



ST-MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE COMPASS



A Word From The Grand Knight:

Dear Brother Knights:

May is just a few weeks away, but Mother Nature has apparently not been informed.

Our "Lental Fish Dinner" has been successful and a world of thanks goes out to our chel John Kelly and others who were there every Friday; especially: John McLaughlin, Bill Hamilton and Tom Cox. A thank you also goes out to Bob Leonard, George Weber and our omnipresent Wally Markham. If I forgot anyone, just chalk it off to having a senior moment!

May is going to be a busy month. We have the Tootsie Roll Drive scheduled for the first weekend, a third degree at St. Mark's on the 18th, and elections on the 22nd. If you are not yet a second degree member, there is one scheduled in Hudson on Thursday May 24th. If you make your 2nd Degree on the 24th, you will qualify for the 3rd degree at St. Mark's on May 18th. Contact me immediately, if you are interested in these degree dates!

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Chaplain's column

Christ is risen, Alleluiah!!

The Church rejoices in the resurrection of Jesus on Easter day, but then extends that celebration for eight days, and then extends it further into the Easter season. We end up celebrating this feast for fifty days. This should give us an idea of how important this reality is, and how central in our lives. We celebrate Christmas for only a couple of weeks, we celebrate Easter for seven weeks. But how? We all know how to honor Lent, but we have not really ever been taught how to honor the Easter season. It is clear that we can't just gorge ourselves on chocolate, coffee, beer, or whatever for this season. Somehow we need to find a way to express our joy and faith in Jesus' resurrection. Perhaps our Lenten disciplines can show us ways to celebrate this new season.

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Officer Duties:

The election of officers is scheduled for the May meeting. The following will inform the membership of their duties.

Grand Knight:

The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an exofficio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle.

Chaplain:

The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain.

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Officer Duties:

Deputy Grand Knight

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squire's council.

Chancellor:

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

Recorder:

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence. A Recorder's Minute Book (#1043) is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of council meetings.

Financial Secretary:

The financial secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records.

He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer (#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

Treasurer:

The treasurer is the elected official in charge of handling all council funds. He receives money from the financial secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper council accounts and providing a voucher or certificate of deposit to the grand knight for each transaction. The treasurer is also responsible for issuing payments to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the council and for all orders of the council.

Finally, the treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the monies in the general expense fund of the council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the council. He must be able to provide up-to-date records on these accounts to the grand knight, financial secretary or board of trustees.

Lecturer:

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Advocate:

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council bylaws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

Warden:

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Guards:

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

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March Family of the Month: "The Morgan's"



And keep our troops safe!

GK Column Con't.

As mentioned, our Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for the first weekend in May. PGKs Tom Cox and Mike Dromgoole are chairing the event. If you have not yet been contacted, you can sign up on the web on our toosie roll page.

The elections of new officers will occur at our May meeting; anyone interested in running for office, is encouraged to do so. The duties of officers are repeated, again this month, in the newsletter, for your edification. Our trustees have been charged with putting together a slate of officers to be voted upon at the May meeting.

On the 18th of May, we are hosting a third degree ceremony at St. Mark's. Every eligible member is encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please send me an E-Mail.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry LeBlanc, GK

Previous Motion:

To discuss the appropriation of a sum of \$200 to support the rosary guild. **Passed!**

Officer Duties (Con't)

Board of Trustees:

The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council (Usually PGK's) and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two and one year trustees, respectively.

Chaplain's column con't.

For example if I had given up chocolate during Lent, then when I resume my normal chocolate eating, I could try to say a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of chocolate, and those South Americans who discovered it so many centuries ago. If, on the other hand, I added a new style or time for prayer into my schedule, then for Easter I could offer that same prayer as a way to thank God for saving me. This is my first attempt at describing how we might celebrate this Easter season. Perhaps you could discuss this with your family and think of other ways to keep the spirit of Easter going for seven weeks. If you come up with something good, let me know, and I might use it in my column for the bulletin. I am always looking for good ideas to share with the whole parish. In the mean time, have a great Easter day, week, and season. Christ is truly risen, Alleluiah!!

Fr. Thom

New Motion:

To discuss appropriating a sum, not to exceed \$1,000, to support the youth at their Steubenville East retreat.

THE COUNCIL WISHES A HAPPY BIRTHDAY MONTH TO:



APRIL	
Bob Casey	5th
Brian Roche	9th
John Kelly	10th
Bob Leonard	11th
Paul Hoppe	24th
Gerry O'Neil	25th
Jean Desrosiers	27th
Walt Lufkin	27th
Norm Bleau	28th
Mike Walsh	30th

MAY	
Larry Gintow	7th
Chris Fallon	9th
Fr. Moe LaRochelle	9th
Jim Traynor	17th
Richard Hall	26th



Jeff Davis, our new 1st Degree Member

St-Mark Council 10488 Fiscal year 2002-2003 Calendar

July	11 KCO Mtg				
August	8) KCO Mtg	17) Old Home Day Set-up	18) Old Home Day		
September	13) Officer meeting	14) Officer Installation	16) Coffee & member recruitment		26) First Council Meeting
October	9-10) Recruitment Weekend	11) Officer meeting	21) Coffee/recruitment	25) Council meeting	
November	8) Officer meeting	17) Christmas Tree/ KC Booth set up	18) Coffee/ Recruitment	24-30) Christmas tree sale begins	21) Council meeting
December	1-23) Tree sale	13) Officer Meeting	16) Coffee/recruitment		19) Council meeting
January	10) Officer meeting	20) Coffee/recruitment	21-22) Roe Wade Vigil	24) Council meeting	
February			14) Officer meeting	17) Coffee/recruitment	21) Council meeting
March	2) KC Free Throw	14) Officer meeting	17) Coffee/recruitment	28) Council meeting	Friday Fish Dinners
April	11) Officer meeting	21) Coffee/recruitment		25) Council meeting	Friday Fish Dinners
May	5) Tootsie Roll Drive	9) Officer meeting	10) St. jude's Golf Tournament		23) Council elections
June	14) Officer meeting	17) Coffee/recruitment	28) Council BBQ and final Council Meeting	29) Annual Pride Outing	30) Chernobyl Kids BBQ

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