive:

Reported that the March 24 blood drive got 50 good pints donated.





Next year nomination for Officers - Larry Belair

Chairman of nominating committee, to assemble group. Please consider serving – many various opportunities with various levels of commitment. Become an officer!

Fisher Cats - George Masciarelli

Move to Statewide night of the Knights event, instead of 4442 event. Aug 20th See below.

Old Business:

8:29PM Missing key to the "safe closet" – 5874 – possibly with Will Bamford?

New Business: Trustee Report first

The following were all voted upon and approved.

- Tom Campbell Angel Flights Northeast. \$300 motion carried
- Don Simmons Parishioner needs \$220.00 to help clean out trash motion carried

Off the floor: motion passed to purchase \$90 spot light for lighting Mary's statue in hall.

District Deputy Report - Dick Collopy

- 8:34PM State Convention May 29 May 1st. Banquet May 30th \$40.00.
- April 23rd Planned Parenthood protest from 9am to 11am at Manchester Pennacook. Silent/prayer protest.
- There is a dinner to support the fund raising efforts of the Veteran's War Memorial that will be placed at the
 Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. Sunday, April 17th 2016, starting at 5:30 PM at the Boutin Center
 (Tilton). This is sponsored by the Fr. AJ Timon Assembly 638. See Sir Knights Mark Williams or Tim Stangroom
 for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Bishop Mathew Brady Scholarship State. Donate minimum of four \$750 scholarships deadline July 1st to submit application see Dick Collopy.
- Camp Fatima grounds clean-up day May 21st 7:30-4:30PM need tradespeople and workers.
- 4th degree exemplification Hampton NH Sacred Heart School June 25th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER announcements

- Don Gagne Got an email from our former pastor. Fr. John is enjoying his KofC boots as he hikes around N. Carolina.
- Mike Petrilli Skip Troisi is asking for help around his yard while recovering from surgery. ¼ acre. Contact Mike Petrilli (893-4784) if you can help our Brother "spring cleaning" as he faces yet another round of surgery.
- Dennis Groulx Ken Ackerly's wife recovering from health issue.
- Bill Richards there will be on Community TV 17 several Supreme KofC sponsored movies about Conversions. See below for the schedule.

The College Scholarship Program is now taking applications. Deadline is July 1. <u>Click</u> <u>HERE for application form.</u>

Lecturer Report: Ron Bourque

Ron presented a video of Bob Hope and James Cagney doing an impromptu song and dance routine. Now, THAT is "America's Got Talent." Click here to see the Youtube video (3 minutes.)

April Knight of the Month to Don Simmons.



He is always willing to lend a hand in any Knights' activity. As we pass "tax day," it is fitting that we honor this person. For his many contributions to the council and the corporation. Serving as Grand Knight for one and a half years, Trustee for three years, volunteering to be the treasurer of the corporation. Always volunteering to lift, tote, and move chairs and tables. In the community, Don volunteers many hours of time working to prepare taxes, for free, to citizens of Salem.

Attendance Drawing

The April prize of \$40 would have been won by Mike Pesce.

Attend the May meeting; the prize rises to \$50, and there will be a winner! (We draw until someone's number is up!)

Shining Armor Award to Richard Botti



Richard Botti made his first degree several months ago. Since then, he has made all three degrees, and also the 4th. He has attended our meetings, he has contributed by being the Bingo bus driver every Friday, he has met with the insurance agent, and he has recruited a new member. This qualifies him for the Shining Armor Award. He joins Don Gagne and Ray Chmieleski as Shining Armor Knights. (If any other member of our council is a Shining Armor winner, please let me know -ed)

Closing Prayer and blessing was done by Fr. Tom. Amen!

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.



District Deputy Dick Collopy

Hall Rental Policy

For hall rental call George Masciarelli at 603-893-3035. *Or, go to the council web site and contact him through email.* George will match your needs with available dates and send you a rental agreement for your signature and deposit. You must be a member of Council 4442 and/or Assembly 0641 to rent the Hall and, you must remain at the hall during the rental period. Full details of fees and policies are available on the Web Site: Council Hall Rental.

State Deputy

George can also arrange for members to get a key to the council home.

Some Contact Information for our Council Members' quick access

If you have a question and need to talk and don't have email, one of us should be able to get you an answer! Grand Knight Paul St.Amand Deputy GK Stillman Kealey 603.898.4976 603.898.2421 Chancellor Dave Thompson 603.898.1217 Financial Sec. Charlie Walsh 603.894.0048 Admissions Bill Richards 603.893.1836 Treasurer Bob Fournier 603.893.8940 Trustee (1 yr) **Don Simmons** 603.458.5950 Insurance Matt DiCalogero 603 458 6408

603.898.7020

Wayne Griffin 603.560.3824

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to all our members getting another year older during April:

Mark	F	Alfano	Richard P	Marchand
George	Α	Camire	Robert T	Mcquinn
Jay	E	Cappello	Richard A	Poulin
Robert	E	Dupre	Jharid T	Pratt
Robert	Α	Fournier	Christopher V	Robles
Rev. Tho	omas J	Frink	Phillip R	Stcyr
Victor	L	Hatem	James L	Stanton
Mark	Р	Helinski	Mark A	Stella
Duncan	Р	Kelly	Charles J	Walsh
Joseph	F	Leonard		



In the past months... and in future months...

Easter set up in the gym:



A round of applause for the volunteers who worked to prepare the churches for Easter services. At StJoe Church, six workers (George Masciarelli, Norm Comeau, Jay Cappello, Charlie Walsh, Don Simmons, and Paul St.Amand) set up seating for 720. It took us under two hours. And one of us got pizza (thanks to the church decoration committee).

At MQP Church, four members (Alan Phair, George Masciarelli, Bruce Silver, and Paul St.Amand) helped the church ladies by carrying and placing over seventy potted palm trees and adorning the outside cross with a white covering. We also gathered in the Christmas lights from the shrubs outside.

Basketball "Knights" - reporting - Dave Carney

"We have just finished up this past weekend with our last tournament. Attached is a team photo. They competed real well, and it was a great experience for the boys which again was made possible by the Knights; and I let the kids and parents know at every turn of your initial generosity.

We performed well. Getting to the championship in one of the tournaments. I'll send you a video of the game that propelled us in the finals, a buzzer beater, in a follow-up email.

Happy, Happy Easter and best to you and all the work that the Knights are doing. If you need help with tootsie roll drive let me know. I love working the spots for a good cause."

(Note: This January, our council voted a modest \$350 to help this team purchase insurance and team shirts. Our good deed is rewarded by the enjoyment and lessons of teamwork that these kids got in the program. - ed)



State News:



After discussion at the April meeting, the council decided to transition from our traditional "Night for Knights at the Fisher Cats" baseball game in July to participate in the State-wide Knights event on **Saturday**, **August 20**, **7:05PM**.

As done last year, reserve your seats and make out checks to our council. The council in turn will submit all our ticket request and a common check to the Fisher Cats business office. To repeat, this will be a state-wide gathering of Knights and all family members who like baseball (or like even more awesome fireworks at the end of the game!)

And, the tickets are only \$9/each, a dollar less than when our council did it on our own.

Contact our ticket chairman, George Masciarelli, (893-3035) or EMAIL.

Conversion Stories on Salem Community TV #17

presented by your State of NH Knights of Columbus Coming Home Network Int. Airing 4/5 to 4/10

Airing 4/12 to 4/17

Airing 4/19 to 4/24

Airing 4/22 to 5/1

Signposts G.K. Chesterton Blood of the Martyrs Fatima for Today by The Coming Home Network Int. by Dale Ahlquist at ICC. by Fr. Andrew Fisher at ICC. by Fr. Andrew Apostoli

The daily schedule

Mondays at 8:00 pm; Tuesdays at 2:00 pm; Wednesdays at 2:00PM

Help Wanted: Do you have a few hours to help out?

Visiting Statue: The Visiting Pilgrim Statue of Mary is coming to our Parish. (see church bulletins.) We need 4th degree Knights to lead the procession at MQP Church on **May 6**. Be in regalia and ready to march at 2:15PM. Contact Rico Casalleto.

Knights Monument at Pine Grove Cemetery – Dave Thompson

Contact Dave Thompson (898-1217) to tell him you can help! Some workers are needed on **May 10**, starting at 10:00AM, to clean and plant flowers at the Monument. This is in preparation for the Deceased Members Mass on **Sunday, May 15**. This is a modest effort. Many hands will make this task simple. (*Bring a rake and work gloves or even a gas leaf blower. Dave will purchase all the garden materials such as flowers and mulch in advance. - ed*)

Tootsie Roll Drive: Pete Klecan

Pete Klecan (898-5963) is taking your requests for the Tootsie Roll drive on the weekend of **June 3,4, and 5**. Sign up now to get your favorite time slot and store front! This is the most visible event to the general public for our Council in the year. We only ask for 2 hours of your time.



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