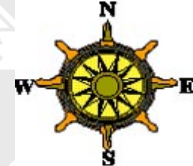




St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

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Council Meeting.. This Thursday Jan 24th at 7:30pm in CCD room #209.

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GK Column

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Well, it may be a new year on the calendar, but we're already more than halfway through our fraternal year.

Time is definitely flying. We've already completed our annual Free Throw contest under the leadership of DGK Paul Bartlett. Thanks Paul! I think you'll find the details in a separate article in this Newsletter. Our FS, Tom Lavallee got creative and ordered some mini KofC basketballs to give away this year. Apparently they were a big hit – the kids loved them!

That's one event down, and a few more to go before the month is out. As of this writing, we have our annual Spaghetti dinner coming up this weekend to support our Rosemarie Cox Scholarship fund. Don Sommese is heading up this effort again, and if you get this newsletter in time, please come out and show your support. Details are in the Church bulletin or on our web site

We've also got our annual Roe vs. Wade vigil starting next Monday 1/21 and running through Tuesday evening 1/22. Kevin Waterhouse is leading the event this year. We'll need folks to pray the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament every hour for 24 hours, so please sign up for a slot if you can. e's event calendar.



The sign-up sheets should be in the back of the Church, or you can give Kevin a call. We'll also have a brief service on Tuesday evening at the conclusion of the vigil. Come join us!

And, believe it or not, our Friday evening Lenten suppers will begin in only a few weeks. The Lavallee family will once again be offering a creative array of menu choices over the course of Lent, so come on by, sample the cuisine, and bring friends!

If anyone is interested in getting involved in some of these events, or even starting something new, please give me a call or bring your idea to a business meeting (fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in room 209). Any council member is also welcome to join us at Officers' meetings (second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM).

There's one last item I'd like to mention, or really just to offer as a reminder. Deacon Lee has asked us to pitch in whenever possible to help clear the sidewalks and steps whenever it snows on a weekend. Please don't wait to be asked because we're not planning to coordinate this work formally unless one of you wants to volunteer for the job. If you can make it, bring along a shovel, snowblower, or whatever you have on any snowy Saturday afternoon around 4:00 or Sunday morning around 7:00. Thanks in advance for your help.

I pray that you and your families all have a happy and holy New Year. Vivat Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Ron Turcotte, GK



Are You Enjoying This Snow?

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



In the last newsletter I noticed something new. There is a book club for Knights of Columbus. 'The Supreme Knight's Book Club' can be accessed through the national web site.

The book this time was *Benedictus: Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI*. The discussion will be January 24, at 5 Eastern time. Some of you might be interested in joining a book group, and it might be good to check in periodically to see what book is up for discussion. I have not read the current book, and won't have time before the 24th.

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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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Q. How do you make holy water?

A. Boil the hell out of it.

Nearly 100 Knights of Columbus field agents are members of the Million Dollar Round Table, the leading association of life insurance and financial services professionals. The MDRT Code of Ethics calls for member agents to "always place the interests of their clients above their own interests," and to "give the best possible advice to clients by seeking to maintain and improve professional knowledge, skills and competence." MDRT expects of their members exactly what you expect of me – exemplary sales practices...outstanding service...high ethical standards.

What does this mean for you and your family? It means that I won't simply try to push a policy on you. I'll take the time to review your current coverage with you. I'll ask questions about your needs, goals and budget. I'll recommend a plan to help you meet your needs and move toward accomplishing your goals. Most importantly, I'll answer your questions. I want your purchase to be an informed one. Exemplary sales practices.

Whether or not you purchase life insurance coverage through the Order (and I hope that you do!), our relationship won't end. Things change. Things like needs, goals and budgets. What is an appropriate amount of coverage today may not be appropriate tomorrow. I'll meet with you annually to make sure you and your family remain adequately protected. Outstanding Service.

As a brother Knight, I have the best interests of you and your family at heart. I'll render that service, which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself. High ethical standards.



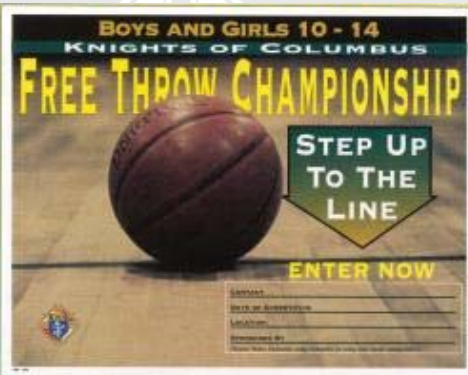
Council 10488 will have their annual spaghetti dinner, after the 5pm Mass, on Saturday January 26th. The proceeds go to benefit the Rosemary R. Cox Scholarship. If you want to help in the kitchen, contact FS Tom Lavallee.

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To impress his date, the young man took her to a very chick Italian restaurant. After sipping some fine wine, he picked up the menu and ordered. "We'll have the Giuseppe Spomdalucci," he said. "Sorry, sir," said the waiter. "That's the

owner."



Annual Free Throw Competition

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition was conducted on Sunday, Jan 6, 2008 at the Aguinas Gym behind St. Thomas Parish. Once again our council joined those from St Jude and St Thomas parishes for this event. Although the number of participants was small, those girls and boys who participated appear to have enjoyed themselves as did their parents. There were two prize winners from St. Mark's; Cassandra Cronin and Chris Lavallee won the prizes for the 12 year old girls and 14 year old boys groups respectively. Both individuals entered the District Free Throw competition directed by Brother Randy McClellan, our District Deputy. The winners of the District Free Throw competition were not decided that day as the DD has another council scheduled to conduct their Free Throw

competition after ours. This year our Worthy Financial Secretary purchased small basketballs and Free Throw patches that were distributed to all participants. They were a big hit. Special thanks to Dennis Pedley, John McGarry and Tom Lavallee for assisting with this event.

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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.

Mark Collins	1st
John McCarthy	12th
Jim Giguere	13th
Evan Sohm	16th
Robert McCool	26th
Patrick O'Sullivan	30th



Paul DiMarco	5th
Robert Valway	14th
Walter Markham	16th
Tim Bowen	21st
Roger Marchand	21st
Connor O'Brien	24th
Rich Engler	25th



A circus owner walked into a bar to see everyone crowded around a table watching a little show. On the table was an upside down pot and a duck tap dancing on it. The circus owner was so impressed that he offered to buy the duck from its owner. After some wheeling and dealing they settled for \$10,000 for the duck and the pot. Three days later the circus owner runs back to the bar in anger, "Your duck is a rip-off! I put him on the pot before a whole audience and he didn't dance a single step!" "So?" asked the duck's former owner, "did you remember to light the candle under the pot?"



Lenten Dinners. Brothers, Lent begins February 6, so our Lenten dinners start Friday, February 8. We're excited 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 out most important season as Catholics. Hope

to see you on Friday nights! Tom Lavallee, FS



Dues - Brothers, My first few months as financial Secretary - I am slowly getting acclimated to the work for this position.

Dues collection is the largest single task (I hope!) and is under way, although a bit later than usual. My predecessor did a tremendous job of handing over a near perfect history of dues collection.



Con't from Pg-1

I hope to check in on this 'group' to see what they are reading in the future. This is one of those things that new technology has enabled that is helpful for our spiritual lives. The Pope has written that media can play a positive role in our lives, and it is easy to see how the Knights are making that happen. So, if reading is something you enjoy, you should check out this book group. **Book Club**

Fr. Thom

With your help, I can continue his trend. So far (mid January) we've collected approximately 50% of our dues. If you've paid, cards are in the mail. If you haven't, please make it a point to send along your check. It's a small effort that will save a tremendous amount of follow up time in letters, postage etc to track the balance of the council. Thanks for your support! Tom Lavallee, FS

A widower who never paid any attention to his wife while she was alive now found himself missing her desperately. He went to a psychic to see if he could contact his late wife. The psychic went into a trance. A strange breeze wafted through the darkened room, and suddenly, the man heard the unmistakable voice of his dearly departed wife. "Honey!" he cried. "Is that you?" "Yes, my husband." "Are you happy?" "Yes, my husband." "Happier than you were with me?" "Yes, my husband." "Then Heaven must be an amazing place!" "I'm not in Heaven, dear."

Christmas Fair Kitchen Sales On December 1 & 2, we supported the St. Mark's Christmas Fair by providing food and beverages during the two day event. We had hamburgers, hot dogs, chili (and chili dogs and chili cheese dogs!), Meatball subs, soda, coffee etc. Thanks to George Coombs and Rick Flynn for the help. Rick took on the toughest task - cooking the hamburgers in the FREEZING cold. George saved the day - he helped out all day Saturday and then single handedly managed Sunday sales & cleanup. Thanks to his efforts, we made a \$100 profit. If it weren't for his Sunday sales, this would have been a break even event at best. Special thanks to Lisa Cook - she made chili and chocolate chip cookies and helped out Saturday in the kitchen. A great day with good food. Tom Lavallee, FS

Good of the Order

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



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