From the desk of the Grand Knight

Worthy Brother Knights:

Please join me in congratulating our new Knight of The Year – Joe Stafford! Joe runs our Scholarship program, our Summer Picnic and he’s a past Grand Knight. He has a full-time job that is quite demanding. He has a farm in Gilford and most importantly, he’s a husband and father. I once asked him how he found the time to be a Knight. “Oh, I couldn’t give that up; I promised my father!” I imagine his father is rather proud of him right now looking down from on high.

Unfortunately, we’re forced to cancel this year’s Knight of The Year Banquet because of the pandemic. Admittedly, inside dining and function halls are opening, but Supreme’s restrictions wisely require us to err on the side of caution. We don’t want any more of our Knights and their families to become victims of this dreaded COVID-19 virus.

Although the virus has seriously curtailed some of our activities, we’re still plodding along where we can. Butch Kealey and his crew have already collected 183 pints of blood so far. Additionally, we’re lending our Council Hall to other organizations for their blood drives. I wonder how many lives are being saved just from the blood collected at the Bishop Peterson Hall?

And of course, it feels good to be making money again. Our bingo operations have restarted and are doing well. We’re way behind where we were last year, but the crowds seem to be building steadily. We’re diligently following the guidelines to ensure we keep everyone safe. We’re grateful we’re doing as well as we are. We thank Paul Simard, Lou Stella and all who work at bingo. And we thank Almighty God for blessing our efforts to raise money to help those in need.

Please pray for the end of this terrible COVID-19 scourge that is hurting so many. And thank you for all you do for our Council and the people and organizations we serve!

Vivat Jesus,
Ron

Knight of the Year 2019-2020
Joe Stafford

See article on Page 8
Council Meeting Notes – Sept 9
UNOFFICIAL
(Taken from notes of ZOOM meeting host – Paul St.Amand)
Officers not attending were Dan Norris, Fr. Marc, Dan Buck, and Dave Thompson, all excused. Minutes of August meeting were read by Worthy Recorder Pete Klecan and accepted. There were 31 people attending this ZOOM meeting.

Chaplin Time:
Fr. Marc was away tonight.

GK Opening Remarks:
- Coronavirus Update – We are still advised by Supreme to avoid all person-to-person gatherings. - so no live banquets or parties or meetings.
- NH State KofC Charity Ball, scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, at Ste. Marie’s has been Canceled.
- The NH KofC State Council has an essay contest for students, grade 8 to 12. A 500-750 word essay is requested on the topic of how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Here is the Link at Supreme. Essays will be judged at our state level.
- Remember to send any activity report to Mike Banks, through the address “activityreport@kofc442.org.”

“Thank You” letters and notes received:
- Salve Regina Academy for our $5,000 gift.
- Camps Bernadette and Fatima for our $200 gift.
- Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love for our $500 gift.
- Cole Williams for his scholarship.
- Alicia Faucher for her scholarship.
- Emily Miller for her scholarship.
- Adrianna Ricardo for her scholarship.
- Kelly & Shawn for Mass for their father.
- Olivia Pendergast for her scholarship.
- Daughters of Mary — update from Sister Mary Eucharista.

Tip of the hat
- Dr. Stan Gorgol for inviting Butch Kealey Gorgol to his office to attend our ZOOM Council Meetings, and to Holly for making it all work.
- Charlie Walsh for ordering the shirts and managing the effort. Charlie mentioned that there are some shirts still available. Send him an email to request a shirt, giving your size and preferred color.
- Mike Banks for his work on the Santa Maria and Touch A Truck during COVID. See page 7 for a report and link to the You Tube clip.
- Paul St. Amand and Mike Banks for backing up our systems. Mike has been given the launch command codes and passwords, so if Paul is taken out, Mike can get access to our web and do a counter-strike.
- Bob Fournier for handling the Monthly Bingo Reports. The NH State commission has decreed that a council financial officer and not the bingo manager submit the reports. More work for Bob, less for Paul and Lou.
Treasurer’s and Financial Secretary’s Reports: Bob Fournier and Charlie Walsh

Bob and Charlie reported on the finances. Charlie reported that the membership is at 236, unchanged from last month. (The money numbers are kept, “for the record,” by the Worthy Recorder in the official minutes.)

Committee Reports – DGK Rick Veilleux conducting

Membership/Admissions – Norm Comeau
One candidate, approved by the admissions committee, was presented. A member raised an objection. Rather than rush a vote, that member will discuss with Norm his reservations, and Norm will then discuss with the candidate for clarification. The vote will be at the October meeting.

Culture of Life - Ron Bourque and Dennis Groulx

- 40 Days for Life begins 9/23 at 6:00 PM at Planned Parenthood on Pennacook St. in Manchester. We are invited to walk and pray at the site.
- St. Gianna’s Place Benefit Banquet – was rescheduled to Thursday, October 13th, but has now been postponed.
- Haverhill Pregnancy Care Center will have a Virtual Banquet – October 15th at 7:00 PM. Details later.

Website and Newsletter – Paul St.Amand

Newsletter deadline is moved UP to High Noon, Friday. (not Sunday)

The 4442 web service is down on Sundays for upgrade and maintenance, so I need to have the newsletter done by Saturday. People don’t send me information by Sunday anyway; they either do it quickly (by Friday) or they forgot about it, and I have to call them up. The “deadline” of Friday helps insure the newsletter gets out to you readers “on-time.”

I announced at the meeting that I was looking for a “mail room manager,” someone who will gather the finished paper copies of the newsletter from the FedEx print center, put on stamps and labels, and then mail the copies to the 27 folks on our list. Dennis Groulx had been doing it, but with his operations, he can’t get around easily.

I give my sincere THANK YOU to Tom Campbell, who volunteered to step into this role!

Tootsie Rolls – Peter Klecan

Bottom line: As reported in the August newsletter, the traditional Tootsie Roll Drive of 2020 is canceled.

The alternate plan is that we simply give money from our own funds directly to the local charities we supported, such as “Play Among the Stars,” and “Bridging the Horizons.” There might be an appeal online or in the church bulletins for help in raising money. So our donations do not involve “Tootsie Rolls” at all; our stockpile waits until next year. (See the “notice of motion” under New Business on page 4. -ed)

Bingo – Ron Bourque:

Ron gave a report. See “From the Desk of the Grand Knight” on page 1 for the report.

Check out the Bingo Face Book page at: Bingo at the Kiwanis Hall.
Texas Hold-Em – Larry Belair

Larry will be filing the state paperwork for the coming 2021 year. Our next events are in November.

Blood Drive – Butch Kealey

Butch reports that our KofC blood drive of Thursday, July 23, produced 59 pints. And the Red Cross told us our total is at 183 pints donated. The Salem Fire and Police Departments are using our hall for their drives; we thank them for their service. And we have been contacted by Rotary / Lions / AAA for the use of the hall for blood drives.

Our next council blood drive is Sept 17. Butch now has the staff he needs for this event. For future events, contact him before the event at 898+4976 or BLOOD DRIVE email. Butch will schedule the folks accordingly.

TAPS Tuition Aid for Parochial Students – Mike Petrilli

The TAPS checks have been mailed out to the recipients. We awarded $5,500 total.

State Raffle Tickets LAST CALL – Mike Petrilli

Mike reported on the latest total of $2185 being collected. Anyone who has tickets for the drawing, return them to Mike. The drawing for winners will be “virtually” at the Charity non-Ball on Oct 3.

Corporation Report: - Mike Petrilli

There are plans to add a drop-down screen to the hall and projector, so that presentations could be done and easily seen. The screen most likely will be placed above the wall behind the Grand Knight’s usual podium position. (East wall.)

Old Business:

NOTICEs OF MOTION

By Gene Bryant: The Notice of Motion for $10,000 for the Haverhill Pregnancy Care Center was removed from the table for action. The PCC is changing its name to the MVPCC, since it now serves the Merrimack Valley in Haverhill, Lawrence, and Lowell. Our $10,000, along with Supreme’s matching grant of $10,000 will provide the commitment for the PCC to raise any remaining funds needed from their community, Massachusetts KofC councils, and local churches. The check probably won’t be needed until this winter or early 2021. - Motion was passed unanimously.

By George Masciarelli: The Notice of Motion for up to $4,000 to remove the tree from the front of the council hall and grind the stump down below the grass line was removed from the table for action. - After discussion, motion was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority of those voting.

New Business:

Notice of Motion - by Gene Bryant

Notice of Motion is made for $10,000, to be distributed to usual recipients of our annual fundraising efforts for intellectually challenged citizens. COVID has made that fundraising event impossible this year, and we do not want to see these service organizations have to cut programs when they are needed more than ever.

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Insurance Report – Field Agent Stephen White
(Steve was unable to attend tonight.) From August: Steve will be contacting GK Ron about setting up some virtual information nights. He would give updates and answer questions on general financial topics. For example, what are the differences between a revocable and an irrevocable trust? Is a trust needed or can a will suffice? What are the pros and cons? How does the new SECURE act affect transfer of IRA assets to my heirs? What about RMDs for 2020?

Stephen’s contact information is on the first page of the newsletter as well as on the advertisers’ page and our council web site.

District Deputy Report – George Fredette
Remote and socially distant “Greetings” from State Deputy Joe Kowalik
George announced a ZOOM meeting on the membership drive program for September 12. Norm Comeau, our admissions director, requested a copy, if possible. Norm is away on that date.

By hosting a fraternal benefits night, the council would gain eligibility for Supreme’s Founder’s Award.

George also quoted from a former fourth degree Knight, Vince Lombardi, Monsignor Basche Council #4505 in Green Bay WI:

“After all the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty, after the headlines have been written, and after you are back in the quiet of your room, and the championship ring has been placed on your dresser, and after all the pomp and fanfare have faded, the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can, to make the world a better place in which to live.”

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

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Knights Links - Happenings in our State and Supreme
Click here to access the State Council’s News Brief

Click links for Supreme’s “Leave no Neighbor Behind”, and “Into The Breach,” and “Everyday Heroes” videos.
**Memorial Stones – Larry Belair and George Masciarelli**

George announced that at the request of the family of Ralph “Skip” Lord, he wants to arrange for a memorial stone for Skip to be placed on the memorial walkway at the hall. The members agreed that it would be proper to do so. A discussion arose as to how to go about doing it. Larry Belair has recently gone through the process. (See article immediately below – ed) The current price is $285 for the engraving of the stone, and the process takes about two months. All members were reminded that the council does not “buy” the stone with council funds; the money needed is donated by family and friends. (The policy is posted on our website. I think Alan Phair did the original write up - ed)

**Remembering Wilfred E. Bamford – Larry Belair**

Back in May, we lost our Brother “Bill” Bamford at a time when showing him respect for his years of faithful service to the Knights of Columbus was very difficult. The Covid-19 changed life as we knew it, and many Brothers were under the impression that funerals were held for family and invited guests only. Many of you might have attended if we knew the rules of the time. Some of us were still away or quarantined. Whatever the circumstances, many of us wished we could have done more.

During the summer, I solicited about a dozen Knights who knew Bill well, and we raised money to purchase a memorial stone for the Memorial Garden at the Council Home. The money came in so quickly that I stopped asking. In fact there is a small amount left over that will be donated to a charity of Gertrud’s choosing in Bill’s name.

On Sunday, October 4th at 1 PM (weather permitting) all members of the Council and Assembly are invited to a brief, but appropriate, farewell service for Bill in front of the Council home. Please come to show your respects to his family. Fr. Mark Montminy will lead us in prayerful reflection. Tuxes and jackets and masks and social distancing will be appropriate choices for the day. Light refreshments will be served outside. Anyone wishing to add a little something to the donation is welcome to do so.

**The Santa Maria – our KofC “Touch a Truck” – by Mike Banks**

Mike pulled the Santa Maria out of dry dock, cleaned her up, decorated it, then took a video, with daughter Addison being “Vanna White,” for a “show and tell” as part of St. Joseph Regional Catholic School’s virtual Touch-a-Truck event. Click Here (or the photo) to see the 2-minute video.

*Addy - Anchors aweigh!*
St. Joseph Regional Catholic School – Gene Bryant

Gene gave a report on this school; our council contributes time, talent, and treasure to support the school. The school is “open for business” with in-school learning, following all the Covid-19 health guidelines of the state. There are 158 students attending, some of whom are children of parents who took their kids out of the public school system for various reasons of health questions, plan uncertainty, as well as a desire for a Catholic education. The hope is that after the return to “normal,” those new transfers will have come to value the experience at St. Joe’s and want to remain.

A lot of work has been in renovations. The school has the latest fire suppression system, the playground has been upgraded, the kitchen is remodeled and is in full compliance with the town board of health.

All of this is due to the leadership of a great principal, “Mrs C,” Mary Croteau.

Painting the Rectory – Al Cormier

Al repeated the request sent out by email to the members, that help is needed to paint inside the rectory. In addition to “sprucing up” the St. Joe’s and MQP church campuses, Fr. Marc has embarked on an internal face-lift of the rectory. Work has already started on painting MANY of the rooms in this residence, and they are looking for more volunteers who can paint. Hopefully, with enough hands, this project could be completed over the next couple of weeks or so.

If anyone is willing to join this effort for a few hours, a day, or even on a Saturday, please call Paul Lavoie at the Parish Office: 603-893-8661, EXT. 104. Please leave a message: your name, phone #, and time available. Paul Lavoie will get back to you to coordinate.

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to our members getting another year older in the coming month:

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In Past Months... in Future Months.

Congratulations, Knight of the Year, Joe Stafford

At the beginning of the September business meeting by ZOOM, GK Ron reported on the Knight of the Year selection. Ron described the works of the most recent Knights of the Month (KOM), listing their accomplishments and contributions to the council and community. The council is fortunate to have members such as KOMs Jay Cappello, Joe Stafford, Norm Comeau, Mike Banks, Julian Roy, Dan Norris, Tom Campbell, Rick Veilleux, Mike Schwing, and Ed Lynch.

After the list was read, Ron handed over the meeting to current Knight of the Year, Charlie Walsh. Charlie then announced the newest KOY, Joe Stafford. A round of virtual applause was given for Joe.

Joe is a 34-year member of the Knights and was the Grand Knight for 2007-2008. He leads a busy life with family, farm, work, and service to the nation as a member of the Coast Guard, working to protect the ocean harbors and port of entry. (He also serves as the coach for our council’s synchronized swimming team.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we could not honor him at this time with a banquet. So, I offer a few select photos. Congrats, Joe! We will toast / roast you in the future! -ed)

ZOOM Meeting Decorum – Paul St.Amand – ZOOM host / moderator

Brothers, When we are in the council hall during the meeting, we are all seated facing the Grand Knight at the podium. When we wish to speak, we raise our hand, stand up, and address the GK to get his attention, with “Worthy Grand Knight.” The GK will then recognize us to speak. Only then do we begin to speak.

At the September business meeting, conducted on-line, I observed a break-down in meeting order several times, especially when a topic of wide interest came up. In these on-line sessions, we are all comfortably seated in our homes, facing the screen or gazing off into the distance. The GK appears as just another small “box” on our computer screen, one among 20 or 30 boxes, “Brady Bunch” style. When we feel the impulse, we “push the space-bar” to unmute and we speak our mind, or interrupt another brother already speaking. We seldom wait for recognition. And our business meeting devolves into one-on-one debates on side issues of the main topic, wasting time. As zoom meeting host and moderator, I accept the blame for letting this happen.

We don’t like to interrupt, and we like even less to be interrupted. And the on-line format makes it easy to chit-chat and speak up… as we do socially before the meeting starts. At the last business meeting, several brothers patiently waved their hand on the screen, waiting for recognition, as is proper. But they didn’t get a chance to speak for the first time, as others spoke on the same topic for the 2nd or 3rd or 4th time. Again, the fault is mine.

At our next meeting, I will allow the open mic to continue when we start; however, if I see a breakdown in protocol, then I will switch the meeting to a Roberts Rules format, where I will, as host, fully control your microphones. I will ask you, the meeting participants, to “raise your hand” for recognition. The ZOOM program shows me the raised hands in the order they are raised. Thus everyone will be allowed to speak, in the order that they are recognized. - OK, end of lecture.

Sporting News from the world of baseball:

Some late scores: Brooklyn Dodgers 4, Boston Braves 2; Washington Senators 2, Kansas City Athletics 0.

... and this partial score just in ...Red Sox 3
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