

The Lookout

April 2006



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I write this message on March 3rd. February was a very interesting month for us. On the weekend of February 12 we were scheduled to have a St. Valentine's Day dance, a blood drive, and a corporate communion Mass. That was the snowstorm weekend; the dance was canceled, the blood drive was canceled, and a total of about 60 people (including several Knights) made their way to the 9:00 AM Mass!

My thanks go out to everyone who helped prepare for these canceled events, and everyone who ran and worked on the successful programs. I especially thank Dave Mann, our Knight of the Month for February, who stood in for me to run the Scout Breakfast on the 5th, and came back again on the 19th to help with the regular Family Breakfast. And thanks to Bill Ward who ran the business meeting for me on the 14th. I was in Charlottesville to support my mother who had heart surgery the following day. Thanks be to God, the surgery went fine and she is recovering on schedule.

Our council Nominating Committee this year is chaired by PGK Tom Kelley, along with PGK Greg Hartley and PGK Bill Jayne. All you 3rd Degree members who are not yet officers, I encourage you to consider stepping forward and joining the officer corps! Being an officer provides a whole new perspective on the Knights and is truly a rewarding experience that will increase your faith. I personally have gone through some rough stretches since becoming Warden 3 years ago, but I can truly say I am very glad I did become Warden and follow through the remaining offices to become Grand Knight. I find myself a better Knight and, more importantly, a better Catholic. Please contact any member of the nominating committee if you are interested.

How can we all become better Catholics, more faithful and better informed about our Faith? For my part, I've settled on a pattern of daily Mass attendance (except Saturdays), daily

spiritual reading, prayer, and being around other faithful Catholics. This last part is why the Knights have been so good for me: where else could you find so many faithful Catholic men in one group? St. Leo's parish, and I imagine other Catholic parishes in the area are the same, offer many other programs that you could join to belong more fully to the life of the parish. I'm an usher, and an altar server at daily Mass. Other programs include the various music ministries, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Legion of Mary, the Mater Vitae Apostolate. I know many fellow Knights take part in each of these activities. I encourage everyone to take part in the activities you can, consistent with your family and work obligations. As was stated in the first State Meeting this year: as Knights, our priorities should be: God, our family, our jobs, and the Knights.

I'm always surprised by how much other people do, things I could never imagine myself doing. At our regular business meeting on February 28th, Tamera Drozd (wife of fellow Knight Joe Drozd) gave a lecture program on the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland. Tamera and Joe help organize a program that brings pairs of teenagers (one Catholic, one Protestant) from Northern Ireland to the United States each summer, where they have a chance to become friends and learn about each other away from the high-pressure atmosphere of their homeland. Even now, Tamera and Joe are looking for 15 homes in Northern Virginia that will open their doors to such a pair starting this July. If you can help please contact Joe or Tamera by e-mail at drozdt@verizon.net.

Dave Miller
Grand Knight

Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292 April 2006

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Chancellor's Message:

Here are the remaining Council Degrees for this fraternal year:

1st Degrees
May 13th
June 13th

2nd Degrees
May 25th

Question – where is your Form 100? Just checking. If you know of any one interested in joining the Knights, please contact me with their info. Also, if you have any ideas for recruiting new members, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-307-9163 or Wweich@yahoo.com. I am always interested in new ideas!

Now that we're approaching the end of our Fraternal Year and have many of our largest projects behind us, it's easy to relax and start thinking to next year. But remember, we still have months of recruitment and retention work to do. Now that the weather's getting nice, ask your neighbor if he's a Knight while you're both working in the yard. All it usually takes to recruit someone is to make the offer!

Fraternally,

Bill Weich
Worthy Chancellor



Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month
February 2006



Family of the Month
February 2006



Special Events

This space is intended to announce special events in your life. If you've gotten a promotion at work, had a son or daughter, recently retired, or whatever else you'd like to let your Brother Knights know about, send that information to the editor at dpurtill@gmail.com or 703 641-8948 and we'll be sure to get the word out.

News & Events

KOVAR

Turning rolls of chewy chocolates into a financial boom for organizations that serve the mentally retarded is a wonder Story. These treats bring in nearly \$2 million profit annually in Illinois – the home base for the creation of this giant fund raising process run by the Knights of Columbus.

Thirty years have passed since a group of three Knights from a Council in the Chicago area saw a need that was two way: organizations that served people with mental retardation needed money and the Knights of Columbus in Illinois needed a charitable mission to offer their members. The Knights knew that the Lions, the Shriners, the Elks and other fraternal organizations had members who reached out to the community with a determined focused project.

The men had no difficulty determining the target of their fund raising – the money would go to the mentally retarded because one of the group had a daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. The process that they planned to use was not too difficult either: they would stand in public places with a receptacle and solicit donations for a token product.

The three decided that the Tootsie Roll would be a good item to use because it was a well recognized item with a good shelf life. The next step was to pilot the program in their own K of C Council in Tinley Park. IL.

They picked a weekend, got men from their Council and got the candy from the Tootsie Roll Company. The men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. They asked for a small donation from the shoppers and passer-bys, for each contribution handed out the candy. The first time collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day effort.

With that encouragement the council submitted a resolution to the state K of C convention to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970 with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their annual profit to nearly two million annually.

The campaign has spread to other states when news of the success in Illinois was published in K of C magazines and newsletters. From the efforts of the one council in Tinley

Park, IL the drive to raise funds for people with mental retardation has expanded to 44 states.

Our Virginia State Council in 1971 formed the state program known as KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for the retarded and the collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Seven Million dollars in Grants and Group Home Loans to over 250 ongoing organizations including the Special Olympics. KOVAR has become the largest private charity supporting the retarded in Virginia. Our Council first participated in 1975 and since then we have raised \$436,251. Last year we submitted \$21975

One of our sources of income toward our goal is your contributions to KOVAR through the annual United Way, Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaigns. Please consider pledging some or all of your annual pledge to KOVAR. The number for KOVAR in this years CFC drive is 5746. If you can't find the proper number for KOVAR in your United Way or CVC documents please use the following:

KOVAR
12962 Dunbarton Dr.
Bristow, VA 20136

If you do make a pledge to KOVAR please give either Tim Cooke or Al Leightley a copy of you pledge so that we can have the documentation to get that credit towards our goal.

This years Statewide Drive is the weekend of April 22nd. Please save some time that weekend to help in our Collection effort, the more sites that we can cover the better our overall result will be.

Family Breakfast

The monthly family breakfast will be on Sunday, April 23rd. The Blue Team has the honors. Come out and help, even if you're not on the Team. If you like it, the Team Captain will be happy to sign you up!



Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Patrick A. Rodio	4/2
Thomas J Kearney	4/2
Robert S. Ratay	4/2
John F. White	4/3
Bryan T. Mott	4/3
John J Cotner PGK	4/4
Edmund Janiszewski	4/4
Adelard L Brault	4/6
Edward F Rodriguez	4/6
Melvyn J. Andrews	4/6
Joseph J Ruzicka	4/7
Hugh M Cannon	4/8
Joseph C. Vecchio	4/10
Harry J. Carleton	4/10
James M. Allen	4/10
Thomas A. Shaver	4/11
Domingo P. Guingab	4/12
Justin A. Torres	4/12
Thomas P. Heinz	4/15
Rolando G. Santos	4/15
Joseph C Mc Auliffe	4/16
Brian L. Hannam	4/17
Michael R Shaw	4/19
Gustavo A. Solares	4/19
Mark W. Lutz	4/19
Thomas P. Feehan	4/20
James R. Otim	4/20
James H Chapman Jr	4/23
Sebastian A. Carnazzo	4/24
John B. White	4/26
Armand D. Liberati	4/29
Brian C. Drummond	4/29

April Wedding Anniversaries

	Years Married
David & Ann Todd	35
James & Carol Caputo	35
Benjamin & Helen Basham	48
Craig & Cynthia Radcliff	11
Conrad & Regina Donahue	55
Kevin & Shannon McGrail	7
Brian & Mary Knapp	9
Nelson & Julie Clinch	10

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. We've added many new features to www.kofc.org, but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are, one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family. Give me a call – I'd like to meet with you.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chaplain	Fr. Augustine Tran	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Ward	273-6289
Chancellor	Bill Weich	307-9163
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Dave Mann	691-9160
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
Warden	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Inside Guard	George Schuld	255-0362
Outside Guard	Stephen Davis	591-5694
Outside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
3yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797
2yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
1yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911

Program Directors

Programs	Bill Ward	273-6289
Church	Mike Plumstead	250-2367
Community	Matt West	359-4652
Council	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Family	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Membership	Bill Weich	307-9163

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Bill Weich	307-9163
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
KOVAR	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

For Your Edification

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has made it's recommendations for Officers for the next fraternal year. The recommendations are:

Grand Knight	Bill Ward
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Weich
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe
Treasurer	Al Leightley
Lecturer	(Appointed by GK)
Recorder	Dave Mann
Advocate	Dennis Makurat
Warden	Bob Eckert
Inside Guard	Matt West
Outside Guard	Nelson Clinch
Outside Guard	George Schuld
3 Year Trustee	David Miller
Grand Knight Delegate	Bill Ward
Past Grand Knight Delegate	David Miller
Alternate GK Delegate	Bill Weich
Alternate PGK Delegate	Greg Hartley

The above recommendations are submitted to the council for consideration. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election.

Elections will be held during the regularly scheduled business meeting on May 23, 2006. Be sure to be there to vote!

Special Thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Nominating Committee

Tom Kelley PGK, Chairman
 Greg Hartley, PGK
 Bill Jayne, PGK



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of Virginia Assisting Citizens with Mental Retardation

KOVAR

A Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with mental retardation.

April 20-23, 2006

Virginia Knights have raised more than \$10 million since 1971

Please come out and help Fr. Diamond achieve our Goal - \$25,333.13

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<http://www.6292.kofcva.org/>

or contact Greg Hartley

571-238-6273

pghartley@hotmail.com





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Dates to Remember in April

Apr 1	Altar Server Trip	Apr 15	RCIA Reception
Apr 4	Officers' Meeting	Apr 18	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 5	BUNCO/Ladies' Night Out	Apr 18	Grey GOSTS
Apr 7	Food Transfer	Apr 19	4th Degree Rosary/Business Meeting
Apr 8	Rosary at Abortion Facility	Apr 20, 21, 22 & 23	KOVAR
Apr 8	Food Basket Delivery	Apr 22 & 23	Food Drive
Apr 8 & 9	Food Drive	Apr 25	Mass/Business Meeting/1st Degree
Apr 10	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Apr 28	Ice Cream Social
Apr 11	Rosary/Business Meeting	Apr 29	St. Leo's PTO Auction Gala
Apr 15	Feed the Homeless	Apr 30	Donuts & Coffee

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 VS #3	4 1930 Officers Meeting	5	6	7 1930 Food Transfer	8 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 0900 Food Basket Delivery
9 Food Drive Palm Sunday	10 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #4	11 1930 Rosary/Business Mtg	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15 1100 Feed The Homeless 1800 RCIA Reception
16 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt	17 VS #5	18 1100 Gray GOSTS	19 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	20 KOVAR	21 KOVAR	22 Food Drive KOVAR
23 Food Drive KOVAR	24 VS #6	25 1930 Mass/Business Mtg	26	27	28 1930 Ice Cream Social	29 St. Leo's PTO Auction Gala
30 1145 Donuts & Coffee						

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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 VS #7	2 1930 Officer's Mtg	3 1930 Ladies Night Out	4	5 State Convention	6 1200 Salute to Seniors State Convention
7 State Convention	8 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #8	9 1930 Rosary/Business Mtg	10	11	12	13 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
14 Food Drive Mother's Day	15 VS #9	16 1100 Gray GOSTS	17 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting Assembly Election of Officers	18 1930 Admissions Committee	19	20 1000 Antique Car Show 1800 1 st Degree
21 Blood Drive	22 VS #10	23 1930 Mass/Business Mtg Council Election of Officers	24	25 2000 2 nd Degree	26	27 Food Drive
28 Food Drive Family B'fast/Blue Team 1600 Pig Roast 1145 Donuts & Coffee	29 VS #GG	30	31			

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