



# St. Mark's Knights of Columbus

## The Compass



**Council Meeting.. This Thursday Mar 28th at 7:30pm in CCD room #209.**

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Brother Knights,

As I write this month's letter, we're in the middle of holy week. Perhaps Easter will have passed by the time you read this, so I'll take this opportunity to exclaim...

Christ is risen! Truly, Christ is risen!

I hope you all had a holy and renewing Lenten season, and I wish you all great blessings throughout the coming Easter season. Now that Lent has wrapped up, so have our Lenten dinners. Tom Lavallee's family went out with a bang, earning great accolades for their LOBSTER PIE last Friday! Wow! They weren't messing around this year. Many thanks to the Lavallee's for all their hard work in making this event successful again this year, and to all the Knights who helped out along the way.

Our next big event will be our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Mike Dromgoole is already working with our local stores and town officials to get things set up. Within the next week or so we'll start signing up volunteers to help out. Aside from our Christmas tree program, this is the event where we need the most help during the year – so please be generous with your time, and sign up as early as possible. Feel free to bring family members, and especially young children. I cleaned up last year with my 6-year-old at my side. Nobody got past that kid!

Speaking of kids, I'd like to remind everyone that our Rosemarie Cox Memorial Scholarship program is



still underway. High School seniors in the St. Mark community have until May 14<sup>th</sup> to submit an application. Don't wait until the last minute (Don can tell you stories about kids showing up at his doorstep at 11:59PM on the last day)! Forms and details are available at the back of the Church and on our web site, or you can contact Don Sommese at [dsommese@aol.com](mailto:dsommese@aol.com).

Did you know that our council has been supporting a seminarian? His name is Charlie Pawlowski. We send him a donation every year, but I'm sure he needs our spiritual support even more than our financial support. We are in such dire need of new priests. Please take the time to encourage young men like Charlie who are answering this important call. Perhaps you'd like to write him a letter, send him a care package, or just drop him a simple card to let him know that you're keeping him in your prayers. Here's his address:

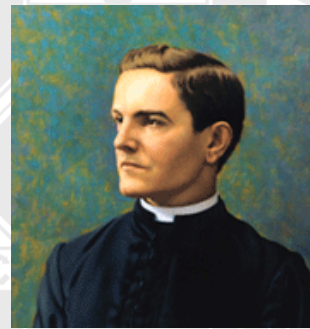
Charles Pawlowski  
Seminary of Our Lady of Providence  
485 Mt. Pleasant Ave.  
Providence, RI 02908

OK, that wraps up this month's letter. I missed many of you at last month's meeting – I think we lost a lot of attendees due to the change in date. However, we're back on schedule again this month, so please join us at 7:30 in room 209 on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will have the usual refreshments after the meeting, which includes FREE BEER. One of our officers suggested that I should make that more clear. I hope to see you all there.

Yours in Christ, Ron Turcotte, GK

### ---Vatican Approves--- Decree of 'Heroic Virtue'



Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Father McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored. "All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals." **Con't on Page-3**

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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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An elderly woman called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into.

She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says. "She got in the back-seat by mistake."

**The Granite Knight.**

## NEWS

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".

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.



**Tootsie Roll**

The annual Tootsie

Roll Drive will be held on May 2&3 2008.

Please set aside these dates now. I encourage all Knights to include their families in this endeavor to see Dad serving the greater good by volunteering to help people who need it.

Mike Dromgoole, PGK - Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman



**The NH State Council Executive Board of the Knights of Columbus in response to requests for donations to students wanting to attend the [People to People Student Ambassador Program](#) to Europe this summer, will be accepting names for a drawing for a \$500 donation to a student for this purpose. **The deadline to submit these names is May 1st.** They will draw and announce the winning name at their State Convention on May 3rd. Please submit names to State Secretary Ed McCann, 56 Brookside Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054. (click on above logo for additional info )**

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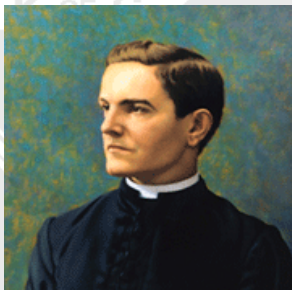
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Kevin Lacerda	1st
George Combes	2nd
Dennis Pedley, PGK	2nd
Walter Lewis	6th
Richard Fisher	17th
Stephen Barry	19th
Mike Dromgoole, PGK	20th
Thomas Brown	25th
Fr. Thom Dustin	26th
Stan Swiderek	27th
Matt Sochalski	28th
John Connor	30th

For weeks a five-year-old child kept telling his kindergarten teacher about the baby sister or brother that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the child to feel the movements of the unborn baby. The five-year-old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Moreover, he stopped telling the teacher about the awaiting event. Finally the teacher sat the child on her lap and said, "Lucas, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

"Lucas burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"



**Con't from Page-1** Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

## 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.



Bob Casey	5th
Brian Roche	9th
John Kelley	10th
Bob Leonard	11th
Gil Jendreau	17th
Francis Horohoe	22nd
Gerry O'Neil	25th
Jean Desrosiers	25th
Normand Bleau	28th
Edgard Medina	30th
Mike Walsh	30th

It's nice when a patently Catholic holiday makes it into most secular calendars, even if it's just so that the retailers can sell green stuff and Guinness can make a few extra \$\$\$. As fun as this day can be, let's not forget about the origination of this feast.



To sum up, St. Patrick was an early, perhaps the first Catholic missionary to Ireland, circa 500 AD. There have been many legends that have grown up around him, but suffice it to say that he took the route that made the most sense in societies in the early middle ages, i.e., to convert the political leaders, because, in those day's, religion was a matter of state; if you convert the leaders, you convert the society.

St. Patrick was successful in this, so he is credited with converting Ireland to Catholicism and has so been named the apostle and patron of Ireland. For a variety of reasons, Ireland and the Irish, have retained a very strong Catholic identity despite (or perhaps because of) the several attempts by the English to convert and suppress them to one or other flavor of Protestantism.

The Irish brought the holiday of their primary saint and their distinct Catholic cultural identity with them over to the U.S. and the rest, as they say, is history. So wear some green, go out and have a pint, and think about St. Patrick and how amazing it is that one person can have such a great impact on humanity

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support the family.

From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877.

He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

Still maintaining its headquarters in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean islands, the Philippines, Guam and, most recently, Poland. (Reprinted from KC News on-line!)

Good of the Order

January Donations

\$250 to Steve Nadeau Fund  
 \$1000 to Parish Fund for new Boiler  
 \$250 to the State Kidney Fund  
 \$30 for 1/2 pg add in Granite State Award book.

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



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