

The Lookout

February 2007



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



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

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Grand Knight's Message:

Brother Knights,

I want to use this much of this month's GK message to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who helped out with the State Council's Mid-Year Meeting that Father Diamond Council hosted at St. Leo's on Saturday, January 13th. We needed quite a bit of help from our membership and (as usual) folks banded together and we had a fine turnout. As noted (through council e-mail) the meeting went quite well and I think that Cy Alba, our Worthy State Deputy, and all in attendance were very pleased with the arrangements that were made by Father Diamond Council. I wish to thank the those Knights who worked tirelessly – shopping and cooking beforehand, on Friday night with PAC set up and on Saturday with food setup, cooking, serving and cleanup.

The Gray Gosts did what they always do – worked behind the scenes as well as at the event itself – and made the council and the current Grand Knight (in this fortunate case, me) look good. The fact is that I am often only as good as these guys make me look – they are the pillars that support our council and we could not get by without them (in many ways).

I would also like to recognize the exceptional work done by Ann Todd in organizing the Ladies of Virginia (LOV) meeting and the outstanding efforts of Deputy Grand Knight Bill Weich. Bill has proved to be a real rock for me this year and I appreciate all the logistics he had to work on and coordinate for this meeting to go well.

The Mass beforehand – in honor of our recently deceased Worthy State Advocate Kevin Hayes – was very well attended and our council Chaplain Father Cozzi performed the ceremony. At the meeting Father Kelly addressed the assembled Knights and was extremely complimentary of the Knights and all our council does for the parish.

Our Knight of the Month for December is Brother Knight and IPGK (Immediate Past Grand Knight) David Miller. Dave was the man in charge of our Christmas Tree Sales this year (his first in the position) and I wish to commend him on the excellent effort and hard work he put into this. Dave was also omnipresent at the aforementioned state meeting – opening up the PAC and assisting with all the different activities in the kitchen as well. He gave up his weekend and leapt in to help where needed. Dave is a great example to our council and I count him as a role model for the job I am trying to accomplish this year. Thanks for everything Dave!

The Family of the Month is that of Brother Ben Schaefer. Ben and Dorothy do so much for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Food Collections after Masses as well as the coordination the work done on all three of our Food Basket projects – 2 down and 1 more to go for Easter! Thanks to Ben and Dorothy for all they do as well.

Looking ahead: A new event for this year is the **Knights of Columbus 5K Blue Ribbon Run and 1-Mile Family Fun Run** on May 5th – this event will be announced (go “live”) on February 1st. The website address for the page is: <http://6292.kofcva.org/5K/2007KofC5K.htm> – I would ask all brother Knights to check this event out. It should be a really fun event and I am hoping that many of you and your families will take part (you can register online or by mail) – if you think can't run 5K – I am sure you can try the 1-Mile Family Fun Run. I will also need help with running the event as well. Please contact me if you would be willing to help. We are also looking for sponsorships from businesses and private donors (please contact me if you are interested – billyjoe@cox.net or (703) 273-6289. The proceeds will be split between the St. Leo's PTO and the Knights.

Fraternally,
Bill Ward

Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292 February 2007

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Chancellor's Message:

We are a little over halfway through the fraternal year and still have some work to do in recruiting. I want to thank everyone who has given me names and numbers of prospective members. Let's keep the information and prospective members coming. Recruiting is not just one person's responsibility, it is the whole councils.

The next 1st degree hosted by Fr. Diamond Council will be on Tuesday March 27th with a 2nd degree two days later on Thursday March 29th. Let's start getting that co-worker, friend, parent on child's athletic team, etc. ready to join the Knight in March.

Remember it never hurts to ask someone if they are interested in joining the Knights. Most people will never seek out the Knights but are receptive if someone asks.

If you have any thoughts about new ways to recruit or retain members, I welcome your input. Please do not hesitate to let me know.

Fraternally,

Steve Kehoe
Chancellor



Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month December 2006



Family of the Month December 2006



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 Cotner at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

News & Events

Project Moses

Ten Commandment and Beatitude plaques will continue to be available for \$20.00 each. These make excellent Valentine and birthday gifts. Please contact David Todd 703-352-2724 for more information

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

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 (at Route 123 and Eaton Place across from the Best Western. This month the date is Saturday, February 10th. 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.

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy 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 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 or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details. This is a great family event. Please try to make time to help with this most worthy, and fulfilling, endeavor.

Saint Valentine's Dance

The Council's annual St. Valentine's Dance will be held on Saturday, February 10th starting at 6:00pm. Please contact Tim Hogan at (703) 352-1292 or tim1hogan@yahoo.com for more information and to RSVP.

Scout Sunday Breakfast

On Sunday, February 4th, we will be hosting our annual Scout Sunday Breakfast. This is an event that doesn't require a huge time commitment, but definitely benefits by having more hands to help out. Come by the Parish Activity Center on Sunday morning to help out. It's a great way to do something worthwhile before sitting down for the Super Bowl.

District Free Throw Contest

The District Free Throw Contest will be on Saturday, February 17th at 9:30am. Contact Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824 if you can help out.

March for Life

Our collection effort during the Right to Life March on Monday, January 22nd was a huge success because of the nice turnout of 25 Brother Knights and 3 spouses to help. The collection netted a record \$25,890 and a \$50 Canadian Dollar. This was the 14th year that we have been collecting; this income exceeded the previous largest total by about \$1,000 which was in 2002. The effort was headed up by Mike Plumstead. The collectors beside Mike and his wife Li were, Bob Eckert, Bob Bilko, Jim Caputo, Allen Dobey, Frank Bohan, George Schuld, Gerry and Elaine Pepin, Allan Botticelli, Tom Gross, Larry Gottschalk, Tim Tilson, Dick Powers, Dennis Makurat, Dan Purtill, Jack Cotner, Tim Hogan, Dennis Riley and Sam Stafford. Greg Skorupski who again this year drove Nellie Gray, the President on the March for Life, from the March to the Supreme Court Building and Tom Hogan who is involved with the Virginia Knights of Columbus effort supporting the March. Also thanks to Mary Lou Gross, Ben Schaefer and Carlos Jaramillo who came after the March to help Hank Urban and a lot of the Collectors to count the monies. A huge thanks to all who participated in this most successful effort to collect and count the monies which goes to help pay for this annual Right to Life March, a job well done.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 5:00pm. Come by the Hall before hand to help set up, afterwards to help clean up, or during to help serve. If you can't come to work, at least come by to enjoy some great pancakes.

Adopt-A-Spot

Our Council cleans the road in front of St. Leo's up to Fairfax High School. This is not a difficult task, and usually takes only an hour, but we could use some help and would love to see some new faces out there. This quarter we will be cleaning the street on Saturday, February 17th starting at 10:00am. Please come by and help out for an hour. This is a great way to get started if you're not sure how to help out around the Council.

February Anniversaries

February Birthdays

Francis H Kelly	2/1
Lorne P Lenhardt	2/1
William S Smullen	2/1
Jason V Torres	2/1
Kenneth A Dehart	2/2
John A Cerny	2/2
Thomas W Furlong	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
Donald M Johnson	2/14
Richard J Parkington	2/15
Brian R Johnson	2/16
Christopher J Callen	2/16
Jack A Torre	2/18
Jose A Trujillo	2/20
Robert J Mc Mahon	2/22
Frank G Palladino	2/24
Keith M O Hare	2/25
Theodore F Ku	2/26
Raul E Rojas	2/27
Tim P Murray	2/27



February Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

Terrence & Frances Hannam	2/13/1960	47
Ronald & Lorie Thornton	2/17/1976	31

Editor's Note

Have you noticed an error in your birthday, anniversary, or other personal information? If so, contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Al Botticelli at apbott@cox.net and he'll be sure to get your information corrected.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor

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

Knights of Columbus 5K Blue Ribbon Run and 1-Mile Family Fun Run

In conjunction with the St. Leo the Great PTO



- Start/Finish:** At Van Dyck Park Pavilion, between St. Leo the Great Elementary School and Fairfax City Police Station on Old Lee Highway (see website for directions)
- Course:** USATF Certified 5K Course (VA00013RT) and Marked 1-Mile Fun Run
- Early Packet Pickup:** Thursday, May 3, 2007: 4:00-8:00 PM at **Providence Hall:** 3702 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA (behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church); (703) 385-8007 **AND** Friday, May 4, 2007: 4:00-8:00 PM at **Metro Run & Walk:** 7516 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA; 703-790-3338
- Race Day Pickup:** 6:30-7:30 AM at Van Dyck Park
- 5K Race Awards:**
- ▶ Top 3 males and females overall
 - ▶ Top 3 males and females in age groups (5-year increments). See website for age breakouts.
 - ▶ Plus General Door-Prize Drawings after race.
- 1M Race Awards:** ▶ Ribbons to the top 5 family fun runners (for those under 16)
- Entry Fees:** \$18 by 04/27; \$20 after 04/27; \$25 on Race Day; \$10 Students 12th grade and lower
Cool T-Shirts for the first 250 entrants (possibly more depending on final registration numbers)
- Pasta Night:** Pre-race dinner on Friday, May 4; 6-8 PM at Providence Hall
\$10 per person or \$30 per family

Pasta Dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus Clip and use registration form below or register online at: <http://6292.kofcva.org/5K/2007KofC5K.htm>

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I WILL attend the Pasta Night on Friday, May 4th \$10 per person or \$30 per family 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM * P ay separately the night of the dinner	Race is 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 5, 2007 Entry Fee: \$18 by 04/27; \$20 after 04/27; \$25 Race Day; \$10 Students 12th grade and lower Race day registration: Saturday May 5, 2007 6:30 to 7:30 AM Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Mail to: Knights of Columbus 5K, PO Box 431, Fairfax, VA 22038-0431
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Please Check One: 5K Race 1Mile Fun Run Racer's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Sex: M or F (circle) E-Mail: _____ Age on Race Day: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

KofC Member St. Leo Parent St. Leo Faculty/Staff St. Leo Student Other T-Shirt Size: **SM**

LXL

Liability Waiver must be signed prior to entering race.

I know that running can be a potentially hazardous activity. Before engaging in any physical activity of this nature, I know I should consult with my physician. I should not enter and run in the race unless I am physically able and trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official. I assume all risks associated with running, including but not limited to falls, weather conditions, contact with other participants, the effects of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, St. Leo the Great Elementary School and PTO, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Father Diamond Council #6292 of the Knights of Columbus, Metro Run and Walk, USATF, the City of Fairfax, active.com plus all event partners, sponsors and volunteers, their employees, agents, representatives and successors (collectively "the Sponsors"), from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of or relating to my participation in this race on the part of the Sponsors and I agree to limit any claim to the insured limits of the Sponsors. I grant permission to any of the foregoing to use any photograph, motion picture, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose without compensating me. I am the parent/legal guardian of the participant and by my signature, agree to be bound by and responsible for all provisions of this liability/waiver, on behalf of ourselves, the participant and the successors, representatives, heirs, executors, assigns, and transferees of ourselves and the participant. I consent to the participant's execution of this liability/waiver and participation in the activities described.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT / A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!



Please bring your sweetheart to

*St. Leo the Great **Valentine's Dance** on February 10th
in the gym of the school.*

Time: 6:15 pm-11:00 pm

Cost is \$12.50 per person, which includes one beverage ticket.

*The Knight's will provide roast beef, ham and potatoes. Also,
soda, wine and beer*

*Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, dessert or
side dish to share with friends, parishioners
and family.*

*Impulse DJ with sound and lighting effect will
provide your favorite love songs to dance to.*

*Contact **Tim Hogan @ 703-385-1292**
or timlhogan@yahoo.com to
make your reservation.*

*Additional beverages available for \$2.00 beer and wine, \$1.00 soda
Basket of cheer to be raffled*



Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Ward		273-6289
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi		273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Weich	301	527-1207
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Lecturer	Greg Skorupski		978-8280
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2yr Trustee	Greg Hartley		352-2797
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Youth	Bob Bilko		359-6824
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Committee Chairmen

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Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Tom Kelley		385-2819
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd		352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy		425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb		591-7739
Christmas Trees	Dave Miller		517-3430
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	Dave Todd		352-2724
KOVAR	Tim Cooke		766-2911
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

Columbiettes Corner

The Columbiettes will not have a meeting in February, due to Shrove Tuesday. Please come enjoy the Pancakes prepared by the Knights.

Mark your calendars - March 21 will be the Lenten Soup Supper.

Remember, all wives of Knights are automatically Coumbiettes, so encourage your wife to get involved. Does she have an idea for a service project, or a social event, but doesn't know how to get started? Have her contact us and we'll see what we can do!

If you have any questions about the Columbiettes, contact Ann Todd 703-352-2724

Thanks.
Ann Todd





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Dates to Remember in February

Feb 1	Council Audit	Feb 17	Adopt-A-Spot
Feb 4	Scout Sunday Breakfast	Feb 18	Family Breakfast – Blue Team
Feb 6	Officer's Meeting	Feb 18	Corporate Communion
Feb 10&11	Food Drive	Feb 19	President's Day
Feb 10	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	Feb 20	Grey GOSTS
Feb 10	St. Valentine's Day Dance	Feb 20	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb 11	Blood Drive	Feb 21	Ash Wednesday
Feb 12	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Feb 21	4 th Degree Rosary/Meeting
Feb 13	Rosary/Business Meeting	Feb 24&25	Food Drive
Feb 14	St. Valentine's Day	Feb 25	Coffee & Donuts
Feb 17	District Free Throw Contest	Feb 27	Mass/Business Meeting

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 1900 Council Audit	2	3
4 Scout Breakfast	5 VS #2	6 1930 Officer's Meeting	7	8	9	10 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 1800 Valentine Dance Food Drive
11 Blood Drive Food Drive	12 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #3	13 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 0930 District Free Throw Contest 1000 Adopt A Spot
18 FamilyBfast -Gold Team 1100 Corporate Communion	19 President's Day VS #4	20 1100 Grey GOSTS 1700 Pancake Supper	21 Ash Wednesday 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	22	23	24 Food Drive
25 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	26 VS #5	27 1930 Mass/Business Meeting	28			

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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	2	3 State Quarterly Meeting
4	5 VS #6	6 1930 Officer's Meeting	7	8	9	10 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
11	12 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #7	13 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting	14	15	16	17 1800 St. Patrick's Day Party
18 FamilyBfast -Blue Team	19 VS #8	20 1100 Grey GOSTS 1900 Columbiette's Soup Supper	21 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	22	23	24 1800 Night of Magic
25 1145 Donuts & Coffee	26 VS #9	27 1930 Mass/Business Meeting/1 st Degree	28	29 2000 Second Degree	30 1800 Lenten Fish Dinner Food Transfer	31 Food Basket Assembly & Delivery

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