From the desk of the Grand Knight

Worthy Brother Knights:

Our order, the Knights of Columbus, is changing dramatically! At the February Council Meeting, with help from Rick Veilleux, I showed this video from Supreme during the “Lecturer” slot:

New Knights of Columbus Combined Exemplification

It’s only a half hour long, but it includes a recent speech by Carl Anderson, our Supreme Knight, on why these changes are necessary. The most important is the new, combined exemplification of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees into a single half-hour public ceremony. No more secrecy. The video also includes a model of this exemplification for your perusal.

It’s a great review for anyone who hasn’t been to an exemplification in a while. If you didn't make the meeting, take the time to watch it with your wife and even your entire family. Supreme thinks people watching this ceremony will want to join the Knights. Yes, we’re still only accepting men, but it’s not unusual for wives to talk their husbands into it.

Additionally, you've been receiving Emails encouraging you to call your elected representatives and other elected officials on pro-life issues. Although I forward them, this was not my idea. We are being urged by the Bishop, the Supreme Council, and our State Council to become more involved in the political process.

We do not support partisan politics, one party or another, but there are no politics when it comes to abortion, physician assisted suicide, and other issues. We Catholics have been silent far too long while the proponents of these murderous issues have been very vocal. Our leaders are trying to mobilize us to exert greater influence on our politicians to do what's right. I don't like making the calls either, but if we can help save lives by spending a few minutes, how can we say no?

Thank you for all you do for our Council and the people and organizations we serve!

Vivat Jesus,
Ron

Corporation Election

(An election was held to elect new officers and members of the board. The winners were not announced by the time of the newsletter deadline. The vote count was done on the same “app” used in the Iowa caucus. -ed)
Council Meeting Notes - Feb 12

UNOFFICIAL
(Taken from notes of Worthy Recorder Pete Klecan)
Officers not present were Dan Norris (excused). Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM; the meeting concluded at 9:23PM. There were 34 members attending. Minutes of January meeting were read and accepted.

Chaplin Time: Fr. Vincent is vacationing in Africa.

GK Opening Remarks:
- “Delta Church” membership recruitment will be in March, as requested by Supreme and subject to Fr. Vincent’s return.
- There are many emails you are getting from our council about legislation. See the “Pro-Life report” below.
- Chairmen, please send Activity Reports to Mike Banks!

“Thank You” notes received
- Supreme for $2,600 for Warriors to Lourdes program
- NH Catholic Charities for $5,000 sponsorship
- Obria Medical Clinics for $9,250 for the ultrasound.
- Salem Christmas Fund for our $1,000 donation
- Lazarus House for our 2019 donations amounting to $5,950

Cards and Letters
- Seminarian David Gagnon for our Christmas Gift Card
- NH Right to Life for our $5,000 gift – 2 cards
- Seminarian Guillaume Temkkit for our “tremendous donation”
- Seminarian David Gagnon for our generous gift
- Seminarian Ryan Kent for generous Christmas gift
- Camp Snomo & Easter Seals for our generous support (Tom Campbell added that over $100K was raised in NH. -ed)
- And in person, Ed McCann to thank us for the ramp (see below. ed)

Tip of the hat
- Rick Veilleux, Dr. Stan Gorgol, Ed Lynch, Norm Comeau & Bob Fournier for their help in the screening of “Unplanned”
- All who participated in our Annual Pro-Life Mass at MQP
- Dick & Jeanne Collopy for attending the Birthright Dinner
- Dave Thompson for the Birthright Laundry Basket Drive
- Those who worked at the Free Throw at the Salem Boys & Girls Club
- Butch Kealey, Ed Lynch, Don Simmons, Rico & Pat Casaletto, Bill Richards, Dave Thompson, Dennis Coleman, Al Cormier, Wes Suszek, Norm Comeau, Mary Campbell, Mike Petrilli, Tom Campbell, Julien Roy and Al Faucher for working at the Blood Drives – Last year, we collected 338 pints of blood!

Quickie CALENDAR

February Meeting

Combined 2nd and 3rd Degree
Saturday, February 22
Goffstown, NH
(Norm Comeau)

Ash Wednesday - Start of Lent
February 26
(Your Local Parish)

Blood Drive
Thursday, March 19, 1:00-7:00PM hall
(Butch Kealey)

Granite Award Banquet
Saturday, March 28
Holiday Inn, Concord, NH
Tickets $35/pp
(Ed McMann)

Come Early to the Meeting!
Enjoy fellowship and a pizza
Wednesday, 7PM-ish
(Your Council 4442)
Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports: Bob Fournier and Charlie Walsh

Bob reported that the checking account was down slightly, because of larger disbursements. But we are still on budget and well-off for the year. Charlie reported that 19 checks were written last month; our current membership is unchanged from last month at 247.

A Thank You from Past State Deputy Ed McCann.

Ed appeared tonight to thank the council for our support of providing a wheelchair ramp for his use during his illness. The ramp has allowed him to continue his busy work schedule for the State Council. At one time, “in ancient days,” Ed was our District Deputy, and Ed has known our council officers for many years. Ed gave a brief review of his medical ordeal. (This was not exactly the way he wanted to lose a few pounds! -ed) Ed was in good spirits and was visibly moved by our display of support. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Committee Reports - DGK Rick Veilleux conducts.

Membership/Admissions - Norm Comeau

Norm presented three candidates for admission into the council. All three were approved and will now await their first degree. One candidate was recruited by Paul Reitano, who joined the council just this past December. Thank you, Paul!

Culture of Life - Ron Bourque and Dennis Groulx

Ron gave a report.

- Screening of Unplanned and the Abby Johnson talk on Saturday, February 18. This was well attended, with about 30 folks viewing the movie and the video. We may do another showing later, perhaps during Lent.
- The Haverhill Pregnancy Care Center has long been supported by our council, and in the past, we have asked about their need for an ultrasound. Previously, they did not have the required doctor on staff, but now they have a doctor, so they meet Supreme’s requirements and have asked us for a machine. Ron will be reviewing their need and will get back to us. Looks like Council 4442 will be supporting another ultrasound!
- As mentioned in the opening remarks, we received a Thank You from Obria Medical Clinics for $9,250 for the ultrasound. A council in California did the initial screening and fund raising, but was having difficulty in getting to the total money needed for the KofC match. Our council, after contacting Supreme and finding out about the need, was able to provide the funds to put the project “over the top.” An interesting side note... The Clinic is located across the street from the infamous Planned Parenthood office that was the subject of a film about fetal tissue (“baby parts”) being sold.
- As GK, Ron receives email alerts about pending legislation in New Hampshire on which the Knights and / or the Dioceses has taken a position. We will forward that information to you. Often, you are requested to call your senator or representative to voice your opinion. These are not “partisan” issues of a particular party but are moral issues such as right-to-life of babies born alive or physician assisted suicide.
- The Pro-Life prayers at MQP was held on January 19 at the 11:00AM Mass. (pictures not available - ed)

Laundry Basket Drive – Dave Thompson headed up the Birthright Laundry Basket Drive. One truckload of baby supplies was delivered to the annual Birth Right Dinner. There were cases of diapers and wipes and pull-ups. Also, $140 of gift card were collected. The parish quilters donated several baby quilts. Dave thanked Dick and Jeanne Collopy and Bill and Linda Richards for helping with this effort.

Veterans Activities- Dennis Coleman.

No report tonight.
Bingo – Ron Bourque:

The Wednesday bingo “cover all” was “hit” for the big prize. And as players do, they follow the money. So
the Wednesday night income was reduced compared to Friday. But that is the inevitable nature of the
game. We want folks to “hit” and with that success, more players will attend. So the Wednesday night will
start to ramp up the cover all again. We are off to a good start this year.

Thanks to Lou, Paul, all the workers, and Almighty God for these funds for our charities.
(Hey, youse Bingo Peoples! How about a few photos of youse guys and dolls to put into dis newsletter? -ed)

Check out the Bingo Face Book page at: Bingo at the Kiwanis Hall.

Blood Drive – Butch Kealey

Butch Kealey reported that the Red Cross January drive garnered 45 pints and four
double reds. This was a low “take” for our drives. Folks did mention that there is a lot of
competition around by other charities staging drives. Ed Lynch submitted an activity
report and listed Butch Kealey, himself, Don Simmons, Rico and Pat Casaletto, Rill
Richards, Dave Thompson, Dennis Coleman, Al Cormier, Wes Suszek, Norm Comeau,
Tom and Mary Campbell, Mike Petrilli, Julien Roy, and Al Faucher as all helping out. (Thanks, Ed! With the activity
report, we can acknowledge the fine work of these unsung and sometimes hidden volunteers! -ed)

Volunteers are always welcome and needed for the blood drive. The next drive is March 19, 1:00PM – 7:00PM.
(You can see all events on our council Event Calendar – ed)

Relay for Life – Stan Gorgol

Stan announced that the Relay organization has combined events in the local area. Pelham will
host Relay, and Salem and Windham will participate. The date is moved to Memorial Day week-
end, on Saturday, May 30. Stan will be asking for help with tents and tables as the date approach-
es.

Scholarship Committee – Joe Stafford

Joe will be convening a meeting of the scholarship committee to go over the plans and awards for the coming year. He
will send out email soon; the proposed date is April 14.

Corporation - Ed Lynch reporting

There are bags of “ice melt” that have been sitting around for years. The corporation would like to remove them from the
hall. We are asking for half-price, about $8/bag. Contact Ed and make him an offer he can't refuse. (Salt doesn't lose
saltiness over time! Still good stuff. -ed)

Free Throw Challenge – Mike Schwing

Rumor has it that about 27 kids participated and about 7 Knight helped.

Old Business:

Removed from the table was the notice of motion for $1,000. This is to support St Matthew Parish in hosting a trip to the
Dominican Republic with Pastor Brian Kennedy leading the trip. Fr. Brian goes twice a year and brings a team with him,
often including students from Central Catholic High. In addition to evangelizing the people, the team does practical things
to make life better for these poor people. On the last trip, they built an aqueduct to bring water over several miles to the
village, enabling a Catholic school to stay open. After a talk by Ron, the motion was passed unanimously.
New Business:
- A request by the SJRCS to have the council waive the hall rental cost, so that the school can run their “Victorian Tea” event. - motion passed.
- A Notice of Motion was given by Gene Bryant for a package of donations totally $13,000. Please contact Gene directly with any questions or comments. Email link < CLICK. Gene’s cell phone: 603-475.9103.
  - $5,000 - Wrestling Mats and related equipment for the Salem Bulldogs Youth Wrestling (< CLICK) program, hosted/associated with the Salem Boys and Girls Club. The club has over 75 youths involved in this activity and have raised a significant amount of money through their own efforts and from Salem Kiwanis. The $5000 will go towards the purchase of a large tournament wrestling mat and will include artwork acknowledging Council 4442 support.
  - $3500 (not to exceed) - A continuation of our effort to provide ADA compliant wheelchair ramps for veterans/persons in need. We have a request to provide a ramp at the home of veteran Thomas Johnson on North Main Street, father of our late beloved brother James “Jimmy” Johnson.
  - $2,500 - This grant was requested to support the programs of Rachel’s Vineyard, (<< CLICK) a ministry in support of post-abortion healing, providing retreats and counseling since 1995 to mothers, fathers, and families as well as to people who have left the abortion industry, and is an outreach ministry of Priests for Life.
  - $2000 (not to exceed) - This item is for the purchase of a new steam table for the Council 4442 home, which will allow the donation of our current and very serviceable steam table to the kitchen of St Joseph’s Regional Catholic School, as part of the upcoming planned renovation of their food service facility.

Ron mentioned an elderly couple on Brady Avenue. The are in their 90's and not in good health. The wife is shoveling her driveway. They have a snow blower, but she is not strong enough to “man handle” it. Ron asked the council if someone knows of a local plow service, or some other solution to help these long time parishioners. Ideas? Contact GK Ron.

Does anyone know what happened to a black, steel wheel chair ramp that the council installed “years ago” on a home? We would like to recover it. Please contact the moderator and I will pass along to Gene Bryant.

Some Contact Information for our Council Members' quick access:
If you have a question and need to talk, but don’t have email, one of us should be able to get you an answer!
Email links for GK, Trustees, Hall Rental Manager, Corporation President, and more are on the web site.

| Grand Knight | Ron Bourque | 603.898.1871 | Deputy GK | Rick Veilleux | 603.458.2727 |
| Chancellor   | Jay Cappello | 603.560.3570 | Financial Sec. | Charlie Walsh | 603.894.0048 |
| Admissions   | Norm Comeau | 603-893-4791 | Treasurer | Bob Fournier | 603.458.2829 |
| Trustee (1 yr) | Bruce Silver | 203.887.8763 | Insurance | Steve White | 603.894.4780 |
| District Deputy | Bill Richards | 603.893.1836 | State Deputy | Joe Kowalik III | 603.485.2082 |
| Corporation  | Mike Petrilli | 603.893.4784 | Hall Rental | George Masciarelli | 603.893.3035 |

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. (Any charity wishing to use the hall must have a sponsoring Knight sign for it.)

George can also arrange for members to get a key to the hall.
GOOD OF THE ORDER

Best wishes go out to Dick Collopy for a full recovery. Dick fell on the icy steps at his home and got “beat up” and hurt his back. (Maybe he would like to buy some of the extra ice melt from the corporation? Sorry, Dick, a bad joke. But I hope I made you laugh! -ed)

Butch Kealey said that our council got high praises from Fr. Kyle Stanton's mom (who lives in Salem.) She thanks us for our help with Fr. Kyle's school in Gorham / Berlin.

February Knight of the Month: Rick Veilleux

Attendance Drawing - The February prize for $50 was won on the third draw by Bob DeFeo. Bob was NOT present at the meeting, but he WAS working at the Council Bingo. Next month we go back to $10. (The first non-winner drawn was Ken Campbell; the second non-winner drawn was George Spates. - sorry guys, attend a meeting! - ed)

Closing Prayer: led by GK Ron.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

District Deputy - Bill Richards

“Greetings from our State Deputy, Joseph Kowalik III, and the State Council.” Bill reported on several reports and forms coming due for the council. (Those are for the attention of the GK and the FS, but I will not repeat it here. Nothing secret, just “insider baseball”. - ed).

The NH State Convention will be held May 1, 2, and 3 in Nashua, NH, at the Radisson Hotel on Spitbrook Road. All are invited to attend. A announcement flyer is included in the weekly newsletter for the state.

Membership:
- New charity, unity, and fraternity exemplification has been approved for use as of January 1, 2020. It will role out this spring.
- New Delta Training Course February 19th (requires registration with NE training chairman)
- Councils are encouraged to create a landing page after attending the Delta training

Exemplifications: A combined 2nd/3rd degree exemplification will be held February 22, 2020, in Goffstown, NH. Click on the link for details.
Fourth Degree – Assembly 641

- State raffle for fourth degree regalia ($10)  One new uniform to be raffled for every 79 raffle tickets purchased.  June 13 exemplification in Rochester, NH
- Assembly is offering $100 rebate for the purchase of a new uniform.  Receipt of purchase and agreement to be in the honor guard are required for the rebate.
- Next assembly meeting is February 19, 2020.  Rosary at 7:00 pm.  Delegates to the March 15 bi-annual assembly meeting in Salem will be elected.
- The next Patriotic Degree exemplification is to be June 13, 2020 in Rochester, NH.

KofC Insurance and Field Agent – Steve White

Steve gave a short talk to us tonight about the ramifications of the recently signed “SECURE” act. This act changes several key rules about IRAs and RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions). There are some good features of the SECURE act, but also a key change that requires the rapid emptying of an inherited IRA by a non-spouse.

If one spouse dies, then the other spouse can inherit the IRA and withdraw money as in the past. However, if an unmarried person dies (perhaps the spouse has died earlier) then the beneficiary, usually the children, must empty the IRA of all the funds within ten years, incurring all the taxes owed. There is no longer a “stretch IRA” that would allow the IRA to be drawn down slowly over the lifetime of the child or maybe even extending to a grandchild. But there are options available. And each person might be a special case. Contact Steve for more information.

Steve also offered to present a “financial night” where he, a financial planner, and a lawyer would give brief presentations on their topics of specialty, and then answer any questions. This would be open to all members and spouses.

(The moderator is not a financial agent, nor does he play the part on TV. This is complicated stuff. Ask Steve. -ed)

Birthday Wishes
Happy Birthday to all our members getting another year older during early spring days:

| 01.27 | Keith B Righini | 02.15 | Joseph F Bourque |
| 01.28 | Richard C Dubois | 02.15 | David C Thompson |
| 01.29 | James R Quinn | 02.16 | Richard J O'Shaughnessy |
| 01.31 | Stephen A Gorgol | 02.17 | Jean Y Lavoie |
| 02.03 | Jose L Moreno | 02.18 | Gregg F Buscanera |
| 02.05 | Stephen M Persichetti | 02.19 | George J Masciarelli |
| 02.07 | Brian A Grady | 02.22 | Albert A Cormier |
| 02.07 | Christopher Messineo | 02.23 | Richard F Okeefe |
| 02.08 | Roy R Houde | 02.26 | Eugene P Conlon |
| 02.10 | Guy A Vittorioso | 02.28 | Frank S Poslusny |
| 02.11 | John F Campo | 03.02 | Steven F Barretto |
| 02.12 | Bertrand H Duvernay | 03.03 | Robert E Comtois |
| 02.13 | Michael S Shiepe | 03.05 | Christopher K Alphen |
| 02.14 | David J Canney | 03.05 | Kevin M Lasella |

Knights News Brief – Happenings in our State
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In Past Months... in Future Months...

Amazon Prime giving – help a charity.

Fr. Kyle Stanton started a new school in the north country, (see newsletter from Sept., 2019) and the school, Salve Regina Academy Gorham, NH, is now registered on Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile gives back 0.5% to a non-profit organization of your choice. Same prices, same deals, same products. Simply sign in by going to smile.amazon.com and use all your regular sign in information. You will be asked if you want to support Salve Regina Academy. You can also use our direct link at: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4497561. It does not cost you anything. But Amazon will send 0.5% of all your spending directly to Salve Regina Academy.

(Note: The Amazon Smile program supports thousands of charities. There are at least ten in Salem, one of which is our own school, St. Joseph Regional Catholic School, “across the street.” -ed)

Catholic Charities "Ice Ball"

Several members of the council, with their guess, attended the NH Catholic Charities "Ice Ball" in Manchester on February 15, celebrating 75 years of service in the state. The Ice Ball celebrates CCNH’s powerful past and promising future, honoring those that help make it possible and those whose lives have been transformed. Representing council 4442 were GK Ron Bourque and Joanne Colanlura, Gene and Kellie Bryant, Charlie and Bonnie Walsh, Lou and Maryanne Stella, Paul St.Amand and Marlene Laurendeau.

Save the Date – March 28
Granite Award Banquet

Click here to get the info from the State Web Site

The Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn in Concord, NH. Cost is $35/pp, with tickets available from Ed McCann.
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