



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

With the start of April, we begin the last quarter of the fraternal year. People have come up to me asking, "so you must be glad to be on the downhill run of your Grand Knight year." While we only have three months left in this fraternal year, I don't see it as a "downhill" or "wrapping-up" time. Rather, I see the images of spring and the renewal found in the rising of the Lord at Easter as a way to look at how we should approach these last few months. We need to take the energy found in the spirit of renewal and dedicate ourselves to the Council's work now, just as much as we did in the beginning of the fraternal year.

If you look at our calendar of upcoming events, you will see that we are not a Council that is slowing down for the end of the year -- for example, we have breakfasts, degree ceremonies, the Night of Magic, and the Comedy Knight. These are all events where we need you each to take a role in helping make them a success. Whether it is cooking at a breakfast, setting up tables for the Comedy Knight, or being an observer at one of our degree ceremonies, any contribution of your time is important. I also want to put out a special plug to encourage members to sell tickets to, and attend, the Night of Magic (April 12) and the Comedy Knight (May 3). These are going to be fun programs and a great way for the Council to raise money. But they will only work if you promote these with your friends and family and we get them to attend. More information on these programs is in the newsletter. Help us make these a success!

I want to share an inspirational story of renewal and new growth that can come from an active faith. As you know from last month's newsletter, Thelma Billy recently went back to the Philippines in a month long effort to assist those families affected by the typhoon. Ten families had new homes built and another fourteen were given supplies to fix their houses. Thelma was also able to purchase four new boats to replace some destroyed in the storm. She also worked through the local government in hand-

ing out food to about 600 families and was also able to send \$1200 to assist in fixing a damaged roof at the local chapel. This was made possible due to the generous financial support of our parishioners at St. Leo's and members of the Knights. The people of the town in the Philippines were so touched by the charitable works they received that they decided to open a local council of the Knights of Columbus. A 1st Degree ceremony was held on March 23 and included 90 new members! Way to go Thelma, our new top recruiter.

For the selfless work that George and Thelma Billy have done in helping those in need, both locally and around the far side of the world, they are our Family of the Month for March.

Our Knight of the Month for March is Charlie Kraiger. Charlie has been stalwart in his support of the Parish Lenten Soup Suppers. He has helped with our Thursday night setups as well as being there for all of the Friday events (not just the Knights' night). The soup supper is a great new program this year for St. Leo's, and it is with the help of volunteers like Charlie, that it has been a success in renewing our faith community at St. Leos during Lent. As you read this newsletter, think about ways that your involvement with the Council can continue to grow as we come into the "spring" of our fraternal year. With three months to go, and still a lot left to be done, this is not a time of winding down, but rather it is a time of springing up to keep the good work of the Council and the Knights of Columbus strong in our community.

V i v a t J e s u s !
Matt West, Grand Knight

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

March was another busy month with the start of the Lenten season. Our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration was of great fun as we again invited the Boyle's School of Irish Dance to perform.

Pat McGuire



Thanks goes out to everyone who helped prepare the food with a special thank you to Mike Purtill, our hall manager, for cooking up some delicious corned beef and cabbage, and all the wonderful side dishes. And what would a St. Pat's celebration be without the comraderie and green beer?



A good time was had by all.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Father Whitestone asked the Knights to participate in a parish wide Lenten soup supper to be held each Friday night in the hall. Each week a different church organization is responsible for supplying the soup such as the Legion of Mary, the Spanish group, and of course the Knights. On March 28 the Knights rose to the occasion with over 15 crock pots of soup. The event was attended by our priests but also about 120 parishioners.



Father Baez smiles along with Matt West, our Grand Knight.



Father Whitestone appears to be enjoying the conversation with Greg Skorupski, Hal Guidry, Carolyn McGuire, and Lu Guidry.



Getting the task at hand done is important but it is even better if you can have fun doing it.

Upcoming April Council Events

Regular Council Meeting — April 8

Note the time change! We will begin at 8:30pm with no Rosary due to the Parish Lenten Mission being held in the church. All new money requests are held off until the business meeting on April 22 to conserve time.

Rosary to End Abortion — April 12

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout.



Night of Magic — April 12

This will be held in the gym with doors opening at 6pm and the show starting at 7pm. Witness multiple magicians perform fantastical feats of prestidigitation! The cost for the event is \$10/adult, \$5/child with a cap of \$30/family. Price includes 2 pieces of pizza and a beverage.

Nursing Home Bingo — April 14

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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.



Grey GOSTs Luncheon — April 15

All knights are welcome to join some of the older guys for a monthly social meeting starting at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon. Usual wrap-up is around 1pm.

Fourth Degree Meeting — April 16

Open monthly meeting for all those Knights that have achieved the level of 4th Degree.

Feed The Homeless — April 19

Volunteers are always welcome to help serve food in front of The Center For Creative Non-violence in Wash, DC. This normally feeds around 600 persons. If you are interested you can contact George or Thelma Billy at (703) 323-6470. A caravan leaves their house around 11.

Easter Egg Hunt — April 20

This will be held in front of the church after the 9am and 11am masses. This is open to all children. The Easter bunny will be present to hand out candy to the smaller children and to take pictures. Family photos encouraged.

Council Business Meeting — April 22

This will be a business meeting beginning at 8pm. Rosary starts at 7:30pm led by Deacon Maurer.

Family Breakfast — April 27

Cooks and helpers are always needed for such a labor intensive event. You can call Joe Monnig at 703-266-9741 or just show up. This event is open to all parishioners so even if you decide not to work bring your family out for a great hot breakfast.

Congratulations to our new 3rd Degree members

Daniel Short, Josh Freda, Albano Garcia, Marvin Muhat, and Frank Munoz.

FOURTH DEGREE: Next Fourth Degree Exemplification in Virginia will be Saturday, April 26 in Roanoke. The only requirement is that the Knight must take the Third Degree prior to the Exemplification. Anyone interested in taking the Fourth Degree should contact Dave Todd, Jr. as soon as possible. You may reach him at 703-463-1499 (leave him a message), or at djtoddjr@yahoo.com.

Columbiettes' Corner

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 in Providence Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept up to date with meetings and our events, please contact me at 703-385-2146 or drop me an email at clinch5va@yahoo.com.



Julie Clinch, President

Knight of the Month
February
Charlie Kraiger

Family of the Month
February
George & Thelma Billy

Father Diamond Council Knights of Columbus Presents



COMEDY KNIGHT



Saturday, May 3, 2014

St Leo's School Parish Activity Center

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

Comedy Show: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Only \$25 per person includes:

- > Social Hour with beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, music, coffee and desserts
- > Door prizes, Silent Auction Items, 50/50 Raffle
- > **3 FANTASTIC COMEDIANS with Headliner Ted Daniels**



Has recently opened for "30 Rock's" Tracy Morgan, "Saturday Night Live's" Jim Breuer and Rhys Darby of HBO's "Flight of the Conchords", and Jim Carey's "Yes Man".

Is in his third year in the comic rotation at the Riviera Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas

Works many church and school comedy fundraisers. "He is working his way back to heaven, 'one church basement at a time'"

Benefits: Father Diamond and Lance Corporal Nicholas C Kirven, and Fr. Veger Scholarship Funds, Outstanding Youth Awards, RTL Oratory Award, Catholic High School Graduation Nights, Youth Work Camps, FOCUS Ministry, and many other local Christian charities and events.

Ticket Order Form

!!!! ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!!!!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Address: _____

Number of tickets: ____ (x\$25/ticket) Total payment = _____

Payment Options (make checks payable to "KofC Council # 6292"):

Enclose check and:

Drop off at the Rectory, marked K of C mailbox, or

Mail to: Knights of Columbus, Providence Hall, 3702 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030, or

Contact John Berg (703-219-2096) or Herb Zimmerman (703-385-9455)

**Scholarships & Charities Supported
by Fr Diamond Council—Knights of Columbus
Over \$14,700 each fraternal year**

<u>Scholarships:</u>	<u>Annual Contributions</u>
Father Diamond Council Scholarship – to Catholic HS	\$ 2,000
Lance Corporal Nicholas C Kirven Scholarship – to Catholic HS	\$ 1,000
Fr Veger Scholarship Fund – St Leo’s School	\$ 250
Fr Bader Scholarship – VA State Council	\$ 200

Budgeted Charities & Donations:

● St Leo’s School:	
◦ Donation	\$ 250
◦ Red Ribbon Campaign	\$ 100
◦ Outstanding Youth	\$ 100
◦ Crayons for Kids	\$ 100
● Feeding the Needy:	
◦ Holiday Meals	\$ 750
◦ St Vincent DePaul – Food Baskets	\$ 4,500
● Bishop’s Lenten Appeal	\$ 300
● Youth Work Camp	\$ 200
● Bishop O’Connell Right to Life Oratory Contest	\$ 400
● Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 200
● Capitol Caring (Caregivers support)	\$ 100
● Dominican Retreat House	\$ 100
● Poor Clare Sisters	\$ 200
● Boy Scout Troop 1113	\$ 250
● St Paul VI HS (Graduation Party)	\$ 100
● Bishop O’Connell HS (Graduation Party)	\$ 100
● Bishop Ireton HS (Graduation Party)	\$ 100
● Tepeyac Family Center	\$ 1,000
● FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)	\$ 500
● Shepherd’s Center	\$ 200
● Premies Today	\$ 100
● March for Life	\$ 500

Other Charitable Requests:

● Courage Unlimited	\$ 300
● Project Rachael (Diocese of Arlington)	\$ 200
● Daniel’s Run – Food 4 Thought	\$ 350
● WT Woodson HS – Deaf Academic Bowl	\$ 300

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8 8:30PM Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 6PM Night of Magic 8AM Rosary to end abortion
13 Palm Sunday	14 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	15 11AM Grey GOSTs	16 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception
20 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt	21 7:00PM Columbiettes	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Regular Meeting	23	24	25	26 4th Degree Exemplification
27 Family Breakfast	28	29	30	1	2 State Annual Meeting-Day1	3 Comedy Night State Annual Meeting-Day2

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Family Breakfast	28	29	30	1	2 State Annual Meeting-Day1	3 Comedy Night State Annual Meeting-Day2
4 State Annual Meeting-Day3	5	6 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	7	8	9	10 8AM Rosary to end abortion
11 Mother's Day	12 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	13 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Reg Mtg	14	15 KOVAR	16 KOVAR	17 10-3 Antique Car Show KOVAR
18 Family Breakfast KOVAR	19 7:00PM Columbiettes	20 11AM Grey GOSTs	21 7:30 PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	22	23	24
25 Family Picnic	26 Memorial Day	27 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	28	29	30	31 6PM Columbiettes' Spring Fling

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 St. Leo's Field Day (?)	3 7:30PM Officers' Meeting St. Leo's Awards program (?)	4	5	6	7
8	9 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	10 7:30 Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8AM Rosary to end abortion
15	16 7:00PM Columbiettes	17 11AM Grey GOSTs	18 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	19	20	21
22 Family Breakfast	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 7:30PM Council Steak Night	25	26	27	28

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2013-14

Officers

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Newsletter	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones

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 Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280 or email — gregskisr@aol.com for information. Available at Providence 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.

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

INSURANCE AGENT'S CORNER#

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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