



ST-MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE COMPASS



Council Meeting.. This Thursday March 22nd at 7:30pm in Rm 209

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GK Column



Brother Knights,

Believe it or not, there are less than 4 months left in our fraternal year. That means two things.

First, we still need to add a few more new members to our roster if we want to earn our Star Council award this year. Have you asked another Catholic man to join us yet? We have a strong and active council, but we need to continue to bring in new members to get fresh talent, new ideas, and extra hands for the important work we do. I don't have the latest statistics, but I suspect we have somewhere around 1,500 families in our parish. Given that we have about 100 men in our council, it seems like we still have LOTS of opportunities to recruit new members. Please, ask someone you know to join, or just ask the man next to you in mass!

Second, it won't be long before we'll be electing new officers. We have opportunities at all levels – give it a try! If you'd like to get a taste for what's involved, please feel free to join us at an officer's meeting on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7PM in room 209. If you're interested in a position, or even if you just have questions, please come see me..

We have a number of events coming up in the next few months. Lenten dinners are continuing with a fresh new menu each Friday through March 30th. Tom Lavallee and his family are doing a terrific job with this event. Stop by between 5-7 PM and sample the cuisine, or come earlier or later if you'd like to pitch in.

On Easter Sunday, we'll be directing parking at the 10:00 mass, so let me know if you can help out. In May we'll be conducting our annual Tootsie Roll drive, and I'm sure you'll all be eager to help out when Mike Dromgoole gives you a call. We'll also be sending out more information soon about our participation in the Beautify Londonderry program.

Other local councils have a few activities that I'd like to mention. First, St. Jude's council is hosting a dinner on Saturday, March 24th to honor our priests. Fr. Marcel is planning to attend – please come and show your support for the sacrifices our priests make to minister to us. Tickets are \$15.00 per person – contact me if you're interested.

St. Jude's is also hosting their annual golf tournament on Saturday, May 26th at the Londonderry Country Club.

Registration is \$75.00, and you can contact Mark Stay at 434-2337 for info.

Finally, St. Thomas' council is hosting a blood drive on April 23rd. Please stop by and give the gift of life.

Our next business meeting is Thursday, March 22nd at 7:30PM in Room 209, followed by refreshments. I hope to see many of you there.

Yours in Christ,

Ron Turcotte, GK



Larry LeBlanc, PGK/FDD is chairing the elections committee board for the upcoming council officer elections, in May. Any council member seeking elective office should let Larry know of his intention. Any member in good standing with the council can seek elective office. New members are urged to consider running. A slate of candidates, seeking office, will be presented at the April council meeting and published in this newsletter.

After hitting his 7th ball into the water on the 4th hole, a father turns to his son and says, "It takes a lot of balls to play golf the way I do."

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Insurance Corner



We have a new Field Agent supporting our council's insurance needs. His name is Brian Gillis, and he'd love to meet you. His contact information is below:

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Friday

"Brother Knights, once again this year our council will have Lenten Dinners on Fridays during Lent, followed by Stations of the Cross. We're looking for any help from Friday ~3PM until 7 when Stations will begin. More help always means less work for everyone! We'll be cooking beginning around 3 PM, serving starting at 5 PM and cleaning up prior to Stations. We'll start this year with Clam Chowder, Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Salad. We'll also be planning to change the menu a bit each week to have some variety. Fish Chowder, Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwiches are just some of the items we're planning. Please plan to come starting Friday, February 23 and join us each Friday throughout Lent. I'm sure we'll have a spiritual and enjoyable time as we prepare for Easter."

Tom Lavallee - Chairman

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen. I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

I'm at 429-1017. Call me. Let's talk [.Brian.Gillis@kofc.org](mailto:Brian.Gillis@kofc.org)



A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured that if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old man to join him.

To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but

plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

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The following brothers are celebrating their birthday:



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



*****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 1st degree knight to be on the team, and some of the roles are very easy. Please contact Ron Turcotte at 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 Kelly	10th
Bob Leonard	11th
Gil Jandreau	17th
Francis Horohoe	22nd
Gerry O'Neil	25th
Jean Desrosiers	27th
Norm Bleau	28th
Edgard Medina	30th
Mike Walsh	30th

A man was pulled over for speeding down the highway, the officer came to the drivers window and said, "Sir, may I see your drivers license and registration?" The man said, "Well officer I don't have a license, it was taken away for a DUI." The officer, in surprise, said, "What, do you have a registration for the vehicle?" So the man replied, "No sir, the car is not mine I stole it, but I am pretty sure I say a registration card in the glove box when I put the gun in it." The officer stepped back, "There is a gun in the glove box?!?" The man sighed and said, "Yes sir, I used to kill the woman who owns the car before I stuffed her in the trunk." The officer steps toward the back of the car and says, "Sir do not move, I am calling for backup." The officer calls for backup and about ten minutes another highway patrolman arrives. He walks up to the window slowly and asks the man for his driver's license and registration. The man said, "Yes officer here it right here." It all checked out so the officer said, "Is there a gun in the glove box sir?" The man laughs and says, "No officer why would there be a gun in the glove box." He opened the glove box and showed him that there was no gun. The second officer asked him to open the trunk because he had reason to believe that there was a body in it. The man agrees and opens the trunk, no dead body. The second officer says, "Sir I do not understand, the officer that pulled you over said that you did not have a license, the car was stolen, there was a gun in the glove box, and a dead body in the trunk." The mans looks the officer in the eyes and says, "Yeah and I'll bet he said I was speeding too."

A completely inebriated man was stumbling down the street with one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in, pal. You're obviously drunk." Our wasted friend asked, "Officer, are ya absolutely sure I'm drunk?" Yeah, buddy, I'm sure," said the copper. "Let's go." Breathing a sigh of relief, the wino said, "Thank goodness, I thought I was a cripple."

Charity, the first principle of our order!

Here is a list of our recent recent Donations:

February Donations

- KofC NH State Council Kidney Fund - \$250
- Sonshine Soup Kitchen - \$250
- Charles Pawlowski (Seminararian in the RSVP Program) - \$500
- UNH Students for Life (sponsoring a pro-life event) - \$250

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Family of the Month
Rick and Paula Flynn



Our New Insurance Agent is:

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