

The Lookout

December 2004



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your families. This is a most joyous season and a time when we should look back and reflect on the past year and thank God for all of our many blessings.

The holidays can be a very stressful time in our lives with travel, family visits, shopping deadlines, getting out Christmas cards in the mail, finding this year's got to have toy, not to mention the numerous and often conflicting social events. When things get to be hectic, please try not to forget the real reason for Christmas – it is the celebration of the birth of Christ the King.

'The birth at Bethlehem was and must always be seen as the supreme manifestation that God cares for us as we are. Jesus cares for all of us, burdened by anxiety, distress, doubts, confusion - the trials of life that we can carry so heavily.' (Let Us Go to Bethlehem' by Bishop Thomas V. Daily). Throughout our daily lives, by our words and actions, we who are followers of Jesus Christ must show our dedication to his life and our redemption.

Each year the Knights of Columbus supports the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all else a holy day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Stop by after mass to see Herb Zimmerman and pick up some cards for your family. If you can get your cards out before Valentines you will probably beat me.

Let's help deliver the message "Keep Christ in Christmas."

By the time this newsletter arrives, the Council will be in the middle of our biggest fund raiser of the year – Christmas tree sales. Please try and make it out to support your Tree Team. This fund raiser provides the majority of our operating capital for the year and allows us to put into action the first tenet of our Order – "Charity."

I would like to remind everyone that our Christmas Dance will be on Saturday, December 18th. This year we are going to do something different and open it up to the Parish. We are hoping to continue the momentum we gained last year at the Valentines Dance and with the sale of the bricks to support the Right to Life Memorial. Involving the entire parish in these two events has not only highlighted the Council and our contributions to the church but it has also produced several new Knights.

Merry Christmas

Fraternally Yours
Greg Hartley
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party/Dance
Dec. 18th
6:30 pm

New Years Eve Party
December 31st
9:00 pm

Don't miss out!

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Program Director's Report

Christmas Basket Support

As you rush from shopping mall to shopping mall searching for perfect gifts for your loved ones, please take time to remember the many unfortunate families that are struggling. During the past year thousands of area residents have lost their jobs. Many more saw their retirement funds seriously depleted by down turn in the economy.

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 40 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 17 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 18 and 19 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 Mike Purtill at (703) 528-6965. You can also send your name and phone number to him at mpurtill@netzero.net.

Patriot Center Concession Stand Fund Raising

We just completed our fall season of fund raising at the Patriot Center. We made over \$1200 for four different events. We manned concession stands in August for the Wiggles Show. Team 2 head by Steve Kehoe ran Pretzel North for Disney on Ice in Oct. Greg Hartley headed a team in Oct and ran a beer concession for the Green Bay Concert which pulled in \$140 in tips. Finally, Team 3 headed by Bill Jayne operated a Hot Dog Stand at the News Boy Concert in early November. Thanks to all who helped out in this important fund raising program. It is nice to see so many Knights involved. We expect to raise another \$1500 in the Spring. We will be requesting stands for two George Mason University Basketball games in Feb (Team 1) and Feb (Team 5). We will also be manning a stand for one show or activity Feb (Team 9), Mar (Team 6), May (Team 7), and June (Team 8). We are requesting each Christmas Tree Team man one event during the year. Normally need no more than 6 Knights per event. When Al Leightley receives the event plan from Ovations, he will notify the Team Captains for event and stand selection. Hope you will be able to help when called by your Team Captain.

Christmas Caroling

Join your Brother Knights and their families for Christmas Caroling on Monday, December 20th at the INOVA Commonwealth Care Facility in downtown Fairfax City (4315 Chain Bridge Rd.) We will begin caroling at 6:30 pm and will finish the evening with coffee, treats/desserts at Providence Hall. For more information or to participate, please contact Bill Ward at 703-273-6289 or billyjoe@cox.net.

The New 2005 Entertainment Books Are Still Available

The price this year is \$25.00 and the books contain four (4) Safeway coupons worth \$5.00 each. The council earns a profit based on a percentage of the sales. All members are encouraged to market these books and help the council. Out of town books may be ordered on line. Please use our account number (760214-7) to give us credit for the sale. For more information contact David Todd at 703-352-2724 or datodd@erols.com. Sales end Dec. 31st. Please forward unsold books or the money from sold books to Dave Todd.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The council will again be selling Christmas Cards this holiday season. The cards will be available after the Saturday evening Mass and after Sunday morning and afternoon Masses. All brothers asked to support our effort to "Keep Christ in Christmas". If you can help sell after the Masses or for more information contact Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455.

Giving Tree Hearts

Remember take Hearts from the Giving Tree after Masses. 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 Christmas Tree lot.

Feed the Homeless – 20 November

Fr. Diamond Council will again be supporting the Feed the Homeless project. Thelma Billy will be heading up the effort to prepare a home-cooked Christmas meal to be served at the Center for Creative Non-Violence homeless shelter in Washington, DC on Saturday, December 18th. We will be departing from George & Thelma's at 11:30 a.m. and caravan downtown to the shelter on 2nd and D St. NW. We will set up tables outside and serve approximately 800 meals. A lot of help is needed - either helping Thelma cook, donations of food (turkey, chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, etc as well as paper plates, knives/forks/spoons, and cups), or helping to serve. This is an excellent youth activity and we normally have some of St.Leo's or St. Mary's confirmation teams help serve. Thanks for your support. Please call Thelma at 703-323-6470 if you would like to help.

VIRGINIA KNIGHTS AID SPECIAL OLYMPICS

(Article by Garry Beausoleil, Virginia Knights of Columbus Publicity Chairman)

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) - Just ask Ray and Sue Waide if they are proud of their grandson, Carson Leggitt. They quickly smile and both quickly say "yes we are". The couple has made the trip from Canyon, Texas to watch ten-year old Carson compete in the Equestrian event at the Special Olympics Fall Games being held in this sea-side city.

Carson was among more than 700 Olympians from across Virginia and their families who gathered in Virginia Beach for the 17th annual games.

The Virginia Knights of Columbus is the presenting sponsor for the fall competition. In presenting Virginia Special Olympics President Rick Jeffrey with a check for \$24,500, State Deputy Raymond A. Wycoff praised the Games saying "It gives us a chance to share the Gospel, by sharing the love of Christ with others". The money for the donation was raised during the annual state-wide KOVAR fundraising campaign.

State Chaplain Father Edward L. Richardson, SMA agreed. After observing the Opening Ceremonies, Father Richardson called the event "a great labor of love". "It shows what we can accomplish as Knights of Columbus when we work together", he added.

Events this year included roller skating, golf, soccer, bowling, equestrian and volleyball. Jo Anna Mullins of Alexandria says participating in the Games has really helped her 16-year old stepson, Josh., who plays soccer. "He didn't have very good social skills when he first started coming here four years ago", she said. "But interacting with older kids, many of whom have jobs and are earning money, has really helped to open him up", she said.

Olympians of all ages benefit from the games. Tim Garrett - a bowling coach from Staunton - cites the case of 64-year old Marshall Eebees. "When he first came to us three years ago, Marshall had virtually no skills", Garrett said. "His family thought he wasn't capable of doing anything", he said. "So they put him in a home where they took care of his physical needs, but not much more". Marshall languished there for years before finally getting hooked-up with Special Olympics. "Now he has developed pride and self-confidence and his social skills have improved markedly", Garrett said.

Besides providing financial support for the games, nearly four hundred Brother Knights and their families from about 20 Councils and Assemblies in the Tidewater area volunteered to help run the events. Among them was Raymond Highers of Council 12117 in Virginia Beach and his wife Susan, who are in their second year of helping out as score keepers for the soccer competition. "It's just awesome to see the level of sportsmanship the athletes show on the field", Highers said, "and how much they are all pulling for each other". Susan Highers was nearly horse from cheering on players from both teams. "I think we get as much enjoyment out of these games as they do", she said. "It's really inspirational to watch them give their all", she added

Virginia Knights also took part in the games as Olympians, and one of them in particular was honored. Sir Knight Paul Marretti of Monsignor John J. McMahon Assembly #2205 in Richmond was the recipient of the Virginia Foster Winning Spirit Award, the first Special Olympian ever to receive the prestigious honor. Marretti, who serves on the Board of Directors of Special Olympics of Virginia, has spoken publicly about the program before several groups including a speech before the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention. A 13-year veteran of Special Olympics, Marretti began as a basketball player, soon expanding to other sports including bowling, tennis, softball, soccer, alpine skiing, track, golf and swimming.

A Message From the Chancellor:

Greetings Brother Knights! As we head into the holidays, I would like to ask you all for your help in recruiting new members as we begin the new year (Next 1st degree will be in January). We have done very well so far, recruiting 14 new members in our first 2 Degree ceremonies. I would ask that each of you attempt to bring in one new member -- ask those you know and see at Mass or parents of kids who go to school with your children. The open houses and breakfasts will only get us so far -- the one-on-one recruiting is the best prospect we have to get interested members in the council. I have Form 100s for those who would like to get one (having it handy when you speak to someone will really help). I also have the tri-folds to use for talking points when you recruit someone.

Degree Schedule as of December 2004

First Degrees:

Tues.	Dec. 14, 2004	8403
Tues.	Jan. 25, 2005	6292 *
Tues.	Feb. 22, 2005	8403
Tues.	Mar. 22, 2005	6292
Tues.	May 10, 2005	6292
Tues.	May 24, 2005	8403
Wed.	June 08, 2005	6292
Tues.	June 28, 2005	8403

Second Degrees:

Thurs.	Jan. 27, 2005	6292 *
Thurs.	Mar 24, 2005	6292
Tues.	April 26, 2005	8403

Third Degrees:

Sat.	Jan. 29, 2005	6292 *
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* Special note: you can bring in a new member and they can actually take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees all in one week in January if they like. If you know members who are still just 1st degree, encourage them to attend the 2nd and 3rd. Remind them that there are no other requirements - no more cost or testing or anything. Please contact Bill Ward at (703) 273-6289 or e-mail at billyjoe@cox.net if you have a prospect.

Fraternally,

Bill Ward
Chancellor/Membership Director

December Birthdays

Harry Glass	12/01
Norman Lawrence	12/09
John McGrail	12/10
Bill Weich	12/12
Herb Zimmerman	12/13
William Brocker, Jr.	12/13
Kevin McGrail	12/13
Eugene Ransom, Jr.	12/14
John Bruno	12/14
Richard Ryan	12/14
Alexander Navarro	12/15
John Keck	12/15
Gerard O'Keefe	12/16
Stephen Okay	12/18
John Bogart	12/19
Frank Bohan, Jr.	12/22
Stephen Smith	12/22
Pete Smith	12/23
Timothy Malloy	12/23
Arthur Davis	12/24
Peter Coniglio	12/25
Terrence Hannam	12/27
Timothy Hartzell	12/27
William 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
Michael & Genny Flattery	35
Paul & Carol Cutlip	27
David & Alysia Kreider	9
Lawrence & Mary O'Brien	32
John & Patricia Brophy	39
Keith & Cathy Fimian	23
Patrick & Rose O'Mara	2
Peter & Pat O'Neill	37
Hugh & Nancy Cannon	37

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Roth IRAs: A Less Taxing Way to Save

We all know and appreciate the good work the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and charitable causes. But did you know that our insurance program is an essential part of the Order?

Protecting families from economic adversity has been a key part of the Knights of Columbus mission since its founding in 1882. Our founders passed the hat to support the widows and children of Brother Knights who had died. We've grown into one of the largest individual life insurers in North America – with more than \$38 billion of individual life insurance in force.

Moreover, contrary to some misconceptions, our insurance program is not directed in any way by a “separate company” and never has been.

Our insurance is available exclusively to members, their wives, and their dependent children. All field agents – including me – are themselves Brother Knights. We all work full-time for the K of C, serving the needs of you and your family and answering any questions you have.

In this day and age, personal attention has become rare – but in the K of C, we specialize in it. In fact, it's our job to get to know you and your family, and to make ourselves available to you for assistance. We are different from other insurers – and that difference greatly benefits our members. Give me a call to find out more about how the K of C has been "Protecting Families for Generations."

Call me today at 703-450-6100 or

DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
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Chancellor	Bill Ward	273-6289
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
Recorder	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Warden	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Inside Guard	Bill Weich	307-9163
Outside Guard	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Outside Guard	Dave Mann	691-9160
3yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
2yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
1yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137

Program Directors

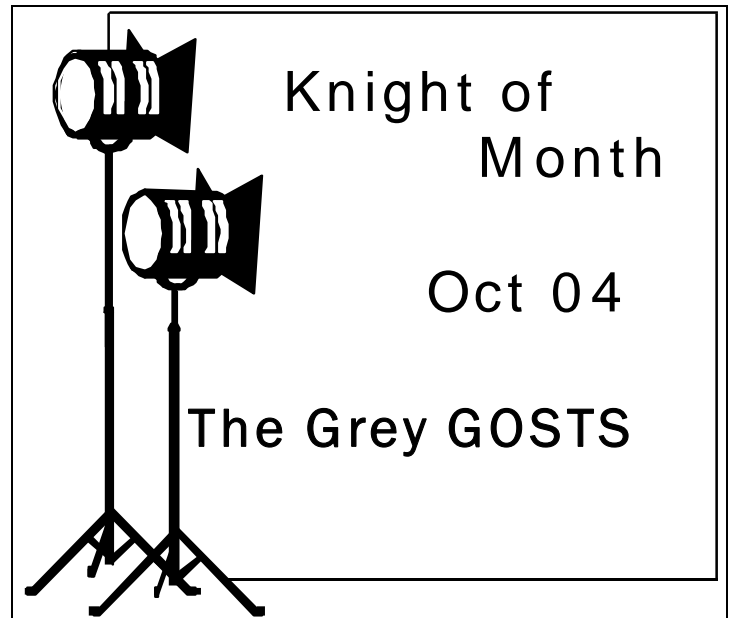
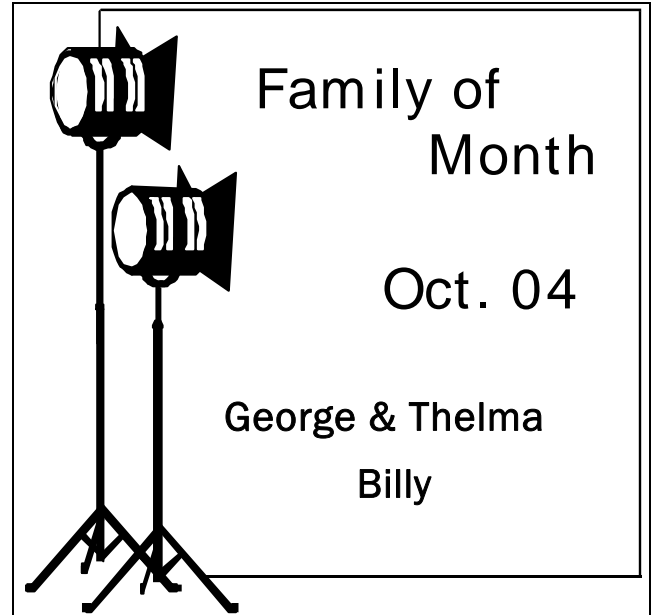
Programs	Dave Miller	517-3430
Church	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Community	Dave Mann	691-9160
Council	John Eldred	631-6480
Family	Keith Morrison	691-8838
Youth	Martin Burke	501-0351
Membership	Bill Ward	273-6289

Committee Chairman

Charity	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Hank Urban	978-6137
Vocations	Bill Ward	273-6289
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Mike & Li Plumstead	352-0848
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Bill Weich	307-9163
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137





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Dates to Remember in December

Dec 3	Fraternalism Night
Dec 7	Officer's Meeting
Dec 11/12	Food Drive
Dec 11	Adopt a Spot
Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 14	Grey GOSTS
Dec 14	Mass/Business Meeting
Dec 15	Rosary/ 4 th Degree Assembly Meeting
Dec 17	Food Transfer
Dec 18	Abortion Facility
Dec 18	Food Basket Assembly
Dec 18	Feed the homeless
Dec 18	Christmas Dance
Dec 19	Family Breakfast – Gold Team
Dec 19	Santa Visit
Dec 19	Food Basket Delivery
Dec 20	Christmas Caroling
Dec 23	Tree Lot Cleanup
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Dec 25/26	Food Drive
Dec 31	New Years Party

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 1900 Fraternalism Night [Eldred]	4
5 1615 Redskins vs. Giants	6 (Saint Nicholas) VS #GG	7 1930 Officers' Meeting	8 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	9	10	11 Food Drive [Schaefer] 1000 Adopt-A-Spot [Mann]
12 Food Drive [Schaefer] Our Lady of Guadalupe [Cuccias] 2030 Redskins vs. Eagles	13 VS #1	14 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	15 1930 Rosary 2000 4 th Degree Assembly	16	17 1900 Food Transfer [M. Purtill]	18 0800 Abortion Facility [Cuccias] 0900 Food Basket Assembly [M. Purtill] 1100 Feed the Homeless [Billy] 1700 Redskins @ 49ers 1830 Christmas Dance [Eldred]
19 Family Breakfast Gold Team[Miller] Santa Visit [Morrison] 1000 Food Basket Delivery [M. Purtill]	20 Christmas Caroling [Ward] VS #2	21 1100 Gray GOSTS	22	23 1000 Tree Lot Clean up [Cerny]	24	25 Food Drive [Schaefer] Christmas
26 Food Drive [Schaefer] 1615 Redskins@Cowboys	27 VS #3	28	29	30	31 2100 New Year's Party [Eldred]	

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January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 New Year's Day
2 1800 Bowling Starts [Whitcomb] 1300 Redskins vs. Vikings	3 VS #4	4 1930 Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 Food Drive [Schaefer] State Quarterly Meeting [Hartley]
9 Food Drive [Schaefer]	10 VS #5	11 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	12	13	14	15 0800 Abortion Facility [Cuccias]
16 Family Breakfast Blue Team [Miller]	17 Martin Luther King Day VS #6	18 1100 Gray GOSTS	19 1930 Rosary 2000 4 th Degree Assembly	20 1930 Admissions Committee	21	22 Food Drive [Schaefer]
23 Food Drive [Schaefer]	24 Right to Life March [Plumstead] VS #7	25 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree 2030 Social Meeting	26 1930 Council Audit	27 2000 2 nd Degree [Ward / Skorupski]	28 1900 Fraternalism Night [Eldred]	29 1100 3 rd Degree @ Fr. Diamond Council [Miller / Skorupski]
30	31					

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