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Council 4442 Knightly News

From the desk of the Grand Knight:

(Ed note: GK Tony Fabrizio is the chairman of our Free Throw event, one the many hats he wears! This is his report.)

Knight of Columbus Council 4442 of Salem NH sponsored a Youth Free Throw Championship. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 were invited to participate in the local level of competition held Friday night January 27th at The Boys and Girls Club of Salem NH. Winners from each age/gender group will move on to compete in [The New Hampshire State Challenge](#) on March 10. Last year Salem's own Rachel Lacroix finished tied for first in [The International Championships](#) with 23 free throws out of 25 attempts.



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year more than 130,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

I want to congratulate all our Free Throw winners, who received their awards before our Feb meeting, and wish them luck in the states. I also would like to thank all who helped with this event and all our volunteers that we have for the many things we do and participate in. God Bless. Tony



Salem Free Throw Winners

TIDBITS



Council Meeting Notes from February 08

UNOFFICIAL

(from the editor's notepad. -ed)

One rap of the gavel started the meeting, on time at 7:30PM, with our opening prayers, pledge, and roll call. Jim Broadhurst reviewed the January minutes, which were approved.

GK Tony Fabrizio started the meeting by expressing our concern, prayers, and best wishes to Ken Akerley's wife, Peg, who suffered a stroke early in the week. Several members added information: As of that day, she was moved to Northeast Rehab Hospital in Salem. She is speaking a bit and has recovered some motion. We wish you a good recovery, Peg!

Tony reviewed several "Thank You" cards received; these were on display at the front table for viewing after the meeting.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

Fr. John presented the issues being argued in Washington, DC, about the Obama administration's Health and Human Services (HSS) decision to mandate that almost all private health plans include coverage for all contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and abortions, regardless of the employer's morals and "rights of conscience." This is strongly opposed by the US Catholic Bishops (and other religious faiths.) If the HSS mandate were to stand, then every Catholic Hospital, religious schools (St. Joe's Regional, Central Catholic, etc.), Catholic Charities, Pregnancy Care Center, ... any service group that reaches out to all, would be forced to comply and provide that coverage. HHS had included those procedures under "preventative services for women; the mandate treats a healthy pregnancy as a disease in need of "prevention, like breast cancer. For more on this issue, see the [Catholic Bishops' Jan 20, 2012 statement](#). (This is not a "Catholic" issue; this is a religious freedom and constitutional issue. See statements by [Lutheran](#) and [Baptist](#) leaders opposed to this HHS mandate. -ed)



Chaplain Fr. John
Discusses HHS mandate

After-meeting info. On Friday, Feb 10, Obama announced that there would be an "accommodation," allowing for religious rights of conscience. He also announced that insurance companies will now be mandated to offer those services free of charge to anyone. (So *who is going to end up paying for that?* - ed.) A quick response by the Catholic Bishops later that day pointed out several faults in the "accommodation." See [Bishops' Renewed Call for Religious Liberty](#). The Bishops have renewed the call to repeal the mandate as the only complete solution.

1st Degree Exemplification
Monday, Feb 20.
Car pool leaving at 6:00PM.

MONEY REPORTS:

Bob Fornier and Vinnie (subbing for Charlie Walsh) gave their reports which were accepted.

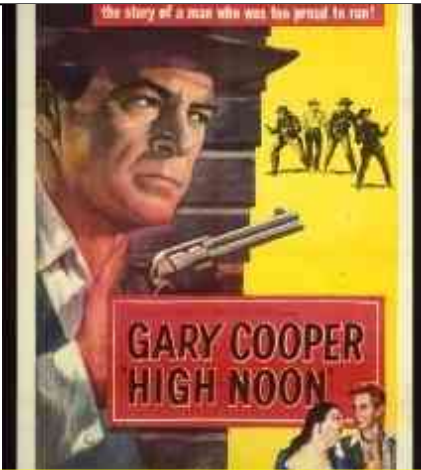
As of Feb 1, we have 247 members in the council.

MEMBERSHIP:

Bill Richards recommended for membership two men who passed the admission's review. The council voted to approve their application for membership. Their 1st degree will be on Monday, Feb 20. We carpool from the council hall at 6:00PM. There is more info on membership in later pages.



Next Blood Drive
Thursday, March 15, 1:00PM 7:00PM.



I said, "High Noon!"

Next Texas Hold-Em
Monday, Feb 20

Basketball Free Throw
State Finals, March 10
See GK Tony for details.

Scholarship Committee Meeting
April 10, 7:00PM.
Contact Joe Stafford

Tootsie Roll Drive
April 27-29

Pro-Life Seminar with Bishop Peter
Manchester, April 22.

Fisher Cats – Portland Sea Dogs
Baseball in Manchester.
August 16



Mike Petrilli – Scholar!

Good of the Order Door Prize
\$10 – Guy Vitorioso (not attending)

NEWSLETTER:

Paul St. Amand reported on the newsletter. The “deadline” for submission of articles for any edition is Sunday, at **HIGH NOON**, following the regular council meeting. (Consult Dennis Groulx if you need to know what day of the week Sunday falls on.)

This deadline is a balance between “holding the presses” to get one more story in, and “hitting the streets” as early as possible to let folks know what is coming up, in time for their action, as example, the upcoming 1st degree on Monday, Feb 20.

SCOUTS:

Gene Bryant reported on his findings with the insurance carrier about liability. Our NH State policy specifically covers scouting. As long as we adhere to the “prudent” practices we know about, we are all set. Don Gagne will convey the news to the packs.

NEW and OLD Business:

Alan reported on the fire-proof records safe. An inventory was done; one large safe can store what we have now. We would need to reduce or select old items as newer, more important documents were created. (Or we could scan the new stuff. Scanning the old stuff would be 40-60 HOURS of work, at least.)

We voted on and approved:

- \$250 for an ad for Boys and Girls Club auction.
- \$250 to be a sponsor for a special needs “Challenger Division” Salem youth baseball team.
- \$500 each for GK and PGK and guests to attend the state convention.

District Deputy Report:

Don reported on a 4th degree coming up in June 16. Also, there is a bus trip for Founder’s Day, March 29. See details later in the newsletter.

Good of the Order:

We voted for \$25 so that Tony could mail the basketball certificates to those winners who couldn’t attend the award ceremony.

The Knight of the Month was absent; he remains a mystery.

Keep Al Dubois in your prayers; he is at Mary Immaculate (MI) in Lawrence.

From the kitchen: The knives are all professionally sharp; be careful! Thanks go to Jim Quinn, Butch Kealey, Jose Moreno [and others] who cleaned out the grease traps. This is something that we will have to record, for insurance reasons. Thanks also to the crew that cleaned up the GK’s office of old, useless papers, as part of their inventory process.

Kudos to Mike Petrilli, who was named to Phi Theta Kappa honor society for his 3.76 GPA at Hesser College.

Although there were many topics brought up and announced, we were quite efficient at the meeting. We adjourned at 8:36PM. (Yes, that is EIGHT, not NINE o’clock. -ed.)

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Also, any council member can get a key to the hall by contacting George. **WARNING!** We are having difficulty with the new deadbolt lock and key on the side entrance (near the mailbox.) If you have problems with your key, use the rear door (main hall entrance.)

RELAY FOR LIFE:



The Relay for Life kick-off was held on Tuesday, January 24th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. I would like to thank all the Knights that came, and a special thanks to Ken Akerley for all his help. I believe it was a successful beginning for The Relay. A special introduction was made for Brother Dick O'Shaughnessy as Honorary Chair for this event. The Relay for Life will be held June 23rd-24th at the Salem High School. The Knights will be having a drawing for a T.V., along with other fundraisers. If interested in participating you can go online to www.relayforlife.org/salemnh or I will also have forms available. Thank you to both the Knights and Kiwanis for their generous donations.

If you have any questions please contact me (Jim Quinn) at 603-893-1256 or moxiejamie@yahoo.com.

Blood Drive:



We had another successful blood drive, led as usual by Ken Akerley, on January 19. Ken wasn't able to report the number of pints, as he was tending to Peggy. (Again, our prayers are with you both!)



"So this is how you run the 2nd degree?"

Some of the Blood Drive crew, with 2nd degree candidates.

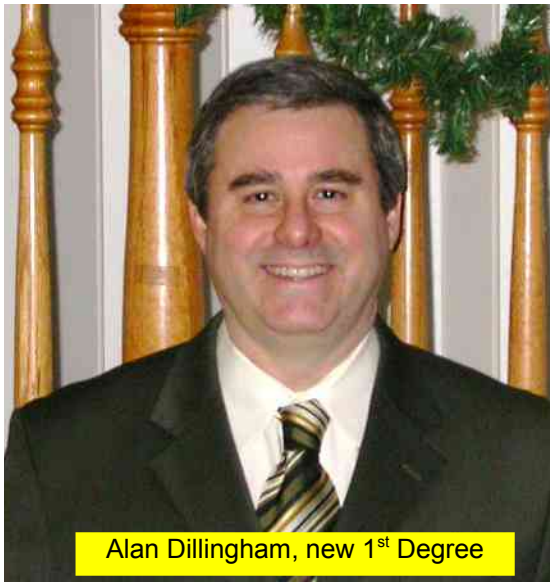
This blood drive was on the same night as the 2nd degree exemplification. (That might explain the worried look on the candidate!)

"Honey, the HIGH NOON newsletter deadline be a-comin!"



Membership:

Bill Richards, Admissions Chairman reporting.



Alan Dillingham, new 1st Degree

We would like to congratulate Alan Dillingham who became a member of our council on Monday evening, January 16, 2012 by completing his 1st Degree Exemplification. He was accompanied by his sponsor Dennis Groulx and members of our Admissions Committee, Dick Collopy and Bill Richards. The ceremony was presented by the 1st Degree Team from the Msg. Joseph M. Donahue Council 12988 at the St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 190 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, NH. The team was captained by Chris Bond, and they presented an outstanding program even though the



Dennis, Alan, and Bill

number of strangers admitted to the ceremony numbered only three. Everyone came away from the ceremony in high spirits.

*(P.S. How long has it been since **you** attended a degree exemplification? A refresher experience as an observer is, well, refreshing! - ed.)*



Alan and Fr. Tom. (Hint: Fr. Tom is the one wearing the Roman Collar.)

On Thursday, January 19, 2012, we welcomed into our council two new 2nd Degree members. They are Alan Dillingham and Fr. Thomas Frink, SJ. Please be sure to offer your congratulations and best wishes as you welcome them when they attend our next meeting. The exemplification was very well attended by about twenty-five brother knights from all over the southern part of the state and twenty-three candidates progressed to their 2nd degree. Three of the candidates had traveled from as far away as Lebanon to attend this ceremony. The 2nd degree team performed an excellent exemplification, captained by Ron DiStasio. I would also like to salute those knights from our council who attended the ceremony, as spectators, and express my thanks for their attendance.

Founder's Day: info from DD Don Gagne

Don described the coming Founder's Day event to be held in Connecticut on March 29. This year, because Supreme was impressed by the delegation from our State at the national convention, our State has been invited to present a 1st degree exemplification in Supreme's exemplification facilities in New Haven, CT. *(As of the publish date for this newsletter, there were no details on the NH State web site about who will be doing the 1st degree. I assume that if we have one or more candidates, then they could make their 1st degree at the celebration. -ed)*

Founder's Day is on a Thursday. There are several bus trips being organized. There may be a bus that will stop in Salem, organized by Manchester councils. More details later.

One trip **is** organized going through our local area, organized by the Dover and Plaistow Councils...

Come Celebrate the 130th Year of Our Honored Order with Us.

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Our tour group of Knights and their families will gather in Portsmouth, NH.

We stop at: Holy Angels Church, 8 Atkinson Depot Rd., Plaistow, NH, 6:00 a.m. sharp

We leave Supreme Headquarters by 2:30 p.m. and return to Plaistow/Portsmouth by 6:00 p.m.

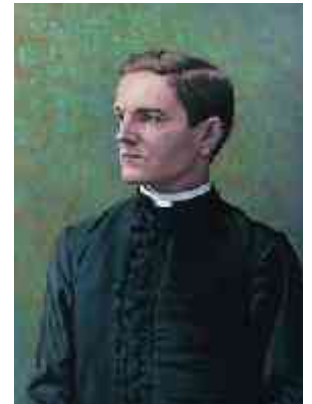


Itinerary

First we arrive at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus for the 10 a.m. Anniversary Mass. All priests who are traveling with us are invited to concelebrate! All 4th Degree Knights are invited to assist at the Mass in full regalia.

After Mass, we can meet some of the dignitaries from our Supreme Council. We will tour St. Mary's Church too. See the nave, the sanctuary, and the basement where it all began. There are too many features to list here but it is guaranteed to impress!

Finally, we will visit the Knights of Columbus museum featuring artifacts and mementos from founder Father Michael J. McGivney's life; the **Christopher Columbus Gallery**, which includes artifacts from his second voyage of exploration in 1493; and the **Papal Gallery**, which documents the Order's relationship with the papacy.



Tickets are \$30/pp (non-refundable); reservations must be received by Thursday, March 22. Contact: **William P. Ruger, Grand Knight - Council #140, 16 Jacqueline Dr., Dover, NH 03820, Home: (603) 343-1755**

wpruger@comcast.net

Action: If you want to attend, then set aside the date on your calendar now. You can decide which bus trip later on, as more details are available.



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