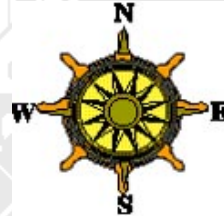




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Council Meeting.. Council Meeting Jan 27th at 7:30pm Rm 209

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January

GK Column

Father Pennett has seen the photos and was very appreciative and pleased without effort. I am sure he will enjoy the change once he returns to the rectory.

We also once again teamed up with the St. Jude and St. Thomas Councils under the leadership of our own Brother Paul Bartlett to have to have the annual Free Throw competition at the St. Thomas Aquinas gymnasium. Our own John Kelly did some rebound work! Photos are coming very soon to our website. This year youth participation was again disappointing, possibly due to the weather & MLK holiday weekend. The youth that participated had a good time and were able to immediately jump into the district competition which was held that same afternoon. The only thing missing was the Harlem Globetrotters theme music playing in the background as everyone was warming up! Winners got certificates, plaques and balls for their efforts. Congratulations to Abby Dunigan the winner in our Council's 14 year old girls group!

And finally, we have just completed our hosting of the annual Pro-Life vigil. Again parishioners and representatives from Southern NH councils visited and prayed for an end to abortion. My thanks go out to all that assisted.

Brother John Matuszewsky of St. Jude Council has this event well planned and makes it easy to pull off. The benediction afterward was given by Father Bob of St. Jude parish. The participants broke their 24 hr. fast at what I would call a feast provided by our own John Kelly assisted by his daughter and her friend. Brother Dennis Pedley arranged for flowers, exposed the Blessed Sacrament for adoration and ensured Fr. Bob had everything he needed for the benediction. I encourage all of you to participate in this worthwhile event next year.

Again, if any of you first degree members would like to advance to second, please contact me, jean.desrosiers@comcast.net, as it is nice to experience a degree together with brother knights of your own council. If you are curious, degree dates can be found on the NH State council website www.nhknights.org. If you have not remitted your annual dues for 2011, please do so soon as second notices are going out and just add to our expenses.

Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and for those families that continue to struggle for the simple day to day necessities. And if it is within your means, make part of your prayer the gift of service through your council where you won't have to do it all alone or look long for a worthy project. I guarantee you will have a good time.

Jean Desrosiers, GK

Brother Knights,

Welcome to 2011. I hope your holidays with family were festive and restful.

I wish to thank all that participated in our annual Christmas Tree sale. Special thanks go out to this year's co-chairmen Mike Dromgoole and Don Morin. This is our largest fundraiser and requires the most council participation of all our activities. This year we did not sell all our trees and it wasn't for lack of effort or manpower on our part. Thus, our proceeds were not as great as in previous years. I chalk it up to the bad economy and the fact that many are still struggling to make ends meet. The cheap tree competition didn't help either. What that means is we need to donate/spend what we have wisely and where it is most needed. You can help in this process by your input at our business meetings.

The recent request for assistance in the rectory painting project was answered by 7 hearty painters who, in two sittings, made a dramatic transformation in the appearance of the dining and living room as well as the hall and foyer. They were Joe St'Onge, Evan Sohm, Allen Fernald, Pat O'Brien, Paul Bartlett, Bob Leonard and I. This was sort of a mini makeover where we supplied the tools, skill and manpower. Photos of the finished product can be seen on our website in the album section.

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Insurance Corner



The Field Agent supporting our council's insurance needs is Marco, and he'd love to meet you. His contact information is below:

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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:

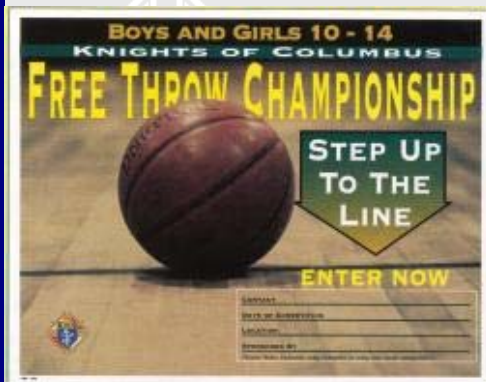
"The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

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."

Free Throw Competition.



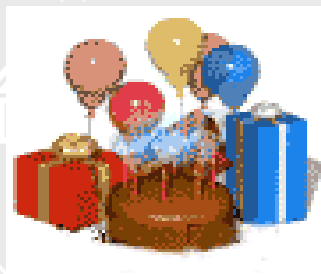
St. Mark's, St. Thomas' and St. Jude's K of C Councils conducted a combined Free Throw event on Sunday, Jan 16 at the Aquinas Center in Derry. Although the number of participants from each church was small, the event was enjoyed by the participants, family members and those Brother Knights supporting the event. Congratulations to Abby Dunigan the winner in our Council's 14 year old girls group. Subsequent to the council shoot off the District Free Throw competition was conducted by the District Deputy with support from the three participating councils. Special thanks to those members of our council, i.e. Jean Desrosiers, Mike Dromgoole and John Kelly for assisting at

this event. Paul Bartlett, PGK



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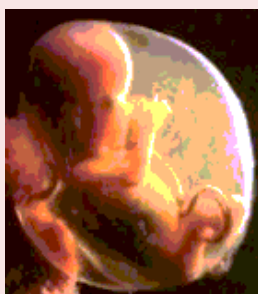
Paul Dimarco	5th
Robert Valway	14th
Walter Markham	16th
Tim Bowen	21st
Roger Marchand	21st
Connor O'Brien	24th
Richard Engler	26th



Mark Collins	1st
John McCarthy	12th
James Giguere	13th
Evan Sohm	16th
Robert McCool	26th

Fight FOCA!

The 2010
Rosemarie R. Cox
Scholarship
Winner is Brittany Capistran



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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Statement of Peace:



Student Pro-Life Essay/Poem/Poster contest

The duffer muffed his tee shot into the woods, then hit into few trees, then proceeded to hit across the fairway into some other woods. Finally, after banging away several more times, he proceeded to hit into a sand trap. All the while, he'd noticed that the club pro had been watching. "What club should I use now?" he asked the pro.

"I don't know," the pro replied. "What game are you playing?"

While Mark was shopping for pet supplies, one of the salespeople came running up to him. "Mark! Mark! I just saw someone driving off with your BMW!"

"Dear God! Did your try to stop him?" "No," said the clerk, "but don't worry. I got the license plate number!"

A customer comes into a computer store. "I'm looking for a mystery adventure game with lots of graphics. You know, something really challenging."

After a while the clerk replied, "have you tried Windows 2000?"

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