



The Lookout



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April 2013

Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,

We begin the month in the Octave of Easter. I hope everyone is finding time to enjoy family and friends in this most blessed and joyful season. As the world around us shows its renewal with spring, so are we are blessed with the opportunity for spiritual renewal that is constantly offered to us by God and made more obvious to us as we celebrate Christ's triumph over death.

As a Council, this is also a time for us to renew our efforts as we enter the final quarter of the fraternal year. We have many events coming up this month, from the Night of Magic to our annual spring KOVAR drive. We should also all be pulling out the stops for a final recruiting effort. It would be great to have some new brothers join us going into the summer.

One particular effort that is ongoing at the moment is our need to fill critical officer positions for the upcoming fraternal year. While every member is vital to keeping the Council functioning and healthy, we lean on our officers to keep things going on a day to day basis and to help organize the many worthwhile efforts we undertake. The good thing is that there are officer positions to suit the needs and abilities of any

member, even if you feel you can't dedicate a large amount of time to the Council. You only need to be a Third Degree member in good standing in order to be an officer. If you are interested, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, Greg Skorupski, or me at dpurtill@gmail.com.

Again, I encourage everyone to take advantage of this time for personal and spiritual renewal. It's far too easy to focus on the landscaping at our homes, plans for summer, and other things that need to be addressed, while ignoring our personal needs and our relationship with god and others. Take the time to care for yourself so you will have the resources needed to truly care for others.

Vivat Jesus
Dan Purtill

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Kids of ALL ages enjoyed taking pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

As we close the books on a busy March, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make last month's programs a success. In particular I want to thank our Charity Chairman, Tom Gross, for coordinating the Easter food basket transfers and delivery; Pat and Mike Purtill for arranging a festive St. Patrick's Day Party; the Columbiettes, led by Ann Todd, for hosting a physically and spiritually tasty Lenten Soup Supper and Reflection; George and Thelma Billy for once again leading the charge to feed the homeless in D.C.; Mike Purtill for having the Easter Bunny show-up at the masses on Easter Day; and last but not least, all of the Brothers who make our monthly Rosary, bingo and family breakfasts come off without a hitch. It is because of Brothers and their wives such as these, that this Council is able to provide such service to its members, the St. Leo the Great parish, and the Fairfax community.

As we look forward to April we have another busy month of activities for the enjoyment and edification of our members and our broader faith community. In addition to our usual monthly activities that serve as a cornerstone of this Council's programming, we have a number of special events.

On Saturday night, April 13th, we have the Night of Magic in the St. Leo' school gym. This is a fun-filled event for the young and young-at-heart. If you are able to help with set-up or serving during the show please contact Pat Lef-fas (pleffas@gmail.com or 703-934-9716).

Saturday April 20th is another busy day for us. We will be hosting our annual Salute to Seniors luncheon at Providence Hall at noon. While this

is not a difficult event, it is best to have lots of help serving lunch. We especially want some of the younger members help out so our more senior Brothers can enjoy the lunch rather than work.

Finally, at the end of April, we will be conducting our annual KOVAR collections drive. The Tootsie Rolls have been ordered and the schedules are being prepared, all we need now are Brothers and their families to come out and help us make this another successful fundraising effort. Please stop by the Hall when the schedules are up and sign-up for a shift.

If you have not had a chance to help out with one of these events in the past, please consider giving some of your time to assist the Council and the Parish in serving its members. Only a small bit of your time can mean a big deal toward the success of these programs.

Even if you are not able to volunteer at an event, please come out, bring your family, and join your Brother Knights in one of the opportunities coming up this month. Be a part of keeping Father Diamond Council one the most active and fraternal councils in Virginia.

Matt West
Deputy Grand Knight

Columbiettes' Corner

Our next meeting is April 15th. Hope to see you there. Remember, all wives, mothers and daughters are automatically members of the Columbiettes. If you would like to assist with any upcoming events or want to know more please contact Julie Clinch at Clinch5VA@yahoo.com or call at 703-385-2146.





Dancers from the Boyle Irish Dance school get ready to perform for the 65 people in attendance at the St. Patrick's Day party. Special thanks to Pat Purtill, Jack Purtill, John & Heidi Leonard, the Clinch family, and all who came and helped make it an enjoyable evening.



The Easter Bunny was available for photo opportunities after masses on Easter Day. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Easter Bunny an overwhelming success once again. Special thanks to Julie Clinch and the "Woodson Kids" for stuffing 3,000 eggs, Chris Sebnias, Greg Hartley, Tim Tilson, and Matt West for helping distribute the eggs and wrangling the kids.



Some of our Knight's participated in the "washing of the feet" on March 28 as part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Knights and Knight Families Honored

Knight of the Month March

Patrick Purtill



Family of the Month March

The West Family

On Tuesday, April 9 starting at 7:30PM in lieu of a regularly scheduled meeting there will be an OPEN Fraternal Benefits presentation put on by Dennis Riley and another guest speaker. Bring your wife or significant other to hear about some great offered benefits.

Sanctity of Life Ministries needs your help

The Sanctity of Life Ministries is a wonderful organization that is successful in helping women who need help during a crisis pregnancy. We as Knights and practical Catholics are obligated to lend aid to such organizations that are on the frontline of the pro-life cause. SLM is currently in need of diapers sizes 1-4 months, clothes sizes 0-3 to 6-9 months, and new infant car seats. There will be place at Providence Hall reserved for dropping off all donations. This project will be an ongoing drive as SLM is always in need of baby products and clothes. Thank you for your support and help, as always you are all Christ in action! If you have any further questions please contact Brian Kuhn at bkuhngsh@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATE MASS AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH BISHOP LOVERDE

This month, come pray the rosary at the abortion facility with Bishop Loverde on Saturday, **April 13**. We will first join the Bishop as he celebrates his monthly pro-life Mass, held this month, at 9:00 AM in the Church of St. Leo the Great. We will then proceed to 10400 Eaton Place (~9:45 AM), where the Bishop will lead us in praying the rosary. Please wear clothing - hat, shirt, and/or jacket, identifying you as a Knight.



Council News & Events



Nursing Home Bingo —

Each month the Knights run a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on

Monday, April 8 at 7:15 to help run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:30PM. Call *Matt West* at (703) 359-4652 to volunteer.

Family Breakfast — Sunday, April 21st

There will be a breakfast served in the hall after the 7:30AM & 9AM masses. This is a great event for the entire family. The price is donations only. Help is always needed at this labor intensive event. Call Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 if you can help or just show up.

Salute To Seniors — Saturday, April 20th

Starting at 12 noon all seniors are invited out to a free luncheon and great comraderie. If you are not a senior and would like to assist please contact Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280.

Night of Magic — Saturday, April 13th

Witness multiple magicians perform fantastical feats of prestidigitation!

St. Leo's Catholic School
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA
Parish Activity Center (a.k.a. "The Gym")
Doors open at 6:00 pm / Show starts at 7:00

Cost:

- \$10 per adult / \$5 per child / \$30 family cap
- Price includes:
- Admission to the show
 - 2 slices of pizza, 1 drink (soda / water)

~ Please RSVP with the number of adults and children to: Patrick Leffas, pleffas@gmail.com
703-436-2717.

KOVAR —

The Knights Of Virginia Assisting the Retarded collections kick off May 9th.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

The VANTAGE Annuity Advantage

With the instability in the stock market in recent years, you might be concerned about funding a comfortable, worry-free retirement. The Knights of Columbus can help. We offer a traditional Flexible Premium Annuity and a VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity. One of these products may be part of the answer for you.

With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, the VANTAGE allows you to lock-in a guaranteed interest rate for five years. In addition, there are several attractive renewal options once the five-year period has expired, including keeping the funds in another VANTAGE Annuity, placing them in a more traditional flexible premium annuity where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or – in the 30-day period prior to the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries – withdrawing the funds without a

surrender charge.

The VANTAGE Annuity, along with our Flexible Premium Annuity, both provide the guarantees that Knights of Columbus members have come to expect – guaranteed interest rates along with absolute safety of principal. In addition, we can easily accommodate rollovers and transfers free of charge (the other company may have a transfer charge, however).

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience – in your home – to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA, Field Agent



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April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt	1	2 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 9AM Corporate Communion	8 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	9 7:30PM Rosary 8PM OPEN Meeting: Fraternal Benefits Night	10	11	12	13 9:45 AM Rosary to End Abortion Car Raffle Drop-off & Sales 6 PM Night of Magic Food Drive 9AM Mass with the Bishop
14 Car Raffle Drop-off & Sales - LAST CHANCE Food Drive	15 7:00PM Columbiettes	16 11:00AM Grey GOSTs	17 1930 Fr. Malloy Assembly	18	19	20 12noon Salute to Seniors
21 Family Breakfast	22	23 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	24	25	26 State Annual Mtg-Roanoke	27 Food Drive State Annual Mtg-Roanoke
28 Food Drive	29	30	1	2	3	4 Pig Roast

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Food Drive	29	30	1	2	3	4 Pig Roast
5	6	7 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	8	9 Ascension (traditional) KOVAR	10 KOVAR	11 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Food Drive KOVAR
12 KOVAR Food Drive	13	14 7:00PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Bus Mtg	15 1930 Fr. Malloy Assembly	16	17	18 Antique Car Show 10 - 3 12PM 4th Degree Exemplification 7 PM Columbiettes' Spring Fling
19 Family Breakfast	20 7:00PM Columbiettes	21 11:00AM Grey GOSTs	22	23	24	25 Columbiette Bake Sale Food Drive
26 Columbiette Bake Sale Food Drive	27 Memorial Day	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Food Drive
9 Food Drive	10 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15 Grand Knight's Ball

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2012-13

Officers

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1yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

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Committee Chairmen

Charity	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
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Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
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Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
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
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A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

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