



ST-MARK'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE COMPASS



Council Meeting.. This Thursday Oct 25th at 7:30pm in CCD room #

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GK Column

October

Brother Knights,

I hope this letter finds you all well. As usual, we have a fair amount of activity underway. First, I'd like to highlight some terrific work by Ken Rahilly and a team of folks he (and God) recruited to help out a family in our parish. Check out the related article elsewhere in this newsletter. His story is truly moving, and a lesson in faithfulness. Some day I'll find out the story behind the nicknames he assigned to everyone who participated... Hmm.

Another important order of business is to congratulate Brother Tom Lavallee who was recently appointed by Supreme as our newest Financial Secretary. This is a significant commitment and we are very grateful that he's willing to step up to the task. Thank You!

Believe it or not, it's already time to plan for our Christmas tree sales. Paul Bartlett and Mike Dromgoole have graciously volunteered to chair the event this year. I'm sure they'd gladly welcome your help if you'd like to get involved. As usual, we'll need all hands on deck for setup, sales and breakdown of the booth. The current plan is to set up the

booth on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and to start selling trees on the weekend after Thanksgiving. More details will be available as we get closer. One new event that we will be participating in this year is the Church Craft Fair on December 1st. Tom Lavallee has offered to chair the event (because he's not expecting to be busy enough with his FS duties), and we'll be selling refreshments. Please contact him if you'd like to help out.

There are also a couple of events at the State level that I'd like to highlight. The first is the Student Pro-Life Essay/Poster/Poem Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Instructions are on the entry form (available in the back of the Church and also linked below). Entries are due Nov 30, 2007. The NH KofC gets non-winning NH entries and awards up to six additional prizes of \$100 (\$600 total) for NH students, in the April 2008 time frame. Questions can be directed to John Matuszewski, the NH KofC Contest Chairman at 603-434-4098.

While we're on the topics of students, the Annual NH State Scholarship Ball will be held this year on November 3rd in Hollis. Tickets are \$28.00 and proceeds support the State

Scholarship program. I have a couple of tickets that I can sell if you're interested, and more are available. Details are linked below. That's it for now, but I look forward to seeing many of you at the October business meeting on Thursday October 25th at 7:30 in Room 209. It will be an important meeting since we'll be reviewing and voting on the Annual Budget. I hope to see you there.

Yours in Christ,

Ron Turcotte, GK



Keep Christ in Christmas

The Christmas Card sale returns this year for the KCIC project. We are discussing the selling, and sharing of the profit, with the CYO group. The display board and information will be available the weekend of 10/20 and the actual selling, or taking orders, will be the weekends of 10/27 and 11/3. Be sure that your family takes advantage of this opportunity to support a Council project but even more to spread the true meaning of Christmas Day through use of these beautiful cards. Any questions, contact PGK Dennis Pedley.

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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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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'm at 429-1017. Call me - let's talk..

Historically this is a very well supported event by our members, but we can make it just a bit easier on the guys by signing up early. This will save them a lot of time in phone calls to fill time slots. As always, we're grateful for your support of the council. Sign up sheets will be at the back of the church in a few weeks after masses. We also have planned to support the Christmas Fair by working the kitchen on Saturday, December 1 from 10-4 PM. We'll need a bit of help with cleanup - but that should also mean free food! There won't be signups for this, so please just come on by. We'll send a reminder email as the date nears.

I'm enjoying the new position of FS and look forward to supporting and serving the council over the next three years!

Tom Lavallee

A Word from our FS!

Worthy Brothers!

As your newly appointed Financial Secretary, welcome to another fiscal year! We recently had our first business meeting and presented our new budget for the year. Next business meeting we'll be (hopefully) approving the budget - so come on out and support our plans for the coming year!

With the Christmas Tree sale fast approaching, your involvement is very important, especially for our largest fundraiser of the year. Our chairs this year are Mike Dromgoole and Paul Bartlett. Paul and Mike help us with a lot of activities and this year have taken on the largest. Please support them by signing up for a time slot (or two, or three) for the sales period from November 24 through December 24.



The Christmas Tree sale begins on November 24th. Set up will be on Saturday, Nov. 17th.

Many volunteers are required for the set up and the sale. Please contact Mike Dromgoole, PGK, or DGK Paul Bartlett, if you do not have an opportunity to sign up at the church, after the weekend Masses!

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During the initial space flights, Nasa discovered that biro pens didn't work under zero gravity conditions. To beat the problem, Nasa spent 6 years and \$2 million in designing a pen for use in space. The pen would work under zero gravity conditions due to the pressurized ink inside, it would work under sub zero conditions, underwater, on glass and virtually any surface known to man. The Russians used a pencil.

"More bad news for the pessimistic people, optimistic people live longer!"

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John Joyce	1st
Don Synborski	5th
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Thomas Dunn	7th
Bill Hamilton	8th
Jonathan Hill	11th
Kevin McGrathl	13th
Terry McMahan	26th
Bill Brown	18th
Kevin Waterhouse	20th
Deacon Lee Abbott	21st
Fr. Tom Bresnahan	29th

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 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.



Joe Curran	1st
Brian Bedard	2nd
Wayne Kamieneski	4th
Jeff Avable	9th
Dan McCarthy	12th
Henk Oolders	13th
Brendon Turcotte	19th
Andy Greco	22nd
Ken Rahilly	25th
Ed Combes	28th
Tom Lavallee	31st



In 1968, new legislation changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

For more details on the below Pro-Life student contest:



Veterans Day

World War I officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany, however, had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

ESSAY / POEM / POSTER

PRO-LIFE STUDENT CONTEST

UP TO \$1800 IN PRIZES

The NH Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Pro-Life Student Essay/Poem/Poster contest for Junior High (grades 6,7,8) and SeniorHigh (grades 9,10,11,12) students. Entries are to be submitted to the National "March For Life" contest, which will make two \$100 awards in each category (\$1200 total) and two trips to Washington, D.C. for student and parent.

The NH Knights of Columbus will then evaluate non-winning entries for an Additional \$100 in each category (additional \$600 total).

The theme of this year's contest is :

"Build Unity on the Life Principles throughout America

o – No Exception! No Compromise!"

• **POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTALS IS Nov 30, 2007**

Charity, the first principle of our order!

Here is a list of our recent recent Donations:

September Donations

\$100.00 EWTN

\$250.00 NH State Kidney Fund

\$ 30.00 Granite State Awards Program Booklet
– in support of state scholarship

Good of the Order

This past month prayers were requested for Jan McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Bill Cox, Denise Turcotte, Ernie Picken, and members of our parish who are sick or in distress.



Our New Insurance Agent is:

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 - Coffee & Donuts Hosting
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 - Special Events
 - Tree Sale
- Mix-in: All, None

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 <input type="checkbox"/> 7p KC Officer Mtg	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <input type="checkbox"/> 7:30p Council Meeting	16	17 <input type="checkbox"/> 8a Set-up for tree sale
18 <input type="checkbox"/> 9a Coffee & Donuts	19	20	21 <input type="checkbox"/> 12p KC Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24 <input type="checkbox"/> 8a Tree delivery <input type="checkbox"/> 10a Christmas Tree Sale
25 <input type="checkbox"/> 8a Christmas Tree Sale	26 <input type="checkbox"/> 6p Christmas Tree Sale	27 <input type="checkbox"/> 6p Christmas Tree Sale	28 <input type="checkbox"/> 6p Christmas Tree Sale	29 <input type="checkbox"/> 6p Christmas Tree Sale	30 <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Life Essay Contest Due <input type="checkbox"/> 6p Christmas Tree Sale	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 8a Christmas Tree Sale <input type="checkbox"/> 10a Helping Hands Fair