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Council 4442 Knightly News

From the desk of the Grand Knight:

(Tony was at another meeting this month, and could not attend the council meeting. He wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. – and a big THANK YOU to Don Simmons, who filled in to run the meeting.) - ed.

Annual Corporation Meeting & Election of Officers:

Tuesday, January 31

Notice is hereby given of a Special Meeting of the Bishop Peterson Corporation to be held on Tuesday January 31, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the council. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the period of February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013 and for any other business that may be deemed necessary by the current Board of Directors.

Please try to make this important meeting. Remember all council members are also members of the corporation and, as such, have a say in the operation of our council home.

If you are considering running for one of the 14 seats on the board please let the secretary Gene Bryant know of your intentions so that your name can be placed in nomination. Gene can be emailed at somville@comcast.net or on his cell phone (603) 475-9103.

New Financial Secretary Nominated:

Larry Belair reported on the 8-member search committee's hunt for a person to replace the irreplaceable Vinnie Sarcione, as our financial secretary. The candidates met with the committee and with Vinnie, and questions were asked and answered, so that everyone knew what was required and the personal qualifications of



each candidate. At the end there were two finalists. Larry said this was the toughest choice he ever participated in, because of their good qualifications of each candidate. The “winner” was **Charlie Walsh**. Charlie's name will be submitted by the GK to Supreme for final approval.

TIDBITS



Don Simmons at the lectern

Pro-Life Mass
Save the date: Jan 20, 2012
(Details in next newsletter.)



"Baby Matthew" Son of a returned soldier, one of our contacts.

Soldier Aid Report
Total for 2011: 31 boxes; 488 lbs.
Grand Total: 329 boxes; 4,671 lbs.



At the Blood Drive
"Just a little pinch."

Council Meeting Notes from December 14 UNOFFICIAL

(from the editor's notepad. -ed)

Don Simmons, DGK, opened the meeting, on time at 7:30PM, with our opening prayers, pledge, and roll call. Jim Broadhurst reviewed the Nov. minutes, which were approved.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

Fr. John described his impressions after meeting our new bishop, Bishop Peter A. Libasci, at Diocesan prayer day for priests and deacons. Bishop Peter takes a deep religious topic and can reflect on it and then relate it to his personal experiences, making that topic come alive. The Bishop sees himself foremost as a pastor, a priest, and not a functionary in the hierarchy of the church. Fr. John was quite impressed by the Bishop and sees a good future for the diocese under his care. Fr. John also passed out a paper on "human dignity" by Archbishop Dolan, taken from Catholic News Service, dated Dec 7. Click on [CNS LINK](#) to see the article in full.

MONEY REPORTS:

Vinnie and Bob gave their reports. The treasurer's report was approved by Ralph Miele and the rest of the council. (OK, this joke is getting stale. - ed.) Vinnie reported on our membership of 191 members, 45 insurance, 11 inactive. (I got my 2012 membership dues slip in the mail a few days ago. **All members:** please get your money to Vinnie quickly, by mail or at the next meeting. Save the council money and Vinnie time and trouble by getting your dues paid early, to avoid 2nd mailings and more postage. - ed.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Bill Richards announced the Peter Klecan made his first degree on 21 Nov. Also, Bill announced that the membership enrollment form, "Form 100" that we all have is no longer valid. New Form100s must be used. The new Form100 has a issue date of 10/11 in the top left corner of the form. Please check any forms you have in your car and junk them. (The obsolete form is dated 07/08.)

Texas Hold-Em: 5 years and going strong! *Larry Belair reports:* The Council's Texas Hold Em program just completed its fifth year of operation and thanks to the many volunteers, past and present, the Council has netted over \$280,000, enabling us to continue our charitable efforts in support of our parishes, St. Joseph's School, and dozens of other worthwhile causes. With ten events each year, the tournaments are a mainstay of our Council's fund raising in furtherance of our goals of supporting those in need. We thank those who have given generously of their time over the years. Our 2012 schedule begins with our first event on Sunday, January 15th.

Blood Drive: *Ken Akerley reports:* Brothers, I am happy to report that the Red Cross collected 73 pints of blood. As always, our pasta dinner was enjoyed and very well appreciated. I would like to thank the following volunteer helpers: Don Simmons, Dick & Jeanne Colopy, Ralph Miele, Jose Mareno, Dave Thompson, Bill Richards, Al Hamel, Al & Kathy Faucher, Chanel & Josie Simard, Will Boutin, Wes Susek, Paul Donovan, Dennis Groulx, Mike Petrili, Paul David, and of course my lovely wife, Peg Akerley. The Blood Drives would not be successful if it were not for the volunteer Brother Knights and their wives. Please have a Blessed and

Next Blood Drive: Jan 19



Fr. John receives \$5000 donation for the Parish, made possible by our fund raising.



Knight of the Month Dan Norris (Jun 2011)
(Did someone check this guy's ID card?)



Knight of the Month Mike Petrilli (Nov 2011)

Attendance Drawing for \$50 next meeting. There WILL be a winner!

Happy Christmas. KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. VIVAT JESUS. Ken Akerley, Blood Drive Chair The next blood drive will be Jan 19, 2012.

Cub Scout Pack: Don Gagne reported on a request by Cub Pack 409 and Boy Scout Troop 409 to get new sponsors. Their prior sponsor, under new leadership, decided to drop their sponsorship for reasons we do not know. After much council discussion, both pertinent and impertinent (*what other types do we have?*), we voted to empowered the GK and the Advocate (Dan Norris) to examine the applicable sponsorship documents, looking for liabilities and responsibilities of the council, and if they find no issues, then the council will adopt the new pack/troop, without need for another meeting. Don Gagne has agreed to be the contact point for the new cub scout pack.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS:

We untabled the prior notice of motion **to expend up to \$1000** for a fireproof cabinet/safe to retain council documents. Another lively discussion followed. (*Don't ask, you had to be there to follow it. -ed*) The bottom line: We won't spend money now; Dick Collopy will lead a group to first examine what records we do have and what are worth saving. Call Dick if you want to help.

Trustee recommendations voted and approved:

- ▲ \$250 to Salem Boy's and Girls Club
- ▲ \$250 to Pregnancy Care Center of Haverhill
- ▲ A check was returned to us \$100. (The recipient did not need the financial help.)

Approved \$30 for coffee and food at the Dec 22 Christmas Basket unloading.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT, by Don Gagne:

State is taking nominations for the "Granite Award," given to an outstanding member of the community. See the state web site: [GRANITE AWARD](#) for details. Nomination are due by Feb 1, 2012.

Councils ought to consider recognizing a "Family of the Month." Our council certainly has worthy recipients. See [FAMILY](#) for info. This would be an award made by the GK to a family within our council; all nominees would be eligible for quarterly and yearly recognition at the state level.

The next 4th Degree will be in Nashua, June 16.

Admissions are "down" in the state. Members, go out and ask new prospects! State and Supreme want each council to have their own 1st degree team; council 4442 is certainly large enough to form one.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Don presented, on behalf of the GK, awards for Knight of the Month. Dan Norris was recognized for his legal work to support the council, for June. Mike Petrilli was recognized for organizing the "military salute" during the Christmas Parade (*see article later in this newsletter. - ed*)

The attendance drawing for \$40 would have been won by Brian Cervantes; he was present. Next month, someone in the hall will win the \$50 prize.

We closed with prayer and adjourned at 9:20PM.

Hall Rental Policy



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Also, any council member can get a key to the hall by contacting George. **The doors do NOT re-lock automatically. You must re-lock any door when leaving the hall!**

Remember to check to make sure the door is locked when you leave. – side door, back door, ANY DOOR.

Christmas Party - Dec 10:

The Council Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 10, at the hall. With catering by “Mike's Market and a Chef to Call Your Own”, the menu featured grilled marinated chicken, charbroiled steak tips with rice pilaf, vegetable medley of broccoli and carrot, garden salad with dressings, dinner rolls and butter, and dessert. About 80 people attended and danced the night away... at least until the 50-50 drawing was won by Fr. John! *(Does he have connections, or what! -ed)*



Christmas Party Workers



50-50 Winner!



“Our Mission is to Serve!”



Only person to go for 2nds!



Lou Stella gives dance lessons!

Soccer Challenge Winners get Medals!

The winners of the State Soccer Challenge were awarded their medals by GK Tony Fabrizio and DD Don Gagne, at our council home on Sunday, November 27. (This was done immediately after the Christmas Parade.) Shown l to r are GK Tony Fabrizio, Chris Wilson (boys, 10yrs); Peter Antonietti (boys, 13yrs); Erin Lawlor (girls, 12yrs); Carmela Souza (girls 11yrs); Megan O'Brien (girls, 10yrs); DD Don Gagne. Erin Lawlor was also a Regional finalist in the Elks Soccer Shootout. *(GK Tony and DD Don did not volunteer to say what age group they are in.)*



Children's Christmas Party



Santa gets a welcome hug.

We children gathered at the Council Hall on December 11, to play, eat, and wait for Santa's arrival. There were a lot of mommies and daddies, and a lot of Papa's and Grammy's in the room. We enjoyed balloon magic with our clown, we danced, ate pizza, and then Santa came. After a merry Ho-Ho-Ho!, he sat down in his big chair, and we crowded around. We didn't push or shove, because that would have been naughty! And then one-by-one, Santa picked up a gift from under the tree and called out a name. And it was a gift for me, or Lucy, or Victoria, or Gabriella, or Ramon, or someone else! We thanked him and then opened our gift. Afterward, we all gathered around Santa to thank him again and to smile at the photographer. It was fun! Thank you very much, all you Knights guys!



"Papa Bill" Gagne, Camden, & Victoria



Santa Giving the Presents



The Clown and her Court!



"Thank you, Santa!"



Dennis says he's not hungry!



Santa's Elves make the party happen!

Fourth Degree



The 4th degree meetings are held the 3rd Wed of the month.

The Salem Christmas parade was held on November 27. A group of Sir Knights, led by District Marshal Wayne Griffin, State Treasurer and Former District Master Bill McCarthy, PSD, escorted our Council Chaplain and Sir Knight Fr. John Michalowski, SJ, and one of our newest Knights, Fr. Tom Frink, SJ, at the head of our contingent. We also had members of

Council 4442 marching. A hit of the parade was our noble vessel, the Santa Maria, and her special crew. Standing watch on deck were three returning servicemen from the war zone in the Middle East. This was arranged by a father of one of the men, our own Sir Knight Mike Petrilli. The soldiers are all graduates of Salem High School. They are: SFC Michael W. Petrilli II, SFC Edward Clements, SSG Ronald Spicer, Jr. We were proud to have them with us; and the crowd along the parade route cheered them a "Welcome Home!"



Is everyone ready?



Soup Kitchen!

After the parade, this being a Knight's function, naturally there was food served. Thank you, Dave and Lorraine!



Salem Christmas Toy Distribution

Once again, Alan Phair working with the Salem Christmas Fund and Sally Sweet organized the Knights of our Council 4442 to help out with the toy distribution to needy families in our town. On two nights, Dec 15 and Dec 19, the Knights with their spouses and with other volunteers escorted the recipients through the “store” and helped them to select gifts for their children. These “Santa’s Helpers” all will attest that we get more than we give out; there is joy and a reward in knowing that we are helping families to have a good Christmas.



Santa's Helpers



Alan and Sally



Lining up to help the shoppers



“Hey, you guys, over here!”



Helping the first shoppers



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander 01-13-2004
HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Troop Support News:



In the November newsletter, I had an article about two young boys, who on Halloween, decided to "Trick or Treat" for the troops and not for themselves. I sent their two boxes of candy treats to a Gunnery Sergeant, United States Marines, stationed in Afghanistan, to share with he fellow soldiers. I got back this email (At left is the boy's picture, with Mom, from the last newsletter.)

Good morning;

I wanted to write and thank you for all the candy.

I wanted to thank your guys for taking the time to collect all the great candy for us. It warms my heart to know that we are appreciated and thought of back in the states, and especially to know that our future generations have taken such an interest in honoring us with their time and energy. Thank you for everything, and I hope you have happy holidays.

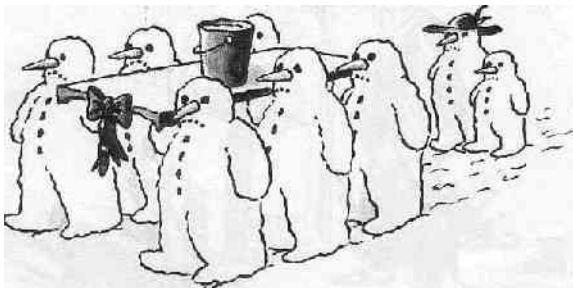
Please pass our deep appreciation to the kids.

R/S

GySgt T. Conklin

II MEF FWD, USMC

The "Gunny" also likes to send some humor along, and he has a weird sense of humor. And since I have more space to fill up .. I thought I would include some winter humor. *(I LOVE late submissions to the newsletter, which screws up all my formatting!!! – Okay, It's Christmas. Quit ya complaining! - ed. My wife Peggy proof-reads each issue, but this time I have a deadline to meet for Christmas. Any errors you see are strictly my own! - ed)*



2012 Proposed K of C Budget

The budget will be discussed and voted upon at the next council meeting on January 11, 2012. Please make every effort to attend and to give you input. This budget gives the council direction on all its donations for 2012.

Checking Account Deposits		Donations	
Dues/ Admissions	\$3,800	Tootsie Roll Drive	\$12,000
Mortgage Receipts	\$19,200	St. Joseph's Community Needs	\$2,400
Bingo	\$80,000	Seminarian Support	\$500
Texas Holdem	\$50,000	Seminarian Support	\$500
Savings/Inv. Withdrawals	\$41,200	,Postulant Support	\$500
Tootsie Roll Drive	\$12,000	Salem Christmas Parade	\$500
Relay For Life	\$2,500	Salem Christmas Fund	\$500
PAP Payment from State Kof C	\$1,000	Salem Care Givers	\$500
Raffles/ Fund Raising	\$1,300	NH Catholic Charities	\$1,000
Non "FR"Council Activities	\$3,500	K of C Scholarship (Includes Dona	\$6,000
Newsletter Ads/4th D. Donations	\$800	US Troops	\$1,100
Donations To Council	\$500	Parochial Assistance Program	\$1,000
Misc.	\$200	Pro Life	\$300
Total	\$216,000	Pregnancy Care Center	\$1,000
		Saints Mary & Joseph Parish	\$10,000
Expenses		MQP Boiler Replacement Pledge	\$5,000
Donations	\$57,500	KofC/ Church Picnic	\$1,000
Rent	\$138,000	Kidney Fund	\$1,000
Newsletter	\$1,200	Relay for Life	\$3,000
Postage	\$600	St. Joe's School (Table Fund)	\$1,600
Per Capita	\$1,200	Other Total Donations	\$8,100
Kof C, Life Assessment/ Liability I	\$1,200	Total Donations	\$57,500
Supplies/Equipment	\$1,200		
Professional Services	\$700		
Salaries	\$600		
Fund Raising	\$3,500		
Non Fund Raising Activities	\$10,000		
Misc.	\$300		
Donation Reserve Fund	\$0		
Building Reserve Fund	\$0		
Total	\$216,000		

REMINDER: Annual Corporation Meeting & Election of Officers:
Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00PM (See first page article.)

The Best Christmas Gift of All - by Ron Bourque, Council 4442



The Christmas Season is upon us, and it looks like there are crowds no matter where we go. We may have to wait in line for the simplest things. By the time we get our shopping done, the house cleaned, the special goodies made and everything wrapped, it's time to go to church.

Just when we thought we were through with the crowds, we notice the parking lot at church is full, even though we're a half-hour early. In fact, it looks like there's a new Mercedes in our regular parking spot. Where do all these people come from? We may go every week, but we can't even get a spot in the church, let alone in our regular pew. We wonder who's sitting in it? We end up in the parish hall for Christmas Mass – how unfair! Why can't the folks who only come once a year do the parish hall or stand in the back?

About 2000 years ago, Joseph and Mary couldn't even find room at the inn for the Star of the show! The world's Redeemer was born in a cave, and ever since people have been celebrating the birth of the little Child, who came to save us. I remember reading a story years ago that made me realize just how lucky we are.

It seems that on one of the darkest Christmas Eve's the world has ever seen, two armies faced each other in trenches in the forests of Western Europe. World War I was bringing a new meaning to the word, war.

The guns quieted, and someone started humming "Silent Night." As he continued, someone joined in, then another and another.

They started singing the words, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" in German. Others said "Bonne Nuit, Sainte Nuit" in French, and of course the words we know so well in English. The different languages didn't bother the melody as the crescendo started to build. Eyes were watering and tears were apparent on the faces of battle hardened soldiers, and the singing continued, verse after verse, and it started again.

Somebody broke ranks and others followed. Germans were shaking hands and embracing Allied soldiers, the ones they were trying to kill just a short time before! The party, if you can call it that, got bigger and continued for hours. The next day, commanders on both sides had to re-form their lines and move people around. It seems no one wanted to take a chance on shooting someone who knew "Silent Night."

The song originated in Salzburg, Austria a couple of centuries ago, and it's still so powerful today. Yes, I suppose it's a Christian song, but you don't have to believe the story to feel the magic. It's popular with some of my Jewish friends, and I wonder how many of the participants in that WWI trench party were non-Christians?

The next time you're in a trench, I mean a crowd, start humming it, and see what happens. Or maybe the next traffic jam – the song's magic can sooth road rage. The long line at the register – I remember a time when a little girl started singing it, and we all joined in with her. The tense, stress filled line became a party as people remembered the "reason for the season."

And that crowd at the church, I know it's a pain, but wouldn't it be nice if it was that crowded every Sunday? Can you imagine how much better this world would be? Try to be especially nice to everyone, most especially the strangers, even the people who took your parking place if you can find them. Make them feel welcome. In fact, you might even want to give your seat to someone who comes in at the last minute and needs it more.

It just might be that the Baby Jesus wants to use us to make the people around us want to come back every week. All that's necessary is a nice "glad to see you" smile – don't try to convert them; that's His job. Just be welcoming and helpful, and look like you're enjoying it. He'll do the rest.

As the story goes, the angel said, "Peace on earth; good will toward men!" Of course, he meant women and children too! Of all the gifts we can give, gently reminding others of the Child and/or making them feel like coming back to church regularly are the greatest gifts of all.



May you have a merry and blessed Christmas, and may the peace and good will of the Child make 2012 your best year yet!

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