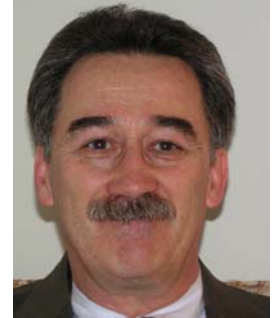




# Granite Knight



## State Deputy Remarks



Every so often my wife Sue will give me a gentle awakening that I might be paying a little too much attention to the Knights, my job or my hobbies. From this I can easily recognize that I'm probably not paying enough attention to her. Don't get me wrong, Sue is extremely supportive in what I do, but long ago in our 38 year marriage we made a pact that we would voice to the other when we weren't keeping each other "**top**" on our priority list.

I actually welcome the reminder because it helps keep my life in balance and focused on the things that I hold most dear and that should be on the top of my priority list.

Yes, sometime we all need to be mildly shocked or at least prodded out of the things we shouldn't be doing and back into the things we should be doing. Especially those things that our Lord has in mind for us and the path that the Holy Spirit is leading us to.

It's easy to get caught up in the things we do as Knights and as men. Things like recruiting, business meetings, degrees, protocol, paperwork, things in our home and work life and things in our interests and in the organizations we belong to. Granted all these things may need to get done. But their priority needs to be carefully set. And Yes, we need to have an interest in the administration of our Councils, but remember that we do this only to have a foundation to support Activity and the delivery of service to our Church and local Communities.

It is through this service activity that our mission as Knights is accomplished. This is the same mission we have as Christians:

***To bring others to our Faith and the Good News of Redemption and Salvation.***

As Knights we must be visible role models of the Christian Cause. We and our families are called upon to evangelize the Good News of Christ through our works of Charity and Service that we deliver to our Church and Communities. This shows others how Christians live their lives. By this example, we have an opportunity to bring the un-Churched, the uninvolved and those searching for meaning and purpose in their lives into a closer relationship with our Savior.

So let us all keep in the forefront of our own priorities list ***the delivery of service.*** It is why we became knights and why we have been called to Christian Leadership.

By the way, don't forget to say "***I love you***" to that special person in your life! Otherwise you may be due for a gentle awakening just like me!

God Bless

**Greg**

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**The Crowne Plaza Hotel**

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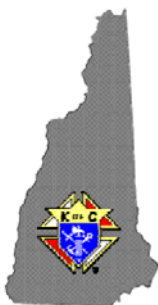
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- Roast Beef
- Mashed Potato
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- Chocolate Mousse
- Coffee / Tea

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## What's Christian Leadership really like?

By Tom Ingham, PSD

My Worthy Brothers,

It has been my pleasure to serve in what I believe are the three most rewarding positions one can hold: Grand Knight, District Deputy and State Deputy. In each one of these positions you learn more about yourself and the things that you can accomplish using the gifts that God gives you. Each position also has a central theme and goal. That goal is to build the Knights of Columbus, to grow the Order and share it with as many Catholic families as possible.

**Grand Knight:** I have had the pleasure of serving council 6617 three times as GK. We have had a great many successes and been honored for our work by State and Supreme. The most satisfying part of the job is watching the brothers of the council work together on projects and bringing new members into our council to continue the fine works. Service to church and community is the goal but you cannot keep going year in and year out without the new members stepping up to either help out by shouldering some of and eventually the entire load.

**District Deputy:** As a DD you get to spread your wings even more. There is a great deal of pleasure and pride watching a new GK in another council grow and learn how to succeed. When you get to share your experience and be a guide of sorts in your district. It is especially rewarding to look back on your efforts and know that the council that was just treading water at the beginning of the year has shined under the new GK's leadership and the membership program that you helped put together has provided a nucleus of new members to be leaders in the future. Another council which has never been overly active has elected a man who wants to add to the programs and recruit new members and he asks you to help him do it. Best of all is the opportunity to form a new council in a church where the Pastor has been a knight longer than you have lived.

**State Deputy:** I will always cherish those two years. There is a lot of challenge to your sanity but the efforts of the men on your staff make it all worthwhile. My wife and I enjoyed the travel and we were able to meet people who will be our friends forever. I have made friends at Supreme who still find time to answer questions, offer advice and sometimes just have a friendly chat. The goals are larger and the meetings are longer but the feeling of accomplishment and the pride with which people work is amazing. One week your having dinner with our Bishop, the next your at the Mass of Acceptance for the seminarians, anniversary banquets, membership seminars and on and on and on. The two years goes by way too fast but the memories and friendships last forever.

I was asked to tell you what I cherished most about my time as a leader in the Knights of Columbus. The answer is easy and it has nothing to do with being a leader. The greatest thing I have known is the love and respect I have for my Brothers and knowing that it is returned.

God Bless you all,

Tom Ingham, PSD

## Catholic Beliefs with Secular Obligations, Is it Possible?

By Jordan G. Ulery State Advocate

I was asked to write an article for this newsletter about the State House. Specifically why I ran, how I marry my Catholic beliefs with my secular obligations, the challenges and rewards and what you can do to join the several Brothers in the State House.

During the past year many in the Knights have read articles I have written regarding the election and political positions I hold. Being elected to the New Hampshire House is the culmination of many years of formation that began well before I became a Catholic. That formation continued with my education and gradual conversion at St. Anselm College and the strong influence of parishioners at St. John the Evangelist in Hudson. I could list names, but some would be missed for, to paraphrase a person whose political position I dislike, 'it takes a Parish to raise a Catholic.'

*Yes, one man, one woman  
can make a difference.  
One person can be a light.*

With the urging of many in Hudson I ran for the House. I ran not just because I wanted to make a difference, but because it is the duty of each of us to act out our faith. I ran and serve because I believe that a Catholic who believes, who practices the faith, who tries to live the faith can change his or her world. When asked that question by the press the glib and easy answer is service. But that is also the real answer – service. Service to one and service to all.

I am not the only Brother Knight in the State House. PGK Roger Berubé sits on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. PFN Tony Matarazzo sits on Children and Family Law. PFN Lawrence Kappler sits on Resources, Recreation & Development and PGK John Saglowski is a freshman legislator this year. When the State Deputy states that the Order teaches leadership, this grouping pretty much proves him right. There are many Catholics in the house, sadly many vote against the teachings of The Church on a consistent basis.

But, it is not all flowers and sweetness. Sure there is the princely sum paid to legislators in New Hampshire. Believe it or not, New Hampshire is the envy of many conservative legislators I have met at national conferences. Pay is not a source of corruption in the Granite State, as it is in, oh let's say, Massachusetts.

There is a rather good feeling when one is able to accomplish some good. If you wish you can look at the legislation sponsored and which was made law. To toot my own horn, just a little, thank you, as a Freshman I got an anti-slavery bill passed in New Hampshire. Yup, slavery was not a state crime in the Granite State. I also passed true bipartisan legislation that barred employment discrimination on account of race, creed, color or sexual orientation. No person should be discriminated against. I shepherded legislation that assured those who were discriminated against because of disability were granted access to reasonable accommodation, and

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reasonable accommodation was defined. I and others brought attention to the plight and abuse of illegal aliens and offered legislation to prevent that abuse, while protecting the rule of law.

I digress; the sourness and merdé comes from those who absolutely reject the faith we hold. The anger comes from those who treat constituents as objects to either be used or lead. This is evident in hearings and in debates on the floor. In the first term, the anti-catholic bias was subtle. In the second term the bias was overt and clear. Pro-life issues were no longer discussed, the stance was simply, you are wrong and you are old fashioned and out of tune. The tone is 'I know what is best and you are out-of-touch with reality.' The pressure to conform to the elitist standards of the culture of death is so strong that even those (in both parties) who in the past had spoken clearly as life advocates, voted for anti-life policies and procedures.

It is disheartening to listen to some legislators go to the well and lie to the Membership. It is shameful to hear a person you thought respected life, respected your values, refuse to engage in discussion by refusing to answer questions. The blatant lies and dissemination of malicious information frequently cause a red face from elevated blood pressure.

The key question is, however, so what? What does this have to do with me? I am only a person and I can not do anything? The order is apolitical.

First and foremost, the Knights of Columbus is not now and never has been apolitical. The Order has always stood for the teachings of The Church in the secular world. That means engaging in the political process. Even in our degrees there are repeated exhortations to make our voices heard in the political arena. Our Savior instructed us not to hide the lamp under a basket, but to let the light shine forth. Jesus Christ himself instructed his disciples to sell their cloaks and buy a sword in order to fight the good fight.

Yes, one man, one woman can make a difference. One person can be a light. Several brothers ran this last election year and so can you. Yes, the time commitment is there. But, service to all means giving of yourself so that the Truth taught by our faith can shine forth. Contact your local political party and ask to run. One party will welcome you, the other may not be so eager for a pro-life candidate. Unfortunately, affiliation with a political party is necessary to enter into the fray. The



more Catholics who live the faith and who ask Mary for intercession before each Session or Hearing are needed to reverse the Culture of Death that stinks up the State House.

I have gone on too long. Yes, there is a passion in my words because we need your help. If anyone wants to stress themselves by running for office, I will gladly direct them to staunch Catholics who are much better and able at instructing candidates than I.

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# From the State Secretary's Desk

My Brother Knights:

Our quarterly meeting will be coming up on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> marking third meeting for this 2008-2009 year here in New Hampshire. It is time to start thinking about what is left to do for this year and get ready for 2009-2010

- ❑ Per Capita Invoices will be issued at the Quarterly Meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. For those that are not in attendance, your District Deputy will make sure you get your copy of your invoice or they will be mailed to the GK of record.
- ❑ Liability Insurance Program will be going into our second year. Invoices will be distributed at the Quarterly Meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. For those that wish to take part in this program, I would ask that your payment be submitted to me by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our new policy for 2009-2010 will go into affect on June 15<sup>th</sup>. I do need time to gather all information and send it into our Insurance Company.
- ❑ Members to the NH State Council – Believe it or not, we still have a few councils that have not submitted their names. As you know, these members will be representatives to the NH State Council and will have the honors to represent your council throughout the year at the State Meetings. If you have not done so yet, please add the election of these men to your election process when you elect your officers of your council between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. We also use these names to prepare a per-diem check at the Annual Convention in May.
- ❑ Charity Raffle Unclaimed Money – We thank you for all your efforts each year on the Charity Raffle. Please remember that 50% of what you have turned in goes back to your council to be given to a charity of your choice. We still have a number of councils that have yet requested their money. We would love to get this money back to your councils and be able to close out our books by the end of this 2008-2009 year. Please contact me ASAP if you are unsure of your status.
- ❑ Convention Packets will also be distributed at the Feb Quarterly Meeting. If you did not get one, please download a copy from the State Website [www.nhknights.org](http://www.nhknights.org)

**Helping Hands:** -- Advertising is one very good way to tell people that the Knights of Columbus are here to help and provide assistance. If you are to run a function and are looking for some way to advertise it, please feel free to contact me for a little advise on getting the word out. As simple as using Microsoft Word or maybe some other program, you can produce a great looking flyer etc. If your council wishes to promote or advertise the event you are sponsoring and wish to have a flyer for this event, I will offer my services and assist you to build a flyer and get it advertised. I know we have many talented people out there that also can help with this project and would love to put a list together of those people that can help. We may even distribute the list to each GK and if they need our help, they can contact one of New Hampshire's finest. We may also be able to put together a "Library of Clip-Art" etc for those unable to find what they want. For those already doing this, please forward your flyers to the current Web Master SD Greg Taillon at [g.taillon@comcast.net](mailto:g.taillon@comcast.net) or submit your request from the State Website [www.nhknights.org](http://www.nhknights.org) Ask for it to be "Linked" to your council Website.

Thanks and Gob Bless

Edward A. McCann

State Secretary NH Knights of Columbus

**"Let's Get Creative"**

# *State Treasurer's Report*

*by Joel Plante , State Treasurer*

Keeping the funds of the New Hampshire Council in our various accounts squared away has certainly been my privilege over the past (almost) two years. It's really amazing how much money we have been able to earn and then distribute to assist so many of God's people, our brothers and sisters in this life. The influence of the New Hampshire State Council has certainly been a force for good here in our state whether we are supporting our kidney patients, Special Olympics, our seminarians and a multitude of other programs both on a state and a local level. Your overall generosity is really tremendous. Certainly when our Councils stand in judgment the Savior of us all will say, "Well done good and faithful servant."

One thing that is very noticeable from just viewing and managing the incoming and outgoing funds is the level of Council activity that appears to be a major factor in just how well certain programs are being managed. When we reach back into the memory banks it seems that many of the same Councils that presented multiple program reports are also the Councils that are presenting the most solid fund raising activity. So what's the point of all this? Well, it's just an observation, and not a very scientific one at that, but it seems to this pair of untrained eyes that the more active councils are the councils who seem to be the most successful. It is also evident that the Councils who are presenting the largest sums and the most program reports are also the councils that are growing in membership.

I suppose this should not be a surprise. Over about the same period of time noted above we have been moving about the state making a real effort to promote activity and activity reports. A team of State level officers and Directors has moved all about the state trying to get Councils to be 'planful.' Now we know that planful is not a real word, even my spell checker is rebelling over that, but the fact is that the Councils that are planning are also the Councils that are the most successful.

In this day and age failure cannot be a word in our vocabulary no matter what the size of our council. Every council, large and small, needs to be as active as ever to keep our Order on the move. Without continuous growth, no matter how we get there, the dream of Father McGivney cannot continue if we allow ourselves to fail. Our discipleship is an important element in our world today. We encourage all of our members and all of our Councils to continue their hard work, to plan and to succeed as we evangelize by the very mission our Lord and Savior handed over to Peter and the original twelve. Our vocation as Knights of Columbus must continue and planning for success is the only way to be a success.

Don't stop now. Your continued efforts are more important than ever.



# The Knights of Columbus and the Church:

The Knights of Columbus began when Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest saw a need for families in New Haven, CT. A fraternal service organization began in a small parish with a priest and a group of concerned men. From the moment of conception the Knights of Columbus has been a part of the parish life, a part of the Church.

As we reflect on the 125+ years councils get their life from the life of the parish they belong to and are participate in. As I reflect on my many years as a member of the Knights involved at the council level, serving as Financial Secretary, Grand knight and Trustee, I latter served as a District Deputy, I also served on the state level as State Treasurer and State Deputy, which allowed me to be a part of Supreme level. I must express that each level relies on the other, just like the council needs the parish, the parish needs the council to be a part of its programs and activities.

The local council needs the district and the state and the state council is the local councils working together to bring our mission to life. The councils that are very involved in parish life and offer great programs are the councils that are alive and active and growing. We need to live the message of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The mission and purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to build up the community of believers the Church. We are the Church. We are the Knights of Columbus.

We are called to live the Gospel each and every day as people of faith, as disciples of the Lord. If you want to truly be a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Church, you must be more than card carrying members- you need to be involved and committed to the work and ministry we are called to live as disciples of Christ and members of the Knights.

My challenge to you is get involved, serve on a committee, volunteer to help at a function, remember you get out of your membership in the Knights or the Church what you put into the Knights or into the Church. Let me give you an example, you move to a new community, it offers a YMCA, you get a membership, you get a tour of the facility and all it offers for your health and exercise. The card gets put in your wallet and you never go, you never get the better health or exercise you wanted or need you must get involved, be an active member. Just get involved and participate in the greatest fraternal organization The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church, the life line of each and every one of us. God Bless You for belonging and for being involved.

Peace, Fr. Aggie Jean, PSD State Chaplain

## Your Challenge—Get Involved

# Why your council needs a Squires program

That's right. Whether you realize it or not your council needs a Squires program, and I'll give you two important reasons why:

1. It's a powerful recruitment tool. A healthy Squires Circle can be a very effective source of new recruits when Squires turn 18 years of age, and those new recruits are likely to come with volunteer and leadership experience from their Circle activities.
2. It gives your council's Youth Director a chance to interact with the Squires and builds an important connection between the Council and the Circle. The Knights can learn more about the needs and interests of the youth, support the Circle, and offer a positive role model. The Squires can help out with Council activities such as Tootsie Roll Drives, Christmas card sales and other programs, and by the time they turn 18 they'll have a good idea of what the Knights are all about.

My message is brief, but don't let this advice slide by. The Squires Circle is a great recruitment tool and it brings in young blood and fresh ideas to help keep your council vibrant. I came from a Squires program that had a heavy interaction with the Knights in my home town (Billerica, MA). There were about 7 of us that turned 18 years old, and we all joined the Billerica council together.

I encourage you to give it a try! You can find information from Supreme (<http://www.kofc.org/squires>) about how to start a Circle and what's involved in being a sponsoring Council. And of course, feel free to contact me if I can help in any way to get your Squire Circle Started.

Fraternally yours,

Dennis Gearty, NH State Youth Director

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# New Knights in Shining Armor Award

*There will be some exciting news about New Hampshire's Knight in Shining Armor Program. Please make sure to check the web site and attend the next quarterly meeting to find out more.*

## Knights Information from around the globe

### [Knights Launch News and Information Web Site for Catholics](#)

The Knights of Columbus has established an Internet-based news and information service for Catholics – [Headline Bistro](#). The new Web site provides a digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books.



## State 24 Month Calendar — July 2008 to June 2009

Event	StartDate	End Date	StartTime
Quarterly Gathering/Seminar - Littleton	October 19, 2008		12:00 PM
Third Degree—Portsmouth #140	October 26, 2008		12:00 PM
Retreat Program - Morning of Reflection	November 1, 2008		8:00 AM
State Ball - Nashua - Crowne Plaza Nashua	November 8, 2008		5:00 PM
State Deputy's Meeting - Out of State	November 14, 2008		
Fourth Degree Exemplification - Keene	November 15, 2008		
7th Trumpet Mass	November 16, 2008		
Light Up for Christ Program	December 2, 2008		
Third Degree—Littleton #1835	December 7, 2008		12:00 PM
State Directors Mid-Year Meeting	December 7, 2008		12:00 PM
DD Seminar and State Christmas Party	December 12, 2008		
Birth Right Recognition Dinner	January 10, 2009		7:00 PM
E-Board Meeting Location Manchester PBVM	January 21, 2009		7:00 PM
Third Degree—Keene #819	January 25, 2009		12:00 PM
Regional Seminars - 2 per week	February 2, 2009	February 6, 2009	
Quarterly Gathering/Seminar - Bedford	February 8, 2009		12:00 PM
Raffle Tickets Available	February 8, 2009		
Regional Seminars - 2 per week	February 9, 2009	February 13, 2009	
Regional Seminars - 2 per week	February 16, 2009	February 20, 2009	
Granite Award - Crowne Plaza Nashua	February 21, 2009		7:00 PM
Third Degree—Nashua #TBD	February 22, 2009		12:00 PM
Ash Wednesday	February 25, 2009		
State Award Submission Deadline	March 15, 2009		
Third Degree—Tilton #11868	March 29, 2009		12:00 PM
Pro Life Seminar St. Joseph Cathedral	March 29, 2009		
E-Board Meeting - St. John Neuman - Merrimack	April 8, 2009		7:00 PM
Spring State Cribbage Tournament	April 19, 2009		
Third Degree—Londonderry #10488	April 26, 2009		12:00 PM
State Convention - Nashua Radisson	May 1, 2009	June 3, 2009	
Fourth Degree Exemplification-North Conway	May 16, 2009		
Third Degree—Dover/Hampton #TBD	May 31, 2009		12:00 PM
State Deputy Orientation	June 3, 2009		
Third Degree—Franklin 12147	June 28, 2009		12:00 PM

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Event	StartDate	End Date	StartTime
State Directors Organization Meeting	July 5, 2009		12:00 PM
E-Board Meeting - Location TBD	July 8, 2009		7:00 PM
DD Seminar	July 25, 2009		8:00 AM
Quarterly Gathering/Seminar - Location TBD	July 26, 2009		12:00 PM
Supreme Convention	August 4, 2009	August 6, 2009	12:00 AM
Installation of State Officers - Location TBD	August 15, 2009		12:30 PM
Third Degree	September 27, 2009		12:00 PM
State Pilgrimage ? Date TBD	October 3, 2009		12:00 AM
State Soccer Challenge	October 4, 2009		10:00 AM
State Fall Cribbage Tournament - Location TBD	October 11, 2009		1:00 PM
E-Board Meeting - Location TBD	October 15, 2009		7:30 PM
Quarterly Gathering/Seminar - Location TBD	October 18, 2009		12:00 PM
Third Degree	October 25, 2009		12:00 PM
Retreat Program - Morning of Reflection	November 1, 2009		8:00 AM
State Ball - Location TBD	November 7, 2009		5:00 PM
State Deputy's Meeting - Out of State	November 13, 2009		12:00 AM
Third Degree	November 29, 2009		12:00 PM
Light Up for Christ Program	December 1, 2009		12:00 AM
State Directors Mid-Year Meeting	December 6, 2009		12:00 PM
DD Seminar and State Christmas Party	December 11, 2009		12:00 AM
Christmas	December 25, 2009		12:00 AM
Birth Right Recognition Dinner - Location TBD	January 9, 2010		7:00 PM
E-Board Meeting Location TBD	January 20, 2010		7:00 PM
Third Degree	January 31, 2010		12:00 PM
Quarterly Gathering/Seminar - Location TBD	February 7, 2010		12:00 PM
Granite Award Location TBD	February 20, 2010		7:00 PM
Third Degree	February 28, 2010		12:00 PM
State Award Submission Deadline	March 15, 2010		12:00 AM
Third Degree	March 28, 2010		12:00 PM
E-Board Meeting - Location TBD	April 7, 2010		7:00 PM
Pro Life Seminar St. Joseph Cathedral	April 11, 2010		12:00 AM
Spring State Cribbage Tournament Location TBD	April 18, 2010		12:00 AM
Third Degree	April 25, 2010		12:00 PM
State Convention - Nashua Radisson	April 30, 2010	May 2, 2010	12:00 AM
Third Degree	May 30, 2010		12:00 PM
State Deputy Training	June 3, 2010		12:00 AM
Third Degree	June 27, 2010		12:00 PM