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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:

As I write this the calendar says that Spring is just about here and hopefully we can get some sunny and warm days to come. As the flowers start to spring up out of the ground so do our activities. One event is KOVAR which is April 16-20 and we need lots of help in filling the shifts as we miss out when we do not have a shift filled. Please contact Bill Weich at 703-307-9163 or wweich@yahoo.com to volunteer for a shift or two. We need to remember we are doing this to help God's special children.

We had a very busy February and the list of people to thank is long, but I would like to thank all of those who came out to help at any of the events. We started the month off with the annual Scout Sunday breakfast and I would like to thank John Leonard and his team on a job well done. The middle of the month was the Corporate Communion mass and reception put on by The Duda family. The 21st was a busy day with the District Free Throw contest in the morning (thank you John Leonard and team), and the Consider your Call dinner that evening. I would personally like to thank everyone who helped with this event. Fr. Bashista

was very thankful for all of our work on hosting the talk on vocations and the wonderful dinner we prepared.

The family breakfast has



been a community event for the parish for years. After the June breakfast Mike Purtill is stepping down as the chairman of this activity. We are looking for someone to take over this event. If you have an interest in the breakfast and would like to take over this event please contact Mike Purtill at 202-251-8424 or mvpurtill@gmail.com for more information. On behalf of the council I would like to thank Mike for all the work he has done to make the breakfast a good place to come and socialize with your fellow brother Knights and parishioners and get a great meal. He is also looking for more help during the breakfast so if you could lend

some assistance that would be greatly appreciated.

Monthly update on hall renovations: The City has given us a conditional approval on the plans for the hall. We are working with the parish to satisfy the documentation request in order to get the official approval. Once we have the official approval we will begin working with an architect and getting things moving and requesting bids from companies to perform the work.

The Knight of the Month of February is Joe Monnin for helping out with numerous activities during the month. The Family of the Month for February is Chris, Kathy, and Colleen Duda for the wonderful reception after the Corporate Communion mass.

If you have any new ideas or suggestions for new activities or fundraising to support our charitable cause please pass them along to myself or Mike Purtill (Deputy Grand Knight). I can be reached at 703-591-6813 or via e-mail at steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

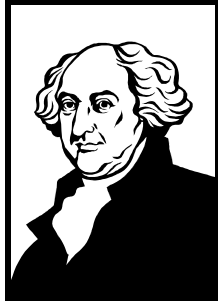
Please read about the upcoming activities and come out and attend and lend a helping hand if your schedule permits. Looking ahead into May here are a few of the events Annual

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



I would like to start by thanking everyone that helped with the numerous events that took place in March. Without all your help, they would not have been as successful as they were. With the coming of spring, we are entering the final push of busy months to finish out the fraternal year. April starts out with a bang and a rabbit this year. Please plan to come join the council for our annual Night of Magic on April 4th beginning at 6pm. If you are able to attend or help, please contact Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com. Also on April 4th is our annual Easter Basket delivery to the less fortunate in our

community. This event begins at 10am and is a very fulfilling event. Please contact George Schuld at 703-255-0362 as soon as possible. The annual Easter Feed the Homeless will be taking place on April 11th beginning at 11:30am. Please contact Brother George Billy at geobilly@aol.com. Also on the 11th will be our annual reception for the new RCIA candidates after the Easter Vigil mass. Help is needed for this event, so if you are able to help please contact me at mvpurtill@gmail.com. On Easter Day, the council will have the Easter Bunny hosting the Easter egg hunt after the 9 and 11am masses. Please bring the kids and your camera for this fun event.

Beginning on April 16th and going

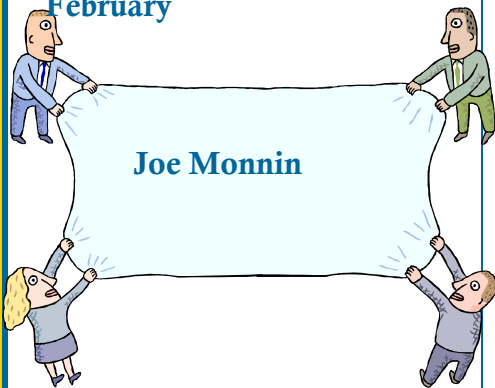
through the 19th is our KOVAR collections! This is a very fun and worthwhile event, collecting money outside of local stores for the intellectually disabled. Sign-up times and locations are posted in the hall. If you can't make it to the hall, please contact Bill Weich at 703-307-9163 or wweich@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Finally, April 25th will mark the date for our annual Salute to Seniors luncheon. Please come out and help show our gratitude for everything these great people have done for our community. Help will be needed for set-up, serving, and clean up. If you are able to help, or just wish to attend, please contact me at mvpurtill@gmail.com.

Happy Easter!!

Thanks!
Mike Purtill

Knight of the Month February



Family of the Month February

Chris, Kathy,
& Colleen Duda

Columbiettes' Corner

.Thank you to all who attended the annual Soup Supper this year. There were so many tasty soups to try, and it appeared as everyone had a good time. Fr. White-stone gave a very nice Lenten reflection which he tied back to St. Patrick. It was quite informative! Thank you to Virginia Berg, Priscilla Hogan, and Ann Todd for coordinating the event. They, along with Lynne Morrison, Greg Skorupski, and David Todd helped get the hall set up for the evening of delicious soups. Thank you, everyone!

Mark your calendars for Saturday May 9. The Columbiettes will be hosting their Annual Spring Fling that evening. This year we will be

hosting a Polynesian party as our way of thanking the Knights for a great year. More details to follow...

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2009. We will be discussing plans for the remainder of the Fraternal year as well as accepting nominations for Officer positions for the next Fraternal year.



All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo



Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday April 13, at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should

be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at ward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.



RCIA Easter Reception Leader Needed

The council has been asked to host the RCIA reception after the Easter Vigil mass on April 11th and the council is looking for a person to lead this event. The reception entails set-up and decorating the Guadalupe room, serving cake and drinks for approximately 80 people, and clean-up afterward. If you are able to lead this event, please contact Mike Purtill at mvpurtill@gmail.com or 202-251-8424.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fr. Diamond Council will be hosting the Easter Bunny on the front lawn of St. Leo's on Sunday April 12 after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses. Please contact Mike Purtill at mvpurtill@gmail.com or 202-251-8424 to help assist the bunny in set up before each mass let's out.



Night of Magic

We will be hosting our annual Night of Magic on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 6pm in the St. Leo the Great School Gymnasium. Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 12) with a maximum family cap of \$30. Cost includes 2 slices of pizza and a beverage.

Please RSVP to Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com.

Come watch multiple magicians perform magical feats.



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KOVAR 2009

KOVAR, an acronym for Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded, is a Virginia chartered statewide non profit organization providing funds to organizations that provide for those with intellectual disabilities. A major fund raiser is done once a year throughout the state, shortly after Easter, by distributing specially marked Tootsie Rolls in front of local businesses and asking for donations.

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.

Forty 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.

However, the product took some thought. One idea was to distribute seed packets of Forget-Me-Not flowers which provided a good marketing slogan “For the retarded-forget me not”. There were concerns however, that many people would not want seeds, would not use them and say no. The next thought was a Tootsie Roll, a well-established candy from a Chicago based company.

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 programs which is know known as “for those with intellectual disabilities”. The collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Twelve 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 intellectually disabled in Virginia. KOVAR is now just a name. The name was changed in August 2008 when papers were filed with the State Corporation Commission to change the name from Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded to just KOVAR, as a name and not an acronym. This was done because agencies and activities supporting the “Intellectually Disabled” programs do not wish to be associated with the politically incorrect “Mentally Retarded” label”. This name change does not alter the purpose of the KOVAR as it was when it was initially founded

Our Council first participated in KOVAR in 1975 and since then we have raised \$477,246. Since KOVAR started our Council has been a major contributor of funds for the program. Our established goal for this years drive is \$23,554, last year we raised \$20,512. 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. If you did make a pledge to KOVAR this past fall please give a copy of your pledge document to Herb Zimmerman, our Treasurer. We need a copy of your pledge so that we can have the documentation to get credit for that pledge toward our goal

This years Statewide Drive is the 16th to 19th of April with a goal of \$622,000. 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. Please call Bill Weich at 301 527 1207 if you can help, enlist you wife and children to help, children make great collectors. If you can't help, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us achieve our goal. Make out check to KOVAR and send it to the Council or bring it in no later than April 18th.

Did You Know . .

New Directive on Pledge of Allegiance

From: SK Richard G. "Richie" Head

The Master of the Virginia District

As you all know, we have been adding the words "for the born and the unborn" to the end of the Pledge of Allegiance for a long time. As you also know, these words are not part of the official Pledge of Allegiance which ends with the words "with liberty and justice for all".

The Supreme Council continues to fight the battle on behalf of all of us to keep the words "under God" in our official pledge. They will continue to fight this battle. They will also continue the battle to defend Life from conception until natural end. All of us can be proud of their efforts in both of these areas.

However, they are concerned that adding the words "for the born and the unborn" to the end of the pledge might lead people to believe that we think of the born and unborn as different. This is certainly not true. They are also concerned that the "appearance" of our changing the Pledge could open up the debate even further to eliminate the words "under God" from the official pledge.

Accordingly, effective immediately, we are directed to not add the words "for the born and the unborn" to the end of the pledge. We are also reminded that the words "one nation" and the words "under God" do not have any punctuation between them and should be said as one phrase -- "one nation under God".

I know that not saying the additional words at the end of the Pledge is a major change for all of us. However, we as Catholics and as Knights will continue to believe that life begins at conception and therefore all human life is considered when we say "with liberty and justice for all". Our Supreme Master, along with the Supreme Council, is asking all Knights to use the correct pledge and drop the additional wording. Remember, this does not, in any way, change our sanctity of life stance or beliefs that show in many other ways.

Please be advised that while this advice is coming through the Fourth Degree, it applies to the Councils as well as the Assemblies. Our Vice Supreme Master has sent a note to all of the State Deputies in the Calvert Province as well as the Regional Program Consultants.

Thanks for your help and cooperation in making this change happen. Should anyone have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Our Beginnings: A Sanctuary

In the late 19th century, North America was experiencing an influx of people from all over the world, particularly Europe. Many people were relegated to living in unsanitary conditions, and performing hazardous jobs for poor pay. Such was life for Catholics in New Haven, Connecticut.

When our organization began, in order to help each other, our members "passed the hat" to assist families of deceased members. Soon, however, this became impossible, as the number of our members grew.

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If you have any questions about how any of these financial products can help you meet your needs today and in the future, you may contact me at 703-450-6100 or

DRileyKofC@comcast.net

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 4:00pm Food Basket Assembly	4 6:00pm Night of Magic 10:00am Food Basket Delivery 11:30am Feed the Homeless
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 7:30pm Officer's Meeting	8	9	10	11 8:00am Rosary at Abortion RCIA Reception Food Drive
12 Easter Easter Egg Hunt Food Drive	13 6:45pm Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	14 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm Business Meeting	15 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting	16 KOVAR	17 KOVAR	18 KOVAR
19 KOVAR	20	21 11:00am Gray Gosts 7:30pm Columbiettes Meeting	22	23	24	25 12:00pm Salute to Seniors Food Drive
26 Food Drive	27	28 7:30pm Mass 8:00pm Business Meeting	29	30		

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 State Convention-Fairfax	2 State Convention-Fairfax
3 State Convention-Fairfax	4	5 7:30pm Officer's Meeting	6	7	8	9 8:00am Rosary at Abortion 6:00pm Spring Fling First Communion
10 Mother's Day Food Drive	11 6:45pm Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	12 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 1st Degree Social Meeting	13	14	15	16 10:00am Antique Car Show First Communion
17 8:00am Blood Drive	18	19 11:00am Gray Gosts 7:30pm Columbiettes Meeting	20 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting Election of Officers	21	22	23 Columbiettes Bake Sale Food Drive
24 5:00pm Council Pig Roast Columbiettes Bake Sale Food Drive	25 Memorial Day	26 7:30pm Mass 8:00pm Business Meeting Election of Officers	27	28	29	30 8:00am Yard Sale
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Officers and Program Chairmen

Officers			Retention	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813	Vocations	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369	Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
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Chancellor	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Insurance	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Lecturer	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124			
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379	Project Chairmen		
Recorder	John Eldred	703-631-6480	1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
Advocate	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436	2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948	Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Inside Guard	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger	703-281-6563	Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
			Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163	Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Bill Ward	703-273-6289	Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
1yr Trustee	Dave Miller	703-517-3430	Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
			Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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Community	Jac Cerney	703-255-9484	Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Council	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Family	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	703-855-8547
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Charity	George Schuld	703-255-0362			
Admissions	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146			

Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at mtwest1@verizon.net

Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

Grand Knight's Message Cont.:

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State Meeting, Columbiettes Spring Fling, Antique Car Show, Pig Roast, and Yard Sale. More information to come next month.

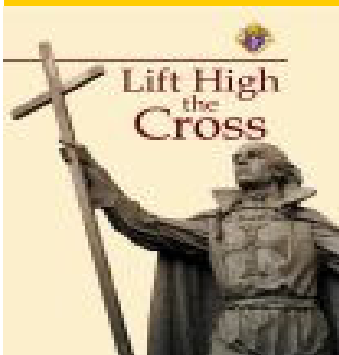
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Remember Fellowship with Your Brother Knights in April. . .

April 14 Rosary & Council Business Meeting

April 21 Grey GOSTS

April 28 Mass & Council Business Meeting

***See the Monthly Calendar Inside for Additional
Opportunities***