



# St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



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## GK Column



Worthy Brother Knights,

The Holidays are upon us! Preparations for our 20<sup>th</sup>, yes 20<sup>th</sup>, annual Christmas tree sale are now being implemented. Co-chairmen Paul Bartlett and Mike Dromgoole have laid the foundations for another sale. Paul and Mike have both gone on well deserved vacations but not before making all of the necessary preparations. For this I thank them. We will be setting up Nov. 21 at the BP gas station, formally Lukoil, at 8 am. Sales begin a week later with tree delivery. Signups started early this year and have gone fairly well and we expect many of the usual volunteers and their family members to be involved. But this activity can be so much more than simply selling a few Christmas trees. I personally have used it to get my son involved with the knights and have grown closer to him as a result of our yearly effort setting up, selling trees, and tearing down the booth/coral. This year my nephew gets initiated. We have the opportunity to show our families, confirmation students working off service hours, and anyone else observant enough,

that service can actually be fun, that we are human, and like hot coffee or cocoa from Dunkin Donuts as much as they do on a cold shift. We have even had women sign up to work because they want to help. And why not? This should be an activity for all that wish to serve. So, encourage anyone that expresses interest to come and "sell trees". In the end we are also showing by example that service work is important and is a great experience despite sometimes getting a little cold, wet, and sappy. Imagine, gaining grace from getting sap on your hands as you sell trees on a cold evening, drinking coffee and sharing the experience of service with others. This is why this activity is so much more than simply selling a tree and must go on for another 20 years.

Beyond the annual tree sale, preparation for Christmas begins with the first Sunday of Advent on Nov. 29. The CYO will be selling religious Christmas cards soon from the "Keep Christ in Christmas" program so please keep them in mind for your cards this year.

The annual KofC Day of Fasting, Rosary, Benediction i Respect for Life January 21, 22 is also approaching. Please plan now to attend. Signups for adoration will begin soon so keep an eye on the table in the church foyer for information.

Please don't hesitate to encourage a young person to enter the pro-life essay contest. I believe entries are due Dec 15. See the website for details. In closing, I would like to wish all a very happy Thanksgiving with your families and encourage all to watch for the opportunity to help those in need. How great would it be to have prayers of thanks being made for YOU during the upcoming holiday from those you've assisted somehow?

Additionally, remember to pray for each other as we cannot always know who needs these prayers, yet the need is there.

Vivat Jesus!

Jean Desrosiers Grand Knight

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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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A salesman telephoned a household, and a four-year-old answered.

Salesman: May I speak to your mother?

Child: She is not here.

Salesman: Well, is anyone else there?

Child: My sister

Salesman: O.K., fine. May I speak to her?

Child: I guess so.

There was a long silence on the other phone. Then;

Child: Hello?

Salesman: It's you. I thought you were going to call your sister.

Child: I did. The trouble is: I can't get her out of the playpen

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 PricewaterhouseCoopers 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 PensionRightsCenter. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

Call me – let's talk **673-1182**

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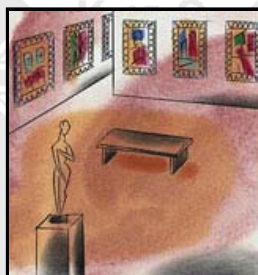


<b>Paul Bartlett, PGK</b>	<b>11th</b>
<b>John McLaughlin</b>	<b>13th</b>
<b>John McLean</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Joe St. Onge</b>	<b>24th</b>
<b>Michael Garrity</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>Robert Fawcett</b>	<b>29th</b>

**Happy Birthday to  
our following  
brothers:**



<b>Pat O'Brien</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Tom Cox, PGK/FDD</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>Jim Blake, PGK</b>	<b>30th</b>



Visiting the modern art museum, a lady turned to an attendant standing nearby.

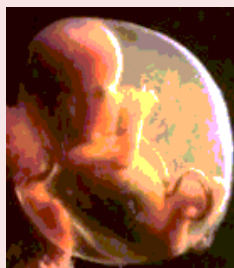
"This," she said, "I suppose, is one of those hideous representations you call modern art?" "No, madam," replied the attendant. "That one's called a mirror."

**The 2009 Rosemarie R. Cox**



**Winner is Brittany Capistran**

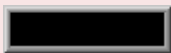
### Pro-Life Section



**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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**Statement of Peace:**



**Fight FOCA!**

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\$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 Sebeck'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.

## Good of the Order

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, Gerry Cox, Jeanette Jandreau



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