



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



Council Meeting.. This Thursday Feb 21st at 7:30pm in CCD room #209.

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Column



**Friday
Lenten
Dinner**

Brothers, Lent began February 6, so our Lenten dinners started Friday, February 8. We're excited

Brother Knights,

I'd like to start this month's letter by congratulating one of our members for progressing through his third degree! Allan Fernald recently attended a 3rd Degree exemplification in Bedford and is now a full-fledged member of our order. Please wish him well when you see him.

Lent is now upon us and so are Friday night Lenten dinners! Brother Tom Lavallee and family are once again in the kitchen whipping up culinary delights. Please be sure to stop by, bring friends, enjoy a fine meal, and stay for Stations of the Cross. It's a terrific way to spend a Lenten Friday.

This past month we held our annual spaghetti supper, under the leadership of Brother Don Sommese, to raise funds for the Rosemarie Cox Scholarship fund. Now the scholarship application process is underway. You can find an application and eligibility rules on the current events page of our website. Please encourage any high school seniors in our parish to participate.

Note that our business meeting will be held a week earlier than usual this month to avoid some scheduling problems during the school vacation week. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 21st at 7:30.

I'd like to close my letter this month by praying that all Brother Knights and their families will find this Lenten season to be a time of reflection and renewal in preparation for Easter. It's easy to get wrapped up in the same old daily routines. May this season be a time for us to break those routines for a little quiet solitude with our God. Vivat Jesus.

Yours in Christ, Ron Turcotte, GK



And the snow keeps on falling!!

While all the recent snow may be beautiful for skiing and to look at, it's certainly making the St. Mark's custodial services difficult for Brother Gil Jandreau and Richard his assistant. Gil and Richard will be very appreciative for any assistance our Brother Knights can provide early morning following each snow storm. Gil begins the process of clearing the sidewalks about 7:00 AM following each storm in preparation for either the daily or Sunday morning Masses. While the parish snow blower greatly facilitates the overall effort, it's large and Gil is very willing to have someone else operate this machine. *Please consider assisting if you can*

about the menu this year, planning to change it each week and try out some new items. After the success of our weekend Christmas Tree kitchen work, we have high hopes for Lenten dinners this year. Please make plans to come by each week for good food, fellowship and follow it up with Stations of the Cross. Lent is a special time and our most important season as Catholics. Hope to see you on Friday nights! Check our Council Calendar on the "Current Events" page of our website for weekly menu details! Tom Lavallee, FS

The Granite Knight.

Want to know what is going on at the KC State Level? Check out the Granite Knight newsletter. It can be accessed by clicking on the below News icon. You can also access this newsletter by going to our "Current Events Page" of this website and clicking on the left column tab entitled "KC State Events".

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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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Dean and Jerry were riding a train across the west.
 Jerry looked out the window and saw a whole lot of buffalo roaming the range.
 Look at that big bunch of buffalo said Jerry.
 Dean: Don't say bunch say herd.
 Jerry: Heard what.
 Dean: Herd of buffalo.
 Jerry: Sure I've heard of buffalo.
 Dean: No... you don't understand, a buffalo herd.
 Jerry: I don't care what a buffalo heard
 I ain't said nothing that I'm ashamed of.

Guest Speaker

Nick Boudreau currently works for Calypso Communications and deals primarily with Public Affairs initiatives. A 2003 graduate of St Anselm College and past Grand Knight of the college's Knights of Columbus Council #4875, he spent three years working for the order's Supreme Council in New Haven, CT in various marketing and investment capacities before returning to his home state of New Hampshire. He is a member of St Kathryn's Parish in Hudson and member of Council 5162.

Owners of Knights of Columbus annuities are now the recipients of a fraternal benefit called the Medical Withdrawal Option (MWO). The MWO (provided at no cost by the way) allows the annuitant to withdraw all or part of the Accumulation Value of the annuity with no surrender charge, provided that:

The annuitant has a medical condition that is expected to result in death within twelve months, or

- The annuitant undergoes a major organ transplant, suffers major burns, or is diagnosed as having life-threatening cancer, heart attack, unstable angina, stroke, end-stage kidney disease, paralysis or coma, or
- The annuitant is confined in a licensed skilled nursing facility for at least sixty (60) consecutive days.
- The MWO is available once the accumulation value of the annuity is \$5,000 or more, and became available February 1, 2006 for both existing and newly issued annuities. To be eligible, the annuitant must have a qualifying medical condition that commenced after February 1, 2006 or the date you started your annuity, whichever is later.

Please note that any waiver of Knights of Columbus surrender charges will have no effect on any tax reporting, tax withholding or tax penalty that may be imposed by the U.S. or Canadian governments.

There are a number of additional restrictions and conditions that apply to the MWO. I'll be happy to visit with you and your wife to fully explain this and the Order's entire portfolio of fraternal benefits. Virtually all Knights of Columbus annuities are covered under the MWO, and as a reminder, surrender charges are also waived in the event of the death of the annuitant.

The Knights of Columbus Flexible Premium Annuity Plan provides our members and their families with a safe and secure place to accumulate funds on a tax favored basis. Your Order strives to offer the most competitive interest rates possible while absolutely guaranteeing the safety of deposited funds.

Don't have a Knights of Columbus Annuity Plan? You can start an annuity with a deposit of as little as \$300 – but no deposit is too large. Why not start building your nest egg by meeting with me soon?

A couple was making their first doctors visit prior to the birth of their first child. After the exam, the doctor took a small stamp and stamped the wife's stomach with indelible ink. The man and his wife were curious about what the stamp was for, so when they got home, the man took out his magnifying glass to try to see what it was. In very small letters, the stamp said, "When you can read this, come back and see me."



The NH State Council Executive Board of the Knights of Columbus in response to requests for donations to students wanting to attend the [People to People Student Ambassador Program](#) to Europe this summer, will be accepting names for a drawing for a \$500 donation to a student for this purpose. **The deadline to submit these names is May 1st. They will draw and announce the winning name at their State Convention on May 3rd. Please submit names to State Secretary Ed McCann, 56 Brookside Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054. [\(click on above logo for additional info\)](#)**

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TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your

brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

Calvin sees Elmer and asks: What's up?

Elmer says; first I got tonsillitis, followed by appendicitis and pneumonia. After that I got erysipelas with hemachromatosis. Following that I got poliomyelitis and finally ended up with neuritis. Then they gave me hypodermics and inoculations.

Calvin says: Boy, you had a time!

Elmer: I'll say! I thought I'd never pull through that spelling test.

Happy Birthday to our following brothers:

*** 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.



Kevin Lacerda	1st
George Combes	2nd
Dennis Pedley, PGK	2nd
Walter Lewis	6th
Richard Fisher	17th
Stephen Barry	19th
Mike Dromgoole, PGK	20th
Thomas Brown	25th
Fr. Thom Dustin	26th
Stan Swiderek	27th
Matt Sochalski	28th
John Connor	30th



When Albert Einstein was making the rounds of the speaker's circuit, he usually found himself eagerly longing to get back to his laboratory work. One night as they were driving to yet another rubber-chicken dinner, Einstein mentioned to his chauffeur (a man who somewhat resembled Einstein in looks & manner) that he was tired of

speechmaking.

"I have an idea, boss," his chauffeur said. "I've heard you give this speech so many times. I'll bet I could give it for you." Einstein laughed loudly and said, "Why not? Let's do it!" When they arrive at the dinner, Einstein donned the chauffeur's cap and jacket and sat in the back of the room. The chauffeur gave a beautiful rendition of Einstein's speech and even answered a few questions expertly.

Then a supremely pompous professor asked an extremely esoteric question about anti-matter formation, digressing here and there to let everyone in the audience know that he was nobody's fool. Without missing a beat, the chauffeur fixed the professor with a steely stare and said, "Sir, the answer to that question is so simple that I will let my chauffeur, who is sitting in the back, answer it for me."



There are different ideas as to where or how the celebration of **Valentine's Day** began.

The Roman's celebrated a festival called Lupercalia on February 15. This festival was held to ward off the danger of wolves to their flocks and honored their God Lupercalia. This is one idea. The Christian Church had two Saints named Valentine and two other ideas center around them. The Roman Emperor, Claudius the II forbade young men to marry in 200 A.D. He believed single men made better soldiers, free of family concerns. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the Emperor and married couples in secret. The next Saint Valentine was a lover of children but, was imprisoned when he would not honor other gods. The children missed him and wrote messages of affection to him. They threw their notes through the bars of his cell. This may have been the beginning of exchanging messages. He was executed on February 14, 269 A.D. Pope Gelasius in 496 A.D. named February 14th, **Valentine's Day**, after him. The fourth idea concerning the celebration of **Valentine's Day** is based on the belief that birds or fowl pick their mates on February 14th. It was believed love birds in particular, chose this day to begin mating.

Good of the Order

January Donations

\$250 to Steve Nadeau Fund
 \$1000 to Parish Fund for new Boiler
 \$250 to the State Kidney Fund
 \$30 for 1/2 pg add in Granite State Award book.

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



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