

# The Lookout

February 2004



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



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**3702 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030**

### *Grand Knight's Message:*

Brothers,

Typically, I use the Grand Knight's Report to reflect on the Council's accomplishments and praise the members for all their hard work. Unfortunately, I must take a different approach this month and share with all a concern. I ask that all read this carefully and give the concerns their due attention.

For nearly 30 years, Fr Diamond Council has met at St Leo's at the pleasure of the Pastor. We have maintained a very positive relationship with Msgr Hannan, Fr Avella, and Fr Kelly. We have been truly blessed with the use of Providence Hall, and have always appreciated the generosity of the Pastor in regards to this. However, there are concerns about our treatment of the parish grounds and property, and at this time, those concerns need to be addressed in an effort to maintain a mutual respect and appreciation with the parish.

I begin by touching on parking issues. There is a serious concern about vehicles being driven and parked on the grass next to the Hall. Doing this leads to killing the grass as well as developing ruts in the lawn. I know that many of us refuse to drive or park on our lawns at home... we should afford the same courtesy to the parish! Regarding the roadway next to the ball fields, we may park along the side of the road there, but must be mindful not to block the roadway (there are signs that say "No Parking During School Hours"). The Priests depend on this lane being available to them for emergencies (imagine if a family member was in need of a Priest, but he could not get to the hospital because he was blocked from getting out!).

While we manage and maintain Providence Hall, we must keep in mind that it belongs to the parish, and the parish pays for a major portion of the utilities. As such, we must treat it with the utmost respect. Recently, after an activity in the Hall, Fr Kelly found one of the front doors was left wide open. Fortunately for us, Fr Kelly came over to close it up for us.

However, this is uncalled for and should never have happened. Please be sure that if you are the last one to leave, ALL the lights (including the outside lights) are turned off and that all doors are closed tightly and locked behind you. Some of the concerns that exist include the expense of heating and lighting up the outside, the potential of animals finding their way into the Hall and causing major damage, or someone else taking advantage of our lax security.

The Boy Scouts have a requirement that they leave a place better than they find it. This can be something as simple as picking up garbage from a field or sweeping up a room that is being used for a meeting. It's not asking too much for our council (and the Knights as a whole) to adopt a similar motto. Whenever we use any of the parish's property, we must be sure to leave it in as good (if not better) condition than we found it. Often times, we have a tendency to think, "someone else will clean it up"... this is a wrong attitude to have, and has left some people in the parish resenting the Knights. Whether it's making sure the kitchen and the gym are cleaned up properly after a breakfast, or making sure tables and chairs are returned to the same set-up we found them, we must make an extra effort to clean up after ourselves.

The short of it all is that we must show that we are thankful for the generosity of the Pastor and the parishioners of St Leo's. We can do so by treating the Hall and the parish property with the same respect we would treat our own homes. Doing so will go a long way to maintaining a positive relationship with the parish as a whole. If anyone has any questions or suggestions regarding how to do this, please feel free to touch base with me.

Fraternally,

Dave Todd, Jr  
Grand Knight



## Program Director's Report

### Squires & Squire Roses

Fr Diamond Council is happy to report that we are now ready to reactivate our Squires Circle (for the boys) and initiate a new Squire Rose Circle (for the girls). Investiture for the Squires will be conducted on Sunday, February 8 at 1PM in Providence Hall; Investiture for the Squire Roses will be held on Sunday February 22, also at 1PM in Providence Hall. It's not too late to sign young men and women, ages 10 to 18, for either of these Investiture ceremonies. The only requirements beyond age is that a candidate must be a Catholic and either be enrolled in a Catholic school or in a religious education program. Also, we are looking for adults (both men and women) to serve as Counselors for both. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@earthlink.net](mailto:djtoddjr@earthlink.net) or at (703) 385-2195.

### Rosary at Abortion Clinic

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

### St Patrick's Day Party

Get away from the worlds worries: economy, terrorists, and war with Iraq. Come join the fellow Knights and their Ladies on Saturday 15 March at the hall for a celebration of the "Wearing of the Green." The festivities will start at 6 PM. There will be 8 Irish Dancers, Irish music, and Irish beer, corn beef and cabbage, beverages and dessert will be served. All for the price of \$5 per person. Donations for the dancers would be appreciated. Help is needed for set-up starting at 3:30. If you can help, please contact Al Leightley at 703-273-2089.

### Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Dennis Riley, our Fraternal Benefits Advisor, will be in attendance at our open meeting on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to talk about and answer questions about our benefits program. If you would like to know more about how a KofC insurance program would benefit you and your family, please plan to be at the meeting. You may also contact Dennis at 703-450-6100.

### Fundraisers

The Council is looking for ways to increase our revenue. Increased revenue will in turn improve our budget outcome (right now, we are projecting a deficit), and will allow us to contribute more to various charities. If you have any ideas, please contact Grand Knight Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@erols.com](mailto:djtoddjr@erols.com) or (703) 385-2195 contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Hartley at [PGHartley@hotmail.com](mailto:PGHartley@hotmail.com) or (703) 352-2797.

### Night of Magic

Fr. Diamond Council will hold its annual Night of Magic will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost: \$10 Adults; \$5 Children and includes 2 slices pizza and one beverage. Come out and enjoy a fun night.

### 3rd Degrees in February

There will be two more opportunities to take your Third Degree in February. The first will be held at Fr. Widmer Council 7877 in Stafford on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. The very next day, Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Good Samaritan Council 6175 on Sterling will host a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. If you would like to attend, please contact Dave Miller, 319-8832 or [dmiller@nthdime.com](mailto:dmiller@nthdime.com).

### Pancake Supper

The Council will be hosting a Pancake Supper for the Parrish at 5:00pm on Tuesday February 24th. As always we are in need of help to flip flap jacks at the hall. Please come out and support this pre-Lenten activity. If you can help, please give Jac Cerny a call at 703 -255-9484.

### Food Drive

Throughout the world millions of families are in need of support to meet their basic nutritional needs. Since 1990, the Members of Fr. Diamond Council have been helping to meet the needs of those less fortunate right here in our own back yard, Northern Virginia.

Since 1990, Knights have been present to receive donations at masses on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month to support the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. We collect donations of non perishable food items after all masses to provide food to the hungry on an ongoing basis throughout the year. We also collect and distribute food for the needy at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

We are in need of additional support to cover several mass times. This support requires only taking the wagon of donated food to the Saint Vincent DePaul food closet in the Old Parrish Hall. If you can help out please give Ben Schaefer a call at 703-591-3188.

## **Christmas Tree Sales**

Last year, tree sales brought in \$9800 profit. This year they generated a profit of \$9053. About the same number of trees were sold, resulting in less income this year, however, our costs were \$1,900 higher, so, from this perspective, this year's sales were actually better than last year. The Grey Gosts, in their 30 shifts, brought in \$4,062, almost 18% of our total sales. Team 3 had the highest total team sales of \$3494, while Team 1 had the highest average, \$729.25. A Team sales analysis is posted at Providence Hall.

While the credit for these results go to the many brother Knights who made this effort so successful, the following deserve special recognition: Past Grand Knights Larry Gottschalk, Tim Tilson & Tim Hogan, previous Tree Sales Managers for their excellent ideas, suggestions and support; the Team Captains, for staffing and managing their shifts; the Grey Gosts, granddaddy of all teams and backbone of so many Fr. Diamond activities, for setting up and dismantling the lot, as well as manning the trailer, Monday through Friday, for 3 weeks; the money men, FS & PGK Paul Cooke, Treasurer Al Leightley and former FS PGK Hank Urban, Jr who handled the all-important cash flow; as well as PGK Tom Hogan, Bill Ward and Paul Cutlip for helping cover Team 1's shifts. Finally, special thanks to the wonderful people who stand beside and behind our brother knights, their wives, fiancées and children, for sharing their men's time during a busy Christmas season.

## **Right to Life March 2004**

Over 100,000 RTL marchers got a one-day reprieve from Arctic temperatures and over twenty Knights from Father Diamond Council collected the second highest total in contributions since they began collecting in 1994. The final total for the collection effort at this year's RTL March was \$24,387.50. Total collections for the ten year period tallied a grand total of \$163,432. According to PGK Tom Hogan, RTL founder Nellie Gray was grateful for Father Diamond Council's contribution.

Mike Plumstead was the coordinator of this year's drive. Tom Hogan and Greg Skorupski worked directly with Nellie. The following Knights worked as Marshals. Mike Plumstead and Jack Cotner were announcers. Collectors included Frank Bohan, Earl Chester, Peter Coniglio, Paul Cooke, Larry Gottschalk, Tom Gross, Tim Hogan, Pat LaCour, Dennis McNaughton, Larry Novack, Gerry Pepin, Dick Powers, Dan and Mike Purtill, Dennis Riley, Tim Tilson, Dave Todd, Jr., Hank Urban, and Bill (Trapper) Ward. Wives also joined the effort including Jamie

Coniglio, Elaine Pepin and Li Plumstead.

Meeting the collectors after the march afterwards to count the piles of money were Sal Anzalone, John Anzalone, Peggy Cooke, Marion Kuhlman, Dave Todd, Sr., and Chris Gagliano. John Judge, the Council's gourmet chef, gets a special round of applause for providing breakfast for a dozen or more students from Loyola of Chicago who drove all night to make the March. He also provided the usual warm, tasty meal for the cold, hungry collectors when they returned to the hall.

## **Usher Ministry**

The Usher Ministry program at the Basilica is looking for a few good men. The K of C liaison with the program, Charlie Gareis, writes that we are in desperate need of additional Ushers at the Basilica. The State Deputy, Richie Head, has urged all members who are willing and able to spend the time to fill out an application and volunteer. Those who want more information should contact Charlie at [gareis@crosslink.net](mailto:gareis@crosslink.net) or at 703-361-7451.

### **Info for the Lookout Newsletter?**

Do you have items of interest for the newsletter? Is your birthday or anniversary date missing from the list during your respective month? Please forward any items to the Newsletter editor, Bill Weich, at 703-385-2195 or email him at [Wweich@aol.com](mailto:Wweich@aol.com)

## February Birthdays

Rev. Daniel J Maher	02/01
W, Scott Smullen	02/01
Kenneth A. DeHart Jr	02/02
Thomas W. Furlong Jr	02/05
Salvatore Anzalone	02/06
Jerome M. Kasulatis	02/06
Bruno R. Ambrosini	02/07
Michael V Flattery	02/09
Robert L Eckert	02/11
Harold J. Guidry	02/13
David G Miller	02/13
Gerald L Broyles	02/14
Robert W O'Shea PGK	02/15
Richard J. Parkington	02/15
Jose A. Trujillo	02/20
John E Jaggars	02/21
John A. Heinen	02/21
Robert J. Mc Mahon	02/22
Frank G. Palladino	02/24
Rev. Keith M. O Hare	02/25
Fr. John Baptist Ku	02/26
Raul E. Rojas	02/27

## February Wedding Anniversaries Years Married

Terrence & Frances Hannam 44

## February Deceased Knights

John J Meehan	02/02/00
Bernard J. Cannon	02/08/80
James A Reilly	02/09/01
Paul F. Harrington	02/16/74
Russell N Kamin	02/23/02

## From the 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

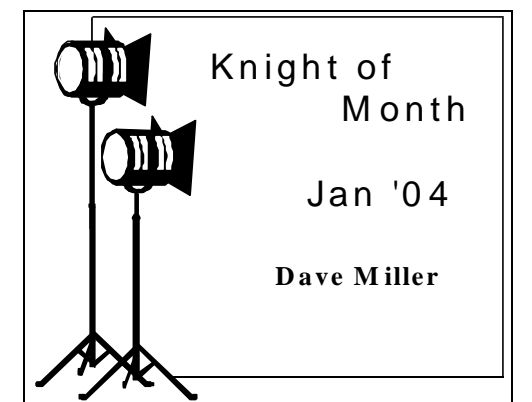
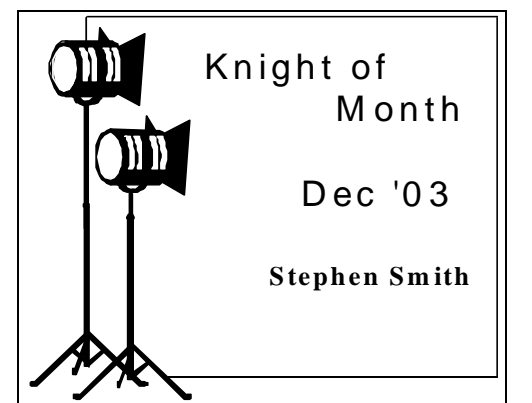
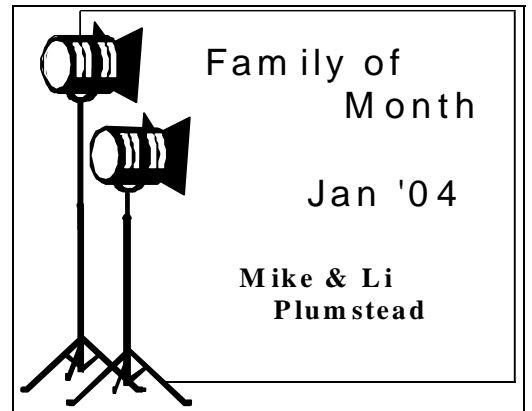
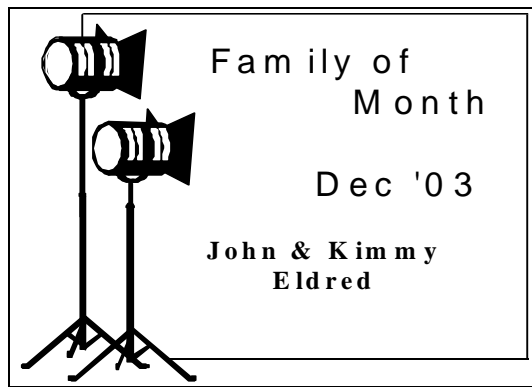


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Chancellor	Dave Miller	319-8832
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Lecturer	Mike Purtill	527-1529
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Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
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Inside Guard	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Outside Guard	Ben Stack	359-6258
Outside Guard	Scott Smullen	691-2273
3yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
2yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137
1yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860

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Programs	Greg Hartley	352-2797
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<u>Committee Chairman</u>		
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Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
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<u>Project Chairmen</u>		
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
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Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
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## Dates to Remember in February

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| Feb 1     | Scout Sunday                                |
| Feb 3     | Officers Meeting                            |
| Feb 7/8   | Food Drive                                  |
| Feb 10    | Rosary/ Business                            |
| Feb 14    | Corporate Communion                         |
| Feb 14    | Valentine Dinner Dance                      |
| Feb 15    | Family Breakfast – Gold                     |
| Feb 16    | President’s Day                             |
| Feb 17    | Gray GOSTS                                  |
| Feb 18    | Rosary/Fr. Malloy Assembly Meeting          |
| Feb 19    | Admissions Committee                        |
| Feb 21    | Abortion Facility                           |
| Feb 21    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree @ Fr. Widmer Council |
| Feb 21/22 | Food Drive                                  |
| Feb 24    | Pancake Supper                              |
| Feb 24    | Mass/ 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree / Business     |
| Feb 25    | Ash Wednesday                               |

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Scout Sunday	<b>2</b> VS #8	<b>3</b> 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Food Drive
<b>8</b> Food Drive Blood Drive	<b>9</b> VS #9	<b>10</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1700 Corporate Communion 1800 Valentine Dinner Dance
<b>15</b> Family Breakfast -Gold Team	<b>16</b> Presidents' Day VS #10	<b>17</b> 1100 Gray GOSTS	<b>18</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Assembly Meeting	<b>19</b> 1930 Admissions Committee	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 0800 Abortion Facility 1100 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree @ Fr Widmer Council Food Drive
<b>22</b> Food Drive	<b>23</b> VS GG	<b>24</b> 1700 Pancake Supper 1930 Mass 2000 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree 2100 Business Meeting	<b>25</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>						<i>Edited: January 27, 2004</i>

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# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> VS #1	<b>2</b> 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1800 Set-Up for State Meeting	<b>6</b> State Quarterly Meeting @ Fr Diamond (Fairfax) 1800 Night of Magic
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> VS #2	<b>9</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2000 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Food Drive 1800 St Patrick's Party
<b>14</b> Food Drive	<b>15</b> VS #3	<b>16</b> 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Soup Supper	<b>17</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Assembly Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1800 Lenten Fish Fry	<b>20</b> 0800 Abortion Facility 1000 Adopt-A-Spot
<b>21</b> Family Breakfast -Blue Team	<b>22</b> VS #4	<b>23</b> 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> State Bowling Tournament Food Drive Open House
<b>28</b> State Bowling Tournament Food Drive Open House	<b>29</b> Founders' Day VS #5	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			<i>Edited: January 27, 2004</i>

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# Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Usher Ministry



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Nickname

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Evening

Council Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Why do you wish to join the Knights of Columbus Ushers Ministry at the Basilica of the National Shrine?

\_\_\_\_\_

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The Basilica's Sunday Masses are at 5:15 pm (Saturday), 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon, 1:30 pm, and 4:30 pm. If assigned in the morning or midday, ushers are requested to serve two consecutive Masses (e.g., 9 am & 10:30 am). Four times each year there are five Sundays in a month, one or two of which ushers are requested to serve.

I prefer  evening Masses,  early Masses,  midday Masses. I am able to serve fifth Sunday Masses: Yes  No .

The Basilica also has a number of special Masses and events outside its normal Sunday schedule, such as holy days of obligation, concerts, diocesan pilgrimages, and holidays (including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day).

I am able serve occasional special events on weekends Yes  No  and/or weekdays Yes  No .

I am multilingual: Yes  No . If so, other languages in which you are conversant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please offer other questions or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Certification:** The applicant above is a Third Degree member in good standing of Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Secretary signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation:** I recommend the applicant above for appointment to the Knights of Columbus Usher Ministry.

Chaplain / Grand Knight / Pastor / Usher signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Date: February 14

Time: Optional 5pm Mass-special blessing for couples

6pm: Cocktails

7pm: Dinner

MAIN COURSE PROVIDED BY THE KNIGHTS  
(roast beef/ham)

Please bring the following:

A-G: APPETIZERS

H-P: SALAD/SIDE DISH

Q-Z: DESSERT

COST: \$20 per couple, \$10 per person

Includes 2 drink tickets for beer, wine & soda and a  
Champagne toast).

(Additional drinks: \$2-beer, \$1-wine/soda)

DANCING TIL 11:30pm IN THE ST. LEO'S GYM

RSVP: TIM HOGAN at  
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