



# St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



**Special Meeting.. Thursday Dec 18th at 7:30pm, CCD Rm 209 C**

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## GK Column

### Brother Knights

This holiday season presents both opportunities and challenges for every family. Most importantly we have the opportunity to be thankful for all that the Lord has bestowed upon us. May this holiday season bring great joy and also be a great source of inspiration and moral strength to your family.

The Christmas season also necessitates extensive support for Council activities. Our annual Christmas tree sale will be concluding very soon. The financial results will be reported next month. I wish to thank all brother Knights who supported this key council fund raising event. Your support on 22 Nov 2008 assisting with unloading of the Christmas trees and assembly of the booth and coral was exceptional with more than ten brothers participating. One final major activity remains, the dismantling of the shed and final clean-up at LukOil. While the exact date and time is uncertain we're targeting the afternoon of Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. A few volunteer will expedite this effort; therefore, please reserve time to assist with this task.

St Mark's Helping Hand Fair was conducted on Nov 29-30 and once again it was supported by several Brother Knights and family members.



For the second year Tom and Kathy Lavallee organized and managed the sale of food from the Parish kitchen. They were assisted by their son Chris and daughter Mary Catherine. Lisa Cook prepared chili and chocolate chip cookies while Phyllis Giguere made seafood chowder. Brothers Rick Flynn and George Combes provided valuable assistance in the kitchen. The team's efforts raised \$91.84 for our council. Thanks to all these hard working individuals for their outstanding effort.

You should expect to receive your annual council dues statement this month from our Worthy Financial Secretary. Please help facilitate this monumental effort by returning your dues payment to Brother Lavallee as soon as possible. Your expedited payment not only negates the need for Tom to generate follow-up notices but it also allows the council to better plan it's charitable donations.

Father Thom has again requested assistance with parking at the 4:00 PM Mass Christmas Eve. We need the assistance of 4 – 5 Brother Knights from approximately 2:45 PM until 4:00 PM. Please consider helping and call me at 437-2562 if you're available to assist.

This month's general council meeting has been advanced to 7:30 PM Thursday evening, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> since Christmas falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Mark your calendar and join us especially if you have not attended a meeting recently.

Our annual K of C Free Throw competition is scheduled for early afternoon Sunday, January 18, 2009 at the Aquinas Center at St. Thomas Parish in Derry. Again this year, the Free Throw competition will be a combined event sponsored by the council's from St. Thomas, St. Jude and St. Mark parishes. Any Brother with sons, daughters, nieces, nephews or neighbors aged 10 – 14 should encourage them to participate. Likewise, consider supporting this activity yourself, you'll find it's a very enjoyable project.

Jan 21 – 22 our council will support the Day of Fasting and Benediction for the sins of our nation against the Culture of Life. Additional information will be forthcoming in separate emails regarding this activity.

May this holiday season and the New Year bring great joy, blessings and health to your entire family.

God Bless,

Paul Bartlett, GK

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## Insurance Corner



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

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### New Definitions:

CEO -- Chief Embezzlement Officer

CFO -- Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET -- A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

VALUE INVESTING -- The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO -- The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER -- What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR -- Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

This month's column is for all you baby boomers out there. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement! Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...But it's coming and coming fast. And that's actually the good news. Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest: "The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but more employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by Price Waterhouse Coopers showed that nearly half of companies that expect to change their pension plans in the next year are considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years. "This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

FINANCIAL PLANNER -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION -- The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO -- What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share

WINDOWS -- What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthous



Three immigrants to the U. S. were just mastering the language. One was telling the others about the difficulty they were having in attempting to start a family. He said, "I think my wife must be impregnable." The second said, "that's not the right word, she is inconceivable". To which the third replied, "You are both wrong she is unbearable."



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Steve Hogarty	5th
Al Giguere	9th
Pat O'Brien	10th
Tom Cox, PGK/FDD	27th
Jim Blake, PGK	30th

## Happy Birthday to our following brothers:



Mark Collins	1st
John McCarthy	12th
Jim Giguere	13th
Evan Sohm	16th
Robert McCool	26th
Patrick O'Sullivan	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 1<sup>st</sup> degree knight to be on the team, and some of the roles are very easy. Please contact Ron Turcotte at [ron@turcotte.com](mailto:ron@turcotte.com) or 603-437-6549 if you'd like to join us, or even just to get more information.

A man sat down and was seriously staring at the marriage certificate, after a long time his wife asked, "What are you looking for? He replied, "The expiration date."

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:



Once again the CYO youth will be selling the Knights of Columbus Christmas cards. Please support

them, the Knights, and most all the use of religious Christmas cards to wish friends and family a blessed Christmas. The cards will be on sale after Masses starting the weekend of November 22, continuing through December 7. Any questions, please contact PGK Dennis Pedley at 437-6051.

## Pro-Life Section

**Monica Rahilly is co-ordinating the local effort for a Pro-Life Vigil, which is sanctioned by the Diocese. Click on banner, below, for details !**

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### .Row vs. Wade vigil:

DAY OF FASTING, ROSARY. Please join with members of our neighboring parishes in penance for the sins of our nation against the Culture of Life. The type of fast can be selected by each individual, but it is suggested to abstain from solid foods for 24 hours starting 7:00 pm, Wednesday evening, Jan 21, 2009. Adoration and rosary also begin Sunday 7:00 pm in the chapel at St. Mark's Church, Londonderry. Please sign up at the back of our church (provide sheet), or call John 434-4098. Our fasting concludes with a Benediction at St. Mark's starting 7:30pm Thursday evening Jan 22. Refreshments will be available after the service. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

### Statement of Peace:



## 36th Annual March for Life -January 22nd

**Remember-the Life Principles mean:** "Equal Care" with no exceptions is the theme for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual **March** for Life to be held on Thursday January 22, 2009, in Washington, D.C. The march commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. Other 2009 demonstrations will be held in **San** Francisco (January 24) and in Ottawa (May 14). All Knights and their families, particularly those in these areas are urged to join these events. Councils planning bus trips to Washington should book their charters now. Knights should carry council **banners** and KofC posters, wear jackets with the KofC emblem, and walk together to show the Order's support for right to life.

**Mission:** St. Marks is also hosting a 3 day mission this February - the evenings of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th. PGKs Bill Hamilton and Dennis Pedley are both on the committee, and besides encouraging our brother Knights to attend, we may be looking for some assistance for various areas involved with the mission.

**"Theology of the Body" video series:** St. Marks is hosting this Diocesan wide series for 4 Mondays over January and February. The dates are January 19 & 26 and February 9 & 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 and pre-registration is suggested by January 14. For more info or registration information you can contact the Church Director, Dennis Pedley, at [pedley@comcast.net](mailto:pedley@comcast.net).

Good of the Order

Recent Donations

\$250 to the State Kidney Fund  
 \$200 to The Good Scout Award  
 Support of seminarian \$500.00  
 \$500.00 to the Soup Kitchen.  
 \$500 to Hear in New Hampshire  
 Support of Seabeck's work in Haiti for \$500.  
 Support the Ingalls family for \$1,500.  
 Support NH Catholic Charities for \$500.  
 Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds to L.E.A.P. program  
 \$500 to Fr. Thom for trip expenses related to his deaf ministry.

This past month prayers were requested for Jan McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Denise Turcotte, Ernie Picken, Maureen Desrosiers, Ronald Lavallee, Larry LeBlanc, Bill Clark, John Cadieux, Clarence Keenam, Bill Hamilton's Brother, Bishop McCormack



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Helping Hands Fair:  
 A big thanks to Rick Flynn, George Combes, Lisa Cook, Phyllis Giguere and Kathy Lavallee for their help in coordinating the food for the Helping Hands Fair. Our council made approximately \$150 in proceeds from the 2 day event.

**DUES:** A reminder that dues notices will be arriving in your mail soon. Please remember that our dues are mainly used to cover the assessment from Supreme as well as cover the postage material needed to solicit and collect the funds. Please help your council (and your FS) by sending your dues in when you receive the notice. Our council is assessed in January, regardless of when the dues are collected. This assessment in absence of the dues payment puts a short term impact on our charitable activity. Thanks for your help and we're looking forward to a prosperous 2009 for our council!

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