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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,
I want to thank everyone for all the support in the Month of January.

January was a very busy month that was supported by more than 70 brothers and several family members.

One of the major events was our bucket collections at the March for Life. **Mike Plumstead** once again did an exceptional job managing this event. With the help of students from Paul VI High School we had over 30 people collecting donations from marchers. We also had a room full of volunteers counting the donations. With that support we were able to collect over \$26,000. These funds are critical to support the March for Life and efforts to save babies lives.

Another major event was the districts 3rd degree ceremony where 47 men became full Knights. I want to thank two brothers who provided the leadership required to make this event so successful. **Dave Todd, Jr.** led the efforts in the gym to make sure that every last little detail was thought of so this important ceremony would be both professional and special for the men receiving Knighthood. In addition, **Pat McGuire** led the efforts in the hall to prepare both breakfast for the dignitaries as well as lunch for all who attended and received full Knighthood in our order. Please see the article in this Newsletter that provides the names of all the brothers who supported this important celebration.

As always it is my honor and privilege to serve as Grand Knight of this council. Thank you for all the support that you all provide to our families and parish.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan O'Malley

Grand Knight



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,
February is now here and we can relax after a hectic January.

This month we have an excellent activity for new members to meet and socialize with fellow members. Friday February 15th, at 6:30PM we are having a Wine Tasting / Fund Raising for KOVAR at Total Wines in Chantilly, Virginia off Route 50. Cost is \$25/person. Contact **Dan O'Malley** (omalley1017@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

Sunday February 17th, we have Family Breakfast in Providence Hall after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM masses. Help is always needed to setup, cook, serve and cleanup at the end of the meals, please contact **Tim Tilson** (hmslydia@msn.com) if you are willing to help out. You don't have to stay for the whole time. Whatever you can give it will be appreciated. Any students making their Confirmation can volunteer at this activity to receive credit service hours. Table set-up usually begins around 6:00AM, clean-up commences around 10:30AM.

Your friend in Christ,

Gib Flodine

Deputy Grand Knight

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Pray the Rosary



Chancellor's Corner

We completed a very busy Degree schedule in January. A total of seven candidates participated in the Admissions (1st) Degree Celebration on January 10 at Providence Hall, of which one, **Gerard Maguire**, we welcome as a new member of our own Council.

At the Formation (2nd) Degree Celebration held on Tuesday, January 22 at Providence Hall, **Alan Cigich** and **Paul Quast** of our Council were among 14 candidates who advanced.

The month culminated in the Knighthood (3rd) Degree Celebration held on January 26 which saw the advancement of 47 candidates to full Knighthood, including eight members of our own Council. We congratulate Brother Knights **James Beauchamp**, **David Briggs**, **Alan Cigich**, **John Griggs**, **Francisco Klein**, **Jose Marroquin**, **Ken Miller**, and **Paul Quast**.

Next up on our calendar is an Admissions (1st) Degree Celebration, which will be held at Providence Hall on Tuesday, February 26 at 8:00 PM (candidate registration at 7:30). Afterward, a Council business meeting and dinner, respectively, will take place.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Walther

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is looking for volunteers to help offer hope and healing to those in recovery by becoming a mentor. Volunteers will aid returning citizens in finding and following a path to a new life after prison. As a member of their mentor team you will:

- ◆ Have the potential to change someone's life
- ◆ Expand your views on the world and your comfort zone
- ◆ Help build a more stable and peaceful society
- ◆ Fulfill your calling to serve those in need in your immediate community

Your life may become the one that is totally changed!

Volunteer at www.cdda.net or email **Sally O'Dwyer**, **SODwyer@cdda.net**.

Dues notices for 2019 have been mailed to members of the council. Membership cards are being sent shortly after payments are received. Members are reminded to make payments and avoid a Second Notice. If you have a question, please contact the Financial Secretary, David Todd, Sr. at datodd@verizon.net or (703) 352-2724. This information is also printed on the back of your membership card and should be shared with your family members. They should contact me whenever something happens to you that may affect your membership.

Have a Happy New Year!!

4th Degree Corner

Next Assembly Meeting: Fr. Malloy Assembly will meet Wednesday, February 20. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30pm, followed immediately by Sir Knights' Café. Meeting should begin by 8:30 PM. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend!

Next Exemplification: The next Exemplification for the Virginia District will be conducted on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Richmond. The only requirement to receive the honors of the Patriotic Degree is that a member must have completed the Knighthood (3rd) Degree prior to April 27th. There is a \$70 initiation fee required to take the 4th Degree; attire for the day is dark suit with a white shirt and a conservative/traditional style tie. Please contact: Faithful Admiral Matt West (askmekofc@yahoo.com) or PFN Dave Todd, Jr. (djtoddjr@gmail.com) for more information.

JL Tree Service once again "policed" up our tree debris at no cost. Please consider them when deciding on a tree service. They can be reached at (703) 359-4444.

February Birthday Wishes

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

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|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| John Cesarini | 1 | Joseph Gesker | 13 |
| Thomachan Kannarkat | 1 | Harold Guidry | 13 |
| Kenneth Dehart | 2 | Leocadio Rosas | 14 |
| Reyes Frias | 2 | Steven Blaine | 15 |
| Scott Gaboury | 5 | Thomas Kelly | 16 |
| Jerome Kasulatis | 6 | Cyrus Mcmillan | 18 |
| Marc Surette | 6 | Jodi Balido | 19 |
| Kyle Van Dyke | 6 | Thomas Lizardo | 19 |
| Terry Rinker | 7 | 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 | Rodolfo Herrera | 27 |
| Charles Kraiger | 12 | Raul Rojas | 27 |

A Volunteer Opportunity - Drive Senior Citizens

Shepherd Center Fairfax Burke SCFB is primarily a volunteer organization which supports seniors and helping them to live independent lives. Father Diamond Council has provided financial support to this organization over a number of years. Several of our council members are or have volunteered with SCFB as drivers to assist senior citizens who no longer drive. They include **Joe Gesker, John Eldred, Jose Turjillo** and **Al Leightley**. Volunteer drivers are scheduled by the *Shepherd's Center of Fairfax/Burke* to take older adults (no longer able to drive) to hospitals, or medical appointments. The service is free of charge to clients over 50 years of age residing in Burke or central Fairfax areas, although trips may go outside those boundaries to regional hospitals or doctor's offices. Drivers must have a VA drivers license, their own car (deduct mileage as a charitable contribution), and their own auto liability insurance - but are backed up by \$3M policy provided by Shepherd's Center of Fairfax/Burke. Drivers are also needed for "companion shopping" (to banks, hairdressers, and stores) for older folks who cannot get there on their own. This is a wonderful volunteer activity for individual retirees and spouses. Scheduling process is painless and fully considers driver's preferences for when, how often, and location. John Taylor, SCFB Transportation Program Director says: "The beauty of volunteering with SCFB is flexibility – "NO commitments and a driver can accept or reject a ride offered every time – 100% personal preference." So, if you want to help - on occasion - senior citizens who cannot drive, sign up - and you get to pick and choose when the Shepherd's Center schedules you.

IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED or WANT MORE INFO contact **Al Leightley** (Fr Diamond Council rep to SCFB) at leightley8@verizon.net. Al will provide names and contact info to the Shepherd's Center Transportation Program Director, who will contact each of you and inform you of the process of signing up as a volunteer.

January 2019 Knights of the Month



Every year our council has the honor of helping at the March for life to collect important funds. These funds help to support future marches as well as draw attention to the importance of Life. Our support for Life is central to our faith and the bible

teaches us that; *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you."* -Jeremiah 1:5. It is with this conviction that our Knight of the Month has made it a priority to fight for the unborn child. He has led our efforts by coordinating both the collections and the counting of those collections. It is for this reason that we recognize **Mike Plumstead** as the Knight of the Month for January.

January 2019 Family of the Month

Mother Teresa told us, "Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus."

Mark and Melanie Cameron and their five children, the oldest is around 10-11. **Ester, Phillip, John Paul, Samuel** and **Xavier** help to expand the love they have for each other to our parish. Mark, a PGK of the Mason Council, cook's omelets for the Gold Team and has taught CCD for around 5-6 years. Melanie runs a part-time

shop that sells second-hand bridal dresses. Her business is also a 501 © (3) that support the Sacrament of Matrimony. The kids also help at the family breakfast serving our parish members breakfast. It is for all their loving support that we recognize the Cameron Family as the Family of the Month for January.



A Special Thank You for All of the 3rd Degree Help

Our annual Knighthood Exemplification hosted on Saturday, January 26th, was a huge success, THANKS to many Brother Knights who assisted:

Set-Up: GK Dan O'Malley, DGK Gib Flodine, PGK Joe Gesker, PGK Nelson Clinch, Recorder Kevin Kleponis, and Doug Bricker

Donuts: Chancellor Mark Walther

Check-In: DGK Gib Flodine, PGK Joe Gesker, PGK Nelson Clinch, and Treasurer Tom Gross

Inside Guards: GK Dan O'Malley, DGK Gib Flodine, Chancellor Mark Walther, Recorder Kevin Kleponis, and Outside Guard Charlie Kraiger

Breakfast & Lunch Prep & Serving: PGK Pat McGuire, PGK Nelson Clinch, PGK Jack Cotner, PGK Greg Hartley, PSD & FSS Don Kehoe, PGK Tim Tilson, PGK Herb Zimmerman, Outside Guard Charlie Kraiger, and Chris Botticelli.

Clean-up: GK Dan O'Malley, DGK Gib Flodine, PGK Nelson Clinch, PGK Tim Tilson, Chancellor Mark Walther, Outside Guard Charlie Kraiger, and Jose Maroquine

Additionally, PGK Dennis Makurat and PGK John Bland served as on the Degree Team. Special Congratulations to IPSD Steve Kehoe, who was selected as the Honoree of the Degree.

Fraternally,

Dave Todd, Jr., PGK

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

Get In the Picture

A wonderful time was had by Father Diamond Council members and guests at the Rockefeller Center before attending Radio City Music Hall "Rockettes" 2018 "Christmas Spectacular" on Wednesday, December 12th.



U.S. News & World Report

Study: About 75% of US workers have caregiver duties

A study by Harvard University researchers found almost 75% of US workers have caregiving responsibilities, 32% have left a job due to problems with work-life balance, and more than 80% said caregiving duties at home prevent them from giving their best performance at work. The study found more than half of the employers said they did not track workers' responsibilities outside of work.



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February 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 7PM Council Audit | 30 | 31 | 1 4-7PM BSA Pinewood Derby | 2 8AM-7PM BSA Pinewood Derby 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 3 10:00 Scout Breakfast in Gym | 4 | 5 7:30 PM Officers Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 10 | 11 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr | 12 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting | 13 | 14 | 15 6:30PM Wine Fund-raising for KOVAR @Total Wine | 16 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 17 Family Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 AM masses | 18 | 19 11 AM Gray GOSTs Luncheon 7:00PM Ladies Meeting | 20 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg | 21 | 22 | 23 12:00PM Basketball Challenge 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 24 | 25 | 26 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Meeting | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 Quarterly State Meeting 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |

March 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| 24 | 25 | 26 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Meeting | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 Quarterly State Meeting 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 3 | 4 | 5 7:30 PM Officers Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 10 Family Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 AM masses | 11 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr | 12 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 6-9PM St. Patrick's Day Party 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 17 | 18 | 19 11:00AM Grey GOSTs Luncheon 7:00PM Ladies Meeting | 20 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg | 21 | 22 | 23 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 24 | 25 | 26 7:30 Rosary 8:00 - 2nd Degree & Meeting | 27 | 28 KOVAR | 29 KOVAR | 30 KOVAR 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |
| 31 11:00AM Corporate Communion KOVAR | 1 | 2 7:30 PM Officers Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts |

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2017-18

Officers

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| Grand Knight | Dan O'Malley | 703-385-2010 |
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| 1yr Trustee | Herb Zimmerman | 703-385-9455 |

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| Family | TBD | |
| Community | TBD | |
| Life | Joe Gesker | 703-435-4811 |

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| Culture of Life | Mike Plumstead | 703-250-2367 |
| Vocations | Jack Cotner | 703-323-5785 |
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| Providence Hall | Kitchen | 703-385-8007 |

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| 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 Baskets | Joe Burg | 484-883-9537 |
| 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 | Joe Gesker | 703-435-4811 |
| Newsletter | Joe Paratore | 703-283-4515 |
| Night of Magic | Pat Leffas | 703-436-2717 |
| Parish Picnic | Tim Tilson + deputy | 703-273-9436 |
| March-for-Life | Mike Plumstead | 703-250-2367 |
| Scout Troop | Roger Rosenberger | 703-591-7750 |
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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 Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information. Available at Providence Hall before or after 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, I-Tunes, 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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