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# The Lookout



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## Special points of interest:

- Time to Help Pick the Perfect Pine
- Best deal in town for Redskins games viewings at Providence Hall

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## Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

We head into December and the Season of Advent after having a busy November. The month began with our quarterly Blood Drive. Then came the annual Thanksgiving Baskets and Feed the Homeless. Then came the delivery of our Christmas Tress for our annual Christmas Tree sales, our biggest and most important fundraiser each year. Our Christmas Tree Teams are also busy helping with the sales of KCIC (Keep Christ in Christmas) (KCIC) sales are also doing very well this year, as are the sales of Entertainment Books. We could not do as much as we do without those who stepped in and volunteered their time at one or more of these events. Thanks to all who pitched in and made November a great success.

December will be just as busy, but hopefully rewarding for those who will help with the Christmas Baskets, Feed the Homeless, and Christmas Caroling. We will also hold our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance where I hope many of you will join us to celebrate Christmas with your KofC Family. Nelson and Julie Clinch are coordinating this grand event I trust a great time will be had by all.

Over the last month, some changes in the Fr. Diamond Council's leadership have come occurred. I received the resignations of our Chancellor, Greg Skorupski, and our Treasurer, Al

Leightley, both due to personal reasons. I thank Greg for stepping in to fill the Chancellor position and in his short time he has performed very well in overseeing membership programs and vocations. I also thank Al for his 4+ years as Treasurer as he has done a great job of being in charge of all Council funds and maintaining accurate accounting records. Thankfully, Greg and Al have stated they will continue to be active in the Council as they always have been.

In order to fill the Chancellor and Treasurer positions, I have appointed a Nominating Committee to interview and recommend candidates for those positions. All 3rd Degree members in good standing with the Council are eligible to run for these positions. The election for these positions will be held at the December 11, 2007 meeting. I encourage all members to attend this meeting and cast their vote for these two very important positions.

As we near the midpoint of our fraternal year, I began reflecting on what we have accomplished so far as a Council. We continue to serve the Parish, our youth, family, and the community. We not only have fundraisers, and donate our time and talents to the community, but we also have great social events. One area that I think we can and need to improve is our increasing our membership and bring-

ing more Brother Knights and their families to join our ranks. We also need to re-engage those who have not been as active as they could be or have been. The Chancellor is responsible for overseeing our membership programs; however, each and every one of use our recruiters. Let's continue working to bring more able men to help us accomplish our mission – our mission of charity, unity, and fraternity. I ask each member to make this one resolution for the New Year – to bring in one new member before the close of the fraternal year – June 30.

It is now time to present the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for October.

Our Knight of the Month goes to none other than PGK Tim Tilson. Tim did a great job heading up the annual Parish Picnic this year. Tim has also volunteered to co-chair the Christmas Tree Sales. Tim does a great job of coordinating vents and soliciting volunteers. Tim – Thanks so much for all you do for our Council, KOVAR, and the Order.

The Family of the Month goes to another Tim, another PGK – Tim Hogan and his wife Priscilla. Tim coordinated the efforts for the annual Fall Festival which was great success. Priscilla was instrumental in helping make the Columbiettes Wine & Cheese Social a great

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success. Thank you, Tim & Priscilla, for your continued contributions to the Knights & Columbiettes.

In closing my message this month, my wife Kathy and I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas Season and a very safe and Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone during the Christmas season and again in January 2008.

Merry Christmas!

Fraternally,  
Bill Weich  
Grand Knight

## Council Christmas Party

The Council will be holding its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. Please save the date and join your Brother Knights and their wives (or dates, for the single guys) for the Council Christmas celebration.



## JANUARY DEGREES

As usual, Father Diamond Council will be holding exemplifications for each of the three degrees during January. The First Degree will be held on Tuesday, January 8th; the Second Degree will take place on Thursday, January 10th; and the Third Degree on Saturday, January 19th.

Please consider asking a friend to join the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world during this period when he can proceed to his Third Degree within twelve days. Remember new Knights are asked why they didn't join the Knights of Columbus sooner; their response quite often is "I've never been asked to join."

## Knight of the Month October



## Family of the Month October



## Columbiettes' Corner

A very appreciative thank you goes out to Linda Baringhaus and Kathy Weich for coordinating the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Thank you for all of your hard work, ladies!

The Columbiettes have several activities coming up in the next few weeks. The annual crèche lighting will be held after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday December 1. Following the crèche lighting, the Knights and Columbiettes will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in the school gym.

The Columbiettes will also help with the decorating for the Council Christmas party on Saturday December 15. Please contact Wendy Kehoe at [steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net) if you are interested in helping out with the decorations. Many hands make light work.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday December 18th, and will be a cookie exchange. We will be sending out an email with more details, but please contact Lynne Morrison at [Lmodule@aol.com](mailto:Lmodule@aol.com) or Alice Laing at [alice.laing@verizon.net](mailto:alice.laing@verizon.net) if you would like to get a head start on your baking.

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 the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or [steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net).



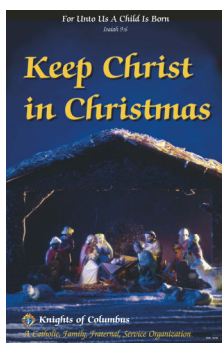
## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday December 12, 2007 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at [bward@6292.kofcva.org](mailto:bward@6292.kofcva.org) or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

### Keep Christ In Christmas

The Council is once again selling religious Christmas Cards. Your help is needed to sell the cards at a profit to the Council and to remind everybody that the purpose of Christmas is the coming of Christ. The cards are reasonably priced and in the theme of the true Christmas. They are available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Tagalog, Ukranian, and Polish. Brochures are available to bring the information to coworkers, etc. Please consider spending time assisting at the sales table in front of the CCD Office on Sundays. Contact Bob Bilko for more information: 703-359-6824.



### Entertainment Books

The 2007-2008 Entertainment Books are now available. They may be used immediately and expire November 1, 2008. The price, once again, is \$25.00. Anybody buying the book through a fundraiser, such as ours, also receives a coupon worth \$9.95. Sellers will also receive a coupon worth \$9.95 and may enter a drawing for a plasma TV and other items. Contact David Todd (703-352-2724) for more information.

### Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

### Christmas Tree Sales

One of the Council's largest income and community efforts in support of Council projects is now going on. This is an all-hands effort.



The team schedule is completed and the team make up has remained essentially the same with the addition of new Knights. A bulletin board with the schedules and team make up will be in available in the hall. The trees are at the lot waiting to be sold. As last year Saint Vincent De Paul will be offering Christmas Wafers for a donation. A variety of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and ornaments will also be available.

Please try to help out with as many shifts as you can. Not sure which Christmas Tree Team you're on? Contact Tim Tilson or Tim Cooke to find out.

### Volunteers Needed for the December 8th "Adopt-A-Spot" Clean-Up

The Council is looking for two or three volunteers on Saturday, 8 December, to join me in removing trash and debris from a small run of Old Lee Highway east of St. Leo the Great. We begin our duty to the community at 10 a.m., and should be finished no later than 10:40. There will be coffee and doughnuts at the Hall prior to the event to bolster our stamina, and the same afterwards to refresh us. Please contact me, Kevin Darr, at (703) 907-0361 between 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday, and on (240) 481-3150 any other time.

### Calling All Bowlers and Bowlers Waiting to be 'Found'

The Knights of Columbus and their families have a bowling league (mixed) which is really a lot of fun. We start bowling the first Sunday after the New Year.

This coming up bowling season will start on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Wow - almost 2008 already. The League is only 14 weeks long and we take Super Bowl Sunday and Easter off as a break. Please do not feel like you have to be a real good bowler to come out for a really good time. The league average is 140



We start bowling at 6:30 on Sunday evenings. Please think about it and let me know if you are interested.

Thanks!! David Whitcomb 703-591-7739

# Redskins Games at the Hall

The Hall will be open for all Redskin Games this season

## All 1:00 PM Games:

Peanuts, Hot Nacho Cheese, other munchies, coffee and tea are available at no charge.

Beverages at Warden Prices.

There will be hot dogs, fried onions, sauerkraut, condiments etc. at a nominal charge. Special events which may include Philly Steak Sandwiches, St. Mary Stuffed Ham, Turkey Blast will be announced. There will sometimes be chili and Hamburgers.

## All 4:00PM Games:

All of above plus a dinner, again at nominal prices. Hot dogs for kids.

## All Night Games:

Munchies only—No hot foods or Nacho Cheese.

There will be a nominal charge for food (Hot Dogs, Chili, Hamburgers etc) but no charge for peanuts and other munchies and no charge for hot nacho cheese and tacos.

Post Season and Superbowl (Redskins) will be covered.

Non-Redskin fans are welcome but all courtesies (silence) must be observed.

**Go SKINS**



## Did You Know . .

### What is the VKCCI Label Program? Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities

Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. was formed in 1994 for the purpose of carrying out the first principal of our order, "Charity." VKCCI gives grants to individuals and families who are in financial distress. Through a grant from KOVAR, we can also assist an individual diagnosed with Mental Retardation. These grants provide some of the necessities of life for these individuals. Donations from you enable us to continue to give that financial assistance to those who have no other place to turn.

Here are some examples of recent grants:

A grant to assist the family of a Brother Knight who had been injured and unable to work. His badly damaged hand required stitches and skin grafts. He had been unable to work but had not received workers comp or any other form of disability payments. The family has two sons and is about to adopt another child. The wife works but overall the finances of the family are very poor.

A grant to assist a Brother Knight who is disabled and whose home was in need of repairs. The roof leaked and a tarp had been placed over it by the Council to prevent water access. The Council and members of the local Baptist Church proposed to make the necessary repairs and the request was to provide money to purchase the necessary materials.

A grant to a single mother of three who had developed a fast growing stomach tumor. Concurrently with removal of the tumor she had a hysterectomy. Her job did not provide benefits and after paying the normal and routine bills she did not have sufficient funds to purchase medical insurance.

During the period July 1, 1994 through today, VKCCI has given 400 grants totaling over \$565,000

The major source of income for VKCCI is the Mailing Label Program. Each of you should have already received a set of mailing labels within the last few weeks.

**We ask you to continue to support the Label Program again this year and we sincerely thank you for your generosity.**

Richie Head, PSD, Vice President – Fund Raising

## Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family - and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure that they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget. Give me a call.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or [DRileyKofC@comcast.net](mailto:DRileyKofC@comcast.net)

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Fraternally,  
Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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## December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cresche Set Up <a href="#">1800 Creche Lighting</a> 1830 Spaghetti Dinner
2 1st Sunday of Advent 1300 Redskins vs. Bills	3	4 1930 Officer's Meeting	5	6 2015 Redskins vs. Bears	7	8 Immaculate Conception 0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility 1000 Adopt-a-Spot Food Drive
9 Food Drive	10 1845 Bingo @FFX Nursing Ctr	11 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14	15 1800 Christmas Dinner/Dance
16 Family Breakfast - Gold Team Visit w/ Santa 2015 Redskins vs. Giants	17	18 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	19 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	20	21 1600 Food Transfer <a href="#">1845 Christmas Caroling</a>	22 0900 Basket Assembly 1100 Basket Delivery Feed the Homeless Food Drive
23 Food Drive 1300 Redskins vs. Vikings Tree Lot Dismantle	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30 Feast of Holy Family 1300 Redskins vs. Cowboys	31 New Years Eve					

## January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mary, Mother of God New Years Day	2 193. Officers Meeting	3 1900 Admissions Committee	4	5 0900 Free Throw Contest
6 Bowling Season Starts	7	8 1930 Rosary 2000 1st Degree Social Meeting	9	10 2000 2nd Degree	11	12 Mid Year State Meeting - Newport News 0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility Food Drive
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo @FFX Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	16 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	17	18	19 1200 3rd Degree
20 Family Breakfast - Blue Team	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting <a href="#">March for Life</a>	23	24	25 1900 Fraternalism Night	26 Food Drive
27 Food Drive	28	29	30	31		

## Officers and Program Chairmen

### Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Weich	(703) 307-9163
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
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Lecturer	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
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Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
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Outside Guard	Patrick Deighan	539-8926
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger	281-6563
3yr Trustee	Bill Ward	273-6289
2yr Trustee	Dave Miller	517-3430
1yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797

### Program Directors

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Church	Chris Duda	352-5434
Community	Kevin Darr	849-8490
Council	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Family	Michael Torrey	273-2588
Youth	Carlos Jaramillo	385-0064

### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at [mtwest1@verizon.net](mailto:mtwest1@verizon.net)



*Merry Christmas*  
From the Editorial Staff of *The Lookout*

### Committee Chairmen

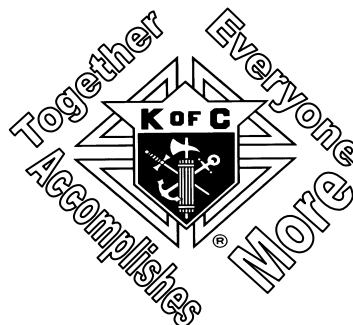
Charity	George Schuld	255-0362
Admissions	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
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Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

### Project Chairmen

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Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
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Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	273-9436
	Tim Cooke	
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
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Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Bob Bilko	359-6824
KOVAR	Bill Ward	273-6289
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Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

### Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at [cotnerjohn@aol.com](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



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## Dates to Remember in December

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|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 2 Redskins v. Western Showmen</b>     | <b>December 16 Redskins v. Oversized New Yorkers</b> |
| <b>December 4 Officers' Meeting</b>               | <b>December 16 Family Breakfast</b>                  |
| <b>December 6 Redskins v. Da' Bears</b>           | <b>December 20 Grey GOSTS</b>                        |
| <b>December 8 Rosary @ Abortion Facility</b>      | <b>December 22 &amp; 23 Food Drive</b>               |
| <b>December 8 Adopt-a-Spot</b>                    | <b>December 23 Redskins v. Nordic Barbarians</b>     |
| <b>December 8 &amp; 9 Food Drive</b>              | <b>December 30 Redskins v. Texas Nemeses</b>         |
| <b>December 10 Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center</b> |                                                      |
| <b>December 11 Rosary/Business Meeting</b>        |                                                      |
| <b>December 15 Christmas Dinner/Dance</b>         |                                                      |

