



Council



A Word From The GK:

Welcome new Members

Join me in welcoming our newest members – Gil Jandreau, Charlie Samalis, Tim Bowen and Pat O'Brien. I saw most of these men helping out at the Christmas Tree Booth already.



The Trees are here!

The freshly cut trees arrived right on schedule Saturday morning, November 20. Under the supervision of Chairman John Kelly and lots of help from Brother Knights and confirmation students the trees were unloaded, the corral built, booth assembled and lights strung. Did everyone see the boat? What started out as a challenge turned out a 'blessing in disguise'. Due to the boat being stored where the corral used to be, we moved the corral to the area where we used to store the extra trees.



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This turned out great as it is more visible from Rt 102 and a bigger area. In addition to the great leadership of John Kelly and scheduling management from Mike Dromgoole, I would like to thank Larry Perry for arranging for the sign and Tom Cox for offering his generator to light the sign. We still have a couple of weeks to sell, so if you can help please contact Mike Dromgoole. If you haven't gotten your tree yet – do it soon.



Family of the Month

Congratulations to Don and Cheryl Sommesse as Family of the Month recipients for November.

Requests for Assistance

At the November Membership meeting, a motion was approved to donate \$250 to the Little Friends of Jesus Sunday School program – half now and half in January.

Also approved in November was the purchase of software to help Larry LeBlanc maintain the Parish Website. Larry now maintains both the Knights and the Parish websites. We received a thank you note from the Parish Staff for supporting Larry in this endeavor.

Christmas Mass Parking

The Knights will once again help with parking at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Masses. If you can help please contact Dennis Pedley, GK.

Activities coming in January

- Free Throw Contest – TBD
- Roe vs. Wade – Jan 21-22
- Spaghetti Dinner – January 29 (tentative)

Dennis Pedley, Grand Knight





**Twas the Night Before Christmas
or Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas**
by
Major Henry Livingston Jr. (1748-1828)
(previously believed to be by Clement Clarke Moore)

Twas the night before Christmas, when all
through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with
care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their
heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should
appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them
by name:

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now,
PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on, CUPID! on, DONDER and
BLITZEN!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the
sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they
flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St.
Nicholas too.



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on
the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little
hoof.
As I drew in my hand,
and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a
bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his
foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes
and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his
pack.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how
merry!
cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the
snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a
wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of
jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of
myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his
work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a
jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose,

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a
whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a
thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of
sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO
ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"



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Roe v. Wade Prayer Vigil

Our council will once again be joining with other local councils for 24 hours of fasting and prayer on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 21-22 2004. As in prior years, the vigil will be a silent protest against the atrocities committed in the name of free choice.

The vigil will be held at St. Mark's in St. Bridget's Chapel. It will begin at 7:00pm on Friday January 21st and will end at 7:00 pm on Saturday, immediately followed by a Benediction in St. Mark's Church. During the vigil, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the rosary will be said continuously for 24hrs. You are invited to fast during this period by abstaining from solid foods.

The vigil will be open to surrounding parishes and K of C councils. Come and join us! If the power of prayer can tumble a wall, it can certainly help make "The Culture of Life" a priority, in America, over "The Culture of Death".

Yours in Christ,

Ron Turcotte



Brian Ross	4th
Al Giguere	9th
Jim DiNovo	16th
Tom Cox, PGK/FDD	27th
Jim Blake, PGK	30th



Webster Collins	1st
Edgard Medina	8th
John McCarthy	12th
Jim Giguere	13th
Evan Sohm	16th
Bob McCool	26th



The K of C Insurance Agent serving our council is **Bob Lafond**. He can be reached at **432-9366** or **548-0720**



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St-Mark Council 10488 Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Calendar					
July	8) Officer Mtg				
August	12 KCO Mtg	20) Old Home Day Set-up	21) Old Home Day	15) Coffee	28) Pride Game
September	9) KCO Mtg	11) KCO Installation 9-11 World Prayer Day	19) Coffee Hosting	23) First Council Meeting.	25) Right To Life Pilgrimage in Concord
October	14) KCO Mtg	Granite State Award Nominee	17) Coffee Hosting	28) Council Meeting	
November	7) 3rd Degree @ St. Mark	11) KCO Mtg	18) Council Meeting	21) Coffee & Donuts	20) Trees Arrive
December	(1-23) Tree sale	9) Officer Meeting	16) Council Meeting		19) Coffee & Donuts
January	13) Officer meeting	16) Coffee/recruitment	22-23) Roe Wade Vigil	24) Council meeting	Fish Dinners
February		10) Officer meeting	20) Coffee/recruitment	24) Council meeting	Fish Dinner 11-18-25
March	Fish Dinner	10) Officer meeting	20) Coffee/recruitment	17) Council meeting	Fish Dinner 4-11-18
April	2) Fish Dinner	14) Officer meeting	17) Coffee/recruitment		28) Council meeting
May	6-7) Tootsie Roll Drive	12) Officer meeting	15) Coffee		26) Council elections
June	Nashua Pride Game	9) Officer meeting	19) Coffee/recruitment	23) Council BBQ and Final Meeting	

