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BISHOP McCORMACK'S MESSAGE

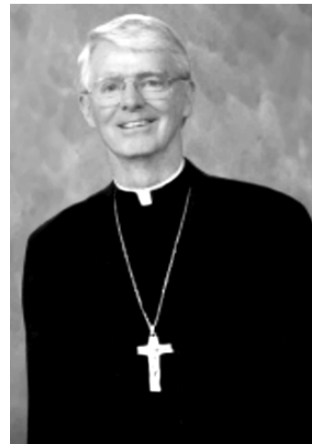
*Diocese of Manchester
Bishop John
McCormack's
statement this week on
the same-sex marriage
bill which passed New
Hampshire's
legislature.*

We believe that we should be doing all we can as a society to support and protect marriage, which is a union of a man and woman and has been throughout history.

We further believe that trying to redefine marriage on the run, with the slimmest of legislative margins and without a robust investigation into all possible conflicts between same sex marriage legislation and religious liberties is contrary to the spirit of New Hampshire. Quite

simply, if this legislation is allowed to become law there will be many unintended consequences that will undoubtedly lead to unnecessary confusion, litigation and denial of rights to many people in our state.

When a change of this momentous scope is proposed and there is not adequate time to not only look at all the implications of it, but also not to hear in depth from the people whom it will affect, then there are going to be serious problems. Short of preserving marriage as the union of one man and one woman, there must be adequate protections for churches, but also for individuals who have a genuine



conscientious objection to participating in or assisting ceremonies of same sex couples.

We urge Governor Lynch to veto this legislation, if for no other reason than it leaves too many unanswered questions regarding protections for religious organizations and persons of conscience.

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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE PLANNED FOR JUNE 12TH/14TH

Council 112's Tootsie Roll Drive has been scheduled by Chairman Jim Marshall, PGK for the weekend of June 12th through the 14th. Knights will be outside area supermarkets and parish churches collecting donations

for Concord Special Olympics.

Sign-ups for the drive will be taken at the June business meeting, Monday, June 8th. Last year, New Hampshire collected almost \$100,000 during Tootsie Roll drives.



MAY SOCIAL DINNER BENEFITS CARENET

While the calendar may say Memorial Day, Council 112 chooses to remember Mothers Day—specifically the mothers who turn to Concord’s CareNet office for help with a crisis pregnancy. On Monday night, May 25th the Knights will be hosting a special “Baby Shower” fundraiser at the Council Hall for CareNet, collecting cash and goods necessary to help them with their mission.

Every day, lower-income or unwed mothers with unplanned pregnancies turn to CareNet as a last resort to avoid seeking abortion. The CareNet staff responds with counseling and compassion—earning the annual support of Council 112. Join us at 6:30 PM for a special benefit dinner as we collect a

variety of “baby shower”-style donations for these vulnerable women. Needed items include:

- ◆ Strollers
- ◆ Formula
- ◆ NEW car seats (NOT used)
- ◆ Baby clothes
- ◆ Maternity clothing
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Bed sheets/sets
- ◆ Baby toys

And much more. Please use your own best judgment.

Guests will gather in the downstairs lounge at 6:30 PM for some light refreshments, with dinner service at 7:00. Council 112 Master Chef Red Brochu will be preparing a beef entrée and garnish. As always, there will be a full board of desserts. Tickets are a low \$7.00 each or \$20 for an entire family.



MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

- 18th—Ladies Program meeting, IHM Education Center, 7:00 PM
- 18th—1st Degree Exemplification, Bedford council 12988, 7:00 PM
- 20th—Assembly 627 meeting, St. John the Baptist Senior Center, Suncook, 7:00 PM
- 21st—Ascension Thursday, Holy Day of Obligation
- 23rd—NH State Camp Fatima Work Day, Gilmanon
- 25th—Memorial Day
- 25th—Social Dinner, CareNet Baby Shower, 52 Bradley St, 6:30 PM
- 30th—4th Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of the Mountains Church, North Conway, 10:00 AM
- 31st—3rd Degree Exemplification, St. Joseph Parish Center, Northwood, 12:00 PM
- 1st—Officers Meeting, 52 Bradley St, 7:00 PM
- 6th—Bus Trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino, Concord Trailways bus terminal, 6:30 AM
- 7th—Trinity Sunday
- 8th—Business Meeting (Officer elections), 52 Bradley St, 7:00 PM
- 12th to 14th—Tootsie Roll Drive weekend



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

June 12th

2009-2010 OFFICER NOMINATIONS



Officer nominations for the 2009-2010 fraternal year were made at the May 11th business meeting. The office of Financial Secretary is appointed by Supreme and is not open for a vote. The offices of Chaplain and Lecturer are appointed by the Grand Knight and are also not open for a vote.

GRAND KNIGHT

David Dale

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

John Daigle

CHANCELLOR

(Contested)

William Fahy

Paul McAuliffe

TREASURER

Jim Marshall, PGK

RECORDER

Jim Preisendorfer, PGK, PFN

WARDEN

Bob Jursik, FDD

ADVOCATE

Jim Cailler

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Peter Conteh

TRUSTEES (3)

Glenn Camley, PGK, PFN

Keith Thibeault, PGK, FN

Bob Nadeau

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the June business meeting before voting begins.

"BEN'S FRIENDS" WALKING IN RELAY FOR LIFE

The Ladies Program and council brothers have united together to raise money for the American Cancer Society by walking in the ACS signature event, the Relay for Life.

The combined team is called "Ben's Friends" and honors brother Knight and Relay Chairman Ben Bellerose for his enduring commitment to the

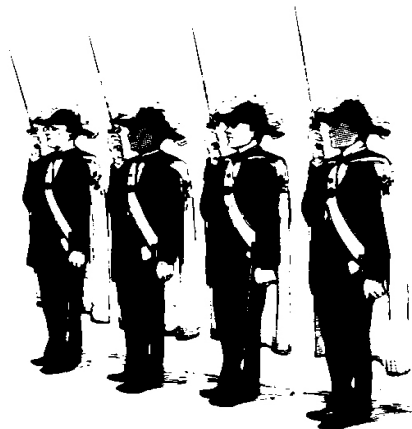
Knights and to ACS. "Ben's Friends" currently ranks third out of 33 Concord teams in fundraising and is looking to take the lead.

You can do your part by visiting www.relayforlife.org/concordnh and navigating your way to the "Ben's Friends" Team Page. Please give generously to fight cancer.



Ben Bellerose

4TH DEGREE IN NORTH CONWAY, MAY 30TH



The 4th Degree will be exemplified in North Conway on Saturday, May 30th with a special feature: for the first time in the State of New Hampshire, the State Degree Team will be using the brand new revision of the Degree approved by the Supreme Council this year.

Candidates, of course, will be unaware of any alterations however veteran attendees of the 4th will note

changes in dialogue as well as increased reliance on digital media. Supreme Ceremonials Director Gary Nolan has given preliminary indications that he will personally attend this Degree.

Assembly 627 will be on hand as FN Keith Thibeault and PFN Glenn Camley will be there with candidate Bob Nadeau. Bob Jursik, FDD is on the Degree Team.

FOXWOODS CASINO BUS TRIP READY TO ROLL

Reservations are continuing to be accepted for Council 112's bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut on Saturday, June 6th.

Guests will board a roomy, air-conditioned motorcoach at 6:30 AM at the Concord Trailways bus terminal, arriving at Foxwoods by 9:30 AM. From then on, they can tour all around the sprawling updated complex, visiting numerous shops, museums, food courts, and, of course, the premier gaming center of the northeast.

Departure from Foxwoods will be at 6:30 PM, arriving home in Concord before 9:00 PM.

Only \$40 a ticket buys you round-trip transportation, a free meal at the delicious international buffet, and a chance to win big with a free game of Keno.

It's a fun and exciting road trip with your brother Knights and Ladies. To save your place, contact Debbie or Keith Thibeault at (603) 753-9493 or by e-mail at kdkmc@comcast.net. Don't wait to hit the jackpot now.



PGK CAMLEY DEFEATED IN STATE WARDEN RACE



PGK Glenn & Jolene Camley

Salem District Deputy Wayne Griffin has been elected to the State Warden office over Concord PGK Glenn Camley. Griffin received 66% of all votes cast at the 2009 NH State Convention in Nashua, Saturday, May 2nd.

In other convention news, State Secretary Ed McCann of Merrimack was unanimously elected State Deputy and members in

attendance approved a proposed 2009-2010 budget increasing the per capita tax to \$3.55. Concord's entire convention delegation voted against the proposed budget.

Council 112's "Greatest Generation" Dinner was honored as Council Service Area Program of the Year and Concord was again chosen as the host for the State Cribbage Tournament in the Fall.

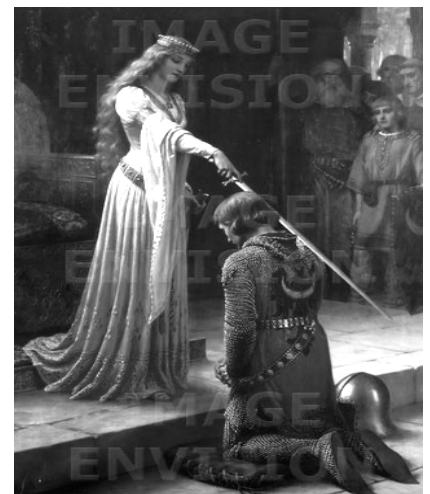
1ST DEGREE TEAM LOOKING TO RE-LAUNCH

Members at the May business meeting were vocal in their enthusiasm to re-launch Council 112's 1st Degree Team—dormant since mid-2007. With a slew of new, active members joining the council since then, Team Captain—and council newsletter editor—Bob Jursik, FDD is encouraged by the spontaneous support.

The extraordinary success of the St. John the

Evangelist Parish Round Table, led by Council Advocate Jim Cailler, has produced a core of energized Knights anxious to take on even more activities in the Order. Jursik will be looking to form a base team of six members and hopefully enough back-up participants to rotate through Degrees.

Council 112 is hopeful of beginning to host 1st Degrees before the end of 2009 depending on team progress.



INSURANCE REPORT BY MATT POULIN, FA



Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could

be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary predeceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the

anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

PGK, FN THIBEAULT ACCEPTS DD5 POSITION



Faithful Navigator and Concord Past Grand Knight Keith Thibeault has reversed his position of only a year ago and accepted the Deputyship of District Five offered by State Deputy-elect Ed McCann. Council 112's current Deputy, Ray Carignan will assume leadership over a re-designed District Nine.

Thibeault's new District Five will certainly be diverse, stretching from Hillsborough

council 13095 in the south and all the way up to Alton council 7533 in the north. Thibeault will also be called on to diplomatically supervise both Franklin councils.

FN Thibeault had been offered a District Deputyship under current State Deputy Greg Taillon last May but declined. He had also been Warden for District Five in 2007 but simultaneously resigned with FDD Bob Jursik.

MAY-JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Roland Gagne
 Harry Donovan Jr.
 Steve McManus
 Marty Tully
 Eddie Lassonde
 Wayne Shad
 Scott Myers
 Joe M. Myers
 Jim Wimsatt

Joe Kranz
 Phil LaRosa
 Bob Mariano
 Dick Kalloch Jr.
 John Conroy
 John Lanigan
 Dave Bonner
 Deacon John Morrow
 Jim McNulty

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT BY REV. ANTHONY KUZIA, CM



May is traditionally the month when we honor Mary, the mother of our Savior - Jesus, and our own Blessed Mother. We know very little historical information about Mary. We do not know what she looked like, what her education was like, the things she enjoyed doing or what she thought about most things. Yet, she has become a model for us of a person who allowed the spiritual intervention of God in her life. Her "Yes," to God is a reflection of who she was and how she understood her mission as a "handmaid of the Lord."

Despite our habit of reverence for Mary, this lesson is lost on us if we do not also understand her as a

completely human person. A great example of this can be found in the Gospel of Luke. Mary is the true disciple but she is not without questions. She hears the word of God through his angel messenger but still must ponder the meaning of it. She says, "But how can this be...."

In this Mary becomes a very human model of what it takes to be a disciple. She is far from an unquestioning and unthinking servant. When the meaning of God's word is uncertain, Mary must discern its meaning for her in her life. In this she is like all of us as we often struggle to know what we must do to

engage God's will in our own lives. What makes Mary "first" among disciples is that despite her occasional uncertainty, her undivided commitment is to do God's will.

The Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium* [#54] speaks of Mary's life as a pilgrimage of faith, a pilgrimage that includes the struggles that we often face. Perhaps Mary's greatest gifts to us are the lessons of encouragement we can gather from her own, often difficult life. Let us allow the power of Mary's life to encourage us to emulate her through an ever-deeper relationship with the living God in whom our spirits rejoice.