



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



Council Meeting.. This Thursday Dec 20th at 7:30pm in CCD room #209.

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GK Column

Brother Knights,

I hope this letter is finding you all in good health this Christmas season..As usual, we had a very busy month with Christmas Trees, Christmas Cards, Christmas Baskets, a Christmas (Helping Hands) Fair and even Christmas snow. Whew – I'll just hit the highlights...

First, Brother Tom Lavallee and crew (Rick Flynn and George Combes) managed the kitchen and sold refreshments at the Helping Hands fair on December 1st. This was really an effort to support the fair, but I think we cleared about \$100 after expenses.

The CYO Basketball team wrapped up the Keep Christ in Christmas sales. John can confirm the numbers next week, but I think they raised about \$600 through that program.

And there was this other event I wanted to mention, if only I could remember... Oh yeah, we had a little Christmas Tree sale too. By all accounts, we did very well. Special thanks to Paul Bartlett and Mike Dromgoole for chairing this effort, and for all of you who came out to unload trees, set up and break down the booth, and of course, stand out in the cold and sell trees.



Several members of our council also helped out with the Christmas Basket pickups this past weekend, and some even braved the weather in a futile attempt to keep the sidewalks clear during our recent nor'easter. These weren't council events, but your efforts in support of our Church and community were very much appreciated.

Regarding the snow, Deacon Lee has asked us to pitch in whenever possible to help clear the sidewalks and steps whenever it snows on a weekend. Please don't wait to be asked because we're not planning to coordinate this work formally unless one of you wants to volunteer for the job. If you can make it, bring along a shovel, snowblower, or whatever you have on any snowy Saturday afternoon around 4:00 or Sunday morning around 7:00.

Finally, Deacon Lee hasn't asked yet, but I'm sure he'll be looking for us to direct traffic for the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. If you're interested in coordinating that work, or in helping out, please call me at 437-6549 or drop me a note at ron@turcotte.com.

I pray that you and your families all have a wonderful, happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

Vivat Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Ron Turcotte, GK

Once again our Christmas Tree fund raiser was very successful thanks to so many Brother Knights who contributed their time and efforts to achieve these results. While our Worthy Treasurer has not yet tallied the total receipts we can announce that all 470 trees, along with five bundles of Charlie Brown's were sold. Twelve trees remained unsold early Saturday morning, 15 Dec. 07 however the final tree was sold early that afternoon after the coral and booth had been dismantled. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for your effort and support. As usual, a number of you went above and beyond the normal support and are due special recognition for your outstanding contribution.

Special thanks to Mike Dromgoole for serving as Co-Chair, scheduling the Knights and CCD students and also for serving as shift manager one week. Jean Desrosiers transported the booth and assisted with set-up and dismantling of the booth, unloading trees when delivered and manning several shifts. Others who assisted with set-up and dismantling the booth and/or unloading of the delivered trees included Rick Flynn, Jay Dunigan, Steve Barry, Tim Bowen, Tom LaVallee and Gil Jandreau. Kevin Waterhouse was shift manager for one week and also helped with unloading of the trees. Bill Hamilton obtained and delivered all the pallets used for the coral. If I have failed to mention anyone deserving special recognition, I apologize.

Paul Bartlett, DGK



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Insurance Corner



The Field Agent supporting our council's insurance needs is Brian Gillis, and he'd love to meet you. His contact information is below:

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A boy had reached four without giving up the habit of sucking his thumb, though his mother had tried everything from bribery to reasoning to painting it with lemon juice to discourage the habit. Finally she tried threats, warning her son that, "If you don't stop sucking your thumb, your stomach is going to blow up like a balloon." Later that day, walking in the park, mother and son saw a pregnant woman sitting on a

bench. The four-year-old considered her gravely for a minute, then spoke to her saying, "Uh-oh ... I know what you've been doing."

Free Throw Competition.

Our Council's Free Throw competition is scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2008 at the Aquinas Center at St. Thomas's in Derry. The competition will be a combined effort with St. Jude and St. Thomas K of C Councils. If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 10 – 14 years old please encourage them to participate.



There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that it's 'AAA' rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

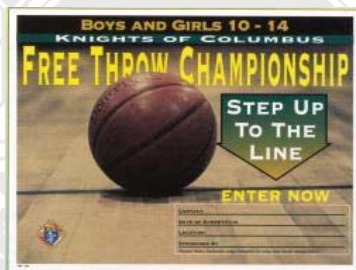
I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, 'Protecting Families for Generations' by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

I'm at 429-1017. Call me – let's talk..



Registration will be from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM at the Aquinas Center with the actual competition conducted from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. Winners at the local level qualify to advance to the district Free Throw competition. This activity requires the assistance of 4 -5 Brother Knights from our council to assist with the competition. If your son or daughter participants, make this a family affair by volunteering your services. I also encourage any other council member to volunteer a couple of hours assisting with this very satisfying and memorable activity. Contact Paul Bartlett at PW Bartlett@comcast.net or 437-2562 if you can support this year's Free Throw competition.

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Happy Birthday to our following brothers:



Stephen Hogarty	6th
Al Giguere	9th
Pat O'Brien	10th
Tom Cox, PGK/FDD	9th
Jim Blake, PGK	30th

*** St. Mark's *** First Degree Team

We're still looking for help with our new First Degree team. This is an opportunity to get involved in a unique aspect of our order, and to help shepherd in new brother Knights. You only need to be a 1st degree knight to be on the team, and some of the roles are very easy. Please contact Ron Turcotte at ron@turcotte.com or 603-437-6549 if you'd like to join us, or even just to get more information.



Mark Collins	1st
John McCarthy	12th
Jim Giguere	13th
Evan Sohm	16th
Robert McCool	26th
Patrick O'Sullivan	30th

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED the 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, and tuna from a can.

Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, booster seats, seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank koolade made with sugar, but we weren't overweight because. WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day.

And we were OK.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Play-stations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound, CD's or I-pods, no cell phones!, no personal computers, no Internet or chat rooms.....

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned

HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL! If YOU, are one of them, CONGRATULATIONS

Charity, the first principle of our order!

Here is a list of our recent recent Donations:

September Donations

- \$100.00 EWTN
- \$250.00 NH State Kidney Fund
- \$ 30.00 Granite State Awards Program Booklet
– in support of state scholarship

Good of the Order

This past month prayers were requested for Jan McLaughlin , John McLaughlin, Denise Turcotte, Ernie Picken, Bill Clark, Ron Lavallee, Phyllis Fernald, Larry LeBlanc John Bechtold



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