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# Council 4442 Knightly News Report

## From the Desk of the Grand Knight

Greetings Brothers and Families. Since our last Newsletter, the Council has been very busy supporting our Service Program goals of serving our Church, Family, Community, Youth and Council. In the forefront, there were a number of family-oriented activities that were very successful and a lot of fun. In late July we had the 50th Anniversary Family Day picnic and Scholarship drawing. Approximately 140 members, families and friends attended. We had great weather and many events. There were Pony Rides, the Bounce House, Snow Cone and Popcorn Machines, a Magic Show, 50/50 drawing, followed by our annual Scholarship drawing. In early August, we had our annual Softball game and backyard barbecue hosted by Chanel and Josie Simard. A Big thank you to the Simards! Then in early September, we had the annual Joint Church picnic hosted by Mary Queen of Peace Church. A large number of brother Knights came out to assist in making this event a big success; even the rain couldn't dampen the fun spirit had by all who attended.

Our Council continues to be active in the community. Several of our brother Knights, led by Chanel Simard and his workers, volunteered their services and time for the needy. In one incident, several items of donated food, clothing and toiletries needed to be unloaded from an 18 wheeler truck. The Knights were there. Brother Deacon Dave, asked for

assistance in helping the Adorn Project, painting and repairing homes that had been damaged by the recent floods. The Knights were there. The removal of trash from the Adorn Project, our Knights (Sim and Ken) were there. Our brother Knights, Don Gagne and Ken Akerley have stepped up to the plate in several other recent events including Chairing the Health Wellness Seminar, the Relay-for-Life Cancer fund raiser and our Blood Drives. Our Council also participated in the Sandown, NH Hometown Parade. As you can read, our Council is busy and we are stronger for it.

Other brother Knights we owe a Big Thank You to are Wilfred Bamford, Larry Belair, Chanel Simard, Alan Phair and George Masciarelli. Wilfred (Bill) Chaired the New Hampshire State Deputies Seminar held at our Council. We received several compliments from our State Deputy and District Deputies on how well our Council Hall looked, the overall running of the Seminar, and the quality of the food served. Bill, as our Membership Program Director, also recently organized and arranged for our four newest members to join our Council as 1st Degree Knights. Bill continues to go beyond the call of duty. Thank you! Brother Knights Larry, Sim and Al, amongst many other things, organized and arranged for the Dedication and Blessing of our memorial Walkway and a Memorial Dedication to our beloved brother Knight Bob Bryant Sr. Thank you gentleman and all who participated in this event. In another Council related event, George & Larry over saw our Council Hall Bathroom renovation. Please check out our new and improved

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bathrooms the next time your at the Council Hall. Thanks!

Another area I would want to make sure the Council continues to recognize and support is our Bingo Committee and Texas Holdem Group. Our mangers Lou Stella, Paul Simard and Larry Belair, along with their workers, have done an outstanding job and need our perpetual backing and encouragement to continue their unselfish and tireless work for the Council. Without them, most of what we do from a charity perspective could not get done.

In conclusion, we have a busy schedule ahead, with more Blood Drives, a Masons/Knights Dinner the end of September, the Installation of Officers and Knight of the Year Dinner in October. Then later, the Children's Christmas party and Adult Christmas Dinner/Dance in December, as well as our annual support to the Santa Fund. Lastly, to all of you who do the day to day operations of the Council, (our Officers & Staff), a sincere thank you.

God Bless, Joe Stafford

## **From the Desk of the Chaplain**

### Great Job:

I wish to thank all the Knights who assisted us with the Cluster Picnic. On Saturday the set up went very quickly. The cooks again cooked some excellent beef & pork. On Sunday it wasn't as sunny as we had hoped but it wasn't a washout either. The crowd of

over 650 people enjoyed themselves greatly. The knights from Windham, joined us this year with new hands to assist us. Fr. John, Fr. Don & myself want to thank the Knights for all their hard work.

### Batteries

With the turning of seasons and the changing of the clocks in the first weekend of November, we need to check and change the Batteries in the smoke detectors in our homes. This simple act could save your Life, because, smoke detectors saves lives.

### Masses of Remembrance

On Thursday Nov. 1st the church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. On the 2nd the Church Celebrates the Feast of All Souls and on Saturday Nov. 3rd at 4pm, Mary Queen of Peace will celebrate its Mass of Remembrance for the parishioners who have died during the last year. On Nov.10th at our 4pm Mass we will acknowledge the Veterans of the Parish Living and Dead

## **A Word from Fr John**

Pope John Paul II was a great lover of Christ and of the Eucharist. Following his lead, we will look at the Eucharist and its meaning for all practical Catholics.

Why do we celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy? We celebrate it so that we might become one with Christ. Through Word and Sacrament we are brought into Communion with Christ and with one another. As the Constitution

on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council says, "Through Christ, the Mediator, they [the faithful] should be drawn day by day into an ever more perfect union with God and each other, so that finally God may be all in all." If God is all in all then the words that we pray daily in the Our Father have come true – "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

We gather together at Eucharist to celebrate and to enact Communion – communion with God and with one another. Through Communion, we come to realize that we "are the Body of Christ and his members," we are the community of the Church. We are the place where Christ's Spirit continues to touch the world. As St. Augustine says, "If therefore you are the Body of Christ and his members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table: it is the mystery of yourselves that you receive. To that which you yourselves are do you respond "Amen," and by thus responding voice your assent. For you hear the words, "The Body of Christ," and you answer, "Amen." Be therefore in every deed a member of Christ's body, that your Amen may be true."

We are the Body of Christ. Not individually, but together. We need one another. But we are also on the way. We fall short of the Kingdom. And so, as individuals and as a community in a particular parish, as the Catholic Church within the United States, and as the Church throughout the world, we are called to grow up into the full stature of Christ. Some of us are young and some are old, some are strong and others are wounded, but together with Christ we are growing, straining to reach out to become fully one in Christ, and through Christ to be one with the Father in heaven that Jesus' words might be fulfilled – "That

they might be one in us.”

As Knights, how do we do this in our parishes and local community? How do we do this with the people that we serve? How do we beg the Holy Spirit to do this in us?

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Scholarship Picnic

Council 4442 held it's 50th Anniversary Family Day Picnic and Scholarship Drawing on Sunday, July 29th, 2007. The event was attended by approximately 140 members, family and friends. Again, we were truly blessed with the weather, however, a little hot for some. This year's event was very special in that we, as a Council, was celebrating our 50th Anniversary!

The Picnic kicked off with an opening prayer from Father John. We had a DJ (Gino Dimaio), play music all afternoon and make announcements as necessary. There were Pony Rides (By J & J Ponies), the Bounce House, Snow Cone Machine, Popcorn Machine, and an on going 50/50 drawing.

Food was served - BBQ (Hamburg, hotdogs sausages (all types), chicken,

fruit/garden/potato/macaroni salads, chips, water melon, etc. and every possible desert you could think of. Then the Magic Show, by Magician Steve Thomas, took place. Was a big hit with both children and adults! The 50/50 Drawing was won by Cindy Routhier (\$140.00). Congratulations! (I wonder if Scott will see any of it??)

Then finally, the Scholarship Drawing took place. There were 33 qualified applicants. The twenty \$500.00 Scholarship awardees were:

1. Melissa Graziani
2. Thomas Chelstowski
3. Andre L. Garron Jr.
4. Katelyn Cheney
5. Matthew Yeaton
6. Amanda Akerley
7. Brian Collopy
8. Holly Nasser
9. Kaz Ulaky
10. Stephanie Belair
11. Christine Leonard
12. Wendy Carbone
13. Nicholas C. Espinola
14. Allison Lord
15. Kelsey Downing
16. Erin Bryant
17. Nathan M. Stanton
18. Marcus E. Pratt
19. Danielle Boutin
20. Andrew Tiner

Once again, we had an army of volunteers of which the Council is truly grateful for. These events would not happen without them. A big THANK YOU goes out to (Not in any

particular order):

Liz Stafford, Chanel Simard, Don Gagne, Jim Broadhurst, Paul St. Amand, Bob Dupre, Ken Akerley, Kevin Lapierre, Bob Gatta, Gene Bryant, Andy Carbone, Dick Collopy, Brian Carbone, John Gagnon and the many others who contributed to this fantastic event.

Here are some pictures for your enjoyment:



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## The New Catholic

In North Ireland a Protestant man married a Catholic woman. After their marriage he decided to convert to the Catholic church. So he went to the priest and took instructions and was later baptized Catholic.

He had one problem however. He couldn't get it into his skull that he was a Catholic man, and no longer a Protestant. This became such a problem that he returned to the priest and asked for some advice. The priest told him that if he was to repeat the phrase "I'm a Catholic, not a Protestant" enough times the

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idea might penetrate his thick skull. The man left mumbling to himself, "I'm a Catholic, not a Protestant. I'm a Catholic, not a Protestant."

The next Friday the priest decided to visit the newlyweds. He knocked on the door and was greeted by the wife. When he stepped in, he smelled something that should not be in a Catholic's home on a Friday. He asked the wife where her husband was, and she replied that he was in the kitchen. The priest walked into the kitchen and saw the man pouring thick brown gravy on a thick hunk of roast beef. Agast, the priest was about to explode when he heard the man mumble, "You're a trout, not a cow. You're a trout, not a cow."



## Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held on **November 29<sup>th</sup>**. A pasta dinner will be served to all donors. Please come and give so others may live.

**Hours will be 1PM to 7PM.**

Also, if you wish to give us a hand, feel free to stop by and see what you can do.

## Bryant Memorial

The Bob Bryant Memorial was dedicated on August 8, 2007. Many Brother Knights and their families were in attendance confirming the loyalty, service and dedication that Bob had for his fellow Brothers. Following are a few pictures of the event.



## A Word from the Editor

At the September meeting of Council 4442, Council members voted to support 3 orphans from the African Child Foundation run by Fr Henry Simaro. The African Child Foundation is a stand alone organization separate from any church. They are 100% sponsored by donations. Everyone is a volunteer and everything is totally donated time so 100% of the donations received for these children is put towards Food, Clothing, Medical Supplies, Educational opportunities, Spiritual formation and a Home. The cost is \$30/month per child.

A short paragraph from Fr Henry's August newsletter: "The Fanaka Shelter cares for 15 orphans now, up from 9 children last month. These are the orphans Fr Henry can't find caregivers for. Please pray for them".

I ask those of you reading this newsletter, if it is possible, please help Fr Henry and sponsor one of his children, or, if not a member of Council 4442, make a motion at your next council meeting for \$360 for the Sponsorship of one of Fr Henry's children. Let us show that as a Knight of Columbus, we care for God's children. Forms may be obtained from your Editor Don Gagne. I would also ask you to urge your Parish to join in this sponsorship.

I believe this is a very worthy cause and it is what the Knights of Columbus are all about, helping those in need and I am proud to be a member of such a fantastic organization.

Your Editor  
Don Gagne

## Honduras Mission from Fr Paul

For the past 6 years, Mary Queen of Peace has been involved with Justice and Peace on an international level by developing and supporting a Honduran mission team. This mission is multi leveled, but the bottom line - main vision of the trip and for the team is to work with the people of this culture, to bring some simple supplies, to try to understand about poverty and to accept our own responsibility to share what we have.

While in the country the team, teens and adults, travel to different mountain communities where we will be greeted by a very large group of people.

Immediately, some of the team sets up a health or eye clinic and some play with the kids. At the end of each of our visits, we pass out the supplies (toothbrushes, paste, shampoo, pens and pencils, soccer balls, reading books, antibacterial soap and vitamins) that we have brought with us. In other communities we have stood in the river and shampooed hair while others colored with the children.

We have also helped to pick coffee beans, and learned first hand how hard their lives are and we have helped at a well child clinic to feed small children their one meal of the day - warm milk and shredded wheat.

The past 6 years, we have also been lucky to work in each one of the 4 catholic schools that Padre Donahue has built so that these wonderful people can have an education - a real chance. He built an Elementary and High school; a University and a school for the

physically and mentally challenged.

This last school, the Nazareth, is a favorite of the team. It is a school that is unique to the country. From the first moment on entering the building all are greeted with big smiles and larger hugs. It is a school that gives skills, hope and purpose to all of the students. Students are learning and developing in a way that they too can be a help to their families. It is so great to see how much can be accomplished with a little hard work and a lot of love.

The past 6 Honduran mission teams have worked together fundraising to get enough money to pay for our trip and to give Padre checks totaling over \$40,000. The team has also gone to local businesses, their own families and schools to acquire all the supplies that we give out.

It is a mission and ministry of change and love. To find out what you can do, just go to the web page [www.Honduranmissionh.org](http://www.Honduranmissionh.org) or call Mary Queen of Peace church.

## Wellness Seminar Results From Dr Holly Ruocco, D.C.

Don Gagne was gracious in the opportunity that he gave not only our team to speak on behalf of the

Foundation for Wellness professionals, but the opportunity that he gave to great people of this community who are seeking to better themselves and their lives through natural wellness solutions for health issues. The success of the first talk brought 12 people from the community in and raised \$70 in donations for the K of C. Through their donations 5 people were given the opportunity to get their health issues addressed. It was a great success and we look forward to future programs.

**Ten Commandments**

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor 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 answered, "Thou shall not kill."

**~ FREE WORKSHOP  
~  
NEW  
SOLUTIONS TO  
ELIMINATE PAIN**

This informative, practical workshop explains the symptoms, causes, and alternative treatment methods to help eliminate pain. Participants will learn effective methods to prevent pain and will be given non-surgical, non-drug solutions.

This presentation will be held **Tuesday, October 16th**, at 7:00pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Salem, NH.

Sign up by emailing Don Gagne at donald.gagne@verizon.net, or calling (603)898-8410.

**Sponsored by:** K of C, Salem, NH.

**Walk-in's Welcome.**

Presented by the Foundation for Wellness Professionals with Dr. Holly Ruocco, D.C. as the Guest Speaker.

**Knight of the  
Year Banquet**

As the recipient of the 2005/2006 Bishop Peterson Council Knight of the Year Award, I have the distinction of being committee chairman for the 2006/2007 Knight of the Year banquet. I am sure you all would understand how Proud and Overwhelmed I felt to be so honored by my Brother Knights. That time is upon us once again.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6PM Social Hour, Dinner will be served promptly at 7PM. Please come to Honor one of our Brother Knights. Tickets are \$30.00 Per Person and can be purchased by calling Ken Akerley at 893-9682 or E-Mail [mmoakj@comcast.net](mailto:mmoakj@comcast.net) so tickets may be put aside for you.

Vivat Jesus  
Ken Akerley  
Deputy Grand Knight

**K of C  
Softball**

The softball game was between the Black Knights vs the White Knights. Final score was White 15, Black 10, the winning pitcher was Al Hamel, the losing pitcher was Sim Simard. MVP was Paul St. Amand for 5 outstanding catches made in center field robbing the Black Knights of many Runs. The most outstanding play of the day was made by Kevin Lapierre. Kevin was playing left field when a long fly ball was hit toward center field, Kevin running at full speed leaped into the air (Plastic man style) stretched his arm full length and caught the ball in the web of his glove for the final out of the inning preventing the white Knights from scoring any runs.

The White Knights most outstanding play was when Stan Gorgol backhanded a line drive between 1st and 2nd base and threw out the runner at 1st to retire the side stopping the Black Knights from scoring two runs.

Pictures of the game are not available but following are a few pictures of the cookout following the game at Sim's house.





## Annual Charity Raffle

The response to the Annual Charity Raffle has been good and just a reminder to those that have not yet responded to please do so as soon as possible. Also the remaining tickets will be sold at Rockingham Park during the Bingo games.

## The Devilish-in-Law

A few minutes before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and quietly praying.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.

Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in frantic effort to get away from the evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't." said the man

"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

"Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical agony for all eternity?" persisted Satan.

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And your're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope."

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "I've been married to your sister for

over 48 years".

## ID Theft from Salem NH Chief of Police

Every time you write a check, use your credit card, or use the ATM you risk identity theft. People can collect information about you that allows them access to your finances. They collect account numbers, PINs, social security numbers, your address, phone number, and more.

When you get unsolicited credit card offers, loan offers, etc. through the mail, don't just throw them out. Shred the paperwork to prevent personal information from getting into the wrong hands. Never share your social security number with anyone you don't know and trust. Do not include your social security number on your driver's license.

Disregard letters, phone calls, and e-mails informing you that you won a contest and they need your social security number and personal information to send you your winnings. Do not mail cash or checks to the contest people. Don't accept checks that require you to cash them and return a certain amount to the check writer. The check is no good, and your account will be deducted the amount of the bad check. You'll be out the entire amount. Be suspicious when you win a contest you don't recall entering, and especially of contests from foreign countries.

If you are a victim of fraud notify your bank and the police right away. Check your credit and notify the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus of the fraud. Request that a fraud alert be put in

your file. Close any accounts that have been compromised.

## Adoration

Twice monthly, St. Joseph's hosts Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All Knights are invited to come and spend an hour with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is on the First Friday of each month from Noon to 5 PM in the Church. Adoration is also held on the third Friday and Saturday of each month in St. Julie Hall from 6 PM to Noon the next day. There are sign-up sheets in the church by each entrance .

## Family of the Month

The family of the month program is a program that allows our councils to recognize families that are symbolic of true family life. Nominees of this award are families that are seen together and active in our councils, churches, and communities. The program is an established program from Supreme that requires the councils to utilize form 1993A or the online link listed below to nominate families for this award. Each council should recognize a deserving family each month with entries due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the previous month's nominee. All nominees are entered into the quarterly State drawing and also the Supreme monthly award. For additional questions please contact the State

Family Dir., Matt Ruger via email at [mruger11@comcast.net](mailto:mruger11@comcast.net) or at (603) 887-7612.

**Brother Knights, a family of the month from this Council (4442) has not been submitted for the past two years, that is 24 opportunities missed. What's with that???????**

## July Knight of the Month

### Kenneth J. Akerley

This Council year, Ken is our Deputy Grand Knight and our Program Manager. He is recognized for being our Chairman for the Relay for Life event, coordinating all logistics. Ken is also recognized for his ongoing support in running our Council's Blood Drive, working hand and hand with the American Red Cross. Ken does a lot of the cooking and is there at every drive getting things ready and works the entire day. Ken also contributed to the success of our District Deputy Seminar. He also assisted in the set-up, preparing of our gas grills and clean-up of our Family Day Picnic and Scholarship drawing. Ken is a true Catholic Gentleman. His dedication and devotion to service are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus.

## August Knight of the Month

### Donald Gagne Sr.

Don is recognized for outstanding achievement in the performance of duty while serving as our Editor of the Council's Newsletter, which

received several compliments and perhaps the best Newsletter in the State. His attention to detail is remarkable. Don also chaired the Health Wellness workshop, coordinating all logistics, refreshments, set-up, etc. He lended a hand with the ADORN project, helping make repairs to homes damaged by the local floods. Don also assisted with the set-up of the Family Day Picnic and Scholarship drawing. He also cooked, being an active member of the BBQ pit crew, for the St. Joes and Mary Queen of Peace Parish Picnic. Don is a true Catholic Gentleman. His dedication and devotion to service are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus.

## First Day on the Job

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, then the driver said, "please, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me."

The passenger, who was also frightened, apologized and said he didn't realize that a tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much.

The driver replied, "I'm sorry, it's really not your fault at all. Today is my first day driving a cab. I have been driving a hearse for the last

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25 years!

## Respect Life Report

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM at Saint Joseph Church. (Note change in venue from what was mentioned at the Council meeting). As we draw nearer to the date the Respect Life Committee will be seeking help from its Brothers to serve; lectures, Eucharistic Ministers, greeters, Honor Guard escorts, and refreshments. Anyone interested in signing on now e-mail me at [bigespi@aol.com](mailto:bigespi@aol.com).

Deacon David Costello, one of our newer members of the Council, will be conducting a series of Educational sessions on the evils of Planned Parenthood. He will be using information by American Life League-Jim Sedlak and David Beret. The events are all scheduled in Saint Julie Hall at 7:00PM, starting September 30.

The Picket of Planned Parenthood in Derry, Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:30PM continues. More Picketers have joined our ranks from different religious backgrounds. If any Brother Knight, or his family want to help us, please send an e-mail to [bigespi@aol.com](mailto:bigespi@aol.com). This effort is increasing awareness of Planned Parenthood in the community.

A lecture on "End of Life Issues" is scheduled in Saint Julie Hall November 15, 2007, 7:00PM by Dr. Peter Cataldo. Dr. Cataldo is a Director of Research at the National Catholic Bioethics center since 1991. He has written numerous articles and books on this topic and is viewed as an expert on this subject matter. He

has testified before various legislative hearings. Dr Cataldo has a B.A. degree in Philosophy and a Certificate of Study in Soviet Studies from Saint Anselm College, and a M.A. and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Saint Louis University.

The Saint Joseph's Consolers have begun preparation for their very special All Souls Day Mass Celebration on November 2 at Saint Joseph Church. This undertaking requires many people to perform different tasks during the month of October, including preparing and sending a personalized invitation to the family of the deceased, each signed by the Pastor. A very special program booklet is created, which has become a *keepsake* for the family.

The Council is welcomed and encouraged to bring their family to this celebration.

## District Deputy Report

### Events: October

**October 4, Family rosary will be held at Holy Angels Church from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

October 6, 2007 State Pilgrimage Pepperell, MA

October 6-7<sup>th</sup>, The blitz will be on the weekend. All in district #1 are urged to become involved.

October 7, Seven Trumpet Mass at the Cathedral of Manchester. The Immaculate Heart of Mary will be dedicated as the Protectorate of New Hampshire. Fourth Degree Honor Guard requested

October 12, Blood drive at the Atkinson Center from 1:00 To 4:00 PM

October 19. Teen Dance at Holy Angels in Plaistow from 7:00 to 9:00 PM for more information contact Peter Richards 603-382-4315

October 20, There will be a testimonial honoring our Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Ingham. This testimonial is hosted by the NH Knights of Columbus – Past State Deputies Association. It will be held at:

Holy Angels Church Hall  
8 Atkinson Dept Road  
Plaistow, NH 03865  
603-382-8324

**Immediately following the 4PM Mass**

**Dinner: Steak Tips – Vegetables – Potato  
Beverages – Dessert**

**Cost: \$20 / person - \$35 / Couple**

**Please mail check and names of attendees for a reservation no later than October 13, 2007 – to:  
Ed Kennedy  
933 Route 12 South  
Fitzwilliam, NH 03447  
603-585-6971**

**Please make checks payable to:  
NH Knights of Columbus – Past State Deputies Association**

October 21- Seven Trumpet Mass Manchester, NH

October 28- Exemplification of the third degree has been assigned to Jaffrey Council 8544.

## November

November 9-11- State retreat named for PGK & PFN Rober C Bryant at the Franciscan Center River Road, Andover MA See information in "STATE RETREAT"

November 11- Veterans Parade

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TBD

November 17- 2007 Fourth Degree Exemplification Littleton, NH 10:00 AM. Contact District Master Ed Kennedy at 585-6971 or [ed.t.kennedy@sainr-gobain.com](mailto:ed.t.kennedy@sainr-gobain.com) for registration or more information.

November 24- Derry Parade Derry, NH

November 25- Salem Parade Salem, NH

### December

December 16- Seven Trumpet Mass Manchester, NH

December 24- Midnight Mass Elizabeth Seton Bedford, NH

### January 2008

January 6- Seven Trumpet Mass Manchester, NH

January 22- Salem Pro Life Program

### February 2008

February 16- Granite Award

### March 2008

March 16- Seven Trumpet Mass Manchester, NH

March 29- Founder's Day New Haven, CT

March 30- Exemplification of the Third Degree will be held in the Seacoast Region.

### April 2008

April 14- Seven Trumpet Mass Manchester, NH

### May 2008

May 2-4- State Convention Nashua, NH

May xx- Confirmation Holy Angels Plaistow, NH

May xx- Confirmation Windham, NH

May xx- Confirmation Mary Queen of Peace Salem, NH

May xx- Confirmation St. Thomas Aquinas Derry, NH

May 18- Fourth Degree Exemplification TBD

May 30- Memorial Day Parade TBD

### June 2008

June 9- Seven Trumpet Mass Veterans Park Manchester, NH

June 21- Salem Cancer Relay for Life Salem, NH Athletic Field 3 PM

## Thank You

A word of thanks from St. Joseph's Parish to my fellow Knights for your help with the re-roofing of the rectory. The new shingles and gutters were put up in early September and we should be set for the next 20-25 years. Thanks for your generous contribution.

Peace in the Lord Jesus,  
Fr. John Michalowski, SJ

First Degree  
Exemplificatio

n September  
14th



Our newest Members.



Council attendees

Congratulations to

Keith Righini

Frank Mistretta

Jose Morino

Christopher Sousa

## The Honest Prayer

A woman had invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say,"

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the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," her mother answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, this is the last time I invite all these people over for supper?"

## **First Degree Team**

The First Degree Exemplification team has had a recent replacement. The person who volunteered to be one of the lead participants has been replaced. Until that new person can memorize the part, we will not be ready to hold a practice, much less be ready for certification as a team. Meanwhile, the other members of the team are studying their parts. Our Team has been forming for over a year; yet there is light at the end of the tunnel, the day is darkest before the dawn, don't give up the ship, be not afraid, all things are possible with the Lord, don't start to build a tower unless you have the resources to finish, many are called but few have chosen to answer the call, the spirit is willing but the flesh and mind is weak, ... If there is anyone who would like to join, please call Paul St.Amand, 898-2421. Hello? Does anyone read these words? Is there anyone out there? Hello? Hello?

## **Soldiers Aid**

Our soldier aid activity continues, and will continue until our troops

come home from the fighting in the Middle East. To date, we have sent out 147 boxes, totaling 2364 pounds. Over the past few months, I have sent boxes to medical units of the 10th Mountain Division (deployed from Fort Drum, New York.) The two contacts there receive the boxes and then distribute the snacks to their comrades, who in turn will often share them with children whom they treat after roadside bombing attacks.

These two contacts and I have exchanged several letters and emails and have gotten to know each other a little. Their units are now nearing the end of their rotation and will be returning to the States next month. Spc. Katie Christof (her father is a Knight) will be studying at Georgia State University for her nursing degree; although she is a Yankee fan, we still wish her well in her schooling! And Cpt James Brumley, married 13 years and a father of an 8 year old daughter, is now serving as the Battalion's Surgeon and upon returning to the states will be attending college to advance his degree as a physician's assistant. We wish them well.

Next month we will send out two more packages to new contacts, probably folks just deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. If anyone is interested, you can go to the web site "anysoldier.com" and read comments directly from the many folks deployed in harms way.

May God bless all our service men and women!

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul St.Amand

## **Happy Birthday Wishes**

Eugene T Beaudet- 8/19  
James J Beaudet- 8/4  
Michael w. Blanchette- 8/14  
Leo R Bouchard- 9/13  
Robert J Boucher- 9/12  
John P Boudreau- 8/29  
Michael A Boutin- 8/9  
John R Breen- 8/11  
James E Broadhurst II- 9/20  
Daniel F Buck- 9/12  
Peter J Carrozza- 9/4  
Woodrow S Chmielecki- 9/5  
Rev Richard T Cleary- 9/24  
Kendal W Colby- 9/2  
Michael J Crocco- 9/2  
Armand J Dionne- 8/18  
Paul T Donovan- 9/7  
Daniel F Downey- 9/18  
Delbert G Downing- 9/12  
Richard D Dube- 8/1  
John M Gagnon- 8/24  
Terrance L Gatlin Jr- 9/17  
Michael A Hamel- 9/11  
Richard W Hamel- 9/7  
Scott M Harriman- 8/22  
James L Houle- 9/5  
Charles M Howard- 9/17  
James L Johnson- 9/19  
Michael Kneeland Jr- 9/14  
Glenn J Kneeland- 8/29  
Steven J Kurek- 8/4  
Charles E Lafolette- 8/2  
Kevin R Lafrance- 9/23  
Donald S Le Blanc- 9/19  
John W Lemieux- 8/8  
Francis N Leone- 8/31  
Rev Gary F Lord- 8/14  
Joseph G Nassar- 8/5  
Joseph E Nasser Jr- 9/6  
Thomas C Panzini- 8/8  
Alan J Phair- 9/24  
Christopher J Phair- 9/21  
Edward T Pratt- 8/16  
Alfred P Righini- 9/18  
Richard J Robichaud- 8/9  
Mark F Roth- 9/22  
Rev Paul F Ruzzo- 9/7  
Robert J Scharn Jr- 8/18  
William F Shearer- 9/6  
William E Silvestri- 8/20  
Chanel L Simard- 9/11  
Brian E Stanton- 8/15  
Louis A Stella- 8/15  
Gerald Wesley Suszek- 8/10  
William D Turner- 9/26  
Charles M Wheeler- 9/11

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

The monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast has been held at St. Joseph parish in Salem for over 20 years. The group meets at St. Julie Hall, gathering between 7:30 and 8:00 AM for coffee and conversation. Breakfast starts at 8:00 with opening remarks, song and blessing. After breakfast, there is a service of prayer, followed by a guest speaker or a discussion topic, and at 9:30, you are ready to tackle your Saturday chores. The breakfast is a great opportunity for Christian men to gather for fellowship, for encouragement in our walk with Christ, and for inspiration to live out the Gospel message in our community. It's food for the body and the soul – why not give it a try? Breakfast dates for this season are: 9/29/07, 10/27/07, 12/1/07 (not 11/24), 12/29/07, 1/26/08, 2/23/08, 3/29/08, 4/26/08, 5/31/08. For more information, check with Dick Collopy, 898-7020

## St Joseph's School Auditorium

Effective immediately, any and all use of the school auditorium must go through the school. After discussion with Fr. John and Gerry Bergeron, it seemed only sensible that they take charge of booking events/use of the school gym. This is especially important once school begins as they have sports practices and games along with school fairs, religious

education, etc. We will no longer be handling it through the parish office.

However, if you do book the use of the auditorium with the school, please inform the parish office so we can put it in our book so that we stay informed as to what is happening when.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

## Hall Rental Policy Contact & New Key Entry

Please note that if you are interested in renting the hall, you should contact George Masciarelli at 603- 893-3035. During the winter months, Chanel Simard should be contacted at 603-898-4950. The basic charge is \$125 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.

## Letters to GOD

Dear GOD,  
In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation?  
-Jane

Dear GOD,  
Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?  
-Anita

Dear GOD,  
I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.  
-Nan

Dear GOD,  
My brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right. They're just kidding, aren't they?  
-Marsha

Dear GOD,  
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!

-Eugene



As you know, our Council General Agent representing the State of NH is Matthew J. Poulin, FIC.  
(603) 228-3029  
20 HAMPSHIRE HILLS DR  
BOW NH 03304-4920

We have a new Field Agent covering our Council. He is F.  
Brian Gillis  
12 Webster Ct  
Merrimack NH 03054  
Office 603-429-1017  
Cell 603-494-0332  
Fax 603-429-1017

Please give Brian a call if you need insurance or have any questions regarding your existing policies.

## Our Commitment To You

by Carl A. Anderson

Greed is not exactly a recent phenomenon - it's right there on the age-old list of the "seven deadly sins." In any event, it's been very much in evidence lately in the financial markets, which have been in a panic because of the failure of some lenders who specialized in so-called sub-prime mortgages.

If the problem was limited to companies that unwisely provided mortgages to people who couldn't

afford them, then those companies would simply either have to change their ways or go out of business. But in practice, their loans are sold to investors. And in the last few years, some investment firms have packaged these risky mortgage loans into extremely complex investment vehicles that offer a modestly higher interest rates, but conceal the real risk involved.

Some investors, lured by the higher rates of return, and lulled into complacency by assurances that "cutting edge" financial engineering had minimized the risks involved, allowed a touch of avarice to cloud their judgment. Some of those investors were banks, and some were insurance companies.

The Knights of Columbus insurance program has more than \$64 billion of life insurance in force, puts us in the Fortune 1000. Like all such companies, we invest the premiums paid by our certificate holders in a variety of investment vehicles. Today we have nearly \$14 billion of assets under management. But we have always maintained very high standards for the investments we make, putting our assets only into investment-grade bonds and the highest-quality equities. We do *not* invest in high risk vehicles such as derivatives and junk bonds, nor do we invest in the types of structured transactions that are currently causing such turmoil in the markets. We stay away from them not because we don't understand them - but because we *do* understand them - and the risk they entail.

Ours is an insurance program that is designed *by* brother Knights *for* brother Knights. And we believe that your best interests are served by a prudent and conservative investment philosophy. When Standard & Poor's renewed our AAA rating again last month, they noted that our approach produces

"slightly lower investment yields," but found that overall, we have "consistently generated good investment returns, with low exposure to credit risk." And in a world where "liquidity" is suddenly a major concern in the financial community, S&P declared that we "have very strong liquidity," which "is further enhanced by the high credit quality of [our] investment portfolio."

A few days ago, A.M. Best, which also gave us its top rating again this year, asked us to report our investment in sub-prime mortgages over the past three years. The answer, of course, was zero. Did we have any investments during the same time period in the types of structured bond and loan packages that have sent shock waves through the markets? Once again, we were able to report that we had none at all. Some companies cannot give that answer.

Because we put our members' interests first, and because we earn an excellent return on our investments the hard way - by seeking out the highest-quality investment vehicles - we are able to offer you, our members, a rock-solid foundation on which to build your financial future and protect your family. And we do it while staying well away from any of the seven deadly sins. That is our commitment to you and your family.

## A priest at the preschool

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked, "Why

do you dress funny?"

He told him he was a priest and this is the uniform priests wear. Then the boy pointed to the priest's collar tab and asked, "Do you have an owie?"

The priest was perplexed till he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band-aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are letters giving the name of the manufacturer. The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, "Do you know what those words say?"

"Yes, I do," said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, "Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!"

## Knights of Columbus announces new annuity product

*Vantage offers safety of principal and fixed-rate guarantees*

**New Haven, CT** - In a continuing effort to offer its members and their families convenient, reliable, and stable ways to enhance their financial security, the Knights of Columbus has introduced a new annuity product: the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity.

Vantage is designed to provide Knights with a safe and simple way to save for retirement. It features a lifetime minimum rate

of return as well as a five-year guaranteed interest rate from date of issue. Additionally, after the first year of the contract, Vantage owners may withdraw up to 10% of the policy value annually without penalty.

"Vantage combines the advantages of fixed-rate guarantees with the security of principal that only a top-rated life insurer like the Knights of Columbus can provide," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "What's more, with Vantage, our members can provide themselves an income stream that they cannot outlive."

The Vantage annuity will appeal to members who seek to defer taxes on their retirement savings, or to preserve the tax-favored status of IRA and RRSP proceeds. Unlike many savings plans provided by commercial banks, a Vantage annuity offers a guaranteed lifetime minimum interest rate.

## Council & State Web Sites

Don't forget to visit the Council Website at: [www.kofc4442.org](http://www.kofc4442.org). 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.

## Church Bulletin OOPS

Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and

community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday. .

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge--Up Yours."

## Columbian Squire Circle News



No activity reports submitted

# Fourth Degree Assembly #0641

## News



### IN MEMORIAM

Sir Knight Warren Parsons was laid to rest on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the presence of his family, friends, neighbors and a U. S. Navy Honor Guard. The Bishop Peterson Assembly, of which Warren was a member also turned out in force to remember a Brother. An Honor Guard of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members, headed by State Master William McCarthy and Corps Commander Wilfred Bamford, was present at the wake and at the funeral. Others in the Honor Guard were Sir Knights Ken Akerly, Donald Gagne, Larry Belair, Robert Fournier, Chanel Simard, Dennis Groulx and Donald Boland. Brother Belair read a Memorial Resolution from the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and Brother Bamford presented the family with an inscribed Holy Bible from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. A generous number of Brother Knights and their spouses also attended both events. As we are told every time the Knights come to acknowledge the passing of a Brother, our presence means so much to the family. Clearly, the Parsons family was deeply moved by the Council support.

Warren was a quiet and genuine man. He always treated people with the same warmth and respect that others showed him. His wife, Lorraine, and their 4 children and many grandchildren spoke of how

Warren had prepared himself for the inevitable. Despite having only 3 weeks notice, he was the picture of total acceptance in his last few days – a tribute to his strong faith in God. May God welcome him into heaven with open arms.

## Sandown Parade

The Sandown Parade was attended by 3 Sir Knights, Wayne Griffin, Stillman Kealey and Donald Gagne along with the Council 4442 Float. The Knights in Regalia and the float made quite an impression among the spectators and we have been invited to again join them August 9<sup>th</sup>, in the year 2008. So Brother Sir Knights, polish your regalia and plan to attend, the parade it is only about 1/2 mile long and moves along very well. No excuses for next year, you have fair warning, lets show them that we are Knights of Columbus and PROUD OF IT.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> Degree Upcoming Events

### October

October 14- State Pilgrimage  
Pepperell, MA

October 20= Tom Ingham  
Testimonial Plaistow, NH 4:00 PM

October 21- Seven Trumpet Mass,  
Manchester, NH

### November

November 3- State Ball St. Louis  
Nashua, NH

November 11- Veterans Parade  
TBD

November 17- Fourth Degree  
Exemplification, Littleton, NH 10:00  
AM

November 24- Derry Parade,  
Derry, NH

November 25- Salem Parade,  
Salem, NH

### December

December 16- Seven Trumpet  
Mass, Manchester, NH

December 24- Midnight Mass,  
Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, NH

### January 2008

January 6- Seven Trumpet Mass,  
Manchester, NH

January 22- Salem Pro Life  
Program

### February 2008

February 16- Granite Award

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**March 2008**

March 16- Seven Trumpet Mass,  
Manchester, NH

March 29- Founder's Daym New  
Haven, CT

**April 2008**

April 14- Seven Trumpet Mass,  
Manchester NH

**May 2008**

May 2-4- State Convention,  
Nashua, NH

May xx- Confirmation Holy Angels  
Plaistow, NH

May xx- Confirmation, Windham,  
NH

May xx- Confirmation, Mary Queen  
of Peace, Salem, NH

May xx- Confirmation, St. Thomas  
Aquinas, Derry, NH

May 18- Fourth Degree  
Exemplification TBD

May 30- Memorial Day Parade  
TBD

**June 2008**

June 9- Seven Trumpet Mass,  
Manchester, NH

June 21- Salem Cancer Relay for  
Life, Salem, NH Athletic Field 3 PM

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Installation**

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, officers of  
Assembly #0641 were installed  
prior to the beginning of the  
monthly meeting. Please refer to  
last months Newsletter for the  
names of the officers receiving the  
installation. Following are a few  
pictures taken from that  
Installation:



**Lowell  
Spinners Game  
Great Time**

Well, once again the weather was  
beautiful and 128 Brother Knights and  
their families & friends enjoyed a

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great evening at a Lowell Spinners game held on August 23rd. As you know, the Spinners are a Red Sox Class A farm team and it is always exciting to see some of the future players of the Red Sox. Alan Phair chaired the event again this year but would look forward to handing the duties over to someone else next year. It is not a hard project to take on and it would be a great thing for one of the newer members to tackle. If you are interested, give Alan a call at 603-893-0474 or email him at [APhair@aol.com](mailto:APhair@aol.com). You can also contact Grand Knight Joe Stafford if you are interested.

## Happy Anniversary Wishes

**To those who have made their  
1<sup>st</sup> degree in the Month of  
August and September**

Wilfred E Bamford 1963  
John P Boudreau 2004  
Daniel F Buck 2005  
Gregg F Buscanera 2006  
Peter J Carrozza 2002  
Michael A Collins 1975  
Kenneth M Corsaro 2006  
Paul T Donovan 2002  
Anthony S Fabrizio 2006  
John J Galvin 1957  
Robert P Gatta 2004  
Curtis P Goulet 2002  
John C Hatem 2003  
Charles E Lafolette 2003  
John W Lemieux 1957  
Thomas W Loughlin 1991  
Fausto E Molinet Jr 1961  
Richard J Palmer 1991  
Warren H Parsons 1962  
Richard J Pfaff 2005  
Alan J Phair 1991  
James R Quinn 2005  
Kenneth R Sarcione 1993  
William F Shearer 1991  
James H Solloway 1986  
Phillip R St Cyr 2004  
Gregory Sullivan 2001

Robert J Tomaskow Jr 2004

## Tootsie Roll Drive Fund Distribution

At the September Council meeting, the body voted to go along with the Tootsie Roll Committees recommendation for distribution of the money collected. This years annual Tootsie Roll Drive held at the end of April netted \$12,000. The money will be distributed as follows:  
Camp Fatima 15%,  
Salem Blue Devils Special Olympics 20%,  
S.A.R.C. 20%,  
Kimmy Nichols Center 10%,  
Region 10, 10%  
Play Among the Stars theatre group 25%.

It should be noted that the cost of the Tootsie Rolls and a portion of the receipts go to the State K of C for their Charity work. For many of these organizations, our checks are a major source of their revenue. Thanks again to everyone who helped with this years event..

## Cooks Trailer Park Face Lift

The "Believers Meeting Church" in Salem NH led by Lydia and Jim O'Leary has formed a charitable organization called Adorn. During the August Council meeting, Brother Deacon Dave Costello brought to our attention that this organization was going to help the needy in Cook's Trailer Park on Rt 28 repair and clean their trailers that have been damaged by recent floods in the area. Brother Dave indicated that it would be nice if someone from a Catholic

Organization would join in helping. As usual, the Knights of Columbus take every advantage to help the needy so Brothers Ken Akerley, Al Faucher, George Masciarelli, Chanel Simard, Paul St Amand and Don Gagne joined forces in the morning, put on Adorn shirts and helped paint and clean 3 trailers. Later in the evening, Brother Deacon David Costello joined the Youth Group of MQP and St Joseph's in helping with the repairs.

During the week the same K of C Early Birds went to the Garabedian warehouse to help clean up, unload and divide a tractor trailer full of donations which Brother Deacon Dave Costello helped to distribute. In addition, Brothers Ken Akerley and Chanel Simard used their truck to bring all the garbage to the dump.

Kudos to Lydia and Jim for the unprecedented effort to solicit both help and contributions as well as using all the financial donations to their church in order that the needy be cared for in their time of hardship.

The Knights of Columbus are grateful that they were invited and able to be a part of this effort of humanity.





## State Ball

Saturday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM at the St. Aloysius Parish Hall, on Hollis Street in Nashua. They're serving a roast pork dinner and the ticket price is \$28. For more information contact: SK Robert F Jursik, Deputy District Five NH Knights of Columbus [rjursik@comcast.net](mailto:rjursik@comcast.net)

### Robert C. Bryant State Retreat Peace and renewal

*Had enough? Enough noise? Enough work? Enough of the mundane troubles around you taking away from what's really important? Do you want the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, to inspire you more? More time to hear His voice? More of His peace? His renewal?*

*For years, the brothers of the New Hampshire Knights of Columbus*

*have gathered together for one weekend a year to rediscover their faith and energize their hearts. Thanks to the elegant and beautiful Franciscan Retreat and convention Center in Andover,*

*Massachusetts,*

*the State Council prays, learns, and re-oriens itself to following the Gospel. You need to be there, too—united with your brothers in becoming better Catholics and men. Study the scripture. Worship at Mass. Leave on Sunday afternoon a wiser, more Spirit-filled man. Because when it comes to His truth, you can never have enough.*

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment to  
NH K of C State Retreat  
Wil Bamford, Chairman  
26 Alta Ave.  
Salem, NH; 03079.  
Please make checks payable to "NH State Council" with "State Retreat" written in the memo field. Reservations include all Saturday meals and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Single occupancy (\$165)

Double occupancy (\$150)

For double, please list the Knight's name sharing the room.

Sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name  
Council #, Location  
Street Address  
Telephone  
City, State Zip

## Electronics

The following is a place to donate

old (working) electronics so you can claim it on your taxes.

<http://donationnetworks.org/tododate.html>

## **PLEASE PLEASE**

The mailing list for this news letter is very difficult to keep up with, if you have moved, **please** send your new address (and Phone number) to

[donald.gagne@verizon.net](mailto:donald.gagne@verizon.net)

or call Don Gagne at (603) 898-8410.

If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, please let us know, or **don't** send a forwarding address because any returned mail will be deleted from the mailing list. In addition, if you know of a Brother that is not receiving the Newsletter, we would like to know that also.

## K of C Prayer Line

Please give a moment of prayer asking God to send down his healing powers for all the following and those who lie in the silence of our hearts:

Fran Robichaud

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J. A Earley  
Stillman Kealey  
Agnes Clark  
Ann Marie Marrone  
Kathy  
Warren Parsons  
Betty Maille  
Bob Goulding  
Ann Spata  
Sara Murray  
Doris Mignault  
Lorraine Dibenedetto  
Denise Sarcione  
Richard Phaff

## Barbaric Britain

**New Haven, CT - September 7, 2007-** "The decision by Great Britain's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to permit the cloning of hybrid embryos - part human and part animal - represents a staggering descent toward high-tech barbarism," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said today.

"It is a shocking assault on the fundamental dignity of the human person, and the utilitarian excuse given for the decision is emblematic of the utterly amoral 'standards' that some in the scientific community are all too willing to apply in the field of stem cell research," Anderson continued. "It is nonsense to claim that, having crossed the momentous threshold of creating human/animal hybrids, it will be somehow possible to control it with 'caution and careful scrutiny.' Worst of all, the decision is driven by a grudging recognition that the appetite of some stem cell researchers for human embryos far exceeds the number that they can obtain from fertility clinics. And so British researchers will now be

permitted to compound one horror - experimentation on live embryonic human beings - with another: the creation of human/animal hybrids."

The Knights of Columbus, with more than 1.7 million members worldwide, is among the most active pro-life groups in the U.S., Canada and other countries, and provides substantial support for the National Catholic Bioethics Center as well as for a wide variety of pro-life groups and projects.

## Knights of Columbus Reaffirms Opposition to Abortion, Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Resolution calls for laws to protect rights of conscience for medical personnel.

Delegates to the 125<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Knights of Columbus Thursday, Aug. 9, unanimously adopted a resolution on Building a Culture of Life reaffirming its "deep commitment to oppose any

governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life."

The resolution, adopted during the final session of the convention at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, also called for "the adoption of laws that recognize and protect in law the right of conscience for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical personnel, guaranteeing that they may not be forced to provide medical services which violate their religious beliefs." The resolution also called for "similar protection for Catholic hospitals."

The Knights of Columbus also reaffirmed its "long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia.

Convention delegates also adopted resolutions expressing "Support for Natural Marriage," "Honoring Our Armed Forces," calling for "Decency in the Media and on the Internet," and calling for "continued use of 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The convention celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, which was founded in New Haven, Conn., in 1882. Among the highlights of the convention was attendance by Vatican Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone, who delivered a major address Wednesday evening, and who expressed strong support for the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights, Father Michael J. McGivney. Cardinal Bertone, the Vatican's number two official, received the Knights of Columbus' highest honor, the Gaudiam et Spes award, on Tuesday evening.

On a side note: Please continue to

support our Brother Knight, Charlie Espinola in his efforts to put an end to all of this.

## Council Activities

For those of you who have chaired or are chairing an activity for your council, please, obtain from your Grand Knight a "State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form" or, use the one at the end of this newsletter, fill it out, and return it to your Grand Knight

## Knights of Columbus sends disaster relief to Peruvian earthquake victims

*More than 500 killed and 85,000 displaced*

**New Haven, CT - August 29, 2007** - The Knights of Columbus announced today that it has ou who have chaired or are chairdonated \$25,000 in relief assistance to victims of the Aug. 15, 2007 earthquake along the country's Pacific coast.

The 7.9-magnitude earthquake resulted in more than 500 deaths and left some 85,000 people homeless.

The K of C contribution was sent to Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne, the Catholic Archbishop of Lima, to assist the Church's outreach to earthquake victims.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said that along with financial aid, the Order conveyed "a pledge of prayer and solidarity with the faithful of Peru as they struggle to recover from the devastating effects of this earthquake."

"In keeping with the Knights of Columbus' first principle of charity, we seek to bring hope and comfort to those who have suffered loss," Anderson continued. "We encourage all men and women of good will to join us in helping the survivors to rebuild their lives."



## A Little Note from Salem's Fire Chief, Kevin Breen



*It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from October 7-13 The Salem Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to 'Practice Your Escape Plan.' During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.*

*According to the latest NFPA research, 3,030 people died in 2005 in home fires – that's roughly eight people every day. Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important, yet only 23% of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.*

*"Many times when we speak to residents who have experienced a fire in their home, they recall becoming confused and disoriented by the conditions and severity of the situation – but they realized they needed to get out fast,". "Sometimes there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape."*

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*Are you prepared for a fire? Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the information below and taking action based on it to plan for a fire is strongly recommended... and don't forget to practice your escape plan during Fire Prevention Week!*

- *Install working smoke alarms on every level; and inside each bedroom and outside of each sleeping area.*
- *Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.*
- *Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.*
- *Practice your plan, at least twice a year.*
- *Some studies have shown that some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.*
- *If the smoke alarm sounds: Go to your closest exit, and if there is smoke on your way out, turn and use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings; just get out and help others get out. Move fast but stay calm.*

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*and safety observance on record.*

Cleary

There is a verse from a poem by Robert Browning. You may be familiar with it. "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be."

It may seem strange to you, my friends, to be talking about aging when we are about to celebrate a birth- the birth of our creator and our redeemer, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus died in what we would term the 'Prime of Life', his early 30's. He never personally experienced aging. He never spoke specifically about aging. He never precisely gave us any guidelines on how to approach aging or how to live it when it arrives.

It may be presumptuous of me, but I will try to propose to you what I believe Jesus would probably have said on this topic, so close for most of you my dear friends. Even for my younger friends, most of you now in your 40's (You've out lived Jesus), aging is not that far away. You may dislike facing it, but it is fact.

First, a prayer of petition: "My Dearest Lord Jesus, teach us to grow and to grow old gracefully". Our society tries very hard to tell us, and, unfortunately, generally succeeds in telling us that to be a person of value; we have to do, to accomplish, and to be useful within society. I am reminded of a recent TV ad, where a grandson asks his grandfather, "Grandpa, don't you ever work?" The first and, I feel, the most indispensable reality to keep in mind as you grow and grow older is that "your being" or 'who you are' is FAR more important than 'what you do' or 'who you become in this world; that 'who your are' is what will bring you through graceful aging into eternal life more than 'what you are doing' or even 'have done',

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although 'what you have done' is surely a reflection of 'who you are' witness Mother Teresa. Jesus is going to judge you more on 'who you are' and 'who you have been' than on 'what you have done'.

(The following is extremely personal, but your reflection on it may be helpful for you)

When I see that it is time for someone younger and stronger and full of new ideas to take my place in the working community, help me to let it happen- 'The best is yet to be'.

Jesus, let my contribution to the world be my optimism, my enthusiasm, my positive outlook on the future. Let others look and learn from me that "The best is yet to be".

Jesus, let me not grow cranky and embittered when illness pains me and slows me down. Help me to remain cheerful and grateful that you have allowed me to share your cross, no matter how difficult that may be, for "The best is yet to be".

Jesus, let me not live in the past, even though memory reminds me of beautiful friendships and intimate moments, of wonderful travels and spectacular sights of ocean waves and mountain heights, of helping the people you gave to me, in spite of many defects and faults, to have been brought closer to you. You have been wonderful to me, but "The best is yet to be".

Jesus, if you see fit to take away my mental capacity, my ability to feel and to say 'I love you' to those I truly love, especially you, remember that I always loved you and my other family and friends with an inextinguishable love, and still do, in spite of my inability to express it. For, I still, in my inmost

being, know that "The best is yet to be".

And finally, Jesus, when my last breath comes, I know not how nor when, please look kindly on my life. I was not close to perfect, yet, in my being more than my doing, I loved you as well as a person could. Help this to be on my lips at that last moment-"I love you Jesus". Lift me into an eternity, Lord Jesus, where truly "The best is yet to be".

My dear friends, as we celebrate the life of God in this world at the birth of Jesus, let us also celebrate our lives, our families, our friends, all our joys and all our sorrows. Let us face the years ahead with Faith, with Hope, and with that Christian Optimism that proclaims on His Nativity and always that "The best is yet to be".

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