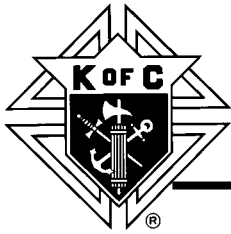


The Lookout

December 2002



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292**



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

The Christmas Season is finally upon us!! I hope this finds you and your families in good health and happiness this Christmas Season.

I would like to thank Greg Skorupski and the Charity committee for their fine work organizing the Thanksgiving Basket delivery for the needy of Fairfax. Our council donated 43 baskets to those families who really need our help. Each of the baskets included a weeks worth of groceries, a turkey for Thanksgiving, and a gift certificate to the grocery store to be able to get other food items. Between the Knights and St. Vincent de Paul, I think we do a great service to our community every time we deliver these baskets. Thanks to all the brother Knights who also donated groceries to this effort and helped with the assembly and delivery of baskets.

We have another opportunity this month to do the same when we deliver Christmas Baskets to families. I'm sure you'll see a request for assistance from Greg to help out with the Christmas Baskets. Please do what you can to help. This is a huge operation, compounded by the fact that we also deliver presents to these households. Anything you can do would be most appreciated.

Last month, elections were held all across the nation. Pro-life candidates were elected in many, many races where it was thought they couldn't win. Our Supreme Knight had this to say about the election: "The pro-life movement has once again proved its continuing strength and vitality at the polls. As a result, the pro-life presence has been significantly strengthened for the new, 108th Congress. We urge the new Congress to act in accord with the pro-life convictions of the American people. Of immediate importance, we look forward to quick action by the new Congress to pass a real ban on partial-birth abortion and human cloning, two pro-life priorities that the president has promised to sign into law."

While the Knights are increasing lobbying efforts in the federal and state governments, I think it is up to each member to help the cause as well. This month I would urge you to pray the Rosary for an end to abortion. Devote your prayers to helping those who cannot help themselves. On the 3rd Saturday of each month, Knights gather at the Abortion Clinic near 123 and Eaton place to pray the Rosary at 8AM. Our Church Activities Chairman, Mike Plumstead, has asked that even if you can't make it there in body, please try to set aside the time in your home to pray the Rosary with your brother knights in spirit. I think this is an excellent way to get your mind and spirit prepared for Christmas.

Finally, I wanted to thank all of you for making special efforts to come out to our meetings. I have noticed that there has been a nice increase in attendance at our meetings and I hope this continues through the rest of the Fraternal Year. Please remember that we only have ONE business meeting in December (12/10). I hope to see you all there and at our Christmas Party on the 20th.

I hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Cooke, Grand Knight

REMEMBER THE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

8 PM 31 DEC AT THE HALL

COST \$5 PER PERSON

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK TO SHARE



PROGRAMS DIRECTOR REPORT

Mass Chair Setup

We are continuing to use the Christmas Tree Teams to help the parish set up and tear down for Mass each week. Your Team captain will contact you regarding your date for helping set-up the chairs. Please be responsive and show up at the 3PM setup time. The more people that are there, the faster the whole thing goes. Also...also don't forget to show up for tear down after the 6:30 PM Mass on Sunday.

Teams for the December:

Nov 30/Dec 1 Smith Team #1
December 8/9 Todd Team #2
December 15/16 Jayne Team #3
December 22/23 Team #4 (if needed)

Redskin Games at the Hall

The Hall will be open for regular season Redskin games. Menu for all games: Nacho chips, hot cheese, munchies, peanuts and free coffee. All beverages at Council posted donations. Additional menu items served include hot dogs, hamburgers, and special selections offered at cost plus.

Rosary at Abortion Clinic

We need prayers to end abortion more than ever, in spite of the fact that there is a more favorable legislative environment developing. Every competitor knows that competition increases toward the end of a battle. As Knights, we have been leaders in the pro-life movement. Now, as conditions tilt more favorably toward more favorable legislation—no doubt a result of fervent prayer--we must increase our prayer efforts to withstand the increasingly shrill tactics of those who favor abortion.

As members of Fr Diamond Council, we can do that several ways. Pray the rosary every day for an end to abortion. Join your brother Knights every third Saturday at 8am across from the Western Motel at the corner of Eaton Place and Chain Bridge Rd (123). This Saturday, we'll be there on December 21st. If you can't appear in person, back us up with prayer wherever you are. Add a reminder to your personal schedule.

Finally, if you take Eaton Place as a shortcut to get to or from Chain Bridge Rd, pray a Hail Mary or two as you pass the abortion facility. Pray for an end to the procedure that doesn't give life its first breath and for all the victims, especially the victims at 10400 Eaton Place, Suite 515.

Christmas Basket Support

Father Diamond Council will again provide support to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in the annual St Leo's Christmas Baskets for needy families. We will contribute up to 45 turkeys and gift certificates to the Christmas Baskets. Volunteers with trucks or vans are needed to transport gifts from the Giving Tree at St Leo's to the SVDP storage facility after Masses in December. Assistance also needed 20 Dec at 4 PM to transfer food from the SVDP pantry to the hall in prep for the assembly of the baskets. Assemblers and drivers are need on 21 and 22 December respectively to assemble and deliver the Christmas Baskets to the families. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted at the hall for sign up or contact Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280. You can also send your name and phone number to him at gjsburke1@aol.com.

Remember take Hearts from the Giving Tree after Masses for gifts to an individual. If you provide a generic present from other than from the Giving Tree the present should not be wrapped and can be delivered to the trailer at the Kof C Christmas Tree lot.

Feed the Homeless – 21 December

Thelma Billy is planning another Christmas meal for the people living at the Homeless Shelter on 2nd and D St. NW on Saturday, December 21st. They will leave the house at 11:30 a.m. to caravan to DC and should return by 3 p.m. All families are invited to help with this charitable project now in its 7th year. Thelma could use any number of items such as paper plates, plastic knives/forks/spoons, and food items like Ham, Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc. If you and your family would like to participate please call Thelma at 703-323-6470.

Christmas Party – 20 December

The Christmas Party has been set. It will be Friday 20 Dec at the St Leo's Parish Activity Center (St Leo's Gym) from 7 to 11 PM. The cost is \$10 per person. The charge includes the main course, DJ, wine, beer, soft drinks, and all set-ups. Attire is semi-formal. Bring a dish to share. The dishes are allocated alphabetically per below:

A-F Appetizers
G-K Salads
L-G Side Dishes
R-Z Desserts

Contact Pete Smith (703-503-1082) if more information is required.

KOVAR and CFC/UW

You may chose to donate to KOVAR through the Combine Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way Programs (UW). CFC code is 5426. For the UW, just write KOVAR, 1806 Moore drive, Mannassas VA 2011-2926. This is the KOVAR Treasurer's address. Please provide a copy of your contribution form to Hank Urban for proper accounting

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card Sales

Brother Larry Lynch is once again heading up KCIC Christmas Card sales. He will be selling after the Masses on the weekends from the beginning of November to just before Christmas. He needs assistance to ensure all Masses are covered. Anyone willing to provide assistance please contact Larry at (703)255-1258 or at Lloward@earthlink.net.

New Years Eve Party

Come join your fellow Knights and their ladies at Providence Hall at 9 PM to 1AM on 31 December 2002 to bring in the New Year. The cost is \$5 per person. Bring your favorite snack or appetizer to share. Beer, wine, soft drinks, noise makers, and a ham will be provided. Contact Pete Smith (703-503-1082) if more information is required.

Third Degree New Members

Congratulations to John (Jac) Cerny and Nicholas (Nick) Lellock who took their 3rd Degree on Saturday 26 October at Father Robert E. Rudd Council in Centreville.

Congratulations to Our New 4th Degree members

Fourteen members of Fr Diamond Council took the 4th Degree on Saturday, November 2 at the Fairview Park Marriott. They are:

SK Daniel W Crowley
SK Michael J DeMarco
SK John F Eldred
SK Manuel S Garcia
SK Patrick K Leffas
SK Albert L Leightley, II
SK Kevin A McGrail
SK R Francis Minnehan
SK James R Otim
SK Michael J Plumstead
SK Michael V Purtill
SK Daniel E Purtill
SK Joseph P Underwood
SK William J Ward

FATHER DIAMOND BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS ON JANUARY 5, 2003.

Father Diamond Council sponsors a half-season (16 weeks) Mixed Bowling League at the Fairfax Circle Bowl America Lanes. The season starts on January 5, 2003. The league bowls at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evenings. Games are usually finished by 9:00 P.M. We take Super Bowl and Easter Sundays off. Last years league consisted of 12 teams. Each team is comprised of four persons (at least one team member must be of the opposite gender than the other members). Last years lane costs and prize money was \$12.50 per person (shoe rental extra). with a one time ABC sanction fee of \$16.00.

We can always use new bowlers from beginner to professional. If you, your spouse or friend(s) would like 16 fun and fellowship filled Sunday evenings, give a call to Dave Whitcomb (703 591-7739) or Keith and Lynne Morrison (703 691-8838).

From the State Publicity Director -HUNDREDS ENJOY GAMES

(Virginia Beach, VA) - Nineteen years ago Ron Jakubek's involvement with KOVAR led to an interest in Virginia Special Olympics. Jakubek, a member of Pope Leo XIII Council #10804, suggested to his wife they try volunteering for the group. "Mike" Jakubek - as she's known - says at first she was skeptical. But that quickly changed.

"I was just hooked", she says about her first year helping out with the athletes. "They have so much love", she said. Now nearly two decades later she says its been a real pleasure for her and her husband to be able to watch so many of the Olympians grow to adulthood.

More than seven hundred of them gathered in Virginia Beach the first weekend in November for the annual Fall Championships. The events included roller skating, unified bowling, equestrian, volley ball, and for the first time golf.

More than 250 Brother Knights from Tidewater-area councils along with State Deputy Michalski and State Warden Gary Gamcsik helped staff the games and hand out awards. The Opening Ceremony on Saturday night included a precision Color Corps/Honor Guard presentation.

December Birthdays

Harry Glass	12/1
Bryan Flood	12/8
Norman Lawrence	12/9
Kenneth Trott	12/10
Bill Welch	12/12
Herb Zimmerman	12/13
William Brock Jr.	12/13
Kevin McGrail	12/13
Gene Ransom Jr.	12/14
Alexander Navarro	12/15
Al Beurlein	12/16
Gerard O'Keefe	12/16
Stephen Okay	12/18
John Bogart	12/19
Frank Bohan Jr	12/22
Pete Smith	12/23
Tim Malloy	12/23
Shawn Williams	12/24
Arthur Davis	12/24
Peter Coniglio	12/25
Terry Hannan	12/27
Tim Hartzel	12/27
Bill Mundy	12/27
Robert Qualkinbush	12/27
Dennis Howley	12/28
Rafael Madan, MD	12/28
Stephen Mahoney	12/28
David Whitcomb	12/29

December Wedding Anniversaries

	Years Married
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Mike & Genny Flattery	33
Paul & Carol Cutlip	25
Peter & Pat O'Neill	45
Hugh & Nancy Cannon	35

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

A Season for Giving

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?
- Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some new resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may. With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases. Call me today at 703-450-6100 for more details.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well.

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



Officers

Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
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D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
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Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
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Advocate	Al Leightley	273-2089
Warden	Dave Miller	319-8832
Inside Guard	Pete Smith	503-1082
Outside Guard	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Outside Guard	Dan Purtill	641-8945
3yr Trustee	Jack Cotner	323-5785
2yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
1yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470

Program Directors

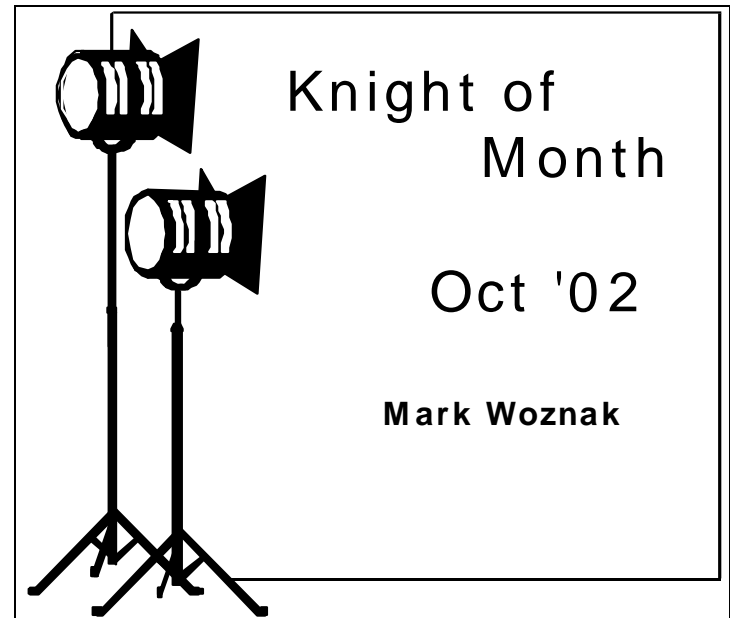
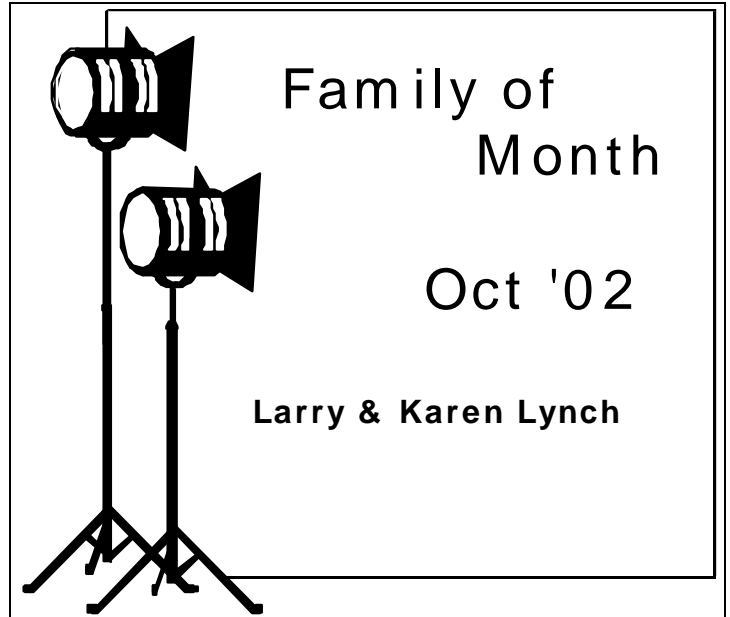
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Community	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Council	Pete Smith	503-1082
Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Committee Chairman

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	George Billy	323-6470
Retention	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
Vocations	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Budget & Fin.	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100

Project Chairmen

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Bowling Team	Jack Cotner	323-5785
Right-to-Life	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Christmas Trees	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Mark Woznak	280-4124
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Terry Hannam	591-4863
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Al Leightley	273-2089
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Dates to Remember in December

- Dec 3 Officers Meeting
- Dec 10 Mass/Business Meeting
- Dec 14 Christmas Party (6 PM)
- Dec 14/15 Food Drive
- Dec 15 Family Breakfast (Gold Team)
- Dec 15 Santa Visit
- Dec 17 Grey Ghosts – Christmas Party
- Dec 21 Rosary at Abortion Clinic
- Dec 21 Adopt a Spot
- Dec 21/22 Food Baskets Assemble/Deliver
- Dec 28/29 Food Drive
- Dec 30 New Years Eve Party (9 PM)



**HO HO HO – COME AND CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
WITH YOUR FELLOW BROTHERS AND THEIR LADIES**

**FATHER DIAMOND ANNUAL COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER FROM 7 TO 11 PM

COCKTAIL HOUR 7 TO 8 PM

DRESS: SEMI- FORMAL

THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN COURSE

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH 6 TO 8 PEOPLE
ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF DISHES**

A-F: APPETIZERS

G-K: SALADS

L-Q: SIDE DISHES

R-Z DESSERTS

THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE DRINKS AND SET-UPS

COST: \$10 PER PERSON