



St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



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GK Column



Happy New Year Brother Knights!

The holidays are history and they passed much too quickly for my liking. I hope you were all able to enjoy your families in the spirit of the Christmas season.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that our Christmas tree sale was progressing nicely. I can now report that through YOUR efforts, we sold out AGAIN and had a successful sale. All shifts were covered and we also had a great bunch show up for teardown that included trucks and trailers that made the job very easy. We need a chairperson(s) for this important fundraiser next year as Paul Bartlett and Mike Dromgoole take a well deserved respite. The event is well documented. Anyone interested?

So what's next?

The Free Throw Competition in which our council is playing a significant role will occur Sunday afternoon 12:30 to 2 PM, Jan 17 at the Aquinas Center in Derry.

Got children or grandchildren between the ages of 10 – 14? Come shoot a few hoops!

The day of fasting, prayer and adoration is imminent on Jan 21-22. Support our pro-life efforts by participating. If you can't get to the chapel at St Marks for the rosary or adoration, pray at home and fast any way you can. A benediction will occur afterward, Friday evening at 7:30 PM, with refreshments to break the fast.

At this point I would like to share some thoughts and concerns. I have been part of a languishing "old" council and a vibrant "new" council in my short 16+ years as a knight. I wouldn't consider our council an "old" or "new" council, but something in between moving toward "old". The characteristic that indicates the movement to "old" in my view is the lack of new members. This lack of new members means the existing members are the only ones keeping the council active. As we age our vitality and ability to "do it all" fade away and if left unchecked will be our demise.

Sadly, in the 11+ years I've been in this council I see something bad happening when 10 to 15 guys in a council of 100 are responsible for all of the activities. It's understandable for a member with a young family to not have much time to devote to the council. But if we had more members with young families, might that be the impetus for family activities that would benefit those young families? It would be a natural consequence and a good one at that! It doesn't take much imagination to expect that those families produce future members of our order who will do the same good things for their families. Councils are for men of all walks of life and vocation joined by the common bond of their faith and their desire to serve others.

Who are we asking to join our ranks? Are we asking anyone at all? In the end we are ALL (young, old, new or charter members) partially responsible for the success or demise of this council and I would like to see a vibrant council with a good cross section of members willing to work activities of interest to each.

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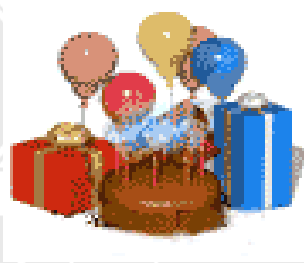
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Looking over the log book kept by the computer support staff at my office, I noticed several entries stating the problem was PICNIC. I asked one of the technicians what PICNIC meant. He laughed as he told me it meant "Problem In Chair, Not In Computer"

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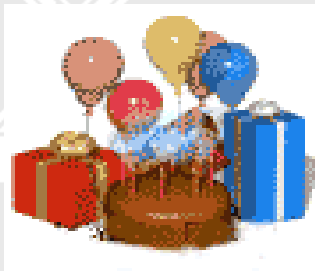
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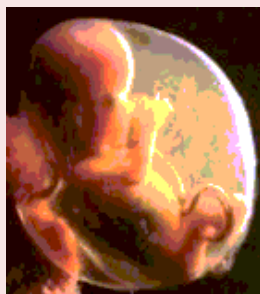


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After re-election in 1998, Dr. Squires was appointed chair of the Public Institutions, Health, and Human Services Committee. He has been recognized for his efforts to ensure that tobacco settlement funds be used for health-related causes. In 2000, Dr. Squires sought the Republican nomination for Governor.

Dr. Squires graduated from McGill Medical School. He also served in the United States Air Force as a flight medical officer, having received his surgical training at Grace New Haven Hospital and New England Medical Center. Dr. Squires also taught surgery at the Boston Veterans Administration Hospital.

Here is some background on this Endowment:

The Endowment for Health is a statewide, private, nonprofit foundation dedicated to improving the health of New Hampshire's people, especially those who are vulnerable and underserved. There is an active focus on children's mental health.

The Endowment was established in 1999 as a result of the sale of Blue Cross Blue Shield New Hampshire to Anthem Insurance. We carefully manage our assets on behalf of New Hampshire's people and distribute a percentage of these funds each year in accordance with the IRS rules for private foundations. We are not donor based, nor do we engage in fundraising.

Like most foundations, grantmaking is the Endowment's primary tool. We work for systemic change that can improve the health of New Hampshire's people.

Since 2001, the Endowment has awarded 691 grants to 219 organizations totaling more than \$30 million to support a wide range of health-related programs and projects in New Hampshire.

The Endowment also uses its voice and influence to lead others toward health-related policy change. We often act as a catalyst and convener to help move important issues forward - especially when others are unable to speak out. We also support and promote exemplary nonprofit and philanthropic practices to help health-related organizations become stronger throughout the state and beyond.

Thomas Dunn



HUDSON -- Thomas "Frank" Dunn, 85, died Jan. 12, 2010, in Elliot Hospital, Manchester.

He was born in Passage West County Cork, Ireland, Sept. 7, 1924, to John D. and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Dunn. He formerly lived in Everett, Mass., where he graduated from Everett High School.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of American Legion Post No. 27 in Londonderry.

He had been employed as an operations manager for Exxon in Everett, Mass., for 37 years, retiring in 1982. Following retirement, he owned and operated the Exxon gas station in Londonderry.

He was a communicant of St. Mark Church in Londonderry and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed time with his family, Sunday drives with his wife, and he cherished the memories

of many winter ski seasons at Saddleback Mountain with his family. He was a devoted and loving grandfather of 10, which brought him endless joy.

IN HIS LIFE: He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Louise C. (Leahy) Dunn of Hudson, two sons, Thomas F. Dunn Jr. and wife, Joanna, of Franklin, Mass. and John Dunn and wife, Keri, of Manchester; two daughters, Janice Jasek and husband, George, of Londonderry and Mary Rider and husband, Walter, of Germantown, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; one brother, D. Noel Dunn of Lynnfield, Mass.; two sisters, Eileen Zimmerman and Muriel Hurley, both of Everett, Mass.; and many special nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by two brothers, Allan Dunn and Kevin Dunn, and a sister, Winifred Grace.

SERVICES: Calling hours will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. in Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark Church, 1 South Road, Londonderry. Burial will be in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation for Ashley's Dream, 675 E. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 101, Troy, MI 48083 (www.ashleysdream.org).

For more information, go to www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Recent Donations

\$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 Sebeck'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 Lavallee, Larry LeBlanc, Bill Clark, John Cadieux, Clarence Keenam, Bill Hamilton's Brother, Bishop McCormack, Gerry Cox, Jeanette Jandreau



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