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FR. FRANCIS J.  
DIAMOND  
COUNCIL #6292



# The Lookout



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## Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers (and families),  
Thank you all very much for your help recruiting the weekend of March 12-13. In particular, I would like to thank John Berg for coordinating volunteers, providing refreshments, and being available to answer questions.

The Columbiettes were also invaluable in discussing the benefits of the families being involved with our collective works. Thank you, Ladies, and thank you, Brother Berg for requesting their assistance. I encourage all Knights to find new members throughout the year. After all, many Knights get substantial benefits from membership in addition to the benefits the Council gets.

I would also like to thank our **February Knight of the Month** for his efforts. He has faithfully helped with the cooking at family breakfasts for years, and did so for both the regularly-scheduled family breakfast and the Scout Breakfast in February. Thank you, **Jamie Argandona**, for your continual support!

Others in the Council provided exemplary service as well. For instance, The Ward family is very active in helping the parish and community. Bill and Beth Ward serve as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, their 15-year-old daughter assists with teaching CCD classes, both children are active in Scouts, and Beth helped organize a Scout Dinner, the Scout Sunday mass, and the Scout Breakfast.

Bill constantly raises funds for the state's KOVAR charity to assist people with intellectual disabilities, and his wife works as a preschool teacher at St. Leo the Great Catholic School.

PGK Ward and his wife both participate in the Council's Bowling League, as well. Therefore, **the family of PGK William J. Ward** is the **February Family of the Month**.

Planning has begun for the next fraternal year, to begin in July 2011. As part of this process, in accordance with the Council By-laws, the following members will serve as the Nominating Committee: PGK Mike Purtill (chairman), PGK Bill Weich, and Dennis Makurat, PGK of another council and First Degree Captain. I have asked the Committee to find the most appropriate members to recommend as their proposed slate of officers for the fraternal year. Please consider serving the Council as an officer, but also take suggestions, concerns, and thoughts to the Committee as soon as possible. Contact any of the Committee members at: 202-251-8424 or [mvpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mvpurtill@gmail.com) (Mike), 301-527-1207 or [wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:wweich@yahoo.com) (Bill), 703-383-0233 or [makurat@bmsi.com](mailto:makurat@bmsi.com) (Dennis).

This year, the Council is trying a new fundraiser by participating in the Car Raffle run by All Saints parish in Manassas. Please make this fund-raiser a success by selling the tickets that were delivered to you and returning them to John Eldred (with the money collected J). The profits will be used to support our charitable works. Please return your money or tickets to John by April 30.

Our other big fund-raiser coming up to assist people with intellectual disabilities is KOVAR. This typically takes place in April, but the State Council has asked that we conduct these activities in **May** this year. Our KOVAR Drive will be run by PGK Mike Purtill and is scheduled for May 19-22. Please help in any way you can.

As we finish our Lenten observance and move into the Easter season, we continue our charitable works in the community and celebrate our Lord's rising on the third day. Through His rising and through our works, we proclaim "Vivat Jesus!" May Jesus Live!

Happy Easter!  
Nelson Clinch  
703-385-2146

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

The Knights of Father Diamond Council had a typically busy month of activities during March. We started our busy schedule by assisting the St. Leo's school at their fundraiser on March 4th with eight Knights and almost as many wives and children.

The next day was our 26th Annual Night of Magic with plenty of Knights and family helping Chairman Patrick Lefas in serving the Pizza and soft drinks. The Grand Knight's wife and children prepared Carmel Corn. The magic show was enjoyed by all—especially the children. We raised almost \$1,000 for our charity budget and sincere thanks go to all who made this a big success. The Night of Magic was started in 1986 at the suggestion of Past Grand Knight Bernie Kowalski who was a member of the magicians group. A special thanks to Bernie for his efforts in organizing one of the longest running affairs in the history of Father Diamond Council. After two days of rest we resumed with the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This was another example of our members working to make it a success despite a late start in planning for the event.

Special thanks to PGK Jack Cotner, PGK Tim Tilson, Bob Eckert, and a host of others who helped. The Open House weekend on March 12th and 13th is covered elsewhere in this newsletter, but special thanks go to our Chancellor for a very successful drive for members. We older members had our monthly Grey Gost Luncheon on March 15th and had a Corn beef and cabbage feast that was enjoyed by all. Of course that was a just a warm-up for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 19th with a great turnout. Thanks to PGK Dave Todd, Jr., for chairing the event and our inimitable John – they can't get me down - Judge for providing his cooking skills to prepare the dinner. The rest of the month was the normal Monthly Breakfast, meeting, degree, car raffle sales and help with the food drive keeping our members busy.

Vivat Jesus  
Greg Skorupski

### Newsletter Deadline

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the **15<sup>h</sup> of the month** prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) or call him at 703-385-9455.**



## Chancellor's Message

Please welcome eight new 2nd Degree Knights who were exemplified on Thursday, March 24, 2011. From our St. Leo Council #6202, Nate Rasmunson, Eric Vallone, Mike Mickney, Pat McGuire and Patrick Dunne were joined by three other Knights from neighboring Councils to take the next step in the ladder of Knighthood. See the picture of the newly exemplified Knights with the Degree team posted on the KC board in the Church vestibule. On Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 7:00 PM, we will hold a 1st Degree exemplification for new Knights. All Knights are encouraged to attend. We will have another 1st Degree ceremony in May, and I ask everyone to recruit - I am shooting for another ten new members! As a personal aside, I sincerely thank you and your wives for the prayers and support during my hospital stay. And, a special thanks to all of you for filling in for me in my absence. Virginia and I are deeply humbled and grateful for your assistance. Thank you!

**John R. Berg, Chancellor/Membership Chairman, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292. 703-219-2096, or [jvaberg@aol.com](mailto:jvaberg@aol.com)**

## Columbiettes' Corner

Upcoming events of the Columbiettes include an April 11 trip to the Tropicana Casino. Columbiette Flo Hogan at 703-280-2343 is the contact for this trip. Flo has successfully coordinated this trip in the past and this time is no exception. The price for this trip is \$45.00 which includes a round trip and a gratis \$20+ buffet ticket at the casino.

The upcoming Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale, our Spring Fling Event, and the October 23 Craft Show will be among the items at our April 19 meeting.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are encouraged 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 the St. Mark Room of the Old Parish Hall pending the re-opening of the renovated Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).



## Council News & Events

**Rosary to End Abortion — IT's WORKING!!!** Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **April 9** to pray the rosary. 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.



### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!



Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, April 11** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by

8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Greg Skorupski** at (703) 978-8280 to volunteer.



### Night of Magic !! - It was a Magical Evening

Chairman Pat Leffas once again organized a spectacular evening of fun, frivolity and prestidigitation.

The Fairfax Chapter of the Society of American Magicians (SAM) provided two hours of spell binding and mind boggling magic. Bernie Kowalski, a long time member of Father Diamond Council and a former president of SAM was honored by the emcee for starting this annual fund raising event. The Council provides a place for SAM to meet every month and in return SAM puts on a Night of Magic. It is great stage experience for their members and a wonderful, fun fund raiser for our council. There were approximately 80 "kids of all ages" entertained that night. Our Insurance agent, Dennis Riley actually assisted one of the magicians on stage.

### Columbiettes Soup Supper — March 22

#### MM MMM GOOD

This years Soup Supper event, which everyone eagerly looks forward to, was held in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) on March 22.



It was **FREE to all Knights and Columbiettes**. There were 12.... count them.... 12 crock pots containing some of the most delicious, hot soul warming soups any man could ask for. The credits go to:

Leightley's— Vegetable Beef  
 Debbie Buchannon's— Creamy Wild Rice w/ Mushrooms  
 Julie Clinch's— Broccoli and Beer Cheese Soup  
 Kathy Weich's— Santa Fe Soup  
 Urban's— French 18 Bean Soup (with 15 Beans)  
 Wendy Kehoe's— Split Pea Soup  
 Dave Todd's— Corn Chowder  
 Greg Skorupski's— New England Clam Chowder  
 Linda Baringhaus'— Taco Soup  
 Flo Hogan's—Chili Beef Soup  
 Priscilla Hogan's —Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup  
 Elaine Pippen's—Clam Chowder

[You will notice I left off some first names because I wasn't sure who did the cooking—Ed]

Father Biaz gave a wonderful Lenten talk on Perseverance in Prayer. It was great evening!!

### K of C Hall—Remodeling Update



Father Whitestone has been keeping us updated on the progress on the Hall Renovation. As we see construction continuing on the hall everyone is getting excited and eagerly anticipates the day when we can move back in. The following is the latest update from the contractor:

- HVAC equipment is in the process of being final connected.
- The kitchen hood has been installed.
- The duct work for the hood will be installed next week.
- The ceiling grid is installed.
- The light fixtures are installed.
- We are in the process of installing the doors and frames.
- We will be continuing with the finish carpentry work this coming week.
- Ceramic tile installation is in process.
- The priming on the drywall should be complete next week.

### 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](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

### Car Raffle

This year our Council has joined with All Saints Parish in a huge fund raiser to support our Charities Programs. We are selling chances to win one of five brand new 2011 cars or one of 20 cash prizes totaling \$20,000.

Our Car Raffle Fund Raiser Chairman, John Eldred, and his committee has mailed 10 tickets to all members of the Council. They have been selling Car Raffle tickets at the Parish Breakfasts, St Patrick's Dinner, Christmas Dinner & Dance, and out side of masses on Saturdays and Sundays. The more chances we sell the more money we will raise to go towards our Charities Program. For 2011-2012.

In 2011 we are budgeted to provide over \$10,000 in charitable donations to 30+ charitable organizations or events in our community. Nearly \$4,000 of that is earmarked to help feed the destitute families in the local area.

When you receive your envelope, please try to sell your ten tickets

and send the money and ticket stubs in the addressed envelop to John Eldred by April 30. We really appreciate your support!!!



**\$5 per chance to win one of five 2011 Cars or cash prizes totaling \$20,000**

### KOVAR 2011

In 1971 the Virginia State Council formed the program known as KOVAR (which originally stood for Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for programs to assist people with intellectual disabilities. Since the collections began in 1972 more than \$12,000,000 in Grants and Group Home Loans have been awarded to over 250 organizations including the Special Olympics.

Our Council first participated in KOVAR in 1975 and since then we have raised \$518,101 and is a major contributor of funds for the program. **Father Diamond Council has 1.5% of the members in Virginia and we have raised more than 4.3% of the State's total.**

Our assigned goal for this year's drive is \$23,554. One of our sources 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 year, please give a copy of your pledge document to Herb Zimmerman, our Treasurer. The documentation contributes toward the Council goal. Our main source of income is from Brothers Knights who stand three-hour shifts at various stores in our area.

This year's drive is from May 19th through 22nd. The Chairman for this year's drive is Mike Purtill. Please save some time that weekend to help in our collection effort. Please call Mike at 202 251 8424 if you can help. Wives and children are convincing collectors, so please consider making it a family affair. If you can't help, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us achieve our goal. Make check's payable to KOVAR and send it to the Council or bring it to a meeting no later than May 20th.



### Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

#### How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?



**Safeway sells gift cards for many stores** (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**



## Knights and Knight Families Honored

**Knight of the Month**  
**February**  
**Jamie Argandona**

**Family of the Month**  
**February**  
**Bill and Beth Ward**



### EASTER FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

Father Diamond Council will work with the St Vincent DePaul Society on Saturday 16 April at 10 AM to deliver food baskets for Easter. The plan is to return to our traditional food basket delivery to the homes for this holiday so plenty of drivers are needed. The final count of families has not been determined but it is anticipated that 60 to 80 families will receive food baskets. It is anticipated 20 drivers will be needed for delivery. If you can help, please contact the **Charity Chairman, Al Leightley**, at 703-273-2089 or e-mail [leightley8@verizon.net](mailto:leightley8@verizon.net). The council will also be donating \$900 in grocery store gift certificates for the food baskets.



### Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

#### An added benefit of LTC insurance

As life expectancy increases, the number of people in need of long-term care, in their homes or outside facilities, has grown also. Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. Since 2005, every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and par-



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ents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently a LTC policyholder, I suggest that we schedule some time together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this significant, value-added benefit.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or [Dennis.Riley@kofc.org](mailto:Dennis.Riley@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3	4	5	6	7 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	8	9 Food Drive <a href="#">8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion</a>	
10 Food Drive	11 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	12	13	14 7:30 PM Rosary <b>8:00 PM Business Mtg-GuadRm</b>	15 Food Basket Assembly	16 10:00 AM Food Basket Delivery	
17 Palm Sunday Family Breakfast-Gold Team	18	19 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	20	21	22	23 1100 Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception Food Drive	
24 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt Food Drive	25	26	27	28 <a href="#">1930 Mass</a> <a href="#">2000 Business Meeting</a>	29 <a href="#">Annual State Meeting - Fairfax</a>	30 <a href="#">Car Raffle Sales Annual</a>	

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1 <a href="#">Car Raffle Sales Annual State Meeting - Fairfax</a>	2	3 <a href="#">1930 Officers' Meeting</a>	4	5	6	7 <b>St. Leo's First Communion</b> 1200 Salute to Seniors-GuadRm	
8 1700 Corporate Communion mass	9 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	10	11	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	13	14 0800 Rosary to end Abortion St. Leo's First Communion Food Drive <a href="#">Car Raffle Drawing</a>	
15 Family Breakfast-Blue Team Food Drive	16	17 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	18	19 KOVAR	20 KOVAR	21 KOVAR	
22 KOVAR	23	24	25	26 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	27	28 <a href="#">Columbiette Bake Sale</a> Food Drive	
29 <a href="#">1700 Pig Roast</a> Food Drive <a href="#">Columbiette Bake Sale</a>	30 Memorial Day	31					

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

### Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
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Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
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Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
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Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724

3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

### Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
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Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



### For All You Lexiphiles (Lovers of Words)

- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.



### PALM SUNDAY

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "people held them over Jesus' head as he walked by."

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go, he shows up!"

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

One Easter Sunday morning as the minister was preaching the children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?" "I know!" a little boy exclaimed. "Pantyhose !! "

### FIRST TIME USHERS

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "don't pay for me daddy I'm under five."

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**Providence Hall is UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!**  
**Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room )**  
**2nd and 4th THURSDAYS**

**Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information**

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