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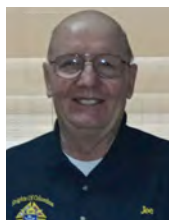


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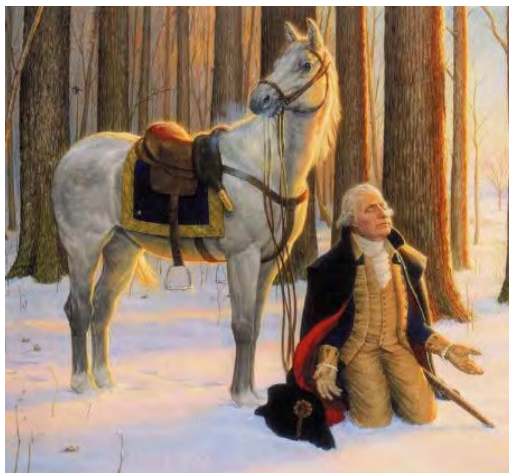
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February 2018

Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights and Families, "Hello, hello, again, my dear friends!" February already! Of course we will share the profound joy of Valentine's Day, made manifest in so many different ways, while, concurrently beginning the spirit of Lenten atonement that we vigilantly cherish and practice. Since we also celebrate Presidents' Day in February, I believe that there are inspiring examples of our Order's principles in the lives of the two prominent figures we honor on this occasion. Let's first study President George Washington (birthday, 22 February).



"Gentlemen, you must pardon me, I have grown gray in your service and now find myself going blind." Historian Ron Chernow (*Washington a Life*, Penquin Press, New York, 2010, p 435-436) writes: "The disarming gesture of putting on the glasses moved the officers to tears as they recalled the legendary sacrifices he had made for his country. When he left the hall moments later, the threatened mutiny had ended and his victory was complete." By this act of humility in 1783 at Newburgh, New York, then, General Washington, had firmly discouraged a sinister conspiracy among some Continental Army officers (the Army had yet to be paid for their service in the War of Revolution) to march on the established (Articles of Confederation) government. Perhaps,

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

First, I want to thank everyone for the hard work this past month. January was a busy month that saw our council hosting the State mid-year meeting, supporting collections at the March for Life, hosting a 2nd Degree and a very successful Third Degree. These events took a lot of manpower and the Knights were up to the task doing a wonderful job at all the events.

As we enter into February, we will soon see Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Saint Pope John Paul II wrote "Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe." Lent to me is a time of the year that I try to focus on what is truly important in life. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we gain a greater understanding what is truly important to God.

I look forward to working with everyone in February to serve our parish and to help our families to embark on a successful Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan O'Malley

Deputy Grand Knight



Our profit this year from Christmas Tree sales was \$9,670. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NOTE

The dues notices for 2018 have been mailed. If you have not received your notice, please contact **David Todd, Sr.** at (datodd@verizon.net) as soon as possible. All members are encouraged to make payments as early as possible to avoid a "Second Notice". Honorary Life Members will be receiving their 2018 travel (paper) cards along with paid up members. Thank you.

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George Washington was, as St. Francis of Assisi prayed, "An instrument of His [sic] peace."

For a distinguished model of benevolence and charity, we may turn to President Abraham Lincoln (birthday 12 February) as he expressed his beliefs for national tranquility in his Second Inaugural Address on 4 March 1865:



"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all

nations." In my humble opinion, that this, the last paragraph of address, is the most beautiful passage in the English language. It conveys love, understanding and, most poignantly, charity – the essence of what Father Michael J. McGivney and our Order seek to practice on a daily basis.

Father Diamond Council, during the past month of January, was replete with admirable examples of those virtues derived from the selfless service of Washington and Lincoln. Early on, our distinguished Virginia State Council Mid-year Meeting Project Manager, **Bill Weich**, managed and led a flawless sequence of events that made that conference a great, tasteful success. Bill was ably assisted by: **Herb Zimmerman, Tim Tilson, Dave Todd Sr., Dave Todd Jr., Pat McGuire, Gib Flodine, Pat Murray, Keith Morrison and Dan O'Malley**. Not long after the State conference, Brother Knights once again came to the fore, this time in support of The March for Life. Under the consistently reliable organization and guidance of **Mike Plumstead**, our council collected, and will be able to present the National March for Life Committee over \$42,400 to sustain their noble campaign for respect for all phases of the gift of life. Mike, too, wisely relied on a key staff of able assistants: **Gerard Pepin, Don Kehoe, Tom Hogan, Tim Hogan, Pat McGuire, Mark Cameron and Keith Morrison**. As an adjunct to the March for Life exercise, a team of Father Diamond Knights: **Pat McGuire, Al Leightly, Charlie Kraiger and Joe Gesker**, for an early Thursday morning breakfast, fed over 200 eager high schoolers from Tennessee and Kentucky who joyfully joined us for the March. Finally, as of this writing, Father Diamond Council is preparing to host a Knighthood (Third) Degree exemplification. Certainly, the work and time investment of all the Brother Knights and their family members who enthusiastically participated in all of these endeavors is genuinely appreciated. God bless Father Diamond Council for jobs well done!

Vivat Jesus; Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker

Grand Knight, Father Diamond Council 6292

Chancellor's Corner

On January 27th, we had 48 fellow knights from across Virginia participate in the Knighthood Celebration here at St. Leo's Catholic School. We had 4 members from our council - **Freddy Martinez, John Johnson, Paul Besson and Sean Jehu** move up through our council. Congratulation!

We are almost at 50% of our goal for recruitment for 2017-2018.

The weekend of Saturday February 24th and Sunday February 25th we will hold a recruitment drive after all masses. We are looking for two volunteers for each mass to help promote the Knights of Columbus. If you can help after any mass, please contact me at 703-201-0477 and state what mass you will be working. You can also e-mail me gib1bkim@yahoo.com [gee-eye-bee-one-bee-kay-eye-em].

On Tuesday February 27th, we will hold an Admission Celebration (First Degree) here at Providence Hall.

Rosary/Candidate Registration 7:30PM

Admission Celebration – 8:00PM

Brief meeting and dinner will follow.

There are several brothers close to having their \$40.00 dues taken care of. The first ten brothers of Father Diamond Council 6292, who submit Form 100s for two candidates and the candidates participate in the Admission Celebration will have their dues paid for the year!

Now you may not be satisfied with having your dues paid for you, but would you like to have a chance to win a trip to Dublin!! Recruit a new member and you will entered into a drawing for an all-expense paid trip for you and your wife to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August! The more men you recruit, the higher your chance to win. The drawing will take place July 1, 2018, and anyone who has proposed a new member this fraternal year is eligible. For information on the World Meeting of Families, please visit worldmeeting2018.ie/en/.

Yours In Christ,

Gib Flodine

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

Touring France's Wine Country for KOVAR

Hold the date: Saturday, March 3rd. We will be taking the *Tour de France* wine tasting at Total Wines in Chantilly. The time will be from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Cost is \$20 per person. There are **only 20 seats** available. If you are interested, send your name and how many seats to reserve right away to herb2777@yahoo.com. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

Tour de France

Travel with us through the most famous appellations from France. Taste Grand Cru Champagne before sampling two stunning and food-friendly wines from the Loire Valley and Provence. Five elegant reds such as prestigious Chateaufort-du-Pape and Margaux will follow the white wine selections and show you why this is a wine tour of France like no other.



This tasting was donated by Herb Zimmerman and Pat McGuire. All proceeds will go to KOVAR!

Coming Soon to a Stage Near You!



The Father Diamond Council Comedy Knight is scheduled for May 26. This is the second largest fund raising event we have this year. The event includes professional comedians, fun, food and a lot of great Silent Auction items.

This year's Co-Chairmen are **Herb Zimmerman, PGK** (703-623-6299 or herb2777@yahoo.com) and John Johnson (802) 236-2192 or john.a.johnson.iv@gmail.com. We are in the planning stages right now and are looking for brother Knights who want to get in on the fun. We will need committee leads for:

Refreshments	Ticket Sales
Door prizes	Promotion
Silent auction	Talent Selection

Contact Herb or John if you are interested in any of these jobs.

We are also seeking great items for the silent auction. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, contact Herb or John right away:

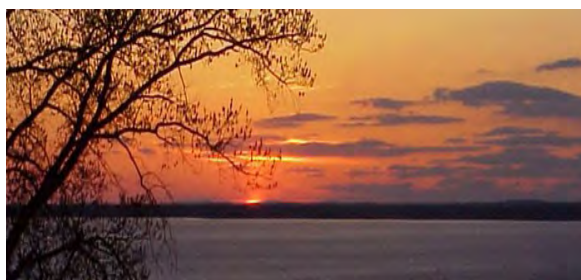
Sporting Event Tickets ♦ Concert or Event Tickets
Collectible or Memorabilia ♦ Art Objects
Vacation Home (weekend or full week)
Items of Value/interest for an auction

February Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of February a very Happy Birthday:

John Cesarini	1	Charles Kraiger	12
Thomachan Kannarkat	1	Joseph Gesker	13
Kenneth Dehart	2	Harold Guidry	13
Reyes Frias	2	Leocadio Rosas	14
Scott Gaboury	5	Steven Blaine	15
Jerome Kasulatis	6	Thomas Kelly	16
Marc Surette	6	Jodi Balido	19
Terry Rinker	7	Thomas Lizardo	19
Frank Manja	9	Jose Trujillo	20
Frank Cuccias	10	Robert Mc Mahon	22
Robert Eckert	11	Frank Palladino	24
Mark McDevitt	11	Robert Clinch	25
Eric Vallone	11	John Ku	26
Matthew Hogan	12	Raul Rojas	27

Annual St. Leo's Parish Retreat



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - for this year's Annual St Leo's Parish Retreat— Friday 4:00 PM **April 20th** through Sunday 1:00 PM **April 22nd, 2018** at Loyola Jesuit Retreat House, in Faulkner, MD. The theme of the Parish-Based Ignatian Weekend Retreat this year is **"Come Follow Me" - The life of a disciple of Jesus**. The suggested retreat offering is \$245 for two nights lodging, and six delicious meals and snacks. There is a **special retreat fee of \$195** for a *first-time* retreatant and for *young adults* up to age 30. Remember, Loyola's policy is that no one will be denied a retreat because of finances. Just contact the retreat house staff directly at 301-392-0800. Register on-line or by mail at

Loyola on the Potomac, PO Box 9, Faulkner, MD 20632

Check out the beauty of Loyola at:

www.loyolaonthepotomac.com

For other questions, contact the St. Leo's retreat captain, Jim Caputo at (703) 691-0479 or jcaputosr@verizon.net. Do it now. You need it and God wants you there.

January 2018 Knights of the Month



of George Washington *The Hidden Political Genius of An American Icon*, Bloomsbury Press, New York, 2009, p 79.

John Ferling's aforementioned impression of how George Washington was received by the First Continental Congress is also easily discerned in the splendid character of the two Brother Knights whose outstanding performances in January 2018, earned for themselves the accolade as "Knights of the Month:"

"The First Congress (Continental Congress, 1774 [sic]) was crucial for Washington's future, and he passed inspection, striking others as reserved, solemn, modest, prudent, decent, industrious, rugged, and possessed of an iron will." John Ferling, *The Ascent*

Bill Weich: Bill flawlessly planned, supervised and executed the Father Diamond Council support program for the Virginia State Council Mid-year Meeting. His vision, extraordinary attention to detail and perseverance were readily evident in every aspect of this most challenging endeavor. Most laudatory was his conspicuous skill in guiding so many diverse personalities along the avenues of harmony and success.

Mike Plumstead: Mike, as he is now accustomed as our Culture of Life Chairman, "captained" Father Diamond Council's magnificent 2018 effort to collect contributions that will sustain the National March for Life Program. His clear thinking, gracious personality, and dynamic ability to inspire a deep appreciation for charity in others enabled Father Diamond Council to collect, during this year's march, over \$42,400 for the National March for Life Committee.

January 2018 Family of the Month

"Wherever children are accepted, loved cared for, and protected, the family is healthy, society is more healthy, and the world is more human. To us, the men of the twenty-first century, God today also says: 'This will be a sign for you;' look to the child. . . ." *Give Us This Day Our Daily Love, Pope Francis On The Family*, p 91.

Pat and Carolyn McGuire exemplify perfectly, as does their son, **Kevin**, this admonishment from **Pope Francis**. Their love for children and for their local and parish communities is apparent not only in what they do, which is plenty, but, more so, in how they do it, which is extraordinary. This past January, Pat has underwritten by his absolute command of all forms of cuisine: the Virginia State Mid-year Meeting, the March for Life and the Virginia State Knighthood Degree celebration. Son Kevin similarly entertained at the "Aloha Dinner" for the Virginia State Mid-Year Meeting as well as preparing meals for disabled Brother Knights. Carolyn

distinguished herself by her dignified, enthusiastic advocacy of all Knights of Columbus endeavors (just watch when we get to the Lenten Soup Supper). Too, children were certainly

"accepted" by Pat on Thursday morning, 18 January, when, in his very engaging manner, he joyfully prepared and served breakfast for over 200 high school March for Life enthusiasts from Nashville, Tennessee, and Covington, Kentucky who found a temporary abode in our parish for the National March for Life. We are, indeed, honored to recognize Pat, Carolyn and Kevin as the January "Family of the Month."



Tax Year Updates: Incoming Checks, Contribution Limits, Required Minimum Distributions

Dear Brothers,

Here is some important information you need to know for any IRA and ROTH contributions you are planning to make this year. If you don't yet have a IRA or a ROTH with the Knights we can help you get one. It is Guaranteed not to lose your principal and pays a competitive interest rate. Call or email me to arrange a time for us to get together in time to take a 2017 tax deduction.

To provide the best service for any 2017 IRA tax year contributions, please provide the following information:

Any documents (i.e.: checks, correspondence and/or applications) submitted for **Traditional IRA or Roth IRA** should indicate the tax year on the memo line of the check at the time the payment is submitted. **If there is no tax year referenced, the deposit will be processed as 2018.** For your reference, please refer to IRS publication 590-A below:

Designating year for which contribution is made: If an amount is contributed to your traditional IRA between January 1 and April 17, you should tell the sponsor which year (the current year or the previous year) the contribution is for. If you do not tell the sponsor which year it is for, the sponsor can assume, and report to the IRS, that the contribution is for the current year (the year the sponsor received it).

All contributions for 2017 tax year must be received by April 17, 2018 for Traditional IRA and Roth IRA contracts.

**All 2017 Tax Year Contributions should be mailed to: Knights of Columbus – Payment Receipts Dept.
PO BOX 1492 New Haven CT 06506-1492**

All **SEP-IRA** contributions will be reported *in the year in which the funds were deposited*. SEP owners can claim the contribution for a previous calendar year when filing their income tax.

Contributions made for the 2017 tax year in 2018 (between January 1, 2018 and April 17, 2018) will be reported using a 5498 Statement in May 2018.

Thanks, Leo Durán, Field Agent

Get In the Picture



Top Row: Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 17th; **2nd Row:** New Year's Eve at P.J. Skidoo's;

3rd & 4th Row: State Meeting Hawaiian Luau held Saturday, January 13th;

Lower Half: March for Life on January 19th with 3 bus loads of wonderful students, priests, and chaperones from Father Ryan Catholic High School in Kentucky;

Lower Left: Knights from Father Diamond Council and Father Malloy helped in distribution of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, December 16th

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2 7 PM Fraternism Night	3
4	5	6 7:30 Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
11 10 AM Scout Breakfast - Hall 2:30-4:30 District Free Throw Contest - Gym	12 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	13 7:00 Rosary - 7:30 Meal 8:00 Business Meeting	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16 Parish Soup Suppers Begin 6:00pm	17
18 Family Bkfst-After 7:30 & 9:00 masses	19	20 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon 7:00 Ladies Meeting	21 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg	22	23 6:00 Soup Supper	24 State Bowling Tourney-Richmond
25	26	27 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg	28	1	2 6:00 Soup Supper	3 State Meeting - Richmond

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg	28	1	2 6:00 Soup Supper	3 State Meeting - Richmond
4	5	6 7:30 Officers Meeting	7	8	9 6:00 Soup Supper	10 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion 9:45 Adopt-a-Spot
11	12 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	13 7:00 Rosary - 7:30 Meal 8:00 Business Meeting	14	15	16 6:00 Soup Supper	17 St Patrick's Day 6:00 St. Patrick's Day Party
18 Family Bkfst-After St. Leo's 7:30 & 9:00 masses	19	20 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon 7:00 Ladies Meeting	21 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg	22	23 6:00 Council Sponsored Soup Supper	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 2nd Degree	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Food Basket Delivery 11:00 Feed the Homeless

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Ins. Promotion	TBD	
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Doug Schneyman	612-799-1418
Fourth Deg.	Matt West	703-359-4652
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	TBD	
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 at 703-978-6137 or

email ZLRN01@AOL.COM for information. Available at Providence 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 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, iTunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. Win - Win

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