



# St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



**Council Meeting.. & BBQ this Thursday June 26th at 5:30pm in**

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## GK Column

Brother Knights,

I hope this letter finds you all well. This will be my last letter as GK, at least in the foreseeable future. I am pleased and confident to be turning the reigns over to your new GK, Paul Bartlett. Along with his team of officers and directors, I expect that Paul will provide excellent leadership in the coming year(s?) and I look forward to working with him.

I'd also like to express my sincere gratitude for all of you who offered your time, energy, guidance (yes, and constructive criticism) and support over the past two years. The post of Grand Knight is only a fleeting one. You, our members, are the true lifeblood of the council and I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you as GK. Of course, I'll still be around as Trustee, so you're not quite rid of me yet! Plus I recently accepted the position of NH State Program Director to keep me from having too much idle time.

OK, enough of that. Let's get down to some business. First, we have our **annual family BBQ coming up on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** on the date of our June business meeting. Please come by, bring your family, and



enjoy some good food and fellowship. Festivities start around 5:30 PM in the Church hall. Our most recent scholarship winner will be there to receive her award, I'll be passing the gavel to Paul and recognizing some council members, and we'll sneak off for a VERY brief business meeting at some point

As some of you may realize, we almost hosted a Third Degree exemplification at St. Mark's this month, but the event was postponed when we couldn't get a full degree team put together (too many schedule conflicts). We plan to try again in the September/October timeframe, so stay tuned. Note also that there is an abbreviated Fourth Degree ceremony coming up in July, so check the state web site calendar for details ([www.nhknights.org](http://www.nhknights.org)).

Our first event of the new fraternal year will be Old Home Day on Saturday, August 16th. We'll host our usual putting green with popcorn and soda, and we'll be marching in the parade. It takes quite a few folks to manage this event, so please be generous with your time when we start working out the booth schedule, and feel free to bring family and friends to

help out – all are welcome. Also, we'd love to have a strong showing of Knights in the parade that morning. We'll have the Santa Maria float and we'll be giving out our leftover tootsie rolls as usual. We will be marching with St. Jude's council again, but they've been putting us to shame the past few years. Please come and help us make a good showing!

We have no business meetings scheduled for the summer, but the officers will continue to meet on the second Thursday of July and August. I look forward to seeing you all at the BBQ this month, and at Old Home Day in August. Paul will pick up the gavel for his first official business meeting in September, so come and offer him some support. In the meantime, God bless you all.

Yours in Christ, Ron Turcotte, GK



The winner of the 2008 Rosemarie R. Cox Scholarship is Londonderry HS senior Shannon Chisholm. Shannon will be attending Notre Dame in Indiana in the fall. This exceptional student has been quite active in the parish and local community, and will receive her \$500 award at the Council Family Cook-Out on the 26th. Please come to the cookout and offer your congratulations to Shannon, who will also read her winning essay for the crowd.

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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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An elderly couple stood before the family court judge after a long divorce trial. The judge asked why they wanted a divorce after having been married for nearly 70 years. They answered: " We wanted to wait, till after the kids had died".

### Donations to Seabecks Missionary Program

A donation of \$500 was recently made by our council to the Seabeck's missionary work in Haiti. They responded with some very informative material including a letter, news articles and pictures of some of the poorest of poor children in their missionary homes. Their letter is included in this newsletter and the pictures will be available for viewing at the June 26 general council meeting. ***Seabeck Letter***

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility."



I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Richard, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?' He replied,

'It was an ID ten T error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error?'

What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Richard grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?'

'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T ... I used to like the little sh\_t!

### **The Granite Knight.**

Want to know what is going on at the KC State Level? Check out the Granite Knight newsletter. It can be accessed by clicking on the above News icon. You can also access this newsletter by going to our "Current Events Page" of this website and clicking on the left column tab entitled "KC State Events".

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Steve Sefter	3rd
Charles Samalis	8th
Ron Turcotte, PGK	12th
Gerry Gillespie	16th
James Errico	20th
Garrett Adie	21st
Andrew Desrosiers	23rd
Larry O'Sullivan	27th
Joe Stokes, PGK/FDD	31st

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> degree knight to be on the team, and some of the roles are very easy. Please contact Ron Turcotte at [ron@turcotte.com](mailto:ron@turcotte.com) or 603-437-6549 if you'd like to join us, or even just to get more information.



Marty Bove	1st
Dan Greene	1st
Richard White	4th
Ken Perkins	13th
Paul Lomano	15th
Larry LeBlanc PGK/FDD	16th
Francis McFague	26th



Jay Dunigan	5th
Bob Ganley	8th
Paul Bompastore	10th
Dan Bever	12th
John Farrell	13th
Don Sommese	18th
Bob Brouillette	20th
Fred Chamberlain	26th
Marc D'Anjou	31st

### Council 10488 Officers for 2008-09

GK	Paul Bartlett	O-Guard	Brian Roche
DGK	Jean Desrosiers	Trustee-3	Ron Turcotte, PGK
Chancellor	Pat O'Brien	Trustee-2	Mike Dromgoole, PGK
Recorder	Rick Flynn	Trustee-1	Kevin Waterhouse, PGK
Treasurer	John McLaughlin	Chaplain	Fr. Duston
Advocate	Allan Fernald	Fin. Sec.	Tom Lavallee
Warden	Walter Markham	Lecturer	TBA
I-Guard	Gil Jandreau	*** C	Appointed Positions

### Council BBQ



The council will supply all the food, you need only bring your appetite and as many family members as possible. A very short meeting will be conducted between the meal and desert while our wives talk and share stories. Please inform Ron Turcotte ([Ron@Turcotte.com](mailto:Ron@Turcotte.com): 437-6549) or Paul Bartlett ([pwbartlett@comcast.net](mailto:pwbartlett@comcast.net): 437-2562) as to the number from your family that will attend so we can ensure sufficient food is available.

### Officer's Jewels

All council officers are requested to bring their officer jewels to the June general council meeting. They will be collected and set aside for the next officers' induction ceremony.

### 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

### Good of the Order

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



### Our Insurance Agent is:

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Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asked a young Engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"  
 The Engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."  
 The interviewer enquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years say, a red Corvette?"  
 The Engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

And the interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

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- KCO meetings
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- Tree Sale
- US Holidays

Select: All | None

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 <input type="checkbox"/> 7p KC Officer Mtg	13	14 <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Day
15 <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day	16	17	18 <input type="checkbox"/> 12p KC Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21
<input type="checkbox"/> 9a Coffee & Donuts	22	23	24	25	26 <input type="checkbox"/> 5:30p Council BBO & Mtg	27
28	29 <input type="checkbox"/> 12p 3rd Degree CANCELLED	30	1	2	3	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Independence Day
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## 2008-09 Directors/Chairmen

Membership Director	<i>Program</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>TBA</i>	Admissions	TBD
	Degrees	TBD
	Retention	Larry LeBlanc

**Program Director:** DGK

Church Dir	<i>Program</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Dennis Pedley, PGK	Vocations/RSVP	Dennis Pedley
	Pro-Life/Roe v Wade	Kevin Waterhouse
	Pro-Life Couple	Kevin Waterhouse
	Lenten Dinners	Tom Lavallee
	Coffee/Donuts	Jim Traynor
	Special Events	TBD

Community Dir.	<i>Program</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Bill Hamilton, PGK	Tootsie Roll	Mike Dromgoole
	Blood Drive	TBD
	Old Home Day	TBD
	Essay Contest	John Matuszewski
	Special Events	TBD

Council Dir.	<i>Program</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Larry LeBlanc, PGK/FDD	Webmaster	Larry LeBlanc
	Newsletter	Larry LeBlanc
	Public Relations	Jim Blake
	Christmas Trees	Mike Dromgoole
	Scholarship	Don Sommese
	Knight of Month	GK
	Elections	Larry LeBlanc
	Special Events	TBD

Family Dir.	<i>Program</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Ron Turcotte, PGK	Family of Month	Ron Turcotte
	Special Events	TBD

Youth Dir.	<i>Program</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
John McGarry	Free Throw	
	Soccer Challenge	
	Special Events	TBD