

The Lookout

February 2006



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



Web Page: <http://www.6292.kofcva.org/>

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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I'm writing this message in mid-January, right after our busiest month and right before the March for Life. I want to thank once again the many people that helped sell Christmas trees, assemble and deliver Christmas baskets, and attended the March for Life as marshals or marchers. I also want to thank especially everyone that keeps the council running from day to day.

Our Knight(s) and Family of the Month for December were very involved in all these activities. The Knight(s) of the Month were Jac Cerny and Herb Zimmerman, our Christmas tree chairmen. The Family of the Month was Ben and Dorothy Schaefer who were very involved in the SVDP Giving Tree and the Christmas baskets.

Our Christmas tree sales program earned around \$7,500 profit this year, thanks to all of you who helped with our largest fund raiser. And we distributed Christmas food baskets to 71 families this year. Each year I'm very proud to see how the council comes together to have so many successful programs all in one month. The Christmas Feed the Homeless program, the council Christmas dance, the food basket delivery, and the family breakfast (with Santa visit) all happened on the same weekend!

Speaking about activities, let me talk about something dear to my heart, as a Knight that has taken part in many activities, and that is: the cleaning up phase of each activity. For the most part, brother Knights will gladly come out to help set up for an activity, and there are always plenty of Knights to help with the activity itself. But sometimes it is very hard for the activity director to get help cleaning up! As the family breakfast chairman I am very grateful for Bob Bilko, Greg Hartley, and Pat Leffas who have made a habit of coming in at the end of breakfast to help clean up. I'd like

to encourage everyone to keep cleaning up in mind when you think about your Knights time budget!

In closing, I'd like to recommend a Web site with quite a perspective on the Church's world-wide activity: Catholic World News, at <http://www.cwnews.com>. Many stories I would never hear about otherwise. Here are some recent headlines:

Belarus: questions surround expulsion of Catholic priests
Australian bill would curb suicide advocacy ("suicide advocacy"!!)
Bishops gather in Jerusalem to show support for Holy Land
Lay group mobilizes against Monologues on Catholic campus ("Monologues" being the notorious performance piece called "The Vagina Monologues")
Vatican paper decries vandalism of cross in Albania
Belarus expels 2 Polish Catholic priests
Chinese bishop disappears, priest arrested in Hebei

It's not uncommon to read reports of persecutions and even martyrdoms. Just reading the headlines is enough to remind me every day of the real battles the Church fights every day – which are all essentially spiritual battles – and of the need for constant prayer on all of our parts as the best way to personally engage in the fight. And it also reminds me that being a Catholic in many parts of the world is very dangerous and that religious freedom is not a value universally shared by all cultures. Like all freedoms – especially the freedom from sin, the freedom to live in Christ – it has to be fought for. I'm very proud to be part of the Church that leads the fight and to be associated with all my brother Knights as the Church's strong right arm in the United States.

Dave Miller
Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Message:

While our Worthy Chancellor takes a break this month, I thought I'd take the opportunity to remind everyone that this newsletter depends on you for its content. Feel free to email any news items, upcoming events, significant happenings in your life, etc. My email address is dpurtill@gmail.com, and I really do rely on all of our members for input each month.

Also, I'm constantly looking for ways to improve the newsletter, so if you have any ideas, send those, too!

Lastly, since this is the Chancellor's space, I'll remind everyone that we're all responsible for both recruitment and retention. While it's sometimes hard to ask the guy next to you at Mass if he'd like to join the KofC, I've found that I generate a lot of interest by just letting people know I'm a member. I use my KofC coffee mug at work, which actually has resulted in a successful recruitment (albeit for another Council). Remember, recruiting doesn't just mean "hounding" every male you see at Mass.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Purtil
Editor

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All of These Places**

- Briefcase
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- Glove Compartment
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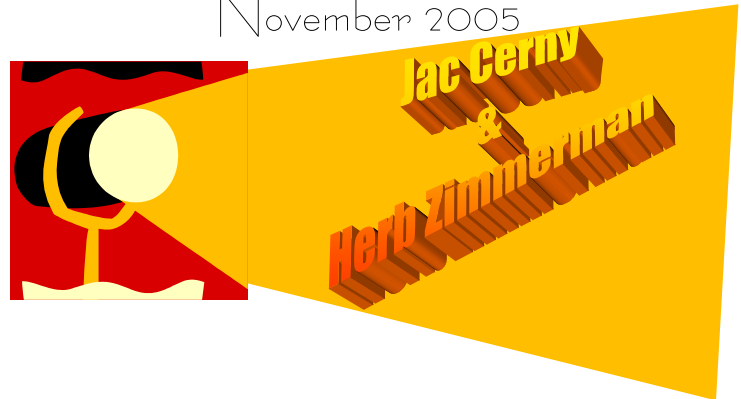
**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Awards & Items of Note

Knights of the Month
November 2005



Family of the Month
November 2005



News & Events

Host Families Needed for Northern Ireland Peace Program

The Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI) is seeking local families to help with the peace and reconciliation effort in Northern Ireland. Please consider hosting a Protestant and Catholic youth (ages 15-18) in your home for four weeks this summer. To be eligible, families must provide a safe, neutral setting for the two teens to get to know each other, a single bedroom for them to share, and day-long adult supervision. During the teens' stay, they participate in various activities designed to build trust, encourage cooperation and break down barriers. The majority of their time is spent enjoying the host family's normal routine.

CFPNI is a non-political, non-denominational, and all-volunteer peace program aimed at building trust, understanding and friendship among the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland, where division still exists. Be a part of this widely praised effort which has made lasting, positive change among its participants.

To obtain a host family application, or to get information on our fundraising event on March 11, contact Tamera Drozd at (703) 255-1628, or visit our website at www.cfpni.org. Host applications must be received by April 8th.

Your family can contribute to peace and healing this summer with CFPNI.

6292 Photos Requested

The Virginia State Council is requesting photos from all its councils for display at the Virginia State Convention in May at Virginia Beach. They need each council to send about 10 pictures of "Knights in Action Making a Difference in their Church, Families and Communities" to be used in the show presented during the banquet.

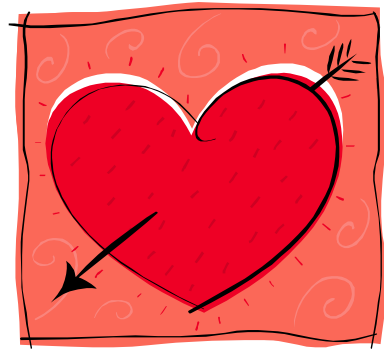
If you have any good pictures of Council, Family or Church activities, please send electronic copies to Bill Ward at billyjoe@cox.net or contact Bill and/or leave any hard copies (that is standard photographs) in the Deputy Grand Knight's box in the Hall -- These will be scanned and returned. The photos will be gathered and a group will select 10 by March 1st for us to bring to the March Meeting.

Abortion Facility Rosary

On the second Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (building next to the Holiday Inn at Route 123 and I-66). This month, we will meet on January 14th. Please come and join us for this very important event. It only takes about 40 minutes, and may help change a heart.

St. Valentine's Day Dance

The Council's annual St. Valentine's Day Dance will be on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 6:00pm in the PAC. Contact the Council Program Director Tim Cooke at (703) 766-2911 or timcooke@cox.net for details and to RSVP.



Father Diamond Memorial Scholarship

Father Diamond Council offers a \$500 annual scholarship to worthy teens entering a local Catholic high school. All Catholic children, grandchildren and dependents of Father Diamond Council members who will be entering high school in the Fall of 2006 are eligible to apply. Also eligible are Catholic children of St. Leo's Parishioners.

Applications are due to Tim Tilson by February 17, 2006. An application is included in this newsletter and is also available on the Council's website at <http://www.6292.kofcva.org/>

Corporate Communion

Our quarterly Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at the 9:00am Mass. Wear your nametag and come sit with your brother Knights to show our solidarity to the Parish.

Columbiettes Soup Supper

The Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Soup Supper on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:00pm in Providence Hall. Come join your fellow Knights and their families for a fun evening of great food and company. Bring a soup dish to share and show off what a great cook you are!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Council's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 5:00pm in Providence Hall. Come early to help set up tables and cook pancakes. Then stick around and have a great dinner with your Brother Knights and their families. Then work off those pancakes by helping us clean up and get ready for the business meeting at 8:00!



Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Bill Ward runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday, February 13, 2006 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 or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details.

GMU/JMU Basketball Game

The GMU/JMU Basketball game will be Saturday, February 25, 2006. Contact Deputy Grand Knight Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 or Council Program Director Tim Cooke at (703) 766-2911 or timcooke@cox.net for details and to purchase tickets.

Adopt-A-Spot

The Council collects litter from Old Lee Highway in front of the Church and school each quarter. We will be doing so again on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at 10:00am. This is usually a quick and easy task, but is much quicker and easier the more people we get to help! This is a great way for those preparing for Confirmation (or those of you recently convicted of misdemeanors) to earn an hour of community service. Get there early and you may even get a donut! (this statement does not constitute any guarantee, express or implied, of the presence of donuts at this or any other Council related event).

Scout and Family Breakfasts

Our annual Scout Breakfast will be Sunday, February 5, 2006. Please find the time to come help out, as we usually get a large crowd. Our regular monthly family breakfast will be on Sunday, February 19th. The Gold Team has the honors. Stop by and lend a hand for an hour or two, even if you're not on the Team. Who knows, you might even enjoy yourself.

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Haiku

As promised in earlier editions, if you don't send enough news or input to the editor at dpurtill@gmail.com, I will fill any extra space with my personal Haiku. Here goes:

Expecting some news
Why won't they send me e-mail?
Threats no longer work

To avoid the horror of future poems, send your newsletter input to Dan Purtill by the 1st of each month to dpurtill@gmail.com or (703) 641-8948.

Anniversaries

February Birthdays

Rev Daniel J Maher	2/1
W, Scott Smullen	2/1
Jason V. Torres	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
Terry L. Rinker	2/7
Robert L Eckert	2/11
Charles A. Kraiger	2/12
Harold J. Guidry	2/13
David G Miller	2/13
Gerald L Broyles	2/14
Richard J. Parkington	2/15
Christopher I. Callen	2/16
Jose A. Trujillo	2/20
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

		Years Married
Terrence & Frances Hannam	2/13	45
Ronald & Lorie Thornton	2/17	29

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications from members only. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the life of the member's minor children. This right must be exercised within one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they have adequate insurance protection.

I have no greater responsibility.

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

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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Outside Guard	Stephen Davis	591-5694
Outside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
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1yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911

Program Directors

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Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
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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

The Supreme Website

Has it been a while since you visited the Supreme Council's website? If so, you're missing out on some great news and info. Here are a few news items from the site www.kofc.org:

[Two Knights of Columbus Beatified in Mexico](#)

Two members of the Knights of Columbus were beatified on Nov. 20. Father José Trinidad Rangel Montaña, left photo, a Mexican diocesan priest from Leon, and Father Andrés Solá Molist, a Spanish Claretian missionary, were among 13 martyrs beatified at a Mass in Guadalajara, Mexico. For more details, visit the Supreme Council's website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=39670>



[Knights Launch Polish-Language Web Page](#)

As the Knights of Columbus prepares to establish its first European councils in Poland, the Order has unveiled a special section of its Web site in the Polish language. It's located at www.kofc.org/polski and can also be viewed using the "Polski" language selector at the top of each page of the Supreme Council's website. For more details, visit the Supreme Council's website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=41065>

A Note On Paying Dues

Are you one of the guys who never remembers to pay his dues until sometime in March? Have you let your dues lapse for a year (or even two)? If so, this is your reminder to get that check to the Financial Secretary ASAP. If you're not sure how much you owe, give Al a call at (703) 278-0379.

And for those of you smugly reading this because you drop off your dues check at the Council's New Year's Eve party each year, have you made sure that all of the folks you've recruited are still active and up to date on their dues? Haven't seen that buddy of yours in a few months? Give him a call today and find out why he hasn't been to a meeting in a while. He just might need a gentle nudge to get active and reap the benefits of an organization as great as the KofC.

Remember, retention is EVERYONE'S responsibility.



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Dates to Remember in February

Feb 1	Ladies' Night Out - Bunco	Feb 15	4th Degree Rosary/Business Meeting
Feb 2	Council Audit	Feb 18	Adopt-A-Spot
Feb 5	Scout Sunday Breakfast	Feb 18	District Free Throw Championship
Feb 7	Officer's Meeting	Feb 19	Family Breakfast
Feb 11	Rosary at Abortion Facility	Feb 21	Grey GOSTS
Feb 11	St. Valentine's Dance	Feb 21	Columbiettes Soup Supper
Feb 11 & 12	Food Drive	Feb 25 & 26	Food Drive
Feb 12	Blood Drive	Feb 26	Donuts & Coffee
Feb 12	Corporate Communion	Feb 28	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb 13	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Feb 28	Rosary/Business Meeting/1 st Degree
Feb 14	Rosary/Business Meeting		



FATHER DIAMOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKET

Information:

1. Father Diamond Council #6292 of the Knights of Columbus will offer a \$500 four-year scholarship.
2. To be eligible, the student must:
 - a. Be Catholic.
 - b. Be an Eighth Grader who will enter High School as a freshman in Sep '06.
 - c. Be planning to attend a Catholic High School in the Arlington or Washington D.C. Diocese.
 - d. Be one of the following:
 - 1) Child, grandchild or dependent of a member of Council #6292 of the Knights of Columbus.
 - 2) Child of a registered parishioner of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.
 - 3) A student at St. Leo the Great Catholic School.
3. The following items must accompany the completed application:
 - a. Complete school grades from 7th grade and first semester of 8th grade.
 - b. Grades from Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) are applicable.
 - c. Two letters of recommendation, one page in length from non-parents.
 - d. One page essay preferably typed. The topic of the essay is “Why would you like to pursue a Catholic High School education.” “What impact do you believe this education will have on your future?”
 - e. Sections II & III of the application should be completed using a “bullet’ format i.e.
 - Member of the Science Club for two years.
 - Played tuba in School Band for three years.
 - Elected President of computer club.
 - Earned a Brown Belt in karate.
 - Achieved Life Scout in the Boy Scouts.



Information (Continued):

4. Completed applications are due February 17, 2006 to Mr. Tim Tilson at 3208 Traveler St. Fairfax VA 22030 (703-273-9436)/email at HMSLYDIA@msn.com, or may be dropped off at the St. Leo's rectory.
5. A five-member board consisting of members of Council #6292 will evaluate applications. Each applicant will be evaluated in the following areas:

Extracurricular School Activities	30 pts
Extracurricular Civic/Religious/Athletic Activities	30 pts
Academics	30 pts
Letters of Recommendation	5 pts
Essay	5 pts

Each member of the board may award up to the number of points indicated in each category to each applicant. Each applicant's score will be then averaged and compiled. The applicant with the highest score will be awarded the scholarship.

6. Winners will be notified in mid-April.
7. To retain the scholarship, the student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) and be recommended by his/her school.



FATHER DIAMOND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Biographical Information:

a. _____
Applicant's name: last, first, middle

b. _____

Permanent Home address

c. _____
Home phone number

d. _____
Father, stepfather, legal guardian: last, first, middle

e. _____
Mother, step mother, legal guardian: last, first middle

f. _____
School you will attend



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(Last name, First Name, MI)

II. Extracurricular School Activities:

Describe your participation in school related extra curricular activities such as bands, chorus, sports teams etc. Include any awards won as a group or individual. Include any office held.

III. Extracurricular Civic/Religious or Athletic Activities

Describe your participation in non-school related activities such as Scouts, CYO, or Recreation league sports. Also include any individual extra curricular activities such as karate, instrument/dance lessons etc. Include any awards won as a group or individual. Include any offices held.



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(Last name, First, MI)

IV. Obligations

I understand that:

- a. This scholarship may be used to attend a Catholic secondary school in the diocese of Arlington or Washington D.C.
- b. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500 for a four-year period commencing upon award.
- c. To retain this scholarship, I must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 on a scale of A=4.0 and be recommended by my school.
- d. I will provide my grades annually to the Scholarship Administrator upon request.

Applicant Signature

Date



February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	2	3	4 GMU/JMU Game
5 Blood Drive Scout Sunday Breakfast	6 VS #6	7 1930 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 1800 Valentines Day Dance
12 Food Drive 0900 Corporate Communion	13 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #7	14 St Valentine's Day 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	15 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	16	17	18 1000 Adopt A Spot 1300 District Free Throw Champ
19 Family Breakfast - Gold Team	20 President's Day VS #8	21 1100 Gray GOSTS 1900 Columbiettes Soup Supper	22	23	24	25 Food Drive
26 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	27 VS #9	28 1700 Pancake Supper 1930 Mass/Business Mtg				

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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>
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4 State Quarterly Meeting
5 Blood Drive Scout Sunday Breakfast	6 VS #10	7 1930 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
12 Food Drive	13 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #GG	14 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	15 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 1800 St. Patrick's Party	18
19 Family Breakfast - Blue Team	20 VS #1	21 1100 Gray GOSTS	22	23 1930 Admissions Committee	24	25 Food Drive 1800 Night of Magic
26 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	27 VS #2	28 1930 Mass/Business Mtg/ 1 st Degree	29 Founder's Day	30 2000 2 nd Degree	31 1800 Lenten Fish Dinner	

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