

The Lookout

January 2004



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292**



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

Now that we have reached the mid-point of the Fraternal Year, we pause for a moment to take stock of our progress thus far. We have had a busy six months keeping on top of our perennial activities such as the Crab Feast, Parish Picnic, Fall Festival, Food Baskets, Feed-the-Homeless, Christmas Tree Sales, and our Christmas Party, not to mention our Adopt-A-Spots, Rosaries at the abortion facility, and our normal meetings. Additionally, we tried out some new programs with great success, such as a Seminararian Picnic, a dinner for Permanent Deacons of the Diocese, and a Hawaiian Luau. There's no doubt that Fr Diamond Council is active, and for that, we each should be proud of what we have accomplished.

At the same time, however, we are struggling with our membership efforts. To this end, I introduced a challenge to help in our recruitment of new members. I will personally pay the way for our Council's top-recruiter to attend the Grand Knights Ball in June. To date Dave Miller and I are tied at three a piece for this coveted honor, and both of us are working on recruiting some new members. It's not too late to get into the contest. Please consider introducing a fellow Catholic who you know would be a good Knight to join our Order. Talk up not only our activities, but also our benefits (contact Dennis Riley if you have questions on these!). For example, I'm working with a co-worker of mine who is being activated and shipped off to Iraq... I've explained to him one of the benefits for his family in the event something happens to him, provided he joins before being deployed.

As we turn our gaze on the next six months, there's much to be done, starting with our "Degree Week" (the 1st three degrees in 48 hours!!!). After that, we have the March for Life (January 22), the Valentine Dinner/Dance (February 14), the State Quarterly Meeting (March 6), and KOVAR (mid-April), just to name a few things. We will also be putting up the

Memorial for Life we have been working on for several years, and hope to see our Squire Circle reactivated.

Finally, as I personally look over the past six months, and look ahead to the planning already in the works for the next six, there are so many people that I owe a debt of gratitude. For starters, there are my fellow officers, our various chairmen, and every committee member that is actively serving to better the Council and our community. There are also many members who have come out and assisted with so much, not to mention their families, and for the efforts of so many, I'm truly grateful. If you have not come to a meeting lately, please plan to attend one during the next six months. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you, and promise to keep you each in my prayers during the new calendar year... I simply ask that each of you keep me in your prayers!

Fraternally,

Dave Todd, Jr
Grand Knight

Wishing

**All the Brothers and Their
Families**

**A Blessed and Holy
New Year in 2004**



Program Director's Report

FATHER DIAMOND BOWLING LEAGUE STARTS ON JANUARY 4, 2003.

Father Diamond Council sponsors a half-season (16 weeks) Mixed Bowling League at the Fairfax Circle Bowl America Lanes. The season starts on January 5, 2003. The league bowls at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evenings. Games are usually finished by 9:00 P.M. We take Super Bowl and Easter Sundays off. Each team is comprised of four persons (at least one team member must be of the opposite gender than the other members). Last years lane costs and prize money was \$13.00 per person (shoe rental extra).with a one time ABC sanction fee of \$16.00.

We can always use new bowlers from beginner to professional. If you, your spouse or friend(s) would like 16 fun and fellowship filled Sunday evenings, give a call to Dave Whitcomb at 703-591-7739.

Rosary at Abortion Clinic

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

Ushers Needed

St. Leo's Parish is looking for additional Ushers for the Masses, especially the 5 pm Mass on Sunday. We have a nice core group but we would welcome anyone who would like to assist. This would allow the core members to have a week or two off each month (or when necessary.) If you would like to help out at any of the Masses, please contact Bill Jayne at 703-352-1534 or wjayne@erols.com

March for Life

We will be participating in the annual March for Life again on Thursday, January 22, 2004. As in years past, we will be collecting from the Marchers as they pass in front of the National Archives. Anyone who is interested in helping to collect should contact Mike Plumstead at (703) 352-0848 or mplumstead@earthlink.net. We will be meeting at the Hall at 10AM, departing by 10:30 (some will be driving down, others will be taking the Metro). Those who want to meet us down there should meet in front of the Archives (due to construction, we will probably be assembling across the street) at 1PM. We will return to the Hall at about 4PM to count the money... additional help will be needed at that time.

Columbian Squires/Roses

We will be holding an organizational meeting for any young men and women, ages 10 thru 18, who might be interested in joining the Columbian Squires or Roses on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30PM in Providence Hall. The hope is to conduct an investiture for each sometime in February. Please help us recruit good candidates for these programs and encourage them to come to the meeting with at least one of their parents. Any questions, contact Joe Underwood at jpunderwood@cox.net or Dave Todd, Jr at djtoddjr@earthlink.net.

DEGREES – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in 5 Days

1st Degree

At the beginning of the Business Meeting on Jan 13th, Fr. Diamond Council will be host a 1st Degree Exemplification beginning at 8:00 pm. Applications for membership should be submitted by Thursday, 8 January to the Chancellor David Miller as the Admissions Committee meets that night. For more information, please contact Dave at dmiller@nthdime.com

2nd Degree

Fr Diamond Council will be hosting a 2nd Degree on Thursday, January 15 at 8PM. Any 1st Degree members (including those taking their 1st Degree on the 13th) interested in taking the 2nd Degree should contact Chancellor Dave Miller at dmiller@nthdime.com as soon as possible.

Third Degree

Fr Diamond Council will be hosting a Third Degree Exemplification on Saturday, January 17. Those who plan to attend (either as a candidate or as an observer) should contact Chancellor Dave Miller at dmiller@nthdime.com. Candidates should report to St. Leo's School Gym at 11:00. Upon completion of the degree, a meal will be served in Providence Hall

Fundraisers

The Council is looking for ways to increase our revenue. Increased revenue will in turn improve our budget outcome (right now, we are projecting a deficit), and will allow us to contribute more to various charities. If you have any ideas, please contact Grand Knight Dave Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@erols.com or (703) 385-2195 contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Hartley at PGHartley@hotmail.com or (703) 352-2797.

January Birthdays

David J. Todd, Jr. PGK	01/02
Robert K. Wasinger	01/02
Edward F Rodriguez Jr	01/05
Dr Phillip B. Korff	01/05
Francis J. Earley Jr	01/07
Lawrence D. Lebahn	01/08
Howard J. Steers	01/09
George P. Rosenkranz	01/09
William F Murray	01/10
Carmine C. Carullo	01/10
John L. Mulhern	01/10
Sean H. Wilson	01/11
Frank Zagrod	01/12
Conrad Donahue	01/15
Mariano R. Divinagracia	01/15
Russell M. Parker	01/15
Nicholas P. Cirillo	01/16
John F. Eldred	01/17
Michael J. DeMarco	01/17
John G Judge	01/18
George H. Billy PGK	01/18
Jeffrey A Wolfhope	01/18
Ramon F. Madan	01/19
Alec A. Des Roches	01/19
Ronald N De Santis PGK	01/22
Timothy J. Kutz	01/22
David J Todd PGK	01/23
Patrick J Laing	01/25
William M. Kitching	01/27
Ranjith A. Abeysinghe	01/27
James M. Connelly	01/27
Bro. James A Loiacona	01/28
Charles J. Seed Jr	01/30
Robert J. Hayduk	01/30
John P. Murphy	01/31

January Wedding Anniversaries

	Date/Years Married	
Kenneth & Avilda DeHart Jr	01/03	34
Alvin & Jane Lion	01/04	40
Henry & Florence Urban Jr	01/13	53
Frank & Barbara Zagrod	01/15	51
Stephen & Barbara Schwartz	01/16	22
Paul & Peggy Cooke PGK	01/23	44

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Seven New Year Resolutions:

- Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent.**
First things first: Life insurance can protect your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family will be protected – come what may. As your field agent I can provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Just give me a call!
- Don't spend more than you earn.** We all expect our government to balance the budget, but what about our own personal finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.
- Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures.** Unless you achieve self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If it's a mystery just where your money goes, try saving the receipts for a month of every purchase you make.
- Take advantage of all savings options available to you.**
Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you. (P.S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs).
- Adopt a long-term perspective.** Beware of get-rich-quick schemes -few of them work for ordinary people. Instead, patience is the more productive approach . A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.
- Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible.**
Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest charged on a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months...if not years.

Be prepared for unexpected expenditures. When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples: might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, and unanticipated home repairs.

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley



Officers

Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chancellor	Dave Miller	319-8832
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
Recorder	Dan Purtill	541-8945
Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Warden	Pete Smith	503-1082
Inside Guard	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Outside Guard	Ben Stack	359-6258
Outside Guard	Scott Smullen	691-2273
3yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
2yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137
1yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860

Program Directors

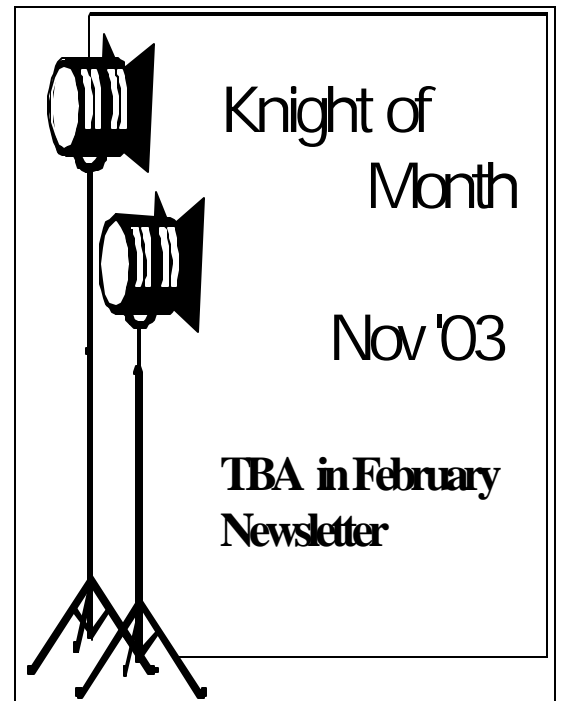
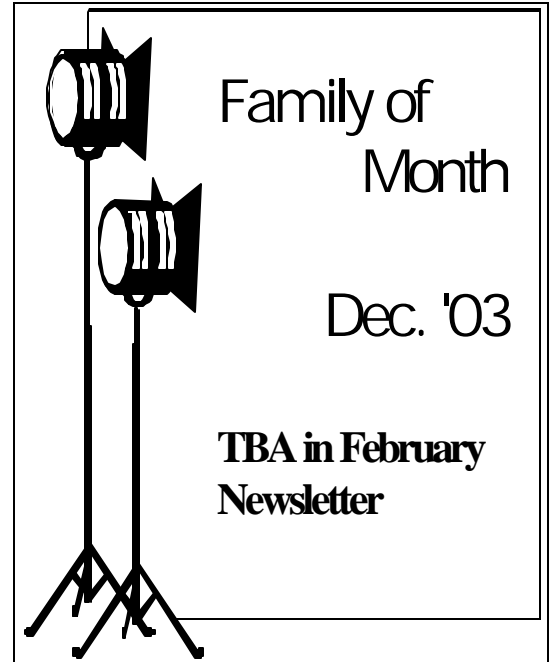
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Church	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Community	Jack Cerny	255-9484
Council	John Eldred	631-6480
Family	Nick Lellock	378-1723
Youth	Pat Leffas	934-9716
Membership	Dave Miller	319-8832

Committee Chairman

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Larry Novack	978-6137
Retention	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Vocations	Dave Miller	319-8832
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	323-5785
Right-to-Life	Mike/Li Plumstead	352-0848
Christmas Trees	Steve Smith	941-4284
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Bill Weich	385-2195
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137





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Dates to Remember in January

Jan 4	Bowling Season Begins
Jan 6	Officers Meeting
Jan 8	Admissions Committee
Jan 10	State Mid-year Meeting
Jan 10/11	Food Drive
Jan 13	Rosary/1 st Degree/Business Meeting
Jan 15	2 nd Degree
Jan 17	3 rd Degree
Jan 17	Rosary Abortion Facility
Jan 18	Family Breakfast
Jan 20	Grey GOSTS
Jan 21	Fr. Malloy Assembly Meeting
Jan 22	March for Life
Jan 24/25	Food Drive
Jan 27	Mass/Business Meeting
Jan 28	Council Years Audit
Jan 30	Fraternalism Night