

# The Lookout



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February 2012

## Grand Knight's Message:



### Brother Knights and family members,

I hope you and your families had a pleasant Christmas and that you are looking forward to a New Year filled with blessings and good health. As we enter into the month of February we can look back at a January filled with activities. Our most significant event was our participation in the **March for Life** on January 23rd with a very large number of collectors, including students from Paul VI High School, and **successful collection of over \$22,000** to help Ms. Nellie Gray continue her long and arduous fight to overturn Roe v. Wade. Our Quarterly Communion Mass was held on January 22nd. The Council's Annual Degree Week was held with exemplifications of the First, Second and Third Degrees with participation by a number of other area Councils.

"DECISIONS AFTER DEATH" - What decisions need to be made upon death? What documents will be needed, and where are they? Plan to help your next of kin by making decisions without waiting until their time of distress. All are welcome to an evening of thought provoking information on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 8:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus Providence Hall. This will be an open/social meeting with wives and potential members invited.

The Council has entered into the All Saint's Car Raffle in a big way. With Father White-stone's blessing, we are sending Raffle Tickets to all St. Leo's Parish Families as well as to all Father Diamond Council members attending parishes other than St. Leo's. The project means a significant amount of effort on the members involved but we expect that our re-

turn will give us a significant charity budget increase. I ask that each member consider purchasing as many of the tickets you have received to make this a big success. Remember the first principal of the order is charity and both councils involved want to make more funding available to meet the increased needs of the less fortunate in our community. Believe me the Lord will grant you more in return than you expect.

**Upcoming Event: Diocese of Arlington 2012 Men's Conference.** On Saturday, March 3rd, the third annual Arlington Diocese Men's Conference will take place at St. Joseph's Church, 950 Peachtree Street in Herndon. At this year's conference, participants will be inspired by great Catholic speakers, reflect on evangelization and apologetics in their own lives and the world at large, and gather together with their brothers in Christ. Confirmed speakers are: Dr. Paul Thigpen, former Evangelical pastor and best-selling author; Msgr. Stuart Swetland, S.T.D., Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics, Mount St. Mary's University; and Rev. William Saunders, pastor of Our Lady of Hope and Professor of Theology. The conference program begins at 9 am, and will close with Mass by Bishop Paul Loverde at 2:30 pm. For more information and to register, go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men). You can also contact Brother Knight Tom Gross at 703-273-0631, or Juan Velasquez at 703-624-7783.

The Council Valentine Dinner Dance will be held on February 18th at Providence Hall. More information is available elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please remember to pray for our deceased Brother Knights and their family members. Fraternally,  
Greg Skorupski  
Grand Knight

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### *Deputy Grand Knight's Report:*



Brothers,  
Welcome to all of our new Brothers who joined the Council in January. As you will see, with the New Year in full swing, we are in the midst of yet another busy time for the Council.

The Council's St. Valentine's Day party will be held on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1800. This year, we will be celebrating in the Hall. This is a lot of fun and is an economical night out with your valentine, at a cost of only \$12.50 per person. Please RSVP to Brother Tim Hogan at [timlhogan@yahoo.com](mailto:timlhogan@yahoo.com), 703-926-4347, or 703-385-1292.

Of course, this month marks the beginning of Lent on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 1700 in the Hall. Come early and help cook for your brothers and members of the Parish.

Our second meeting of the month on the 28<sup>th</sup> is an open meeting. We will have a guest speaker providing information on decisions to be made when a loved one passes away. This meeting is open to spouses, girlfriends, friends, etc., so please be sure to invite those you care about to discuss these important decisions we all should make before moving on to our reward.

With a little news from the Assembly, the Color Corps certification will be held in the Hall on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 0900.

As usual, we also will be holding our regular monthly events, such as the Rosary at the abortion facility on the 11<sup>th</sup>; Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Center on the 13<sup>th</sup>; and our Council Business Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> (remember, the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> is an open meeting, so if you have business to conduct, make sure you attend the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>!) We will also be conducting an Open House after the Masses

on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; it's important that we have a good showing from the membership, so stop by for a few minutes after Mass to talk to the men who show an interest in joining the Council. Recruit those new members and contact our Chancellor Matt West at (703) 359-4652 for more information.

As you can see, we have plenty to do. This is the perfect time to become more involved, especially for you new Brothers. Things will continue to get busier as we move into the Spring, with St. Patrick's and Easter next month and KOVAR in April, so rest up and get ready!

Vivat Jesus!



### *Columbiettes' Corner*

At our January Meeting a number of items were discussed. Topics included were our Annual Soup Supper scheduled for March 20, the scheduling of our February meeting (the usual date is in direct conflict with the Knight Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper), and we also discussed our commitment to assist with the LOV State Meeting Luncheon on Saturday, March 10.

The February meeting has been scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, February 29 at 7:30 PM in Providence Hall.**

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meetings and our events, please contact Linda Baringhaus at **703-385-9455** or [Email lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).

## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, February 13** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824** to volunteer.



### Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, February 11** at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.



### Big Screen TV Move —An Uplifting Event

Under the leadership and through the craftsmanship of brother John Cesarini and several other knights the big screen TV in the hall has been elevated to a more comfortable viewing position. The effort involved a bit of sheet rock cutting and repair, some support construction and patch-up/paint-up efforts. We knew this had to be done last year but we had to wait for the football season to be over for the Redskins. Fortunately the season was over early this year (sorry Redskin's fans). The move was actually accomplished in time to comfortably watch the post season games.



### Ladies, Save the Date -

**2012 Women's Conference on Holiness and Interior Healing to be Led by Renowned Speaker and Popular Author, Dr. Ralph Martin.**

Ladies, steal some time away with the Lord this Lent at the annual Diocesan women's conference on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ralph Martin, President of Renewal Ministry who was recently appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Council on Evangelization will lead each of the talks centering on "Holiness and Interior Healing". The conference will be held at St. Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield from 8:45 am to 2:30 pm. For more details on how to register go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women). The

conference is co-hosted by the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Office for Family Life.

### John Judge Retiring—Mike Purtill Stepping Up as Hall Coordinator (with help)

After more years than I can remember, John Judge is stepping down as the Hall Manager. His shoes and chair cushion will be hard to fill. For a couple of months we have been floundering without John's able services with many of his duties being assumed by the Grand Knight, the Financial Secretary (and his sons), and a host of others. In order to bring some order to the chaos, Mike Purtill has agreed to be the focal point for Hall Reservations. If you want to reserve the hall or know of anyone wanting to use the hall, please have them contact Mike Purtill at [mpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mpurtill@gmail.com) or call him at **202-251-8424**

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### January Fraternalism Night -

It was reported that 8 guys got together Friday, January 20 for a charity oriented Texas Hold-em game. Approximately \$30 was raised for charity. Everyone had a good time. The event even drew John Judge's participation. John was always ready to get a "game" started after meetings. That event hasn't happened in a long time so this fraternalism night was most attractive to him.

### Newsletter/Bulletin Box Editor(s) Needed

Herb Zimmerman has been assigned to a new job that will require his travel out of town to Long Island for the next two years. As Newsletter Editor he also provides the Parish Office with the Bulletin box information. We need one or two guys to step forward and help get the Newsletter out once a month and to provide the Parish with Bulletin Box information once a month. Herb is willing to work with anyone interested. Call herb at **703-623-7180** or email to [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com)



Enjoy the little things,  
For one day you may  
Look back and realize  
That they were  
The big things.  
-Robert Brault

## Knights and Knight Families Honored



### **Knight of the Month**

**January**

**John "Jack" Cotner**

For his hard work at the March for Life PGK John "Jack" Cotner is our Knight of the Month for January. Jack stood on his ladder and reminded the marchers of the need to get out their donations to his Brother Knights who were a short distance away with their collection buckets. Jack is now most of way back from his heart surgery and is keeping in shape at a local gym. He is always ready to do his part. His assistance at the Thanksgiving and Christmas Feed the Homeless programs was most welcome by Thelma and George Billy as well as his Brother Knights.

### **Family of the Month**

**January**

**Matt & Ruth West**

The family of the month for January is our Worthy Chancellor Matt West and his wife, Ruth and their children. Matt gets his entire family involved in his quest for members for Father Diamond Council. In addition to the Open House weekend scheduled by the State Council he recently held one at the Family Breakfast and at the Masses after the breakfast was over. The West family is a perfect example of togetherness that is a credit to them and the Knights of Columbus.



**Save the Date**  
**St Patrick's Party**  
**March 17, 2012**

Masses in Honor of  
**Hank Urban**  
Thursday, February 2, 2012 @ 9 AM  
Tuesday, February 7, 2012 @ 9 AM  
Friday, February 17, 2012 @ 9 AM  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 @ 7:30 PM

## Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

### **How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?**



**Safeway sells gift cards for many stores** (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win - Win**



**Bring Your Sweetheart to this Year's  
Knight's of Columbus/St. Leo's Parish Valentine's Dance  
Saturday, February 18**

**Where:**

K of C/Providence Hall

**Time:**

Doors open at 6:00PM

Appetizers until 7:00PM

Dinner from 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Dessert and Dancing from 8:00PM – 11:00PM

**Please Bring (Letter by Last Name):****A-G:** an appetizer to share**H-N:** a side dish to share**O-Z:** a dessert to share

The Knights' will provide a dinner of ham, roast beef, and au gratin potatoes as well as soda, beer and wine

There will be a DJ and lots of music for dancing

**Entrance costs \$12.50 per person (includes one drink ticket)**

**Additional beer and wine may be purchased for \$2.00 each, soda for \$1.00 each**

**RSVP: Tim Hogan at [tim1hogan@yahoo.com](mailto:tim1hogan@yahoo.com)**

**or 703-926-4347 or 703-385-1292**

### Different life stages, changing needs

You may have a long-range expense for which you are saving, such as college for your children. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may want to protect your ability to earn a living. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers.

### *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care, disability income insurance and guaranteed retirement products that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help. Contact me today to learn more.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent



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5	6	7 1930 Officers' Meeting	8	9	10 <a href="#">St. Leo's School Gala</a>	11 <a href="#">0800 Rosary to end Abortion</a> Food Drive
12 Food Drive	13 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	14 1930 Rosary2000 Business Meeting	15 <a href="#">1930 Malloy Assembly</a>	16	17	18 1800 Valentine's Dance
19 Family Breakfast - Gold Team	20	21 1100 Grey GOSTS 1700 Pancake Supper	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25 Food Drive Open House <a href="#">Color Corps Certification</a>
26 Food Drive Open House	27	28 1930 Mass2000 Open Mtg - Frat Benefits	29 1930 Columbiettes			

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18 Family Breakfast - Blue Team	19	20	21 <a href="#">1930 Malloy Assembly</a>	22 1930 Admissions Committee	23	24 Food Drive
25 Palm SundayFood Drive	26	27 1930 Mass2000 Business MeetingFirst Degree	28	29 Founder's Day	30	31 1000 Easter Basket Delivery

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

### Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chaplain	Fr. Robert Wagner	703-273-5369
Dpty Grand Knight	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Chancellor	Matt West	703-359-4652
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Carlos Jaramillo	703-385-0064
Advocate	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Warden	Jeff Stevens	703-868-5333
Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955
Outside Guard	Patrick Kiechlin	703-978-4028
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499

3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
2yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
1yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813

### Program Directors

Programs	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Church	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	TBD	
Family	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Youth	Bill Weich	301-527-1207

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	Matt West	703-359-4652
Retention	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Vocations	Matt West	703-359-4652

Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mile Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits Insurance	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Car Raffle	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



### Those Kids.....

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

### Pondering Questions

**Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?**

**If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?**

**Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?**

### A DC 'airport ticket agent' offers some examples of why the US is in so much trouble!

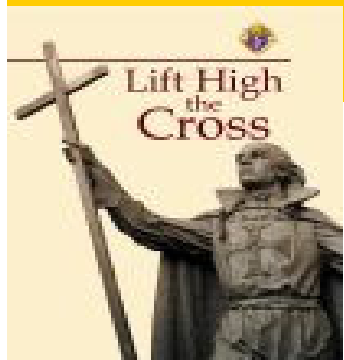
An aide for a cabinet member once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. I pulled up the reservation and noticed he had only a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time." (Aghhhh)

An Illinois Congresswoman called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m., and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m. I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

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