

The Lookout

December 2005



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I just returned from our Chancellor Bill Weich's wedding as he and his bride Kathy began this wonderful new phase of their lives. Bill and Kathy were both filled with joy. Please wish them the best as they start this wonderful journey.

The wedding Mass was celebrated by a very good priest who is also Kathy's uncle. He mentioned some of the things that have brought happiness to my own marriage with Debbie: never go to sleep angry with each other; tell your spouse you love them at least once a day. And clearly faith in Christ and faithful adherence to the Gospel message are at the center of every good marriage. As we begin the Christmas season let us pray that our faith and our relationship with our Lord grow and deepen every day.

As PGK Tim Hogan mentioned at the July state meeting: Christmas is about Jesus Christ. Please remember to buy religious Christmas cards from Dave Todd, either outside church after Mass, or at the Christmas tree trailer. And please give Dave a call if you can help with the sale!

Speaking of sales and fundraisers, our Christmas tree sales chairs Jac Cerny and Herb Zimmerman have formulated the Christmas tree team schedule and assigned all new council members to one of the eleven Christmas tree teams. Christmas tree sales are our largest single fundraiser and a great way to socialize with your brother Knights and to meet members of the parish. Your team captain will get in touch with you to let you know what the schedule is. Please consider working as many shifts as you can! We also sell the oblatek wafers out of our Christmas tree trailer, and every year we get families from as far away as Winchester to buy the oblatek.

I just read where our Holy Father Pope Benedict encourages regular, even daily, Bible readings:

Speaking from the window of his apartment in the apostolic palace, to a crowd of several thousand people who had gathered in St. Peter's Square despite a steady rain, the Pope remarked that "the Church does not live off herself, but off the Gospel, and draws constant guidance from the Gospel for her journey."

<http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=40580>

Our own associate pastor Fr. McGraw is encouraging all of us to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. He initiated a daily Morning Prayer service after the 6:15 AM Mass on weekdays. I invite all of you to join us if you can, around 6:45 each morning. And even if you can't, the Liturgy of the Hours is a very simple prayer to say on your own. Just saying the Morning and Evening prayers only takes about 10 minutes each, and has certainly added a deeper dimension to my prayer life. Please call Fr. McGraw or myself (703-517-3430) if you are interested in learning more, or visit these online resources:

<http://www.umiacs.umd.edu/~dchiang/personal/hours.html>

<http://www.osb.org/sva/obl/pdf/LoHFAQ.pdf>

<http://www.ebreviary.com> - this site has the full text of each prayer every day

Merry Christmas

David Miller
Grand Knight

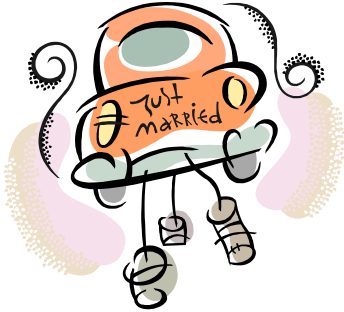
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Chancellor's Message:

While we know you've come to enjoy the messages from our Worthy Chancellor, Bill Weich was not able to prepare a column this month. Something about a wedding...

No, seriously, our best wishes go out to Bill and Kathy Weich, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 5th. We wish them both long and happy lives together. I assume we'll need to have a baby-clothing drive next summer, so be sure to give your wives the heads-up to be ready (no pressure, Bill & Kathy)!



Our Worthy Chancellor will resume his columnist duties in the near future. Until then, here's a reminder about some upcoming Degrees for those of you in need of Advancement:

1st Degrees	Council
November 8, 2005	6292
January 24, 2006	6292
March 28, 2006	6292
April 25, 2006	8403
May 13, 2006	6292
June 13, 2006	6292

2nd Degrees	Council
January 26, 2006	6292
March 30, 2006	6292
May 25, 2006	6292

3rd Degree	Council
January 28, 2006	6292

-Vivat Jesus! - the Editor

Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month
October 2005



Family of the Month
October 2005



NOTE - Officer Vacancy

The Council is currently in need of a Worthy Advocate. The Advocate is our Parliamentarian, meaning he makes sure we follow all of the rules of order and by-laws while conducting a meeting or doing anything else as a Council (frankly, it's pretty light duty!).

If you're a Third Degree Knight, and willing to take on the responsibility, please contact the Grand Knight, Dave Miller, at (703) 517-3430 or one of the Trustees, Greg Hartley, Hank Urban, or Tim Cooke (phone numbers at end of newsletter).

News & Events

Ladies Night Out - Cookie Exchange

Bake a batch of your favorite cookies to swap on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:30pm. Make 3-dozen and you'll leave with a lovely assortment of Christmas goodies to share with your family (or not).

If you have any questions contact Beth Ward at (703) 273-6289 or by e-mail at Billyjoe@cox.net.

Christmas Trees

As you know, Christmas tree sales began on Sunday, November 27th. If you haven't signed up for a shift, call your Team Captain. Not sure which Christmas Tree Team you're on? Call Jac Cerny at (703) 255-9484 and he'll point you in the right direction.

We will be cleaning up the tree lot as soon as sales are finished. Currently, that's scheduled for Thursday, December 22nd at 10:00am. We usually sell out before then, so if you plan to help, again please call Jac Cerny to confirm the date. Please come if you can. Clean up has been the area where we've needed the most help in years past.

Family Breakfast

Our monthly family breakfast will be on Sunday December 18th. We are expecting a special visit from none other than Santa Claus himself, so be sure to bring the kids! This is one of our busiest breakfasts of the year, so lend a hand if you've got the time.



Christmas Dance

The Council's annual Christmas Dance will be on Saturday December 18th at 6:00pm. Bring your wife or girlfriend (but not both, ha-ha) and enjoy a great time with your Brother Knights.

Check our website at www.6292.kofcva.org or contact Bill Ward at (703) 273-6289 or Billyjoe@cox.net for details.

Christmas Baskets

During December, members of the parish drop off food and gifts for the poor at the Christmas Tree Lot. The Knights and St. Vincent de Paul members then sort through the donations and make up packages of food and gifts for needy families. The Council provides a turkey and a gift certificate per family. On the Sunday before Christmas, the Council delivers these packages.

We will be transferring food from the SVDP pantry on Friday December 16th at 4:00pm, assembling the baskets on Saturday December 17th at 9:00am, and making deliveries on Sunday December 18th at 10:00am. Help is especially needed for the deliveries on the 18th. Call Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280 to volunteer your services.

Bill Ward Completes Another Marathon

In his third marathon, DGK Bill Ward completed the 30th Annual Marine Corps Marathon and raised over \$2,600 for KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assistance for the Retarded)! Bill also established a personal best time of 3:46:44 for this race. As Bill reached his goal of \$2,000+ in pledges, his hair was cut in a "high and tight" Marine crew cut.

Thanks to all friends, family and Brother Knights who contributed to this worthy cause!

See all results at: <http://www.marinemarathon.com/>
(Bill's Bib Number is 24,789).

Christmas Caroling

On Monday December 19th at 7:45pm, we will be Christmas Caroling at the Inova Commonwealth Care facility again this year. Afterwards, we will return to the hall for refreshments and perhaps carol for the rectory and priests. Come and join your fellow Knights and their families as we spread holiday cheer and *Keep Christ in Christmas!*

Christmas Cards

As part of the Order's "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign, the Council sells religious themed Christmas cards after masses and at Council meetings. Contact Dave Todd at (703) 352-2724 for more information.



Anniversaries

December Birthdays

Harry R. Glass	12/1
Noel Montoya	12/6
Oliver H. Richter	12/6
Norman R Lawrence	12/9
John L. McGrail	12/10
William W Weich	12/12
Herbert F Zimmerman	12/13
William F. Brockner Jr	12/13
Kevin A. McGrail	12/13
Eugene T Ransom Jr	12/14
John F. Bruno	12/14
Richard S. Ryan	12/14
Alexander A. Navarro	12/15
John W. Keck	12/15
Gerard P. O Keefe	12/16
Stephen J. Okay	12/18
John E. Bogart	12/19
Jamie Argandona	12/20
Frank J. Bohan Jr	12/22
Stephen T. Smith	12/22
Pete J Smith	12/23
Timothy J Malloy	12/23
Peter J. Coniglio	12/25
Terrence L Hannam	12/27
Timothy J Hartzell	12/27
William T Mundy	12/27
Walter J. Kenneweg	12/27
Dennis J. Howley	12/28
Rafael F. Madan MD	12/28
Stephen H. Mahoney	12/28
Thomas L. Botticelli	12/28
David M Whitcomb	12/29
Matthew S. Winans	12/31

December Wedding Anniversaries

		Years Married
Daryl & Joan Manning	12/1	15
Matthew & Jill Winans	12/2	0
Paul & Carol Cutlip	12/10	28
David & Alysia Kreider	12/10	10
Robert & Etta Berry	12/15	32
Lawrence & Mary O'Brien	12/16	33
John & Patricia Brophy	12/19	40
Keith & Cathy Fimian	12/26	23
Patrick & Rose O'Mara	12/29	2
Peter & Pat O'Neill	12/30	37
Hugh & Nancy Cannon	12/30	37

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2005 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down.

Second, visit with your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chaplain	Fr. Augustine Tran	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Ward	273-6289
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Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Dave Mann	691-9160
Advocate	vacant	
Warden	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Inside Guard	George Schuld	255-0362
Outside Guard	Stephen Davis	591-5694
Outside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
3yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797
2yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
1yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911

Program Directors

Programs	Bill Ward	273-6289
Church	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Community	Matt West	359-4652
Council	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Family	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Membership	Bill Weich	307-9163

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Bill Weich	307-9163
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Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
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Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
KOVAR	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

For Your Edification

As we close the year, it's normal to reflect on what we've done and think to the future. In order to provide a quick snapshot of the Order, we've included some numbers from the Supreme Knight's Annual Report presented this past August.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS			
<i>Financial and Fraternal Highlights</i>			
For the three years ending Dec. 31,	2004	2003	2002
<i>(in millions)</i>			
LIFE DIVIDENDS	\$320	329	302
ASSETS	\$11,735	10,947	9,958
SURPLUS	\$1,529	1,427	1,326
NEW LIFE INSURANCE-ISSUED	\$6,221	5,221	4,484
LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE	\$53,356	49,112	45,636
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,522	1,461	1,389
(excludes annuity deposits)			
For the three years ending Dec. 31,	2004	2003	2002
<i>or June 30, 2005* (actual)</i>			
NUMBER OF COUNCILS*	12,767	12,480	12,274
MEMBERSHIP*	1,703,307	1,680,472	1,660,197
INSURANCE CERTS IN FORCE	1,571,643	1,541,004	1,515,280
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$135,753,039	130,086,909	128,554,307
HOURS OF SERVICE	63,159,359	61,153,635	60,821,480

As you can see, we continue to grow, both in financial strength and numbers. The Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, in his report focused not only on what we've done, but on the challenges we face, from same-sex marriage and abortion, to poverty and the war on terrorism, but his message was one of hope and encouragement, as seen in these extracts:

“It would be all too easy to shrink from confronting these new challenges...But we Knights have never looked the other way, pretended not to see, or sat on their hands. We have never retreated from challenges like these, because He Is With Us. He calls us to care for the less fortunate, to love our fellow men and to care for our families. And He never leaves us without the graces we need to respond to his call...We are all on a journey, of course. It is a journey which began when we were baptized, and for all of us here today, that journey took on an extra measure of fulfillment when we joined the Knights of Columbus...There is much for the Knights of Columbus to do, and because He Is With Us, we can do it.”

You can view the full report on the Supreme Council's website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/supreme/detail.cfm?id=20502>



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Dates to Remember in December

Dec 4	Redskins Game in the Hall	Dec 17	Feed the Homeless
Dec 6	Officer's Meeting	Dec 17	Christmas Dance
Dec 7	Ladies' Night Out - Cookie Exchange	Dec 18	Family Breakfast/Santa Visit
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Dec 18	Redskins Game in the Hall
Dec 10	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	Dec 18	Christmas Basket Delivery
Dec 10	Adopt-A-Spot	Dec 19	Christmas Caroling
Dec 10	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dec 20	Grey GOSTS
Dec 10 & 11	Food Drive	Dec 21	4th Degree Rosary/Business Meeting
Dec 12	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Dec 22	Christmas Tree Lot Cleanup
Dec 13	Rosary/Business Meeting	Dec 24	Redskins Game in the Hall
Dec 16	Christmas Basket Food Transfer	Dec 24 & 25	Food Drive
Dec 17	Christmas Basket Assembly	Dec 31	New Year's Eve 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
4 1605 Redskins @ St Louis	5 VS #8	6 1930 Officers Meeting	7 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	8 Immaculate Conception	9	10 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 1000 Adopt A Spot 1100 Our Lady of Guadalupe
11 Food Drive 1605 Redskins @ Arizona	12 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #9	13 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	14	15	16 Food Transfer	17 0900 Food Basket Assembly 1100 Feed the Homeless 1800 Christmas Dance
18 Family Breakfast - Gold Team 1000 Food Basket Delivery 1300 Redskins v Dallas	19 VS #10	20 1100 Gray GOSTS	21 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	22 1000 Christmas Tree Lot Cleanup	23	24 Food Drive 1300 Redskins v Giants
25 Food Drive Christmas	26 VS #GG	27	28	29	30	31 2100 New Year's Eve Party

2005

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Mary Mother of God New Year's Day 1615 Redskins @ Philadelphia	2 VS #1	3 1930 Officers Meeting	4 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	5	6	7 Food Drive State Quarterly Meeting
8 Food Drive Bowling Starts	9 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #2	10 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	11	12	13	14 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Open House
15 Family Breakfast - Blue Team Open House	16 Martin Luther King Day VS #3	17 1100 Gray GOSTS	18 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	19 1930 Admissions Committee	20 1900 Fraternalism Night	21 Food Drive
22 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	23 Right to Life March VS #4	24 1930 Mass/2000 Business Mtg/1 st Degree	25 1930 Council Audit	26 2000 2 nd Degree	27	28 1100 3 rd Degree
29	30 VS #5	31				

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