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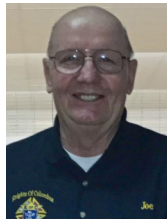


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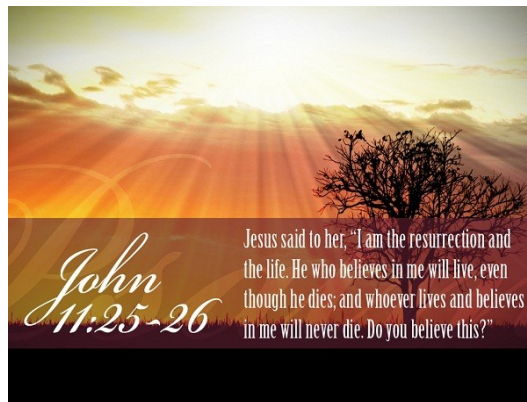
April 2018

## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights and Families,  
"Hello. Hello, again, my dear friends!"

"Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall share the spoils with the mighty, because he exposed himself to face death and was reckoned among the transgressors, because he bore the sins of many and interceded for their transgressions." *Isaiah, 12*, Fulton J. Sheen, *The Life of Christ*, Image Books, New York 1977, p 370.



We are applaud and are genuinely thankful for your Lenten practices and celebration of Easter, made manifest by you in so many wonderful, heart felt forms of

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Big congratulations go to Pat Murray for doing a great job again with this year's St Patrick's Day Party. The hall was packed and everyone had a great time. The evening was such a great time an old Irish Prayer came to mind:

*May God give you, for every storm,  
a rainbow for every tear,  
a smile for every care,  
a promise and a blessing in each trial.*

*For every problem life sends,  
a faithful friend to share,  
For every sign, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.*

— Unknown Author

April brings us another busy month. Starting with all our Easter Celebrations and important family time. We quickly move to our important collections for KOVAR led by my PGK Keith Morrison and assisted by the GK Joe Gesker. Please consider donating time to help collect money. As everyone knows this charity supports many people in great need of our help. We end the month with the Night of Magic. This is always great fun and a favorite event for many families. Once again, I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work everyone provides to our council and parish.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan O'Malley

Deputy Grand Knight

Get ready for the **KOVAR** Tootsie Roll Campaign on **April 19, 20, 21 and 22**. Contact **Keith Morrison** at **(703) 304-8540 (Cell)** or email **[mwcrkm@aol.com](mailto:mwcrkm@aol.com)**.

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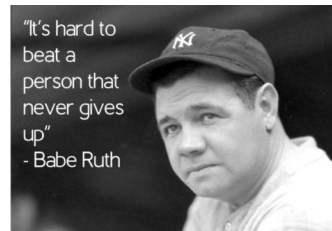
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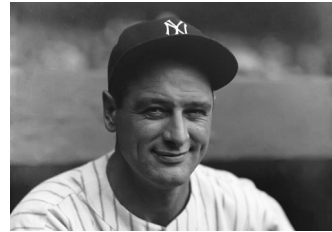
service: weekly support (thank you, **Pat McGuire**) of the Lenten Soup Suppers; organizing the Father Diamond soup supper (thank you, **Herb Zimmerman** and **Dan O'Malley** and supporting cast), Easter Basket Distribution St. Vincent DePaul led by **Ben** and **Dorothy Schaefer**, provision of sumptuous Easter meal and a touch of love and joy to the homeless in DC (thank you **George** and **Thelma Billy**), distinguished mentorship and subsequent recognition of the RCIA at Easter Vigil Mass (thank you **Jack Cotner**), organization and guidance of Patent Holders and Servers for 6:15 A.M. Daily Mass (thank you, again, **Jack Cotner**), your support of the Parish Mission and, of course, for the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish on Easter Sunday (thank you, **Dan O'Malley**, **Nelson & Julie Clinch** and **Linda Baringhaus**).



Ah, the glory of it all! We indeed, enjoyed a grand celebration (pictures a plenty in this newsletter) of the good St. Patrick, an Italian (thank you, **Father Whitestone**) who returned to spread the word and love of God in the land where he was held as a slave. Yes, Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, it was when Brother Knights, their families and many others from St. Leo's Parish, having received the blessing from Father Whitestone, joined in a merry round of an Irish meal (served by **St. Leo's Youth Group**), Irish music by an Irish Band, Irish dances (performed by **St. Leo's Youngsters**), raffles and Irish Songs. And whom do we thank for this tremendous



Irish Enterprise? Ah, none other than our Irish Brother Knights **Pat Murray** and **James Welch** and their families. They were there early that morning and left late so that we could, indeed, enjoy a joyous Irish evening!



Spring is here, and thus, the timely and pleasant arrival of our national pastime. This welcome coincidence called to mind two legendary figures of that great sport, baseball, who in many ways personified the values the Knights of Columbus hold

dear. For example in respect to charity, Robert W. Cramer, in his *New York Times* best-selling, *Babe*, recalls how **Babe Ruth** when a student at St. Mary's Industrial School (eventually became Cardinal Gibbons Catholic High School) in Baltimore would at recess in the cold of winter take time to rub the younger children's fingers to keep them warm. The Babe, by the way, was a Sir Knight. **Lou Gehrig**, too, reserved a special place in his heart for children. He inspires us to this day by his life that was a magnificent example of courage, genuine humility and unfeigned love for the game of baseball. A great read about Lou Gehrig is *The Luckiest Man the Life and Death of Lou Gehrig* by Jonathan Eig; again, a *New York Times* bestseller.

So, Brother Knights, here we greet the month of April with even more splendid opportunities to serve our church, our school, our community and each other as exhibited by: **Spring Fraternal Benefits Night 11 April, KOVAR 19 – 22 April, Fairfax History Day 28 April and Night of Magic 28 April.**

"If a man in authority makes you go one mile, go with him two."  
*Matthew 5:41*

"And, until we meet, again, may hold you in the palm of His hand."

Vivat Jesus; Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker

Grand Knight, Father Diamond Council 6292

## Northeast Tennessee Honor Flight—Fairfax Marriott Fair Oaks

Please consider joining us on Friday evening, **April 27<sup>th</sup>**, in the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. in Fairfax, VA. at 7pm as WWII and Korean War Veterans traveling with the North East Tennessee Honor Flight arrive for their Tour of Honor in our Nation's Capital to see their respective memorials.

Because they travel into our area by bus, these brave men and women who served so many years ago do not get the opportunity to experience the Hero's Welcome Reception other veteran groups receive when they arrive at Dulles, Reagan, and BWI airports. This is a very Family Friendly Patriotic event. You could even invite your neighbors and make this a community event.

As the late Will Rogers once said, "We can't all be Heroes. Some of us have to stand on the sidelines and cheer." We can never repay these Veterans for the sacrifices they made for our country but we can show them our appreciation. We hope to see you and your families on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all for your consideration supporting this wonderful event for our Senior Veterans.

## Chancellor's Corner

On February 27, 2018 we held an Admission Celebration in Providence Hall where we welcomed **Todd Bandolato, David Briggs, Alessio Carmelo Blangiardo, Francisco Klein and Andrew Dudik** into our council.

On Sunday April 8th we will be holding a video Admission Celebration at 3:00PM in Providence Hall.

All council members are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday April 11th, we will be holding a Fraternal Benefits Night in Providence Hall starting at 7:00PM. This event is open to members and their wives. Learn about the excellent insurance and retirement annuities available through the Knights of Columbus.

On Tuesday April 24th, we will have an Admission Celebration starting at 8:00PM in Providence Hall. Schedule that evening is:

Rosary/Candidates Arriving 7:30PM

Admission Celebration 8:00PM

Brief meeting and dinner following the celebration

**Want to save some money?** We have several brothers of Council 6292 very close to have their \$40.00 dues paid for the year. The first ten brothers who submit Form 100s for two candidates and the candidates participate in an Admission Celebration will receive their dues paid for a year.

Yours In Christ,

Gib Flodine

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

## April Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of April a very Happy Birthday:

Thomas Kearney	2	Mark Lutz	19
Bob Ratay	2	Paul Quast	19
John Cotner	4	Gustavo Solares	19
Edmund Janiszewski	4	Andrew Wankum	19
Allan Rush	5	Matthew Baumgartner	20
Melvyn Andrews	6	Paul Besson	20
Edward Rodriguez	6	Thomas Feehan	20
Nilson Herrera	9	Philip Coletti	21
James Allen	10	Tim Ku-Dipietro	21
David Nava	11	James Chapman	23
Francis Cuccias	12	John Berg	24
Domingo Guingab	12	William Fowler	26
Jeffrey Stevens	12	John Weinheimer	27
Thomas Heinz	15	Kevin Mc Guire	29

## Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.

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# Pray the Rosary



## February 2018 Knight of the Month



"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied." *Sirach: 39 – 16.*

"In its own time, every need is supplied." In that context, we have been blessed by the diligent, patient perseverance of the Father Diamond Advocate, **Joe Burg**. It

has been nineteen years since the By-laws of our council had been reviewed. Joe, after receiving very general guidance from our Strategic Planning Committee, immediately applied himself to the task,

culling through a myriad of rules and recommended changes to those rules. He took it upon himself to prepare the final analysis for change and to forward his summation to the appropriate State and Supreme channels for final approval. His performance as Advocate is of such a stable and diligent magnitude as to make him our "James Madison" (the "Founding Father" whose notes [actually only notes taken] on the Constitutional Convention of 1787 are the foundation for the history of that august meeting). He, too, in his soft-spoken manner, is one of the most trusted advisors to our Grand Knight. We are indeed honored to celebrate Joe Burg as our March Knight of the Month.

## February 2018 Family of the Month

"What is the family? Over and above its most pressing problems and its peremptory necessities, the family is a "center of love," where the law of respect and communion reigns and is able to resist the pressure of manipulation and domination from the world's "power centers." *Give Us This Day Our Daily Love, Pope Francis on the Family*, p 145.

**Pat and Janice Murray** and **James and Heather Welch**, exuded the love about which Pope Francis wrote when they and their children presented St. Leo's Parish and Father Diamond Council with a Gaelic "rainbow" of Irish cheer, music, laughter, entertainment, but, mostly love, this past St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 2018. Both families started early that morning as they wove through Providence Hall a beautiful fabric of Irish décor that inspired a true Irish spirit underwriting Irish history and especially the relationship of

Ireland and the Catholic Church. Michael Collins, "the Mick" himself, would have been proud to have shared in such "shenanigans." By giving vent to their rich, colorful imagination, they created a wonderful "Catholic Family" environment that fostered priceless gifts of joy, laughter and gratitude; as if the bounty of the infamous, nineteenth century "Christmas Letter" had been reversed. Pat, Janice, James and Heather, by their exhaustive effort, most Irish and kind hospitality and conspicuous love for their parish truly conveyed the spirit of the Irish Blessing and touched the hearts of all. Irish eyes were, indeed, smiling. We are truly grateful.



## Get In the Picture



**Top Row:** St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the hall on Saturday, March 17. **Middle Row:** Wine Tasting at the Chantilly Total Wine on Saturday, March 3. **Bottom Row:** Birthday celebration for Don Kehoe and Gerry Pepin on Thursday, March 15; the breakfast crew from Sunday, March 18; GK Joe Gesker with his granddaughter Madeleine Kiernan, representing St. Leo's School as District 16 Champion at the State Free Throw Competition.



## 2018 Night of Magic

*Enjoy an evening of astounding illusions performed by  
The Society of American Magicians, Assembly #252*

**Saturday, April 28th**

*Doors Open @ 6:00 pm; Stage Show @ 7:00 pm*

St. Leo the Great Catholic School  
Parish Activity Center  
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia

Please RSVP to Patrick Leffas: (703) 436- 2717 (text/call)

\$10 per adult; \$5 per child; (\$30 family max)

Admission Includes: Pizza, Drinks, and Close-up Magic before the stage show!

**Save the Date – May 26, 2018**

## COMEDY KNIGHT

St Leo's School Parish Activity Center; Doors Open: 6:00 p.m.; Comedy Show: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Only \$25 per person; Includes: Social Hour with Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Snacks, Music, Coffee & Desserts

**Lots of Door prizes    Silent Auction Items    50/50 Raffle**

**2 FANTASTIC COMEDIANS**



**Robert  
Mac**

**Robert's comedy is smart, subtle, brainy, and a bit dead-pan!**

Credits Include: Comedy Central's National stand-up Winner; Laugh Riots; Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal; Boston Comedy Festival; Great American Comedy Festival; Ranked in Top 100 comedians by Entertainment Business Journal; NBC's Last Comic Standing; Comedy Central's Premium Blend.



**Jason  
Douglas**

**Jason tells it the way it is, the way it was, & the way it should be!**

Credits include: CBS 60 Minutes; SiriusXM Radio; The Bob and Tom Radio Show; Opening for Dennis Miller, Ron White, Brad Garrett, Carrot Top, Michael Buble, Foreigner, The Doobie Brothers, Beach Boys, & more.

***Invite family and friends to join the hilarious fun.***

***Reserve a table of 8 and get seated down front near the stage.***

**For Tickets: Contact John Berg [JVABERG@AOL.COM](mailto:JVABERG@AOL.COM); (571) 237-2079 cell or (703) 219-2096 home**

## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>EASTER!</b> Egg Hunt	2	3 7:30 Officers Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 11:00 Corporate Communion	9 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	10 7:00 Rosary 7:30 Meal 8:00 Business Meeting	11 7:00 Fraternal Benefits Night <b>TEXAS BRISKET</b>	12	13	14 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Bkfst-After St. Leo's 7:30 & 9:00 masses	16	17 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon 7:00 Ladies Meeting	18 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg	19 <b>KOVAR</b>	20 <b>KOVAR</b>	21 <b>KOVAR</b>
22 <b>KOVAR</b>	23	24 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg	25	26	27	28 6:00 Night of Magic 10-5 Fairfax History Day
29	30	1 7:30 Officers Meeting	2	3	4 State Annual Meeting	5 State Annual Meeting

## May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 7:30 Officers Meeting	2	3	4 State Annual Meeting	5 State Annual Meeting
6 State Annual Meeting	7	8 7:30 Rosary 8:00 Meeting	9	10 <b>Ascension</b>	11	12 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
13	14 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	15 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon 7:00 Ladies Meeting	16 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg	17	18	19 Antique Car Show
20 Family Bkfst-After St. Leo's 7:30 & 9:00 masses	21	22 7:30 Rosary 8:00 Meeting Election of Officers	23	24	25	26 6PM-9PM Comedy Knight
27	28 <b>Memorial Day</b>	29	30	31	1 St. Leo's School Field Day	2 5:00 Corporate Communion

### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2017-18

#### Officers

Grand Knight	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Chaplain	Deacon Marques Silva	703-389-9154
Deputy GK	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Chancellor	Gib Flodine	703-698-9497
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Advocate	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Warden	Alphonso Munevar	703-795-6445
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Stewart McMillan	831-324-3834
Outside Guard	Howard Pierce	703-802-0933
3yr Trustee	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
2yr Trustee	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
1yr Trustee	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288

#### Program Directors

Programs	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Church	Howard Pierce	703-802-0933
Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Council	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Family	TBD	
Youth	Pat Murray	703-383-3436

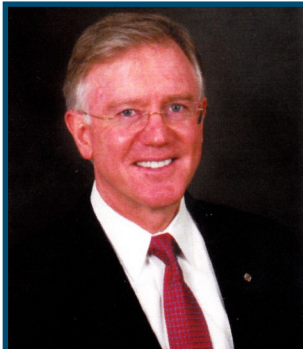
#### Committee Chairmen

Charity	TBD	
Admissions	Gib Flodine	703-698-9497
Retention	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Culture of Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785

Budget & Fin.	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Frat. Benefits	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Ins. Promotion	TBD	
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

#### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Doug Schneyman	612-799-1418
Fourth Deg.	Matt West	703-359-4652
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	TBD	
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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### Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

#### Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 at 703-978-6137 or

email [ZLRN01@AOL.COM](mailto:ZLRN01@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 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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. Win - Win

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