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Meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
of each month.  
Start time 7:00 PM.  
Rosary at 6:15 PM



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**Council 4442 Knightly News**

**From the desk of the Grand Knigh**

Brothers,

Thank you for your support of our many council activities. Just one example: we had a great turn out to help Dave Demers and his core team to deliver Christmas meals to many people in our greater Salem community. We will have many more opportunities for your participation and fraternal enjoyment.



You will see in our approved budget that we support many charities in NH and beyond.

That money needed for these works is mostly due to the great job our Bingo and Texas Hold-em workers do working thru the State of New Hampshire charitable gaming program. And of course, we thank the many players of those games who donate to our cause as they enjoy their games of chance. God has blessed us and entrusted us as stewards of this abundance of funds.

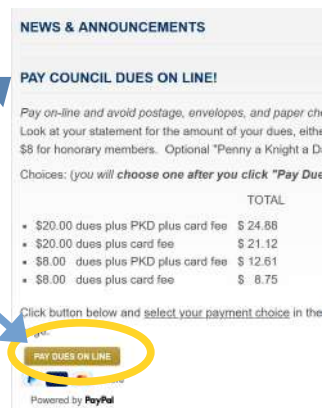
Finally, a word about membership. Any organization needs to grow, especially with younger members, who bring in fresh ideas and enthusiasm. I challenge each of your to bring in ONE new member. We are creatures of habit. Perhaps you have a favorite seat at "your" mass, and you sit with familiar faces around you. Ask the man next to you, "Are you a Knight?" He may not join if he is never asked!

Vivat Jesus!  
Kenneth Tarara

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January Meeting getting started

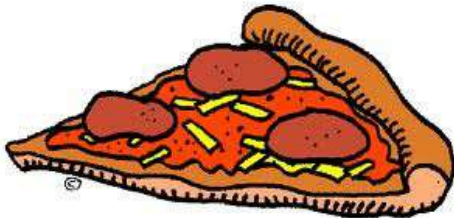
[Council Events Calendar \(WEB\)](#)

### Blood Drive

our hall  
Noon- 5 PM January 16  
(Ed Lynch)

### Movie Unplanned

Afternoon, 1:00 PM, January 18  
our hall  
(Ron Bourque)



### Come Early to the Meeting!

Enjoy fellowship  
(There is still plenty of Pizza after the  
6:15PM Rosary in the hall.)

## Council Meeting Notes - Jan 08

### UNOFFICIAL (plagiarized from Dan Zavisza's meeting minutes)



The meeting began at 1900 with 37 members present in the Hall and two on Zoom.

All officers present except Jay Cappello, Dan Norris, John Polcari, Joseph Balzano, and Msgr. Marc, who were excused. The Lecturer position is presently unfilled.

Opening prayers, Our Father and Hail Mary, and Glory Be by Grand Knight Tarara. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Gagnon.

Minutes of December meeting were accepted and published on the web site.

**Opening Ceremony** Our Father and Hail Mary, and Glory Be by Grand Knight Tarara. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Grand Knight's Report

#### Thank You notes received –

- Catholic Charities
- Pennacook Pregnancy Center
- Birthright
- Liberty House
- The Phil
- K of C Council 9058 Hampstead GK read this thank you for our donation to their council for use with the St. Anne Parish food pantry.
- New Hampshire Right to Life
- Center for Life Management

**Bingo Operation**– We still need an Assistant Bingo Manager for Wednesday and Friday nights. Brother Paul Simard is looking for a permanent Assistant Manager for those nights.

**Divine Dinner Dates.** The Divine Dinners will be held January 24, January 31, February 7 and February 14. They will be held 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Bishop Peterson Corporation Hall, 37 Main St, (where our concil meets.)

**COR Program- Chris Conard.** Section 2 of the COR program for men will start on January 27 at the Knight's meeting Hall, probably at 6:00pm as during the first section. A sign-up sheet was passed around at this meeting. Here is a link to the 2 minute [Video trailer](#) for "Into the Breach."

**Movie Showings – Ron Bourque.** Two movies will be shown at the Knight's meeting hall this month and during Lent. The movie "Unplanned", featuring Right to Life advocate Abby Johnson, will be shown at 1:00 PM on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The movie points out how abortion is being taught in schools, but not right to life. The "Passion of Christ" will be shown on Fridays during Lent. Times to be announced.

**Membership – It's Everyone's Job.** We did a good job of recruiting new members in 2024. That resulted in our winning the state Contest of Champions Award. We need to continue the effort. Grand Knight has challenged each present member to bring in one new membership candidate, starting now.

**Membership Dues Payment Option – Paul St. Amand.** Paul put on the projector screen the new on-line Knights of Columbus annual dues payment option available for use on the Council web site. Now we can pay our dues on line using a credit card or Pay Pal. *(See page 1. FYI... During the meeting, two members decided to pay their dues, unobtrusively, while the meeting was in progress, using their cell phones. It was that easy! - ed)*

**Quarterly Knights State Council Meeting** – The State Council Quarterly Meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> in Manchester at Ste. Marie's Church from 12pm to 4pm. Check State Council web site for details. Open to all members.



**Lenten Fish Fry** – Bob George and Paul Lavoie have volunteered to head up a Fish Fry program for Lent. The planning has started, and if anyone wishes to help contact Bob George.

**2025 Budget – Bob Fournier.** At this point in the meeting, the GK turned the floor over to Treasurer Bob Fournier for a discussion of the budget for 2025. *(This budget for 2025 was made as a "Notice of Motion" at the December meeting. As per proper procedure, the notice of motion was tabled in December, and financial information was distributed in the December newsletter for all members to study. At this January meeting, the motion was made to take the budget motion from the table and open it for discussion before Bob started to talk. .. Really. That's what happened before Bob started speaking. Honest! - ed)*

The finance committee thought it prudent not to expect a repeat of the record breaking income from 2024. Thus, the budget income for 2025 was formulated to include only 85% of the proceeds from Bingo and Charity Poker from the 2024 year, which are the council's major source of income. The budget total income will be targeted at \$528,645.

The budget contains two types of expenses - Donations and Other Expenses. Donations include Major Donations, which are historically recurring and worthy of continued support, of \$302,950; and other donations "off the floor" or likely but not certain during the year of \$77,700. The council also anticipates operating expenses of \$148,245; this adds to a total expense (including the donations) of \$528,895. Upon Budget approval, these donations are individually specified and part of the Budget, and do not need to be voted on as individual motions and notices of motion. After some minor discussion by the members, Rick Veilleux made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget as presented. It was voted and carried unanimously.



**Tip of the Hat** – To Dave Demers and the volunteers who made meals on Christmas and other volunteers who delivered them to shut-ins and people spending Christmas alone on Christmas Day.

### **Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports - Bob Fournier and Al Cormier**

Bob and Al continued on to give their regular reports of the monthly financials. *(Members may view this in the official minutes on our Members Only section of our web site. -ed)*

Our Membership:

- Membership: Total: 261
- Includes Insured: 48, Associates: 201, Inactive: 12, Honorary 11, Honorary Life 56.

A motion to accept these reports was made and carried.



## Committee Reports - GK Ken for DGK John Polcari

**Membership/Admissions Committee** –Thomas Parolisi who was approved for membership at the December meeting was awarded his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree certificate by Norm Comeau at this meeting. Tom is the younger brother of recently joined new member Russel Parolisi. *(Interesting... the photo at right shows Norm wearing Al's Financial Secretary medallion and ribbon. - ed)*



**Blood Drive – Ed Lynch.** The next session will be January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The hours are changed to start at noon and end at 5:00PM. Ed asked for some volunteers to help with preparing and serving meals to blood donors. No need to sign up to help. Just show up!



**Culture of Life – Peter Klecan.** *(By the date of this newsletter, the Pro-Life Rally and March in Concord will have completed on Saturday, Jan 11. -ed)* The State Council encourages us to join the March for Life in Washington, DC January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. On January 18 and 19 all of our Parish masses will include Pro-Life in the intentions.

Chris Conard said Laconia Council 428 had looked to our council 2 council financial help to build a prayer grotto in a village up in the mountains of Peru. Laconia council has been supporting this particular community for the past few years with coats for kids and financial help. They were looking for \$2,200 to augment their own council's fundraising. The committee for C-to-C met and voted in favor of this. The grotto has been completed and we received some photos of the procession of the Statue of Mary and the final prayer grotto. Our donation in action! *(You can read their thank you in the members only section of our web site. -ed)*





**Texas Hold-Em – Larry Belair** (reporting from Florida). We expect about \$105,000 from the charity poker this new year. We will get 3 nights in February and 7 nights in May.

**Corporation Report – Ed Herger for Jay Cappello.** There was a meeting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, where nominations were accepted for membership on the Corporation Board of Directors. Another meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to elect the Corporation Officers (Pres, VP, Treasurer, etc.) from the list of newly appointed members of the Board of Directors. This meeting is open to all Knights who are members of Council 4442.

**Church Event – Social Night Rick Veilleux.** A social night is tentatively planned for May 3<sup>rd</sup> where parishioners can get together and socialize with each other. An event may be included to raise a little money for the parish.

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## Old Business

**Notice of Motion for \$25,000 to St. Kathryn Church – Paul Simard.** Tabled at December meeting to January. A motion was approved to take it off the table for discussion. Last year this Church was struck by lightning and destroyed electrical sound, and HVAC systems inside the church. We contributed \$25,000 last year. Damages have been partly repaired but there is still work to complete the work. St. Kathryn is near the Bingo site and some of their parishioners help with running that. The appropriation Motion was voted and carried unanimously.

## New Business –

**Notice of Motion** for \$5,000 for Love Kirsten charity. Tabled until February meeting. This non-profit charity was started by a 14-year-old Salem resident whose life was cut short in 2023 after a 3-year battle with brain cancer. The charity’s goal is to continue the effort that Kirsten started when completing treatment at Mass General Hospital to support others going through the same treatment with activity bags to promote comfort and some joy to them.

## Good of the Order

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree – Ed Lynch.** The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Hall. Anyone who wants to become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree see Ed. When 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees form an honor guard at the funeral of a passed Knight, Ed says the family tells him how much they really appreciate the Knights doing this.



### Insurance Report – Stephen White

Steve was unable to attend tonight.

### District Deputy Report – George Fredette

George was unable to attend tonight.



## January Knight of the Month:



**Chris Conard**

To recognize outstanding accomplishments of one of our members, the **Knight of the Month for January** is **Chris Conard**. This brother is also a "behind the Scenes Knight."

He arranges and conducts many events including the pre-meeting Rosary, Lectio Devina, Men's Prayer Breakfast, COR, Men's Movie Night, Men of St. Joseph, Retreat organizations, and more. He is our 3-Year Trustee and is a man centered in his Catholic Faith.

We are fortunate to have him in our parish and Council. Because of Chris, we are one of very few Councils to have started the COR program. Thank you, Chris.

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**Monthly Drawing** Al Cormier said there was a mistake last month in identifying the member attached to the number drawn for the \$30 prize. The correct winner was Tom Campbell and since he was present at the time of drawing, he gets the \$30. The January monthly attendance prize drawing was for \$10. The name drawn was Chanel Vachon, who was not present. Next month the attendance prize will be \$20.

**Closing Prayer** – GK Ken led us in the closing prayer. Keep David Demers, Bill Richards, Butch Kealey, Ken Akerley, and all those in our Intentions book in your prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2031. Thank you and God Bless America,

## The Usual Stuff in Every Newsletter...

The usual recurring **Reminders**, Reminders, Reminders, Reminders, Reminders, Reminders ...

**Knights Links** - Happenings in our State and Supreme

Click here to access the [State Council's News](#) [Click link for Supreme "Into The Breach,"](#) and [News Hub](#)

Send **activity reports** to "activityreport@kofc4442.org", include service hours and support of community events.



## More 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 our web site.

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Any charity wishing to use the hall must have a sponsoring Knight of our council / assembly sign for it. George Masciarelli (603.893-3035) will arrange for members to get a key to the hall, on request.

## Our Council... a "Chair-a-table" organization.



Once again, the Knights were called on to set up the chairs in the SJRCS gym for the Christmas Mass for St. Joseph Church.

Taking a chance on names... left to right, top row, Paul Lavoie, Ken Tarara, Julien Roy, a shy Wes Suszek peeking out behind Julien, Pete Klecan, Ed Herger, Norm Comeau, Charlie Collins, Mike Todd, and Bob George. Bottom row are George Clement and Al Cormier.

## David Thompson Memorial Christmas Dinner - David Demers reporting

Christmas Day, we delivered 150 meals to 7 communities; Salem, Windham, Pelham, Hampstead, Derry, Nashua & Manchester. This includes: St Gianna's Place, Liberty House & Center for Life Management clients of Pete Klecan.

Alan Beilevich, Ed Lynch, John Hosty and myself were the knights working it with help from 2 folks from the Lions Club at the hall.



There were too many folks to mention from our knights council, parish, as well as people from town, who made deliveries. All the deliveries were done in One Hour!

Donations from many local businesses helped keep the cost down. There was almost no food leftover... (Sorry firefighters, nothing to drop off at the fire station. )

Next year, we will duplicate this, exactly the same.

**Civic Groups Involved:**

Salem Knights, Windham Knights, Parishioners of SS. Mary & Joseph, Lions, Masons, Kiwanis, Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Exchange.

**Business Donors:**

Memco (Ray Joseph), Daisy Cleaners (brother Knight Jim Desjardin), Crossroads Recovery (brother Knight Barry Pietrantonio), Enterprise Bank (Jeff Marquis), New Age Heating & A/C (Aimee Lessard Morris & Bill); Sammy J's Breakfast Cafe (Dana), T-Bones (Rebecca Lemay), Coke Northeast (Kerrisue Davidson), McKinnons (Mgr), SJRCS (Christmas Cards), Birches Academy (Tree Ornaments). Wicked Donuts offered coffee again, but it wasn't needed since we were delivery only.



Food to go!

**And this report just in from sunny Florida...**

PGK Larry Belair and his wife Verna presented a \$10,000 donation from Council 4442 to Fr. Victor Amorose of St. John Vianney parish in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The parish suffered great damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The K-8 school was damaged beyond repair and will not open again. The church was flooded and the flooring was destroyed. Mass is being held in a tent using some folding chairs and mostly bring-your-own chairs. Some mornings the early masses start in temperatures in the 40's.

Fr. Victor expressed his sincere gratitude and truly appreciates our donation.



The "church" of St. John Vianney (decorated for Christmas...)



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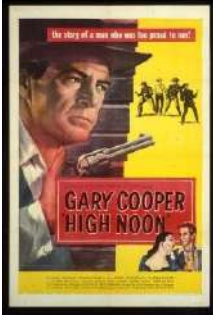

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