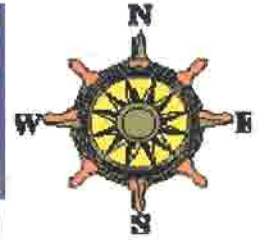




ST-MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE COMPASS



Council 111



A Word From The GK:

Welcome new Members

Join me in welcoming our newest member – Brendan Turcotte. Brendan achieved his First Degree on Friday, January 14 with his father, Ron, Membership Director Bob Leonard and Financial Secretary Paul Bartlett attending the ceremony. Brendan is a hard working young man – he is a high school senior, has been accepted at college, holds down a job, recently received the Boy Scout Eagle award... and now is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Trees

We did well with the Christmas Tree Sale this year. While having 30 trees left over we still made more profit than last year. The trees were exceptional quality and through Council Director John Kelly's leadership, we priced them according to height and quality... and did well. Through some last minute publicity offering the remaining trees to anyone in need – 11 additional trees were dispersed.

Thanks to Bob Leonard's trailer the pallets were delivered to Macks Apples;

January

with Jean Desrosiers trailer the remaining trees were delivered to the Boy Scouts and obviously we owe debts of gratitude to Barlo Signs and Chuck at the Getty Station for allowing us to use his property. And of course, a special thanks to all you brother Knights and Confirmation Students (& Geri Cox) that made the effort successful. 2004 will long be remembered as the year of the 'Boat'.

Family of the Month

Congratulations to Ken and Monica Rahilly as Family of the Month recipients for December.

Requests for Assistance

At the December Membership meeting, a motion was approved to donate \$250 per quarter to the Knights of Columbus State Kidney program – thus sponsoring one dialysis patient for a year. Lecturer Sommese has arranged for Tom Ingham, State Secretary, to speak to us at the January Membership meeting.

Also approved in December was a donation of \$250 to a relief

fund for children in Zimbabwe.

This effort is being coordinated locally by Anna Cunningham through the David Patrick Cunningham Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

Roe vs. Wade Vigil

The Knights will once again sponsor a 24-hour period of fasting and prayer at the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. Pro-Life Director Ron Turcotte has organized this vigil to run from 7 pm Friday, January 21 to 7 pm Saturday.

Free Throw Contest

We had a successful Free Throw contest with cooperation with neighboring Councils from St. Judes and St. Thomas. The contest was held at the Aquinas Center in Derry on Saturday, January 15. We were pleased to have 11 contestants for Londonderry and were able to award champions in 4 different age groups. The District contest will also be at the Aquinas Center on Saturday February 12th. **Con't on Page -2**



Rosemarie R Cox Scholarship spaghetti supper

The second annual spaghetti supper to benefit the Rosemarie R Cox Scholarship will be held on Saturday evening, January 29, after the 5:00 pm Mass. Be sure to get your free tickets at the back of the church.

Activities coming in February

- Lenten Dinners to start – February 11
- Coffee & Donuts – February 20
- General Membership Meeting – February 24

Vivat Jesus,
Dennis Pedley, Grand Knight

Free Throw Pictures




The History of Valentine's Day???

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.



One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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

	
Tom Knower	13th
Steve Curtin	14th
Bob Valway	14th
Walter Markham	16th
Roger Marchand	21st
Rich Engler	26th

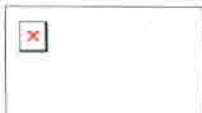
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St-Mark Council 10488 Fiscal Year 2004-2005Calendar					
July	8) Officer Mtg				
August	12 KCO Mtg	20) Old Home Day Set-up	21) Old Home Day	15) Coffee	28) Pride Game
September	9) KCO Mtg	11) KCO Installation 9-11 World Prayer Day	19) Coffee Hosting	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	27) Trees Arrive
December	(1-23) Tree sale	9) Officer Meeting	16) Council Meeting		19) Coffee & Donuts
January	13) Officer meeting	16) Coffee/recruitment	221-22) Roe Wade Vigill	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	

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