

The Lookout

February 2003



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

Dear Brother Knights:

Congratulations to all those Brother Knights who went through one or more degrees this past month. January was a very busy month in which Father Diamond Council held First, Second, and Third Degree Exemplifications. I encourage everyone who hasn't made it to the 3rd Degree yet to make a concerted effort to advance himself in the order. The lessons taught in each of the Degrees are invaluable and I believe everyone should afford himself the opportunity when they get the chance. Thanks to everyone who put in such hard work getting the 3rd Degree going. There was a lot to set up, a lot of food to cook, and a bit of snow to overcome. Everyone did a great job!

While speaking of Degrees, I want to congratulate the 2nd Degree Team for winning the Regional competition. They will be going to the State Finals in Richmond the first week of February. Let's keep them all in our prayers and wish them luck as they go down and represent our District

Also, after many, many years of service as the 2nd Degree Team Captain, Tom Kelley is stepping down. Tom has done an outstanding job leading the District 15 team to many accolades throughout the State. He will be sorely missed, but I'm sure Brother Dave Todd, Sr. will fill his shoes admirably. Don't forget, if you have a desire to participate in either the 1st or 2nd degree teams, please contact the team captains. They are always anxious to have new people come in and help out.

Thanks to the many Brother Knights who came out and braved the cold to help collect money at the Annual March for Life in Washington DC. While I don't have the final dollar amount collected yet, I know that the money we collect accounts for nearly 10 percent of the total budget for the March For Life each year. I know the organizers of the March appreciate everything

we do for the. Special thanks to Dave Todd, Jr. for organizing the efforts of those collecting money, and to Tom Hogan for being the Head Marshall of the March and keeping everything running smoothly. It's a good time in Virginia and the nation as a whole to be Pro-Life. Please continue to pray the rosary as often as possible to end abortion.

We have some fun events coming up over the next couple of months. It's a good time to make good on those New Years Resolutions to be more active in the Knights. There will be a lot of help needed for the Valentine's Dance to be held on February 14th. We also have the Night of Magic that will be held in March. Plus I know help is always wanted for the Family Breakfast that we hold each month. Each of these events will give you a chance to get to know your Brother Knights and help make our programs successful. Make an effort to make it out to these events. When you see the write up about them in the Newsletter, call the leader of that specific event and offer your services. It would be great to see some new blood at some of these events.

February is a short month and Lent is right around the corner. I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy end to the winter and I look forward to a warm and rejuvenating springtime for us all.

Yours In Christ,

Tim Cooke
Grand Knight



Program Director's Report

Feed the Homeless

With the Council's support, Thelma and George Billy led a group downtown to Washington D.C.'s largest shelter on November 23rd and again on December 21st serving home-cooked hot meals to approximately 500 people. The meals included ham, chicken, turkey, mashed potatoes, salad, and deserts. The highlight for the December trip was a visit from Santa (aka Kevin McGrail) who delivered 500 wrapped gifts. You should have seen the joy on the faces of the men, women, and children!

Thanks to all the Knights and Columbiettes that participated including: Jack Cotner and granddaughter, Pat Lacour, Larry Gottschalk, Paul and Louise Desbiens and family, Kevin and Shannon McGrail, Bill and Elizabeth Ward, David and Debbie Miller, Pete and Celia Smith, Tim and Martha Malloy and family, Greg Hartley, David Jenkins and family, George and Nancy Rosenkranz and family (I hope I didn't forget anybody!). The weather was great both times and everybody seemed to enjoy helping the less fortunate in our nation's capitol. This is a great project for youth groups. The next event will be the Saturday before Easter and lots of help will be needed. Thanks Fr. Diamond Council!

Rosary at Abortion Clinic

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

JMU/GMU Basketball Game

Brother Larry Lynch is selling tickets to the George Mason vs James Madison University Basket Ball game. The game is being held on 22 Feb at 2 PM at the Patriot Center. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Please contact Larry at 704-255-1258 for tickets.

KOVAR Update.

We raised \$400 over the holiday period by collecting outside the ABC stores on Christmas and New Year's Eve. Thanks to Mrs. Nancy Rosenkranz, Bill Ward and Jim Witek for their efforts. Thus far we have raised \$1,709 towards our goal of \$26,246. For those who desire to contribute or help contact Tim Tilson. Remember our big KOVAR fund raising activity is April 24-27. Plan to help collect with the Knights of Virginia primary charity.

Mid-Fraternal Year Budget Report

The income side of the budget showed that our income was \$16,724 or \$3,515 below our projected income of \$20,280. This was primarily due to the fact that we did not deposit \$5500 in dues income that was received before the end of the calendar year. We had budgeted \$5100 to be deposited prior to the end of the year. So in reality we were pretty much on track in our dues income projection. Our Fund raising income was \$13,740 which was about what we had budgeted.

The expense side of the budget showed that we expended \$14,515, which was \$1,310 below expense projection of \$15,817. In our charitable programs we expended \$400 on Feed the Homeless, Thanksgiving Baskets in addition to the baskets provide by Council members we spent \$1130 but received \$752 in Cash donations to net out a Council expenditure of \$378, Christmas Baskets we spent \$680 but received a \$100 donation to net out a Council expenditure of \$580. Outright charitable donations amounted to \$662.

The bottom line for the first half of the Council Fraternal year was forecasted to be in the black by \$4,463 instead we were in the black by \$2,213. In the second half of the Council Year our fund raising programs are minimal and our budgeted expense projection is quite high, therefore end Frat Year expected budget shortfall of \$2,200 still looks probable.

Second Degree, Third Degree, and Transfers

Congratulations to our new 2nd Degree members. They were installed at the 14 Jan meeting. They are: Tim Holleran, Brian Sharkey Gus Solares, and Eric Acevedo. Congratulations to all our new 2nd Degree members. The Honoree of the degree was Bishop Paul S. Loverde for his leadership during this time of trial. Also at the 14 January meeting Brothers John Henebery and David Johnson transferred into Father Diamond Council. Welcome to them both.

On 18 January, 6 Father Diamond Council members took their Third Degree. They were:

Bill Davis
Tim Malloy
Dennis McNaughton
Mike Trentacoste
Luis Del Villar
Gus Solares
Eric Acevedo

Congratulations to these new 3rd Degree members. Thanks to Greg Hartley and Pete Smith for coordinating the degree and the after degree meal as well as all those who help support this event.

Valentine Dance

Our council is sponsoring a Valentine Dance on Feb 14th for St Leo's Parish. It will be held in the St Leo's Activity center (Gym) starting at 7:30 PM. All Knights their wives or girls friends are invited to this. The cost is \$5 per person. See the enclosed flier for details.

Christmas Tree Sales Wrap Up

A hearty thanks to everyone for their excellent work selling trees through the snow, rain and cold weather. It was another marvelous year with the sales. Again we ordered 510 trees and received 518 [Moose's generosity]. We sold 477 trees . . . the guy running the lot purchased too many small trees . . . that will change next year. Now the numbers . . . We made about \$7000.00 [one bill for the removal of the trailer Is pending] . . . total sales were \$19,860.00. The high team for total sales was the Grey Gost [God's Olde Sacred Trust] with 82 trees sold and \$3,398.00 received. The top teams for the other shifts were Team 10 with 57 trees sold and \$2,429. 00 in sales with Teams 1 and 4 splitting the total trees sold and moneys collected: Team 4: 51 & \$ 2,367.00 and Team 1; 53 & \$2,312.00 [something about a missing tree here]. Single shift stat's go to Team 9 with 32 trees and \$ 1,360.00 and Team 10 with 25 trees and \$1,175.00. Next year taller trees will be ordered, since, there was a great demand for them. Again, THANKS to everyone who helped! A Special thanks to Larry Gottschalk for all the effort and time put in coordinating and operating this major fund raiser. Larry was selected by the Grand Knight as the "Knight of the Month " for December for his outstanding work and effort.

Photo's Needed

Kevin Mc Grail, our Web master, has asked Brothers to bring their digital cameras to Council events and e-mail him pictures. He can be contacted at kmcgrail@peregrinehw.com.

February Birthdays	Date
Rev Daniel J Maher	2/1
W, Scott Smullen	2/1
Kenneth A. DeHart Jr	2/2
Thomas W. Furlong Jr	2/5
Salvatore Anzalone	2/6
Jerome M. Kasulatis	2/6
Bruno R. Ambrosini	2/7
Michael V Flattery	2/9
Robert L Eckert	2/11
Harold J. Guidry	2/13
David G Miller	2/13
Gerald L Broyles	2/14
Robert W O'Shea PGK	2/15
Richard J. Parkington	2/15
Jose A. Trujillo	2/20
John E Jagers	2/21
John A. Heinen	2/21
Robert J. Mc Mahon	2/22
Frank G. Palladino	2/24
Rev Keith M. O Hare	2/25
Fr. John Baptist Ku	2/26
Raul E. Rojas	2/27

February Wedding Anniversaries

	Date/Years Married
Terrence & Francis Hannam	2/13/60/ - 43

February Deceased Members

	Date
John J. Meehan	2 Feb 00
Bernard J. Cannon	8 Feb 00
James A. Reilly	9 Feb 01
Paul F. Harrington	16 Feb 74
Russell N. Kamin	23 Feb 02

From Our Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Beneficiaries...Who Do You Love?

It will soon be Valentine's Day. Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy? It would be a wise idea to find out – and update your beneficiary if necessary. As your K of C agent, I can help you do that.

Why is this important? A life insurance policy protects the financial status of another person – or people - in the event of your death. Through a beneficiary designation, you determine just who that should be.

When you purchase a K of C insurance policy, you must select a primary beneficiary - at a minimum. You don't have to name a contingent beneficiary – also known as a “secondary beneficiary.” However, it's always a wise move because you might outlive your primary beneficiary. A contingent beneficiary (also known as a “secondary” beneficiary) is the person designated to receive life insurance policy proceeds if the primary beneficiary dies.

You should be as specific as possible in wording your beneficiary designation. By naming your wife, daughter, son, etc., as beneficiary, you make sure that the life insurance proceeds will be available in a timely manner to them.

Your life situation will undoubtedly change over time. Plan to update your declared beneficiaries periodically. Otherwise, the K of C will have no way of knowing what your intentions are at each stage of your life.

Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. You just need to fill out a change of beneficiary form (#113A) for each policy you want to change. I can provide you with these forms – and I will help you to fill them out. I can also help you with beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold – regardless of the company that issued it. Give me a call. I'm at your service.

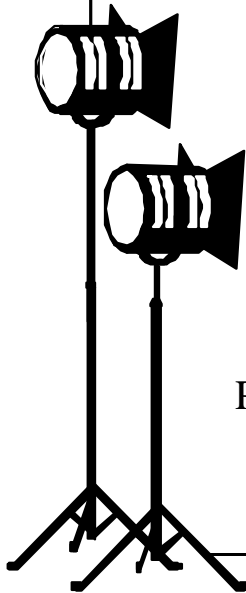
Dennis Riley

Fraternal Benefits Advisor



Officers

Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chaplain	Rev. John Kelly	273-5369
D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chancellor	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Recorder	Pat Leffas	934-9716
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



Family of
Month

Dec '02

Pete & Celia Smith

Program Directors

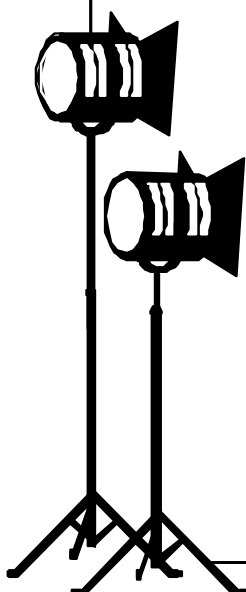
Programs	Dave Todd Jr	385-2195
Church	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Community	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Council	Pete Smith	503-1082
Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

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

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Witcomb	591-7739
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
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



Knight of
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Larry Gottchalk



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Dates to Remember in February

- Feb 2 Scout Sunday Breakfast after 9 AM
Mass
- Feb 4 Officer's Meeting
- Feb 8/9 Food Drive
- Feb 11 Rosary/Business Meeting
- Feb 14 Valentine Dance at 7:30 PM
- Feb 15 Abortion Clinic 8 AM
- Feb 16 Family Breakfast (Blue Team)
- Feb 18 Grey Ghosts 11:30 AM
- Feb 19 4th Degree Assembly
- Feb 22 GMU/JMU Basketball 2 PM
- Feb 22/23 Food Drive
- Feb 25 Mass/2nd Degree/Business Meeting