



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



Council Meeting.. Thursday Feb 19th @ 7:39pm, in CCD F

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Column



Brother Knights

As the daylight hours begin getting longer many of us eagerly await the arrival of warmer weather and the eventual departure of mother nature's gift of snow. These adverse conditions; however, have not deterred our Brother Knights from continuing with events as planned.

The annual K of C Free Throw competition was conducted on Sunday, January 18, at the Aquinas Center as planned despite the snow storm that arrived the night before and continued into the morning. While total participation was limited to nine hardy boys and girls, six participants were from St. Mark's. Four of the six were winners in their respective age category and will now proceed on to the State K of C Free Throw event. The winners from St. Mark's were: Jacob Coleman (10 yr old boys), Max Coleman (12 yr old boys), Zachary Lashua (13 yr old boys) and Cassandra Cronin (14 yr old girls). Many thanks to Brother John McGarry and to District Deputy Randy McClellan for their assistance conducting this event.

The Culture of Life, Roe vs Wade Vigil was conducted on Jan 21 – 22 at St. Mark's Church. Thanks to all Brother Knights who participated in the 24 hour

vigil with special thanks to Brother Kevin Waterhouse. In addition to serving as our council's Chairman for this event Kevin and his family supplied and served the food enjoyed by those who attended the benediction service the second evening.

February also sees the beginning of the 2009 Lenten season. Once again this year Brother Tom Lavallee and his family plan on organizing and preparing a variety of Lenten meals each Friday evening as they have for the past several years. I highly encourage you to take your spouse out for supper at the church Friday evenings during Lent. If you can spare some time one or more Friday evening Tom and Kathy can certainly use help distributing food and cleaning up afterwards.

The spaghetti dinner conducted in the past to raise funds for our Council's scholarship program is being replaced this year by another event. Brother Don Sommese, the chairman for this event, has proposed organizing a concert featuring Fernando Ortega, a classically-trained pianist, singer-songwriter. If the concert materializes it will likely be conducted

around the October timeframe and we are looking at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theater as the venue for the concert. There is a sizeable upfront financial obligation that the council would incur to arrange this concert but the financial benefits could also be significant. This subject will be a major topic of discussion at the Feb 19th General Council meeting and hopefully you will be there to air your support or concerns regarding the proposal.

Again this month our Council's General Business meeting will be brought forward one week. It will be conducted on Feb 19, 2009 with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM in classroom 209. The reason for advancing the meeting date is that school vacation falls the 4th week of February thus a number of Brothers and their families will be away on vacation. I hope to see many of you at the meeting on the 19th. We have several important items on the agenda including a decision regarding the Fernando Ortega concert referred to previously.

Please keep Deacon Lee in your prayers as he recovers from the injuries sustained during his recent fall.

Just a reminder that if you have not submitted your annual dues payment to Brother Tom Lavallee please do so as soon as possible.

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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A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylights out of me."

The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years.

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 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."

Once again it is time for our annual dues assessment. Our council dues for 2009 remain \$20.00 per year. Our dues mainly cover the cost of postage and stationary for the collection of dues as well as the assesment passed on to us from Supreme. Please help us keep our costs down by kindly sending your payment as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your payment, we will forward your 2009 membership card.

Also, please provide us with your current e-mail address with the enclosed dues form. E-mail is the most effective way to communicate with members. We will not share this information with anyone and all communication will be sent without indicating your e-mail address to other members. If you prefer not to be contacted by a general mailing list for activities, you may also indicate this on the form. Please help us keep our roster current, by providing us with this information. Tom Lavallee, FS



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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 Coombes	2nd
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Fr. Thom Dustin	25th
Stan Swiderek	27th
Matt Sochalski	28th
John Connor	30th



One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little

tried to warn the farmer. She read, "... and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"

The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?"

One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said: 'Holy Mackerel! A talking chicken!'"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes



Statement of Peace:



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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- \$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.

Good of the Order

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



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