FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL #6292



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The month of January came and exited so fast that I did not even blink my eyes and it was gone. The month was very cold but the Knights stayed warm and very active starting with the new season of our bowling league. The

Dear Brother Knights,

good news is they are still looking for bowlers to participate. On January 10 many Knights joined other St. Leo volunteers at a wonderful reception sponsored by Fr. Whitestone at the gym. Thank you Fr. Whitestone for including us. The Knights are eager to help the parish and the priests in any way we can.

We continue to stay busy. Trustees finished the semi-annual Audit. Thanks to the accurate record keeping of our FS, David Todd and Treasurer, Tom Gross the audit went well. We held our monthly Parish Family Breakfast, played bingo with the senior citizens at Fairfax Nursing home, prayed the rosary outside the church for the ending of abortion, and held a 1st degree, 2nd degree and 3rd degree here at Father Diamond Council. Thanks to our Chancellor, Vince Wilson all three events went off well. Special thanks to David Todd, Jr for coordinating the efforts of the 3rd degree.

On January 22nd our true spirit was demonstrated when the Knights of Fr. Diamond Council 6292 participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Over 30 Knights, families and friends went to the March and collected nearly \$25,000 to continue the MFL efforts. Afterwards many other Knights, wives and friends counted the funds collected during the March. I want to especially thank Brother Knight Mike Plumstead for his hard work scheduling the bus and recruiting people to participate. Also thank you to Gerry Pepin for developing a work plan and setting up the Hall to make it easy to efficiently count the money collected.

As we exit the month, keep the Brother Knights who are sick in your daily prayers.

Vivat Jesus, Patrick McGuire, Grand Knight

Chancellor's Message

Please help me in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of our council, Charles (Chuck) Stimley (1st & 2nd Degrees), Rene Gutierrez (1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees), Sipa Sikaulu (1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees), and TJ Paratore (1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees). Other Knights who have moved ahead in their degrees are David Mancini (2nd & 3rd degrees), Frank Cuccias (2nd Degree), and John Weinheimer (3rd degree).

Our extended Membership Blitz has resulted in six new members over the past few months. Let's keep this great momentum going. Consider reaching out to that fellow Catholic you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks and invite him to come see what we're all about. There are tri-folds in the council hall listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Feel free to pick some up next time you're at the hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this effort.

Vivat Jesus! Vince Wilson 713-576-4755



January, 2015

January's Knight of the Month is one of our venerable members of the council who isn't often at our Tuesday night

meetings but is always involved with the council. He is a member of Gray Gosts and is at the hall every weekday afternoon and on Saturday mornings. This brother knight is one of a small cadre of Knights who take it upon themselves to be sure the Council hall is maintained and are always fixing one thing or another. Besides being our resident electrical engineer, this brother took on the responsibility of making sure the Christmas crèche was erected and properly electrified. He led the efforts to make sure it was disassembled and put away. His latest project was to design, plan and supervise the counting of the collections from the March for Life. The hall was set up in a super-efficient design, everyone had their assignments and the count went off very quickly and nearly to perfection (less than 1% error in the count of ~\$25,000 in bills and coins). We are proud to honor Brother Gerry Pepin as Knight of the Month for January.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

As Grand Knight Pat McGuire has already said, January was a wild and fun kickoff for 2015. We, as Knights of Council #6292 can be very proud of what we do for our Parish, St Leo the Great, for our school, and for our community. We can look forward to many more activities throughout the rest of the year that will bring us closer together.

This past Saturday we held a Third Degree exemplification here at St. Leo's. You will read later in this newsletter about how many of your brother Knights were here that day working hard to make it a success. I am very pleased to see that five of our brothers attended that degree ceremony and two others are planning to make their Third degree next weekend.

The Third Degree is the point at which our brothers attain full membership in the order. The primary lesson of the Third Degree is Fraternalism. It is the most important lesson of the Knights of Columbus. Father McGivney founded the Knights primarily to join Catholic men in his parish together, through the bond of fraternalism, to help and support one another and their families in times of need and grief. We were formed as an order to be there for one another. We perform acts of Charity (1st degree) united together (2nd degree) as a dynamic team and powerful force within the parish and the Fairfax community. And we are bound in fraternalism, as brother Knights to be there for one another. Our brother Knights are everywhere, in our parish, in the diocese and throughout the country and the world. We support one another through participation in the Fraternal Insurance program, and by helping one another in the council.

Bishop Loverde, a brother Knight, and also the State of Virginia Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus has given us another way that we can reach out and support catholic families in need. As you are aware the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is about to begin. Our Pastor, Fr. Whitestone (also a brother Knight) has asked everyone to deeply consider how they can participate in the BLA. In the spirit of fraternalism, we need to support our brother Knights by supporting the BLA.

Another way we help one another is that we sponsor scholarships. Tim Tilson has already posted the 2015 Fr. Diamond Council Scholarship forms to our website (<u>http://</u><u>www.6292.kofc.com/</u>). If you know someone with kids in 8th grade who would like a scholarship to a Catholic HS, reach out to them and let them know about these scholarships. The State of Virginia also offers college scholarships to children of Knights and also to Knights and their widows. The Fr. Bader Scholarship Program is accepting applications right now (see Page 4).

We are also very interested in recognizing the Outstanding Young Men and Young Women in our community. See page 4 for a description of these awards and help us recognize the outstanding youth in our community.

Vivat Jesus, Herb Zimmerman, DGK

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Happy February

Dear Ladies,

We have so many exciting events this spring and we need your help to pull them off! Join us on Friday, February 13 at 7:00 pm for a Painting Party. One of our members, Ana Cerezo, will be helping us discover the artist within us! For \$30, she will supply the materials and knowledge so you can make your own painting. Student artists will be limited to the first 16 people. However, for a \$10 spectator fee, you can join in the fun! Watch the students, join the discussion about art, and enjoy the wine, cheese and desserts that will be provided. Come by yourself, bring your spouse, or bring a friend. It's time to get creative! Sign up at <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/</u>

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There is still time to support one of our own, Wendy Kehoe. In celebration of her birthday, she is fundraising for a terrific cause, the Special Olympics. In return for donating, she has promised to do a 5K and the Polar Plunge in February. Go to <u>https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=2643879#</u> for more information.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. We are planning the March 16th Soup Supper, the Spring Fling, and the annual Memorial Day fundraiser. See you then!

Ruth West, President of Ladies of Father Diamond Council #6292 Ladiesof.FatherDiamondCouncil@yahoo.com



January's Family of the Month is a family that has been involved not only with the Knights of Columbus but also within St Leo the Great's parish. This family's presence is

not blatantly seen but is felt in many ways in the council and at St Leo's. Every time you attend an event and see fresh cut flowers they most likely came from our Brother Knight, Charlie Kraiger. Charlie is always participating in our events, not up front, but as one of the helping hands. **Charlie and his wife Lesli have four daughters, Sydney (21), Lydia (15), Sylvia (14) and Catherine (aka KiKi) (13).** Besides all that Charlie does with the Knights, breakfasts, food basket delivery (remember the crazy hats?), tending bar at events, his daughters are very active both with the knights and with youth group activities here in the parish. Lydia, Sylvia and KiKi have all been out there with their dad selling trees, delivering food

baskets and helping at the 3rd Degree and Family and Scout breakfasts. Lydia, a sophomore in HS, is also active in the Youth Group at St. Leos, sings in the choir and is both an altar server and a lector. This is truly an involved Catholic family and we are proud to honor **The Kraigers** as Family of the Month for January.



Lesli, Sydney ,Lydia ,Sylvia, Kiki Charlie, and dog Katie

Upcoming Events and Recognition

March For Life— An estimated 200,000 people, More than twice as many people who attend a major football game. came out this year to the Annual March fro Life. Father Diamond's Council, led by Mike Plumstead, attend this year as we have been doing ever since the march began, and collected over \$25,000 in donations to continue the work on March for Life. There were over 30 collectors this year (Knights, families and friends).

Three Degrees in one Month

We had 11 candidates (4 from our Council) for our 1st degree and January 13, 8 candidates at the 2nd degree (5 from our council) on January 27 & 28, and 41 candidates (including 4 priests and 4 from our council) at the 3rd degree on January 31. Chancellor Vince Wilson did a great job at coordinating these three degrees and Brother David Todd, Jr handled the logistics for the 3rd degree where we also served breakfast to the State Officers and Degree Team and spaghetti lunch to over 120 Knights in the Council Hall.

3rd Degree Exemplification: All in attendance were impressed by the beautiful lesson of Fraternity imparted to our new Knights. We would like to thank all those who helped out to make this event a huge success: Greg Hartley and Nathan Rasmussen for setting up Providence Hall for the luncheon; Chris Botticelli, Joe Monin, Jac Cerny, and Jack Cotner for cooking breakfast for the Degree Team and State Officers; Greg Skorupski for picking up the donuts; John Cesarini, Pat Dunne, John Eldred, Joe Gesker, Charlie Kraiger, Pat McGuire, Bill Weich, and Vince Wilson for setting up the chamber; John Eldred, Dennis Makurat, Alfonso Munevar, Dennis Riley, Mike Riley, and Herb Zimmerman who checked in candidates and observers; Joe Burg, Joel Levesque, and Vince Wilson for being Outside Guards and resetting the Band Room; John Eldred, Larry Holmes, Tom King, Al Obuchowski, Dennis Riley, Peter Rynkiewicz, and Herb Zimmerman for serving as Inside Guards; Joe King and Fidel Rodriguez for serving as Warden's Aides; and Jac Cerney, Bob Eckert, Greg Hartley, Charlie & Sylvia Kraiger, Joe Monin, Dan & Mike Purtill, Greg Skorupski, and Tim Tilson for preparing and serving lunch.

As you can see, there was a lot of help needed to do this, and we truly appreciate all of those who stepped up and gave a helping hand. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed... Conferring Officer and Past State Deputy Frank Loughney could not say enough about how well things went, and how appreciative he was for all of our efforts. THANK YOU for all you have done!

Corporate Communion February 8 @ 11:00 Mass

On Sunday, February 8, at the 11:00 mass we will be holding our quarterly Corporate Communion. All Knights and families are invited to attend. We will have reserved pews in the center of the church. Coffee and donuts will be served in the hall after mass.

Soccer Challenge—State Final Results

Father Diamond Council had two Ist Place Runner-ups in their age groups for the Virginia State Soccer Challenge Competi-

tion—Dillon McGrail (Brother Kevin McGrail's son) and Richard Rosas-Diego. Thanks to Mike Tocci for coordinating this event. Trophies have been received from State Council and will be presented to the winners.

Nursing Home Bingo — February 9



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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your

time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 or Nelson Clinch at (703)-385-2146 to volunteer.

Rosary to End Abortion — February 14

This is the feast of St Valentine. A day when we celebrate love. What better way to celebrate love than to express our love for the unborn. We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades



and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout.



Victory over the Common Enemy: Overcoming Sin & Evil

All men of the parish are invited to the 6th annual Diocesan Men's Conference on March 7th, 2015. This year's conference will feature renowned speaker <u>*Fr. Larry Richards*</u> and <u>*author Neal*</u> <u>*Lozano*</u> exploring the presence of sin and evil in our lives, and how to overcome them. Join your brothers in Christ for a day of prayer, learning, and fellowship in the Lord. Breakfast, lunch, and Mass with Bishop Loverde will be included. Early registration discount (\$45) until February 8. After February 8, the fee will be \$55. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CONFERENCE LOCATION -FOXCHASE MANOR IN MANASSAS**. Go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men for more details and to register.

Polish/American Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 7

Good Samaritan Council in Herndon is holding its annual Polish/ American Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 7 at St. Joseph's parish hall, 750 Peachtree Street in Herndon. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner served at 6:30 and dancing to live polka music by the Lenny Adams Trio from 7:30 to 10:30. Menu will include Polish/ American specialities including stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and pierogies, as well as beer/wine and soft drinks. Tickets are \$35 per adult, \$65 per couple and \$20 per child/student. To reserve tickets, contact Bern Patchan at bernpatchan@gmail.com or at 703-395-8294.

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In Memoriam Father Frank J. Ready Associate State Chaplain of the Virginia Knights of Columbus June 8, 1930— January 20, 2015

Father Frank J. Ready, former vicar general of Pastoral Services, died Jan. 20 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were held January. 27 at Holy Spirit Church in Annandale.

Father Ready was born June 8, 1930, in Nantick, Mass., the only child of Frank and Mary Ready. After his mother's early death, his father married Doris Raymond, and they had one son and three daughters. Father Ready and his siblings grew up largely in Fitchburg, Mass., where he was an altar server at St. Bernard Church.

He entered the seminary for the Maryknoll Fathers, but transferred to the Richmond Diocese, which

then included all of Virginia and some counties in West Virginia. He was ordained by Richmond Bishop John J. Russell May 11, 1959. He served as associate pastor of St. Bede Church in Williamsburg, 1959-60; St. Bridget Church, Richmond, 1960-62; St. Vincent Church, Newport News, 1962-65; and St. Michael Church, Annandale, 1965-70.

Also for the Richmond Diocese, he was on the faculty of St. John Vianney Seminary from 1960 to 1962, and worked as executive director of Catholic Charities from 1962 to 1965.

He was the founding pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Portsmouth, 1970-73; Nativity Parish, Burke, 1973-84; and Sacred Heart Parish, Manassas, 1984-95. In 1995, he was appointed pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Annandale where he served until 2005.

He served as dean of Deanery V, 1991-95, and dean of Deanery II, 1997-2003. He was named to the diocesan college of consultors in 2000 and vicar general for pastoral services in 2005. He served for many years on the board of directors of the Arlington Catholic Herald.

In 2013, he became vicar general emeritus with retired status. In retirement, he continued serving as coordinator of spiritual formation, moderator of the diocesan Peace and Social Justice Commission, member of the diocesan presbyteral council, chaplain to the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and associate state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Father Bader Scholarships Available !!!

The Father Bader Scholarship program (State Council) is **accepting applications at this time until March 31.*** The program offers need-based scholarships for Knights, their wives, and widows of Knights who reside in Virginia at death. It also offers scholarship aid to graduating high school seniors who are children of Virginia Knights in good standing. For greater details about the program and the downloading of the application forms please go to this link <u>http://www.vakofc.org/scholastic-programs.html</u>

*Applications for high school seniors need to be sent via US Mail and postmarked on or before March 31, 2015. Applications for needbased scholarships for Knights, their wives and widows of Knights are accepted at any time during the calendar year.

Questions about the Father Bader Scholarship program can be directed to the scholarship chairman, R. David Lopez, PGK at <u>davelopez75@msn.com</u> or cell 703-928-0121.

Outstanding Young Man / Young Woman of the Year Awards

PURPOSE: To recognize the excellence of the young men and women of our communities and to promote the recognition of their contribution within their community and the Jurisdiction of Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY: Any young man or woman between the ages of 12 & 18 on the due date and residing within the general community jurisdiction of Father Diamond Council **DUE DATE:** March 13.

SELECTION Criteria: There are six factors that we consider in looking for well rounded, outstanding youth. The factors that are considered include:

- 1. Outstanding contribution(s) made by the nominee.
- 2. Academic excellence.
- 3. Involvement in civic, religious and/or school-related programs.
- 4. Participation in extracurricular activities.
- 5. Special achievements Any awards/recognition received.
- 6. Participation with his/her family in performing any of the above.

CONTACT: If you know someone who should be considered, contact Herb Zimmerman @ herb2777@yahoo.com or



2015 Basketball Slam—Tickets available—\$2,500 in cash prizes

Get into the March Madness Mood. Virginia Knights of Columbus once again offers you a chance to "get into the game". Each ticket has four teams. Total points scored by your teams determines the **winners!** Contact Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455 to get your tickets (only \$10 each).





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January 22— March for Life

Get in the Picture—Come Join Us



Gathering at the Hall and getting instructions

At the March for Life & and ready to collect donations







Counting the ~\$25,000 in donations

January 31—Third Degree



Welcome to the 3rd Degree

January 18—Family Breakfast



Instructions and training from the "Boss" - Grand Knight Pat McGuire





~110 attendees, 41 candidates—spaghetti lunch









Knights & their scouting families

February I—Scout Breakfast





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Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292			
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