



ST-MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE COMPASS



A Word From The GK:



Tootsie Roll Drive

Our Tootsie roll drive this year was a successful one, with some \$2300 raised for Special Needs Children. Thanks to all who participated, and special thanks to Dennis Pedley and Kevin Waterhouse who chaired the event. Although we could have used a few more volunteers for Saturday afternoon we still came in just a little under last year's dollar amount. Thanks to Dennis, Kevin, and John McLaughlin we also have a break down of dollars by location. This will help us decide which locations are best for next year, and make sure we have those locations covered for all time slots. Again thank you to all who helped with *this very important event*. At the May membership meeting we will decide where we would like the monies to be donated.

Your council needs you!



Council elections are here. Be all that you can



Elections

Yes - its that time already. We are fortunate this year to have a full slate of very qualified nominees.

Grand Knight Dennis Pedley

Deputy GK Kevin Waterhouse

Chancellor Paul Bartlett

Recorder Jean Desrosiers

Treasurer John McLaughlin

Advocate Norm Bleau

Warden Wally Markham

Inside Guard Jeff Davis

Outside Guard Bob Leonard

Trustee 1 Yr Mike Dromgoole

Trustee 2 Yr Jim Blake

Trustee 3 Yr Tom Cox

Continuing as Financial Secretary, which is a 3 year term appointed by Supreme, is George Weber. Don Sommese has agreed to be Lecturer again (this is a position appointed by

the Grand Knight). Also, Larry LeBlanc has agreed to continue as our web-master. These are all important positions and we are fortunate to have dedicated Knights performing these again next year.

Other nominations will be accepted, from the floor, at our May council meeting. Elections will be the first order of new business. Your attendance at this meeting is important. You will be deciding on the Knights you would like to be your leaders for the fraternal year 2004-2005.

State Convention

The state convention for the NH K of C was held the weekend of April 30 - May 2nd. All of the state officers were re-elected to the second year of their two year term.

Amanda Morgan, of St. Mark parish, was the honored as the winner of the 'Pro-Life' essay contest. This is the second year that Amanda has won this award. If you know Amanda or her mother, Angie, be sure to congratulate them.

Some coming State dates to be aware of are: August 7 - state Golf tournament. September 25 - State Pro-Life Pilgrimage. More information about these will be available at the council meeting or you can go to the state web-site - nhknights.org.

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Other Agenda Items

We will be deciding the details of the June cookout. This is a free meal (and a very good one) that the whole family is invited to. Plan on attending this event on Thursday June 24th.

Summer donation monies. Although there are no membership meetings in July or August, there are officers meetings. Last year we had a request, in July, for a donation to the Chernobyl children's project. Without a membership meeting, we could not donate monies from the general treasury. We used funds from the Grand Knights emergency fund and the membership emergency fund to make a donation. This year I propose that the membership authorize a sum to be set aside and used, at the officers discretion, for donation requests received during July and August. Fraternally yours,

Tom Cox, GK

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

How the words "UNDER GOD" came to be added to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States originated on Columbus Day, 1893. It contained no reference to Almighty God,

until in New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the Pledge of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation." The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the effect of immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings.

At their annual State meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such an amendment made effective.

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus at its annual meeting adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to



make the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced into the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in Public Law relating to the Flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making the official amendment and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus

President Eisenhower sent to The Knights of Columbus, the following letter:

"We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful."

2004 - 2005 Officer Slate!

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THE COUNCIL
WISHES A HAPPY
BIRTHDAY MONTH
TO:



Grand Knight	Dennis Pedley
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Waterhouse
Chancellor	Paul Bartlett
Recorder	Jean Desrosiers
Warden	Wally Markham
Treasurer	John McLaughlin
Advocate	Norm Bleau
Trustee 3yrs	Tom Cox
Trustee 2yrs	Jim Blake
Trustee 1yr	Bill Hamilton
Inside Guard	Jeff Davis
Outside Guard	Bob Leonard

May	
Larry Gingrow	7th
Leslie Csenger	8th
Chris Fallon	9th
Fr. Moe LaRoche	9th
James Traynor	17th
Dick Hall	26th

June	
Marty Bove	1st
Dan Green	1st
Richard White	4th
Don Babcock	5th
Bob Zolla	8th
Ken Perkins	13th
Paul Lomanno	15th
Larry LeBlanc, PGK/DD4	16th
Francis McFague	25th

Appointed Positions	
Chaplain	Fr. Thom
Financial Secretary	George Weber
Lecturer	Don Sommese
District Deputy	Larry LeBlanc



**FAMILY BBQ
COMING TO YOU
AT OUR JUNE
MEETING**



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council is **Bob Lafond**.
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St-Mark Council 10488 Fiscal year 2003-2004Calendar

July	10) KCO Mtg				
August	8) KCO Mtg	16) Old Home Day Set-up	17) Old Home Day		
September	07) Officer meeting	6) Officer Installation	21) Coffee & member recruitment		25) First Council Meeting
October		09) Officer meeting	19) Coffee/ recruitment	23) Council meeting	18-19) KC Recruitment Blitz
November	13) Officer meeting 3rd Degree on 2nd @ St. Mark	22) Christmas Tree/ KC Booth set up	16) Coffee/ Recruitment	29) Christmas tree sale begins	20) Council meeting
December	(1-23) Tree sale	11) Officer Meeting	21) Coffee/ recruitment		18) Council meeting
January	8) Officer meeting	15) Coffee/ recruitment	21-22) Roe Wade Vigil	26) Council meeting	
February	12) Officer meeting	15) Coffee/ recruitment		26) Council meetin	27) Fish Dinner
March	2) Fish Dinner	11) Officer meeting	17) Coffee/ recruitment	21) Council meeting	Fish Dinners 12/19/26
April	2) Fish Dinner	11) Officer meeting	21) Coffee/ recruitment	22) Council meeting	
May	8) Tootsie Roll Drive	13) Officer meeting	8) St. jude's Golf Tournament	16) Coffee	22) Council elections
June	10) Officer meeting	20) Coffee/ recruitment	24) Council BBQ and final Council Meeting	Annual Pride Outing	

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