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# Council 4442 Knightly News Report

## From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Greetings to all my Brother  
Knights and their families,

Well, the time flies by but the  
winter drags on. Is it me, or does  
this winter seem to be forever?  
Oh well, enough about that.

Our great council has had two  
busy months once again. We had  
another successful blood drive  
and I'm sure Brother Ken Akerley  
will report on it later in this news  
letter, Deputy Grand Knight Tony  
Fabrizio has completed the first  
two phases of the "Free Throw "  
basket ball contest, including the  
regional and will be looking Wel  
forward to the state tournament. I  
wish to thank Tony for another job  
well done. I also wish to thank  
Gene Bryant for his great job in  
negotiating a best price for 25  
new light weight eight foot long  
tables and for his planning  
regarding delivery as well as  
having a team available to unload  
the truck, un-pack the tables,  
stencil them with our logo and put  
them away. This was all so well  
planned the total job was done in  
less than an hour. Once again, a  
great example of the Knights in  
action.

Did you know that our much  
looked forward to newsletter is  
costing our council around  
\$3000.00 per year. This is money  
that could go towards some other  
worthy cause. If we can at least  
cut the cost it would be great.  
Included in this month's news  
letter is a section addressing this  
subject. Please read it carefully  
and act as requested. In no way

is this effort meant to eliminate  
your access to this great service  
but if we could save money and  
still keep you informed, the  
savings could help out  
somewhere else. Once again  
please read this section and  
react.

In the upcoming months there will  
be a new membership blitz, The  
State Convention is the end of  
April. Ralph Miele will be looking  
for our support for the Relay for  
Life Program and there will be  
other opportunities to volunteer  
for and become part of the team. I  
assure you it is always rewarding.

God's blessings to all

Dick Collopy  
Grand Knight Council 4442

## A Degree Exemplifications Coming Up!

Brother Knights, for those who  
are 1st degree and wish to  
advance, the next 2nd degree will  
be held in Exeter, NH, (about an  
hour's travel time), on Sunday  
PM, March 13.

And for those who are 2nd  
degree (and those 1st degree  
Brothers who make the 2nd  
degree in March) the next 3rd  
degree will be held in Nashua,  
NH, on Sunday PM, April 3.

Save the dates, and let me know  
if you wish to advance in your  
degrees in the order. And, I invite  
other members of our council to  
come along as spectators and  
view again the ceremonies and  
refresh their hearts and

minds with the lessons of Unity and Fraternity.

Contact Paul St.Amand for more information.

## Membership Activity

Paul St.Amand – Membership Chairman reporting

### Three New First Degree Members:

I am pleased to announce that our council has three new 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members. Ron Bourque, George Spates III, and Bob Uliano made their 1<sup>st</sup> degree on February 11, 2011. Once again, Council 5162 hosted our candidates at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall in Hudson. I want to thank Mike Amorelli, and his team, for conducting an “exemplary exemplification!” It amazes me how well these brothers in the degree team can present their parts with such grace and oratorical skill. They speak from the heart and not from rote! As I have said in the past, AFTER you make your degree, it is worthwhile to attend that degree as a spectator, to take in the full beauty of the exemplification.



In the photo above are, left to right, Bob Uliano, Ron Bourque, and George Spates. Congratulations, Brothers!

And a “Thank you” to Brothers Dick Collopy, Bill Richards, and Dave Thompson who accompanied me to the degree.

## Soldier Aid

**"Mission parameters" of  
Soldier Aid program  
Paul St.Amand, chairman**

Here is an overview of our Soldier Aid program and also an alert to you about a policy for sending gift packages from our council to relatives now serving our nation.

We (I, acting as the K of C committee) send packages to a contact person for a group of soldiers, a contact who represents his company/brigade/platoon etc and who distributes the goodies to the folks in his or her unit. And some of the troops will also end up handing out a portion of their goodies to local kids they meet.

The contacts are folks I pick from a web site: [anysoldier.com](http://anysoldier.com). All I have are just "names," with a brief description of the type of unit they are in, where they are serving, and what they request for their troops; I know nothing about them personally. I select contacts based on their location (now almost always Afghanistan). I select units that are newly deployed, away from big bases, have primitive living conditions, and have no easy access to "luxuries" like a PX. Many of the contacts are chaplain's aides who travel over wide areas, visiting remote outposts. Many are medics who can distribute the goodies to those who might need a "boost" the most, folks out on the front lines.

Besides the goodies, an equally important thing that I send is a personalized letter, describing the Knights, our council and program, and usually a paragraph about our New England sports teams, and some pictures.

(I always include a picture of our council guys giving the “Thumbs

Up” in the first package to a new contact. Your faces have been seen by 100s of units all over the Middle East!)



I have gotten feedback from contacts saying that getting a Tootsie Roll is nice, but getting "a letter from home", even from a stranger, is warmly appreciated. The contacts I have had over the last six years are deployed from all over the US. From the contacts that have written a "Thank you" back to us, I found out that some have had limited exposure to Catholics, since they were from a Reserve or Guard unit deep in the Bible belt. And then again, one contact wrote back to tell me he was a Priest and 4th Degree Knight! In the end, the contact and their folks in their unit get to taste some goodies and to read about our council, our good works, and get to know some Catholics through my letter. Maybe some of the people who get our packages will remember us when they go back home and might join the Knights because of the kindness we show them now.

EVERYONE in the military, separated from family and home, deserves thanks and support from every citizen of this country. BUT, I have a limited budget, so I want to get the packages to the contact people where it will do the most good for the greatest number of servicemen.

My "mission parameters" are to send packages to those most in need and to spread the word about the Knights and the works we do as Catholic gentlemen.

I have been approached at times by several council members who have said, "Send a package to my son [or nephew, niece, etc.] Here's the address" This puts me in an awkward position. Our relatives already know about the Knights, I know nothing of that relative's unit conditions, (a foxhole in the mountains of Afghanistan or behind a desk at a supply center in Hawaii) What kind of a letter would I include? A one-line letter that says, "Your dad told me to send this to you."

The soldier aid is not my money but the council's money. Is a personal package a proper use of the council's money and the limited budget I have been given? For every personal package sent, some other soldier won't get one. Should I say "No, Send your own packages?" Where's the charity, unity, and fraternity in that? But, the relative might be just as needy and deserving of a package as anyone else.

**The following PROPOSAL was discussed at our January 25, 2011 council meeting and approved:**

**The council will send a goodie package to a relative of a council member, if and only if:**

1. **The relative is deployed to a hostile area (Afghanistan or Iraq)**
2. **The unit is a "needy" unit (not some 4-Star General's office staff)**
3. **The relative is**

asked to share the wealth with his/her buddies,

4. **The council member will write a letter for me to include in the package; the letter should talk about the Knights!**

I will gladly help any council member through the shipping and post office form process, if they want to prepare and ship their own personal packages, apart from the Knights. Sending to an APO address can be a bit confusing at first; but after 304 packages, I think I have the hang of it now!

Thank you for reading this; if you have complaints or comments, let me know.

## *Pro-Life*

The ANNUAL PRO-LIFE SEMINAR, sponsored by the State Council of the N.H. Knights of Columbus will be held on **SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH HALL on PINE ST. MANCHESTER.**

*The time is*

**12:00 NOON TIL 4:00 PM The public is invited.**

**Guest Speaker:  
Br. Richard Dolan, MIC  
(Marians of the Immaculate Conception)**



**TOPIC: DIVINE MERCY IN MOTHER MARY AND PRO-LIFE**

In addition to our guest speaker there will be reps. from various respect life organizations, pregnancy care centers and the Knights of Columbus. The program will begin with a light luncheon at noon, provided by the Daughters of Isabella. There will be ample time to talk to the reps. from these various groups. Come and find out the ways we are working to build a culture of life here in New Hampshire.

**Registration deadline for luncheon and seminar is Tuesday 04/03/11. Please contact Ron Di Stasio either by phone (595-7837) or e-mail at [rddistasio@comcast.net](mailto:rddistasio@comcast.net)**

## *4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification*

**Thomas A. Ingham, Master,  
District of New Hampshire  
Will Proudly Provide an  
Exemplification of the Fourth  
Degree Knights of Columbus**

**Date: Saturday, June 11, 2011**

**Place: Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manchester**

Class Honoree will be Bishop John McCormack

**Price Schedule: Candidates –**  
Must be in Tux or Service Dress Uniform - \$70  
This includes all Meals, Gloves, Baldric, US Flag Pin and Emblem  
**6-Month Waiver Applies**

**Spectators** - (4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus) Lunch & Dinner -\$30  
**Non-4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights, Wives & Girlfriends** – Lunch, Ladies Program, Dinner - \$30

Luncheon Only \$10

**All Checks Must** be made Payable to: **Master, NH Fourth Degree, K of C** And mailed to:

**Sir Knight Hector St. Jacques**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Secretary**  
**18 June Street**  
**Nashua, NH 03060**

**Deadline: June 4, 2011**

**Day's Schedule of Events**

11:00 AM – 1200 AM:

Registration / Coffee & Donuts /

Social 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM  
Lunch (Candidates) at PBVM Church

12:00 AM – 12:45 PM  
Lunch (Ladies) Cathedral Hall

1:00 PM – 3:0 PM  
Degree Exemplification PBVM Church

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Ladies Program – Cathedral Hall

3:00 PM Parade to the Cathedral

3:45 PM Pictures

4:00 PM Mass

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner:

**!!Seating for the banquet will be by reservation. Meal tickets will be given out at the registration table. (Completed paperwork and checks must be sent to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree secretary.) Follow up memos will be coming.**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Speaking Program & Recognition of the New Class of Sir Knights

## *Founders Day Bus Trip*

Dear Brother Knights and Friends All,

We have finalized our plans for our Founder's Day Bus trip to New Haven, CT. You should know that the folks at the Knights of Columbus Museum are excited about our visit and are looking forward to seeing us again.

One of the unavoidable consequences of our economic circumstances is the cost of fuel which translates into higher transportation costs. Accordingly, the cost of this year's trip is higher-but only slightly. It also means that we must have at least 42 riders to make this trip happens. Since we've had great turnouts in the past, I ask that you do not delay in making your reservations. **Please use the attached form to make your reservations.**

A few things to consider:

1. Please sponsor a priest, religious, or seminarian to join us. Our Order was founded by a priest and it would therefore be most appropriate for them to join us. Please remember that our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson asks that we notify them in advance of any priest traveling with us and extends the invitation to all priests in attendance to concelebrate our Anniversary Mass.
2. We normally provide an honor guard detail for the Anniversary Mass. All 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights desiring to serve in the Honor Guard detail. Please make a note of it on your reservation form and you will be contacted later with more particulars.

3. Our Founder's Day trip has a deep spiritual aspect, especially as this occurs during Lent. Since our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney is on the path for sainthood, a pilgrimage to the place of our Order's founding provides many graces, including plenary indulgence under the normal conditions. In addition to Mass, you will have the opportunity to go to confession. If you are not familiar with the conditions for partial and plenary indulgences, please contact me for more information.
4. Our state council enjoys the Supreme Knight's invitation to dine in the cafeteria at the Supreme Headquarters. The lunch menu features a few hot entrees plus burgers and sandwiches and are very reasonably priced.
5. Do not forget that this trip is a great family, council, or church program. Please be sure to invite all council members, family, and friends. If you have any questions, please **EMAIL** them to me at [rpmcderemott@comcast.net](mailto:rpmcderemott@comcast.net). **Please-no phone calls!** In this way, I will be able to answer all of your questions in a more timely manner.

Again, please do not delay in making your reservations. **Please use the attached form.**

Vivat Jesus!

## *Blood Drive*

The Red Cross set a goal of 58 pints, we far exceeded that goal by collecting 84 pints of blood. Parking was tough that day due to mounds of snow. Red Cross blood donors are really dedicated people. Speaking of dedicated people,

I would like to thank my brother knights and some of their wives Dick and Jeanne Collopy, Chanel and Josie Simard, Wes Suszek, Dave Thompson, Wil Boutin, Al and Kathy Faucher, Paul Donovan and Peg Akerley.

Above names were taken from the Volunteer Sign in sheet at the registration table. If by chance someone's name has been omitted, please accept my apologies

Vivat Jesus  
Ken Akerley- Blood Drive Chair.

P.S. Next Blood Drive,  
Thursday May 19th 2011

## *Scrap Book*

The following is being requested by Brother Sir Knight Dennis Groulx for input into the Council Scrap Book.

Photographs- Yard cleaning at Stan Gorgol's home, Christmas Party both adult and children's, food drive at race track and free throw, Installation of officers

He would also like a copy of Program Reports for Priest Appreciation Dinner, Tootsie Roll Drive, Honoring our deceased members, Scholarship program, Installation of officers, Lady Queen of Peace Mass on Sep 12, 2010, Christmas Parade, both Christmas Parties, Toys for Tots, Food Drive and Free Throw.

These pictures and reports are needed ASAP for display at the State Convention on April 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Please remember that Dennis does not have a computer so all submissions have to be**

**hard copy sent to the following address:**

**Dennis Groulx  
29 Lowell Road, Lot #52  
Salem, NH 03079**

## *Fish Fry*

The following are the dates for the Friday Fish Fry at the Pelham Council:

March 9(Wed) 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15

## *Hall Rental Policy Contract Revised*

Please note that if you are interested in renting the hall, you should contact George Masciarelli at 603- 893-3035.

**A Hall Rental agreement will be sent to you for your signature when you indicate your wish to rent the Hall.**

**In addition, 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. Also, if you are a new First Degree member as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 you are not eligible to rent the hall until you have attended 4 business meetings and have the back of your membership signed by the Grand Knight confirming your attendance.**

During the winter months, Chanel Simard should be contacted at 603-898-4950. The

basic charge is \$200 plus an additional \$100 deposit that will be returned if you leave the hall in the shape it was in when you rented it.

**If you wish to use the Pots and Pans along with the dishes etc, there is an additional \$100 fee which is non-refundable.**

A calendar is maintained in the Council Home with dates for all rentals and Council events. **It is not the bible however, so you need to check with the rental manager before you plan an event to make sure the date is open.** Just because someone puts a date down on the calendar does not mean that it has been confirmed with the rental manager. Remember, unless it is an actual Council event, no lit candles are allowed on the tables as part of a centerpiece. We have also put in new thermostats which are automatically set at 60 degrees. If you are using the hall and want to reset the heat, you need to reset it by touching the hold button and moving the arrow key until you reach your desired temperature. You should reset it back by bringing it back down to 60 before you leave. The system does have an auto override that will automatically reset the system to 60 at 6:00AM and 6:00PM. Keep this in mind if you are in the hall in the afternoon and your party will be overlapping past 6:00PM. You will need to reset it again. Hopefully this will save us energy costs as we had many people leave the heat on high accidentally and it stayed that way for days.



## *Relay for Life -*

Ralph Miele

It is that time of year again when the Knights and Kiwanis join to raise \$\$\$ for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life to be held on June 25th and 26th.

Last year we came in fourth as a pacesetter with \$2620.00, however, overall we raised \$6516.00 and I would love to have our team blow that number away.

I asked Tom Slowe to add a link to our website [www.kofc4442.org](http://www.kofc4442.org) to the relay site for anyone who would like to donate or join the team. I need 15 people to join the team so why not do it today. If you do not have a computer I would be glad to provide you with a registration form, it only cost \$10.00 to join. I look forward to working with everyone to beat last year's effort. Please email me [rmiele@msn.com](mailto:rmiele@msn.com) with your fund raising ideas or call me (603) 475-8579.

I would be glad to provide fund raising envelopes to anyone interested.

Ralph Miele

Cell: (603) 475-8579

## *Parochial Assistance Program (P.A.P.)*

We have done very well on our PAP this past year. The value of our FUND RAISING has brought the total up to \$2000,00 TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

This allows us to be somewhat

flexible in anticipation of this year's number of APPLICATIONS

Respectfully submitted,

Wilfred E. Bamford  
PAP Chmn.

## *March for Life Report*

Observations on the National March for Life in Washington, DC (January 23-23, 2011) by Nick Monroe, Pro-Life Rep, Council 4983, Newport, N.H.:

Our purpose in these marches is not just to persuade the government leaders to change unjust laws; it is also to transform the hearts of people, many of whom say they are pro-choice or pro-abortion, but have never given serious thought to the issue; and a large number of protestors, gathered together for any cause or issue, can provoke thought. We have a responsibility because we are, indeed, our brother's keeper; we have a responsibility to be witnesses to the sanctity of human life, and this is the reason we 'March for Life.'

What was impressive was the presence of so many religious at the vigil Mass on Sunday evening at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. There were hundreds of priests, deacons and seminarians, and about 40 - 50 bishops and 4 or 5 cardinals; more than I had seen before. There was standing room only. It was inspiring to see so many young people, even young parents carrying their infants, many elderly, and lots of women religious recognizable by their habits. Most impressive, however, was the vast number of young high school and college students

from all over the country, who were praised for their commitment to Life in Cardinal DiNardo's homily. Many of them remained awake for the all-night prayer vigil at the Basilica. It took almost an hour for all the priests and deacons to proceed into the sanctuary before Mass began.

I noted some thoughts concerning the homilies given by Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, at the vigil Mass, and by Bishop Lori, Diocese of Bridgeport, CT at the morning pro-life Mass before the march. Cardinal DiNardo said, quoting Pope John Paul II, "The time has come to banish every attack on human life." Cardinal DiNardo is personally active in prison ministry in Texas, and he described a recent and moving conversion of an inmate, saying that "Christ comes more particularly to unexpected places" and conversion takes place.

Bishop Lori, in the morning Mass at the Basilica, made the following points: "Marriage and the family are being undermined by abortion, divorce, cohabitation and contraception." Mentioning 'contraception' was, in my experience, unusual, yet its importance was not lost on Fr. Paul Marx, who has been called the Apostle of Life, and of whom Pope John Paul II said his work was "the most important on earth." Fr. Marx never shied from proclaiming the truth that "contraception is the root cause of abortion." Bishop Lori commented further: "No human being is an accident" and, quoting Pope Benedict, "Each of us is the result of the thought of God." The Bishop said, "A culture deceives us into believing that we are only happy when we will for ourselves." He encouraged all of us with the fact that "a solid majority of Americans is now pro-life" and that 6 out of 10 young people say "abortion is wrong."

Then it was on to the rally on the Capital Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Capitol building. A huge crowd of thousands gathered to hear speeches from pro-life leaders, and religious and government leaders. I arrived toward the end of the rally and speeches because I stopped at the Hyatt Hotel, where an exhibit was held by 20 or 30 pro-life organizations and sponsored by Priests for Life, so you may have picked up more of the speeches from EWTN. Terri Schiavo's brother spoke at the rally in a cautionary tone, saying that "euthanasia is a fact; it is happening everywhere in this country."

The size of the March for Life crowd was enormous; I heard an estimate afterwards of 450,000. When we climbed the street toward the Capitol building, I looked back; the street was packed and overflowing as far back as I could see - a beautiful sight in itself - a reminder of what Bishop Lori said about the majority of Americans being pro-life. There were banners from dozens of parishes across the country, and there were the usual Catholic colleges with strong Catholic identity which were there in large numbers: for example, I heard there were 700 from Ave Maria University in Florida, a long trip for those students; 500 students from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, etc. One thing I found surprising and encouraging was the number of banners of secular colleges who were represented, including Carnegie Mellon University, LSU, the Universities of Indiana and Kentucky, Purdue and others, a testament, I think, to the growing Support for Life.

A pro-life friend asked me recently, "Isn't there a better way to fight abortion than having these marches?" My response was the

same as what I believe Cardinal DiNardo said: "If one life is saved as the result of the March for Life, then the March was worth it." We march to save lives, precious lives created by God in his image; we march truly for the honor and glory of God.

## *Council & State Web Sites*

Don't forget to visit the Council Website at: [www.kofc4442.org](http://www.kofc4442.org). This website has been updated, Please visit it.

The State K of C Site is: [www.nhknights.org](http://www.nhknights.org). Both Web Sites provide a wealth of information about K of C activities.

## *TEXAS HOLD EM...*

Thanks to a break in scheduling, our February event fell on Monday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. So, not only was it a holiday, but Rockingham scheduled a \$250 tournament that day. Ordinarily we would expect to gross around \$3,000 for the Council, but thankfully, we grossed a little over \$10,000. What a blessing for our charitable efforts. Our March event will be Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. And then, in April, we will host **both ends of a Saturday –Sunday tournament**. That should really be good for us. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves. In June we will have another Saturday event – they're usually good. The balance of our 2011 schedule will drop to mid-week events so any big nights that we'll have this year will come on the front end. Nonetheless, we are very fortunate to have this activity.

Just a reminder to our Poker Team, for the April tournament, I'm going to schedule everyone for 4-hour shifts on either Saturday or Sunday so that we can try to keep most folks down to one day or the other. To do this, we're going to need near-perfect attendance. We have only 21 workers and 20 shifts, so you can see the problem developing.

## *Miscellaneous Reports from Tony Fabrizio*

Council 4442 Adult Christmas Party- On Saturday December 11 we held our annual Christmas party. Ninety one members and guests attended a night of great food music and fun. We had the Chicken Connection serve a buffet dinner and the DJ Connection play lots of our favorite songs. The night moved along with free raffles and a 50/50 raffle that funded our Children's Christmas party held the next day. Special thanks to Al Faucher, Butch Kealey, Jose Mareno and numerous others for the great job.

Council 4442 Children's Christmas Party- On Sunday December 12 we sponsored our annual Children's Christmas Party. The children were entertained by Romper Rhythm Puppet productions with two short Christmas puppet shows. There was plenty of goodies to eat for the over sixty in attendance. Santa paid his annual visit to see the kids and pass out some presents. We would like to thank our endless list of volunteers that helped create such fun and joyful event. We hope to continue this tradition next year with an even greater amount of attendees. Thanks

again to all that were present  
and all that donated their time.

Council 4442 Free Throw  
Challenge- Council 4442  
Eight boys and girls from Salem,  
ages 10 to 14, were named local  
champions of the 2011 Knights of  
Columbus Local Free Throw  
Championship and have earned  
the right to compete at the district  
level. Council 4442 in Salem  
sponsored the local competition  
at The Salem Boys and Girls  
Club. All youngsters ages 10 to  
14 were eligible to participate. We  
also had a guest speaker, Helen  
Williams coach of Merrimack  
College's Women's Basketball  
Team, to give the kids a little  
motivational speech on school life  
and sports.

Angela Moreno was the 10-year-  
old girls' champion and Kyle  
Poulin was the winner of the 10-  
year-old boys' division. In the 11-  
year-olds' bracket, Rachel  
LaCroix was the girls' champion  
and Matt Carney was the boys'  
champion. Twelve-year-old  
winners in the girls' and boys'  
divisions were Allie Stift and  
Jacob Bosworth. The 13-year-old  
boys' division was won by Nick  
Shumski. Fourteen-year-old boys'  
champion was Brandon LaCroix.  
Each contestant was allowed 15  
free throw attempts in the  
contests. Each of these winners  
will compete in the State  
competition, which our Council  
will sponsor, to be held on March  
19, 2011, 6:00 pm at The Boys  
and Girls Club here in  
Salem with an eye toward moving  
on to international levels. Please  
come on down and cheer for our  
Salem kids representing Council  
4442. I would like to thank our  
volunteers who were able to  
make it, Ralph Miele, Gene  
Bryant, Wil Bamford, Jim  
Broadhurst, Paul St Armand and  
Jim Quinn, for all their help in  
carrying out a great event.

## *Fourth Degree Assembly #0641*



*News*  
No report

## *K of C Prayer Line*

Please give a moment of  
prayer asking God to send  
down his healing powers  
for all of those whom we  
have listed in our Prayer  
Line Book as well as  
those who lie in the  
silence of our hearts.

## *My Wishes For You:*

**May peace break into  
your home and  
May thieves come to  
steal your debts .**

**May the pockets of your  
jeans  
Become a magnet for  
\$100 bills.**

**May love stick to your  
face like Vaseline**

**And may laughter  
assault your lips!**

**May happiness slap you  
across the face  
And may your tears be  
that of joy**

**May the problems you  
had  
Forget your home  
address!**

**In other words .....**

**May God bless each  
and every one  
Of you and yours!**



# Reasons Not To Mess With Children



**A** little

girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.



**A**

Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would

occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'



**A**

Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'



**One day**

a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'



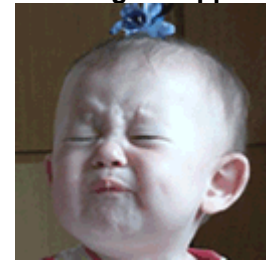
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children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE .. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'



**A teacher**

was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood.. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.'

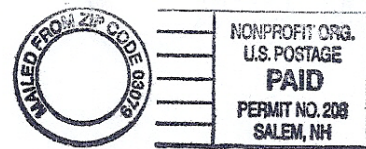
'Yes,' the class said.

'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?'

A little fellow shouted,

'Cause your feet ain't empty.'

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