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Council 4442 Knightly News

On vacation with the Grand Knight:

Brothers, Greetings from sunny Berkeley, CA. This is definitely a “different” culture. Let us give thanks that the leadership of both parties is calling for unity as Americans and for the peaceful transition of power, as is our history.

We also give thanks to our Veterans, who sacrificed so much to keep this country free. And we look forward to Thanksgiving, to pause and reflect on all the great gifts God has given to us. One way to show thanks is to join in the many charitable works of our Council coming up soon.

Congratulations Bill Richards!, Knight of the Year. *(Full story later - ed)*

Vivat Jesus!
Paul St.Amand

Who is Bill Richards, Our new Knight of the Year?

William (Bill) Richards is from Clairton, Pennsylvania. He went to Washington and Jefferson College, getting a BS degree with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Physics. Bill started work for Westinghouse Research in Wilkins Township, PA, where he met his future wife Linda. They were married 43 years ago on October 4, 1969 and have a son, daughter, and five grandchildren.



Bill and Linda moved to Salem, NH, in 1978, because of work reassignment for Bill. Linda was a Catholic from birth; however, Bill was raised Protestant. He attended Mass with Linda, and in 1981 converted. Bill is an energetic man! He joined the Knights in January 2010 and took his degrees and became a 4th Degree Sir Knight. He is also a parish Consoler, RCIA team member, Eucharistic Minister, Cursillista.

There have been two major accomplishments in his lifetime, one is the development of an international training laboratory for electron microscopy for JEOL in the Americas, and the second and more important, has been the development of the RCIA program in the SS Mary and Joseph Parish. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and woodworking, and a good prime rib and scotch! Also in his busy life, he served four years in the Air Force, retiring with the rank of Technical Sergeant.

(Since Bill gave the above info in 2012, a few more interesting things have happened to him with the Knights. Bill served as Admissions Chairman for several years, was our Grand Knight for two years, and is now the District Deputy. Bill has been a very active member of the council and sets a great example, be it in a leadership role or “just” one of the team members moving chairs and tables. Our council is so much better having Bill as one of our Brother Knights. - ed)

Quickie CALENDAR



Debate of Notice of Motion

Move Chairs and Tables for Christmas Fund

Meet at School Garage
Saturday, Nov 26, 8:30AM
(Alan Phair)

Salem Christmas Parade

Sunday, Nov 27, 1:00PM
(Tom Campbell)

Council Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec 10
(Wil Boutin)

Transfer Station Christmas Fund Collection

Volunteers needed
Saturday, Dec 10
(Alan Phair)

Veteran's Christmas Visits

Manchester Vet Home
Sunday, Dec 11, 2:00PM
(Rico Casaletto)

Toy Distribution

Thursday, Dec 15
Monday, Dec 19
Phantom Crossfit 286 N. Broadway
Alan Phair

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 18, 1:00PM
(Tom Campbell)

Council Meeting Notes from Nov 9

UNOFFICIAL

(Taken from notes of the worthy recorder, Norm Comeau.)



7:30PM DGK Dave Thompson opened the meeting; GK Paul St. Amand was in California; Dan Norris and Bob Fournier were excused. Meeting opened at 7:30 with 29 council members present. Worthy Warden confirmed that all present were in possession of a current, signed membership card. Oct minutes read and accepted.

Deputy GK Opening Remarks:

Rico Casaletto has requested the 4th degree Knights to attend the 4:00 Mass on Saturday Nov 12 in honor of Veterans Day.

17 Knights and 8 Masons attended the Dinner at the Mason lodge. Good time had by all.

Thank You received from:

- Pennacook Pregnancy Care Center – Haverhill, for our \$1,500 donation.
- Edmundite Missions for our gift of \$250
- From Mary Fisk School, for our donation of Coats for Kids (nice letter from 1st grade teacher, telling of one specific coat donation and how the needy child's "face lit up like it was Christmas morning.")
- Mexico Mission, for our \$1,000 donation. Letter includes interviews with 40 kids we are helping with school tuition. - nice letter!
- Note from Honduras Mission Team and Mary Roy for our contribution. "Thanks for stepping in and reminding me I have lots of friends and connections still in Salem..."
- Pregnancy Care Center of Haverhill, for our \$1000 donation for the banquet sponsorship.
- Fr Smolley for our council providing awards for the Special Olympics Bowling.

Tip of the hat to:

Charlie & Bonnie Walsh and Bill Richards who worked on the Coats for Kids sorting and delivery to charities and schools.

Chanel Simard for his preparation work for the Santa Maria Float. Banners & sails are accounted for.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report given by Charlie Walsh

Financial Secretary's Report by Charlie Walsh

21 Checks written.

Increase in checking account \$1489.98

Membership total 248

Read and accepted.

Dick Collopy and I have volunteered to head up the project to collect baby items for the Pregnancy Care Centers in NH; this KofC state-wide drive will complete at the annual Right to Life dinner in early February. Dick will get a laundry basket to put our items. We will collect baby items like wipes, one-sies, powder, blankets. Dick Collopy will pick up gift certificate for the PCC at the Christmas Party. A good time to bring items is at the Christmas Party, or meeting.

The Christmas Parade will be on November 27th. Mike Banks will provide the truck for the Nativity Scene. All members encouraged to march and "strut our stuff."

Will Bout will need the checks by December 1st for the Christmas Party.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 18th at 1:00PM at the Council Hall

Alan Phair has acquired the Cross Fit Building for the Christmas Toy Distribution on Thursday December 15th and Monday December 19th. More info below. As always Alan has a sign up sheet for members to volunteer their time.

Peter Klecan showed a display of the food supplies he sent to the Mexican Mission

Dick Collopy reminded the members of the need to repair the Creche for St. Joseph church.

Culture for Life

There is a Pro Life mass on Friday January 20, 2017 at St Joseph's in Salem

Admissions – Bill Richards

The council is planning a parish recruitment drive at Mary Queen of Peace on the weekend of January 14 -15, 2017 and at St. Joseph on the weekend of January 21 – 22, 2017. Council members will be asked to volunteer to handout candidate information cards and Form 100's after masses over the weekends. Signup sheets will be available at the December meeting.

As the membership in the council is currently down by seven members, we are asking each and every council member to consider recruiting one new member each in the coming months. We have plenty of form 100's available. If we recruit only one new member before December 31, 2016, Supreme is providing incentives to the council.

Exemplifications:

- a. First Degree (Initiation) 11/21/16 Bedford, NH
- b. Second Degree (Formation) 11/18/16 Hudson, NH
- c. Second/Third Degree (Knighthood) ...12/10/16 No location yet

Veterans Activities

- Rico Casaletto is looking for members to attend the Christmas visit to Vets at the VA in Manchester on December 11th at 2:00PM.
- December 5th Memorial at Pine Grove Cemetery at 10:00AM
- December 7th meeting at Veterans Park in Salem

Bingo

Bingo continues to bring in a good profit; in Ron Bourque's words, "Thanks to Lou and Paul and the team, and thanks be to Almighty God!

Boat Project

Chanel Simard has finished the boat for the Christmas Parade.

Blood Drive

November 17th from 1:00PM to 7:00PM . Help is needed to setup the hall and serve the food.

Free Throw Challenge

Mike Schwing has set January 12th from 12:00PM to 2:00PM at St Joseph's. He will need volunteers to help at the registration table and to record the kids' scores.

TAPS Program Awards

Six awards have been all given out. Whitney Stella, Allison Sullivan, Kaylyn Norris, Sean Norris, Katherine Quinn, and Brady Quinn. Everyone who applied got an award of \$200. This was within the budget set by the council. *(My Thanks to Mike Petrilli who ran this program. - GK)*

Old Business

Two notices of motion from last month were taken “off the table” for discussion and voting.

Donation of \$1,388.00 for the Scout Program, requested by Mike Schwinn, was approved.

The “up to \$111,400” notice of motion, proposed by Gene Bryant, was brought up for discussion. There was sincere debate on the amount and the pros and cons.

(GK's point of privilege - My comment: I was not at the meeting, but I believe, based on some conversations and some emails, that the debate had two major themes. One was “charity begins at home” and we should not be gifting large amounts outside our Salem community; the counter was that we are donating a lot to Salem, and we also want to donate to places with great need. A second point was on the total amount proposed, and that a more prudent course would be to spend less so as to maintain a healthy balance of funds we could draw upon next year, in case our revenues fall (and we know there will be no Texas Hold'em next year, a loss of \$45,000.) The counter is that the money we have was given to the council as charity to be used and not stockpiled. The bingo players, card players, and State expect that charities would get the funds. Next year will be next year, and if our revenue falls, then we will reduce our gifts accordingly; the future is in God's hands.)

An amendment to reduce the motion was defeated; and a motion carried for the full amount by the necessary two-thirds.

Summary of the motion: (full details in last month's newsletter.)

- Salem Boys And Girls Club -- \$25,000
- Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School Capital Campaign -- \$25,000
- Saint Anne's Church Berlin NH Capital Campaign -- \$25,000
- Replace Lost Ultrasound Baton Rouge, LA, Pregnancy Care Center -- \$13,000
- Pregnancy Care Center Haverhill -- Lowell MA Expansion -- \$5000
- Veterans Groups:
 - Liberty House Manchester NH -- \$1500
 - Veterans Count (Easter Seals) – Manchester NH -- \$2500
 - Salem Veterans Association – Town Gazebo Sound System Project -- \$1000
- Autism Support
 - Autism Speaks NH – \$2000
 - Birchtree School NH – \$2000
 - Higashi School MA – \$1000
- Center For Life Management -- \$2900
- Best Buddies NH -- \$1000
- Operation Smile -- \$1000
- Cystic Fibrosis Program / Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center – \$3500

New Business

Trustees: Don Simmons

- Requested \$100.00 for the Christmas lights at Lady of LaSalette in Enfield NH.
- \$200.00 for Meals on Wheels

These were passed and approved.

Fr Tom requested \$1,000 for a prom at St. Joseph Regional School for the Special Needs Teens. That request was tabled. *(Editor note: I assume this was “Tabled” as a Notice of Motion, to be taken up at the December meeting.)*

District Deputy Report – Bill Richards

Greetings from State Deputy, Wayne Griffin.



A request has been received from the State Council to evaluate Council 4442 becoming involved within the state wide American Wheelchair mission. We are asked to evaluate the parish to determine if needs are present for the distribution of wheelchairs throughout the parish. Cost per chair is \$150.00 and the minimum lot size the state would have to purchase would be 100 chairs.

I extend my appreciation to the council for the donation of the council first degree ceremonials to the newly formed team at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH. They offer their sincere thanks for the donation as their funding is restricted, and they could not afford the cost of the ceremonials. I have been informed from the local DD that an official letter thanking the council is forth coming in the immediate future.

As district deputy I would also like to express my congratulations to the council and the Grand Knight for achieving the Columbian Award for 2015 – 2016. Keep up the good work. Next year there will be changes to the Columbian Award program. Supreme has added the requirement of the Domestic Church program. Council will now need to have at least four domestic church programs within the Columbian awards program to qualify. One of these programs is the Fifth Sunday Rosary program. I would like to see the council pursue incorporating this program into its existing programs. My compliments to the council for all that it has done for the community and the parish and also for your support in the farewell dinner for Fr. Robert Smolley, our departing assistant state chaplain.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

"Wee Three Kings" Sim says that the "Three Wise Men" will make another appearance at the Town Nativity scene on Nov 30.



Better Late than Never Department:



Joe Stafford, who's ship must have docked recently, finally attended a meeting. He was presented with his Knight of the Month award, originally given, in absentia, for August (*I think it was for August, 2016 ??? - ed*)



Someone at State found the "Columban Award" for our council, which should have been given out in July. The award is given to a council that meets the requirements of having done charitable deeds in the areas of church, community, family, youth, culture of life, and council. (*This is made known to State by our submitting all those activity reports. -ed*)

Lecturer reflection:

Ron read a letter, appropriate for this month of November and our veterans...

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan.'

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time.

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base.' His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq ; it's almost like you are doing it for him.'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers.

As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

"A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'citizens of United States / Canada ' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'"

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.



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](#).

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

Knight of the Month for November to Wil Boutin



Wil joined the Knights in 1959; and the KOM for November is given for his volunteering to again run the Council Christmas Party. This is a big job, but Wil (who gets by with a little help from his friends!) pulls it off and puts on a class act: good food and entertainment. We all “assume” there will be a party, but Wil

makes it happen. His efforts keeps us united as a brotherhood. And our party is also eagerly attended by members of our parish and community.

Attendance Drawing

The November drawing for \$30 was not won by Stephen Gorgol, absent.

Anyone can win! Attend the Dec meeting; the prize is \$40.

Closing Prayer was led by DGK Dave. Amen!

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

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 are [on the web site](#).

Grand Knight	Paul St.Amand	603.489.5978	Deputy GK	Dave Thompson	603.898.1217
Chancellor	Mike Banks	603.479.9470	Financial Sec.	Charlie Walsh	603.894.0048
Admissions	Bill Richards	603.893.1836	Treasurer	Bob Fournier	603.893.8940
Trustee (1 yr)	Tom Campbell	603.548.9088	Insurance	Matt DiCalogero	603 458 6408
District Deputy	Bill Richards	603.893.1836	State Deputy	Wayne Griffin	603.560.3824

Birthday Wishes

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

William C	Richards	Robert P	Klecan
John C	Hatem	Ernest	Lyko
Dea. David T	Costello	Delbert FC	Downing
Daniel J	Norris	Robert P	Gaudette
Francis J	Lyons	Robert C	Bryant
Eugene J	Bryant	Fausto E	Molinet, Jr
Richard	Gomez	Frederick G	Doucette
Stephen R	Boutin	Adam C	Bryant
Michael	Antonietti	James H	Harvey



Assembly News:

(The editor will be glad to publish any news for the 4th. Send me an email!)

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

Knights - Masons Fellowship Dinner - Paul St.Amand



The annual fellowship dinner was held on Thursday, November 3 hosted by the members of the Spicket Lodge #85 of the Masons. This was attended by 17 members of the Council and about 10 members of the Masons. The

meal was excellent and the conversation good natured and lively. The leader of the local Mason Lodge, "Worshipful Master" Scott G. Thornbury presented "Grand Knight" Paul St. Amand with a plaque in commemoration of the event. Paul also presented to Scott a small check for their scholarship program.



Knights and Masons enjoy a meal

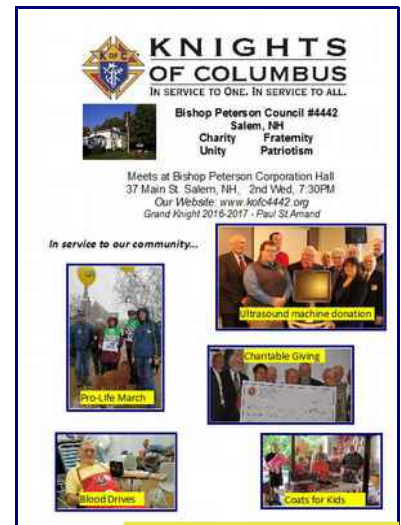
There is a breakfast served to one and all each Saturday morning at the lodge, from 8:00AM until 10:00AM, with a large mouth-watering menu, all for only \$6.00. All the profits from the breakfasts are given to local food pantries in Salem and their scholarship fund.

Family Promise of Rockingham County Gala



Friday, November 4, the Family Promise charity that provides temporary housing for homeless children and parents had a gala at the Atkinson Country Club. About half of all homeless people are children. Family Promise works with Salem-area churches to have shelter housing at a church. Since most churches are empty during the week for many hours, this allows a family

a place to stay for a week at a time, helped by volunteers of the host church. Our council supports this effort. This year, we were a "Oscar level" sponsor for the gala, and we had a full page, color ad in the event booklet. Attending were Paul St.Amand, Bill and Linda Richards, Dave and Lorraine Thompson, Dick and Joanne Colantone. Also attending, but as members of Kiwanis, were Chanel & Jose Simard and Bruce & Roseanne Silver. *(There may have been other Knights in the hall who I didn't see. Sorry I missed you. -ed)*



Our full page ad.



"Table for nine"

Christmas Party for the Council

The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 10th. Please keep this date open on your calendars. If possible, please make your reservations early by calling Don Gagne @ 736-3310, Wil Boutin @ 736-8491 or Al Faucher @ 893-6708.



(And a "Shout out" to 'Lucy,' the real power behind the scenes! -ed)

First Degree Team Kit

I (Paul St.Amand) got an email from Ed McCann, who is the District Deputy for all the College Councils in NH.

Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH has started working on forming their own First Degree Team. They looked to purchasing the Kit needed to perform the First Degree and determined that it was beyond their means. I have asked our State Ceremonial Director if it was possible to solicit the councils in the state and see if we could pull together the necessary items to perform this degree. He agreed that this would be a great start.

Our council purchased a 1st degree kit back when Alan Phair was GK. Our efforts to have a degree team of our own never got beyond the level of having only a few roles filled. With 1st degree teams sprouting up all within easy distance of Salem, we have never had to delay a candidate's entry into the Knights. Thus our need to form a team and use the kit has gone away. Our kit has been stashed in the GK's office for over 10 years. After consultation with Alan, I decided to donate our kit to the needy college council. (We keep our ceremonial robes, for we do use them on occasion.) Ed picked up the kit on Nov 6, the date of Fr. Smolley's farewell party.

This was a great day to receive a First Degree Kit from you... I know this will be put to good use at our college councils. Once again I thank all my brother knights at your council for letting our college councils extend the lesson of Charity to the new brother Knights entering our order. Vivat Jesus, Ed McCann, PSD, DD # 15

Salem Christmas Fund Schedule: (from Alan Phair)

From Alan Phair: The following is what we need help with. If you can volunteer for one or more that would be great.

As you know, this is one of the largest events the Council undertakes each year. It certainly is rewarding when we see how happy we make people feel, knowing they can have a nice Christmas that they otherwise might not have. In order to get everything accomplished, we need people and pick-up or other type trucks.

1. Our **toy distribution center** has finally been determined. We will be operating out of the vacant building (formerly Phantom Crossfit") at 286 N. Broadway. Therefore, our first project will be to pick up around 40 tables and 20 chairs at Saint Joseph's School (garage) & the Council. I would like to schedule to do it on Saturday Nov 26th. Meet at 8:30 at the garage next to school. We need about five or six pickup trucks and at least ten people to get it all done in one trip quickly. Please email me to let me know if you are available and if you have a truck so that if there are changes, I can contact you.

APhair@aol.com or call 603-401-1001

2. Our plan is to have the toy distribution nights on **Thursday December 15th and Monday Dec 19th, starting at 6:00PM**. As always, we will need a lot of people to help recipients pick out toys so if you and/or your wife or any adult can make it on a certain day or both, **please let me know**. As in the past, I will do my best to schedule people based on their availability and the needs of the fund. **Email me on which day(s) you can help**. Usually, we are done by nine o'clock if not sooner. If you have never done this before, please show up at 5:30 so we can show you the ropes. Again, please let me know your availability by email or phone.

3. We will be working the **Transfer Station** for donations again this year. The date is **Saturday Dec 10th**. If we can get **four or five people**, that would be great. We would need people to cover from **7:00am – 2:45pm**. We do have a bad weather day of the 17th and hopefully won't have to use it. We recognize that this is the night of the K of C Christmas party, but we had to set it for the 10th else we wouldn't have a rain/snow date. Doing it too early cuts into donations. I will set schedule once I see number of volunteers.

This is an important function as last year we broke our record and raised over \$1,200 for the day which really helps the fund out. If someone will volunteer to coordinate that would be great. .

5. Probably the toughest part to schedule is the packing & returning of the excess toys to the storage container and the tables/chairs to the council and school. We still have plenty of time to schedule this and I can get the info out as soon as I get it.

I know this is a lot to digest. I will be in contact with people via email with updates. This is a very busy season for all of us especially the member of the Christmas Fund Board who appreciate all the Council does. As many of you know, because of my job and now being the height of the Budget Season for my Town, my time availability is limited which means, like last year, I am going to need more help than ever to get all this done.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give us...Again, contact me at: Alan Phair, Cell 603-401-1001 Email: APhair@aol.com

P.S. Don't forget that if you can do so, a contribution to the fund would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be sent to the Salem Christmas Fund, PO Box 1234, Salem NH 03079 or you can visit our new web site at www.SalemChristmasFund.org and make a credit card donation on-line.

Finally, and even more important, if you find yourself in a situation where you need help or you know a family that needs assistance, please let me or if you prefer, one of the other Board members. Arrangements can be made for private toy pickups for example so that no one will know other than myself. I can guarantee you won't be the first nor the last to need assistance. Our goal has always been to never let a family go without necessary food, clothing or children without toys under the tree.

May God Bless all of you for all you do to help us each year.....Alan Phair

Knight of the Year Banquet



Congratulations to our Knight of the Year ("KOY") for 2015-2016 William "Bill" Richards. On Saturday, November 5, we gathered to pay tribute to all the previous Knights of the Month chosen in the past fraternal year. From among those worthy recipients of the monthly awards, prior Knights of the Year met in August and elected one person to receive the yearly award.

Butch Kealey (the prior year KOY) arranged the banquet and Paul St.Amand GK, hosted the

celebration. We had a good turn-out of 47 people to attend, eat a wonderful meal of carved turkey with all the fixins, and have music, the presentation, and dancing. Bill was presented with a plaque and the all important dual privilege of the KOY assigned parking spot and the duty to arrange next year's banquet! Linda Richards was presented with a bouquet of flowers from Butch Kealey, and Elaine "pinned" Bill that night. Speaking also to honor Bill was our State Deputy, Wayne Griffin.



Bill gets "pinned."

The Richards Clan



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