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Council 4442 Knightly News

From the desk of the Grand Knight

Brothers,

While out in California, I attended a Lenten mini-retreat. A priest presented a one-hour explanation of the “Hail Mary.” *Huh? A whole hour on one simple prayer?* Yup! I present my summary of his fascinating talk:

He separated the Hail Mary into five components, or stations, each with a unique message, a unique time in history, and a unique “voice.”

“Hail Mary, full of Grace, the lord is with you.” *Pause.* Who's voice are we hearing? It is the voice of the angel Gabriel talking to Mary. And since the angel is God's messenger, we are hearing God's voice. *Pause.* Consider “full of grace.” If Mary is “full of grace,” she is full of God; and if she is full of God, there is no room for any sin. (Immaculate Conception!)

Next: **“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.”** Who's voice? Elizabeth proclaims Mary to be blessed among all the women of the bible. Sarah, Ruth, Rebekah, Rachel,... Elizabeth proclaims Mary's blessedness among all women in the Old Testament.

Next: **“Jesus.”** Again, Who's voice? Gabriel tells Joseph that the child's name will be Jesus. Again, God is speaking to Joseph. And the line of Joseph goes back to King David... So a link to all the men in the Old Testament.

Next: **“Holy Mary, Mother of God,”** Now we shift to the early Church. The Council of Ephesus decreed in 431 that Mary is the Theotokos, “the God Bearer,” The “Mother of God,” because her son Jesus is both God and man: one divine person with two natures (fully divine and fully human) intimately and hypostatically united. *(OK, I looked that up.)* There were some back then who called Mary, “just” The Mother of Christ, but that ignores that Christ IS God. So that section of the prayer goes back to our early days of Christianity. We are united with the early church.

Finally, **“Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”** Who's voice? That's us, today's people! And when do we ask her to pray for us? Now! ... and Now again, and Now again ... and again... Now... and on and on, ... right up until the hour of our death. So we are asking Mary to pray for us continually until, with faith and hope, we see her and her Son face to face!

Peace in the Risen Lord! *(A closing phrase from a famous Jesuit and former Council Chaplain, now serving in North Carolina ...)*

Vivat Jesus! He is truly risen!
Paul St.Amand

Quickie CALENDAR



Dan Buck sees the camera before April meeting starts.

Chair set up

SJRS Auditorium
Parish Volunteer Thank You dinner
Tuesday, Apr 25; time TBA
(Dave Thompson)

KofC State Convention

Radisson Hotel – Nashua, NH
April 28-30
(Wayne Griffin, SD)

White Clover Drive

Weekend May 12-13
Rico Casaletto

Deceased Members Mass

MQP, Sun, May 21, 11:00AM
(Dick Collopy)

5th Wednesday Rosary

St. Joseph Church
7:15, May 31.
Paul St.Amand

Tootsie Roll Drive

Salem Store Fronts
June 2-4
Pete Klecan

College Scholarship Applications

Deadline July 1
Joe Stafford

Family Day Picnic

Hall Backyard
Sunday, July 30, 1:00PM
Joe Stafford

Council Meeting Notes from April 12

UNOFFICIAL

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



GK Paul St.Amand opened the meeting at 7:30 with 29 members present. Dan Norris and Norm Comeau were excused. Worthy Warden confirmed that all present were in possession of a current, signed membership card. March minutes read by Mike Banks, filling in for Norm Comeau, and accepted.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Tom

There is good news and bad news. Sometimes “good news” turns out bad, and “bad news” turns out good. If we get bad news, we might tough it out or complain bitterly. BUT, if we believe, ...”And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28). It was described that Peter described Jesus being arrested as bad news; Jesus said that this needed to happen for God’s great glory to happen. We may not understand the “why” of pain and suffering in this world, but we are called to be witnesses to the good news. The “bad news” of Good Friday turns into the “good news” of Easter joy.

GK Opening Remarks:

I propose the following new activity for the council. We will host a “5th Wednesday of the Month Rosary” for the intentions of the parish and the pope. (Heaven knows we all need Mary's help.) The next date would be May 31. I have reserved St. Joe church for 7:15PM, after the conclusion of the weekly 6:30PM Mass. Please attend. If we are successful, this could be done for the other 4 or 5 “5th Wednesdays” in the year. *(At the meeting there was a good show of support by the brothers. -ed)*

Council elections of new officers will be held at the June meeting. Larry Belair will talk about that later. Let me say now, that your council needs your service. Please volunteer, or at least, don't run away if you see Larry coming to talk to you.

“Thank you”s received:

- From our parish, thanking us for donation of I-pad to comedy night raffle. It was the most popular raffle item.
- Pennacook Pregnancy Center for our donation.

Tip of the hat to:

- Ken Akerley for proceeding with getting the wheel chair ramp to a needy person in Salem. (And Dick Collopy reported that next day, the ramp was installed... *(Sorry, the editor doesn't have the names of the work party. I know Chanel, Dick, Al Faucher, and Ken Akerley were involved. Maybe others? Send in an activity report for credit! - ed)*

Treasurer's Report: Bob Fournier

Bob gave a “short and sweet” report for the month. Deposits exceeded expenses again. With the market rising, our Schwab account is also doing well.

Financial Secretary's Report: Charlie Walsh

There were 13 Checks written. Membership total is 245. We lost Phil Fili (deceased) and Al Righini (transfer to Exeter council.)

Committee Reports - Dave Thompson conducts:

Dave's opening remarks:

Wednesday April 26th will be the appreciation dinner at St Joe's auditorium for 150 people. Volunteers needed on Tuesday April 25th to set up the tables & chairs. Dave will send out an alert later in the month to set the time.

Membership - Bill Richards

Bill has two Form 100's in the works. We have no candidates advancing in degrees in the short term.

Culture for Life - Dennis Groulx.

Dennis gave a short update on activity. At last Pro-Life event, there were 70 people attending.

Veterans Activities - Dave Thompson reporting for Rico Casaletto

The next event is the White Clover Drive - May 12, 13. Volunteers always needed to help collect funds for the Legion.

Bingo Report - Ron Bourque



The month of March was amazing. For the quarter, we exceeded all expectations. The big prizes have not been hit, so folks are "following the prizes" and our attendance is up. On pace for a record breaking year. Thanks to Paul and Lou and the team, and to Almighty God for granting us this bounty to use for his glory.

Texas Hold-Em - Larry Belair

Things are still moving slowly "in the background." Nothing official to report.

Blood Drive

See report for the March Blood drive below.

Deceased Members - Dick Collopy

The Mass will be on Sunday, May 21, at 11:00AM at MQP. The celebrant will be Fr. Al. The usual Pine Grove cemetery service will follow. *(This just in... there will be light snacks of drink and sandwiches held after the service, about 1:00PM, in the basement of St. Joseph Church [the "family room."] The cub scout blue and gold banquet has a prior reservation for the hall. - ed)*

Dick and Jeanne Collopy are also rearranging the deceased members plaques on the hall 2nd floor, to add some missing names.

Chanel Simard has received KofC Flags and flag holders for the graves. He will gather his crew in the coming months to mark the graves of our Brothers at Pine Grove and Veterans' Cemeteries. We need new flags each year, because after one year, the flags are worn or missing. The flag holders have a life of about five years.

Scholarship and Picnic

Joe Stafford scheduled a meeting on Tuesday evening April 18th at 7:00PM for the Scholarship Awards Program. Committee members are asked to attend; all members are invited to attend if they wish. **The DEADLINE for college scholarship applications is July 1. Forms are available, click here for the >> [council web site](#).**

The family picnic is scheduled for Sunday July 30th. More details as the dates approach. The picnic is open to ALL KofC members / family. You do not have to have a scholarship candidate to attend! Come enjoy the fellowship and the entertainment.



Tootsie Roll Drive

Peter Klecan announced the Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on Wednesday May 31st at the Salem Landfill, and June 1st thru 4th as designated locations. Pete has the "sign up" posters ready. Call him (898-5963) to reserve your favorite spot! After the meeting, members did start filling up time slots. There are still many openings; we need YOU for 2 hours!

Raffle Tickets – Mike Petrilli

The KofC raffle tickets for 2017 will be coming at the State Convention. Mike will begin the process this spring. Please be generous to support our council's efforts, as you have been in the past. (We did have a winner last year!)



Old Business

None

New Business

The following were presented by the trustees and voted upon and approved:

- Salem Police Department for Summer Youth Program \$100.
- Salem Chamber of Commerce, waiver of \$200 hall rental fee. (Approved 16 to 6 of members voting.)
- Lazarus Ministries in Lawrence - \$250.
- Play Among the Stars - \$250.
- Sr. Mary Rose of Rochester, NH, home - \$50 for medal metal chains.
- Grand Knight of the Year – Oct 7th, request for advance funds to reserve hall, etc, up to \$500.

Butch Kealey presented two proposals for LED lighting for MQP. Because the cost of dimmable LEDs increases cost from \$3,500 to \$10,000, he wanted “sentiment of the meeting” as to direction. After discussion, and since current lighting is not dimmable, we endorsed the simpler, lower cost approach. Money for the project will be taken from the approved “Capital Improvements” line item in the 2017 budget. Butch expects about 50% payback from the Electric Company energy save program.

Notice of Motion for By-Laws – Paul St.Amand

Supreme is pushing councils to have approved By-Laws of the council. Our council has no by-laws. There is a standard template that does not allow substantive variations. I have reviewed the standard template, and so have six PGKs, Larry Belair, Alan Phair, Gene Byrant, Don Simmons, Dick Collopy, Bill Richards, and our finance officers Bob and Charlie. Our opinion is that the template is “plain vanilla.” Supreme does advise that local councils may adopt policies that permit adaptations of the bylaws if needed in a separate statement.

I have created a “Council Policies” statement, that I, as GK will authorize. (There are only three points of variance with the template by-laws worth documenting, which are policies that we now do.)

I will send out a notice of motion email of the bylaws and the policy statement to members, asking for a vote to approve the bylaws at the May 10 council meeting. Watch for that email and read if you choose. I will NOT be bringing paper copies to the next meeting; the bylaws would be approved by 2/3 of those casting a vote.

If someone spots something that they really, really, really, really, really feel that we have to document in Council Policies, then let me know and I can add it to the Council Policies. (I can't do anything about the By-Laws template.)

District Deputy Report – for Bill Richards



- State Convention – end of April. All supporting paperwork due by April 19th
- GK training June 24th in St. Michael's in Exeter
- Financial Estate Planning / Insurance – St Thomas Aquines Derry 4/17 at 7PM
- Camp Fatima weekend before Memorial Day for annual cleanup
- Food for Families and RVB reimbursements for donations – submit now
- Epic Youth Fest – St. Anselm Manchester May 6th – regalia requested for Bishop Peterson Mass – Sullivan Room

GOOD OF THE ORDER



Larry Belair - "Please be a candidate!"

Election of officers for 2017-2018. We will have elections for new officers of the council by June 15. Larry has begun the quest for members to fill a "slate" of officer roles. A member who wishes to become an officer, please contact Larry Belair (603.898-4909).

Members may self-nominate at the election, but by expressing your desire to run now to Larry, you allow him time to prepare ballots as needed.

Dennis Groulx suggested that since our council will be mark 60 years of existence this coming June 10, maybe we should organize a celebration. After a brief discussion, members declined and suggested that 75 years would be more appropriate to celebrate. (*Thanks, Dennis, for thinking of this! Ideas are always welcome. -ed*)

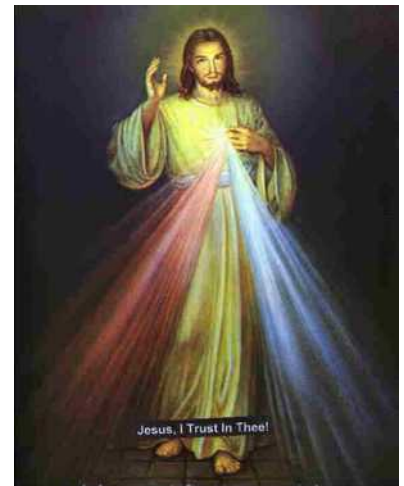
Can you help? We will set up tables and chairs for the Parish Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Meet at the school gym on Tuesday, April 25. Dave Thompson will be sending out a notice as to the time to meet. This will only take an hour or two.

Also, Mrs. Sue Davis, daughter of Dick Dube, is asking us for support with the planning board. Rick Dewhirst is proposing a crematorium station at his funeral home. Sue, as an abutter to the property, is concerned about the smoke stack height and the emissions from the stack that will blow onto neighbors. As an abutter, our corporation can also voice an opinion either way. More details from Sue when the planning board will take the matter under review.

Lecturer Report: Ron Bourque

Ron talked about the "Feast of Divine Mercy" which occurs on the first Sunday after Easter. (This year on April 23, 2017) Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland, to re-teach us the story of His love even unto death, and His disappointment in us because of distrust in His Mercy and goodness.

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you." There are many promises of forgiveness said by Jesus, as reported by Sr. Faustina. See the [Divine Mercy website](#) (from the shrine at Sturbridge, MA) for more information.



Corporation 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 Corporation Hall and, you must remain at the hall during the rental period. Full details of fees and policies are available on the [web site: Corporation Hall Rental](#).

George can also arrange for members to get a key to the corporation hall.

Knight #2 of the Month for March to Mike Schwing.



Mike Schwing KOM March

The Grand Knight awarded a second “Knight of the Month” for March to Mike Schwing, for organizing our KofC Free Throw Competition. Mike surpassed last year’s session by having more kids participate, improved advertising for the event, secured facilities, and ran the event. He also gathered all the winning local contestants for the trip to the regional competition. Good job, Mike!



Knight of the Month for April to Don Simmons.



Don Simmons KOM April

Always volunteering to lift, tote, and move chairs and tables; plays guitar for the veterans picnics, visits the VMAC for bingo and Christmas gifts. In the community, as we near “tax day,” it is fitting that we honor this person. He volunteers many hours of time working to prepare taxes, for free, to citizens of Salem. For his many contributions to the council and the corporation and community, April KOM is to Don Simmons. Don, you are an invaluable member of the council!

Attendance Drawing

The April drawing for \$30 was not won by Delbert G. Downing of Manchester. (The May prize will be for \$40.) Anyone can win! Attend the April meeting.

Closing Prayer and Blessing was led by Fr. Tom. Amen!

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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! Email links for GK, DGK, Chaplain, Corporation President are [on the web site](#).

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Insurance	Matt DiCalogero	603 458 6408
State Deputy	Wayne Griffin	603.560.3824
Hall Rental	George Masciarelli	603.893.3035

Birthday Wishes

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

Victor L	Hatem	Phillip R	St.Cyr
Robert A	Fournier	Joseph F	Leonard
Jay E	Cappello	Rev. Thomas J	Frink, SJ
Christopher V	Robles	Jharid T	Pratt
Robert T	Mcquinn	Charles J	Walsh
Mark F	Alfano	Mark A	Stella
George A	Camire	James L	Stanton
Mark P	Helinski	Robert E	Dupre
Richard P	Marchand	Duncan P	Kelly



Assembly 0641 News: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

It is with sorrow that we mark the death of Sir Knight Philip L. Fili, who passed away on Thursday, March 16, at 81 years. He was a member of the Knights for 55 years, and of our council and our assembly. He was born in Lawrence, MA, graduated Central Catholic High School in 1953. He proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956. He is survived by his wife of 60 years; Bobbie (Wilson) Fili, three children, six grandchildren, by his sister; Diane and also by several nieces and nephews.

His full obituary is at the Douglas and Johnson web site. [CLICK HERE](#).



Also:

St.Patrick Church in Pelham, May 7th crowning of Mary. Be in regalia. More details at 4th degree meeting.

Veterans Activities for 2017 - Rico Casaletto

Rico presented a schedule for our council's activities for 2017 in support of the Veterans. As each event date approaches, he will give the details. These events are also on the Council web site "[EVENT CALENDAR](#)." < Click here.



White Clover Drive - May 12, 13	VAMC Bingo - June 29
Cook out at Tilton Veterans' Home - July 29	POW/MIA Vigil - Sep 15-16
"Tunnel to Tower" Exhibit - Sept 19-23	Veterans' Breakfast - Nov 10
VAMC Christmas Visits - Dec 10	

We thank Rico for organizing these events. He has done a great job keeping our council active in support of our veterans.

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

Stations of the Cross

On Friday, March 17, the Knights were "in charge" of conducting the Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church. Leading our group was "Sim" Simard. We had 17 Knights attending, by head count of Butch Kealey; two of our Knights were the Pastor and Asst. Pastor of the Parish, Fr. Tom and Fr. Al. There were about 40 souls in attendance.



Fr. Al leads the service, with "back up" by a cadre of Sir Knights.



Sir Knights answering the call to "Man your Stations!"

Blood Drive - Ken Akerley



So what happens at a Blood Drive? Bishop Peterson Council #4442 sponsors several blood drives a year at the hall. We serve a pasta dinner to all who walk into our hall; some folks may not qualify to give blood that day for a variety of reasons, as screened by the Red Cross. Nevertheless, we feed all. We most always meet our goal in the number of pints collected. The Red Cross sets the goal for the number of pints to be collected.

Each blood drive starts with posting of notices around the town of Salem to announce the date and time of the coming blood drive. KofC members and wives volunteer their time for this great cause. We start early with cooking and hall set-up. The blood drive starts at 1:00PM and closes at 7:00PM, then comes the cleanup of the hall to return it to "normal."



The faithful crew

Our community members have been very supportive of these blood drives. Over the years, it has become somewhat of a social event. Council #4442 pays for all food served.

This report is for the Blood Drive of March 23, 2017, in which we collected 60 pints from 61 volunteers who came "through the doors." Also, 6 pints of 'double red' - where cells/plasma removed, plasma returned. Typically, only 1-2 pints of this type are collected during the KofC drive.

Be a sponsor for this Newsletter. Paul St.Amand, 603-898-2421; email to advertisements@kofc4442.

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