

The Lookout

January 2007



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brother Knights,

I would like to offer my thanks to everyone for all the help and participation during a very hectic December. As noted by Brother George Schuld (in the newsletter) the Christmas Basket project went well and many needy people in the community were helped. The Christmas tree sales also went well – a big thank you to PGK Brother Dave Miller for a great effort this year.

We have a special event coming up in January as Father Diamond Council has been asked to host the State Council's Mid-Year Meeting at St. Leo's on Saturday, January 13th. This is an honor for the council and I would also ask that any brother Knight who is willing to assist with this event contact Deputy Grand Knight Bill Weich at wweich@yahoo.com. We can use help in the setup for the event as well as food preparation and serving and cleanup afterwards (to be at the meeting, you must be a 3rd degree Knight). **One special note:** we will be having a special Mass performed by our Chaplain, Father Cozzi, at 7:45 AM on Saturday, January 13 for the Knights who are traveling to our council for this meeting. I would ask that any brother Knight who can make this Mass please try to do so and we can have a good show of support for Fr. Cozzi and the council.

On the subject of the State Council, I would like to recognize the passing of Brother Knight and State Advocate Kevin Hayes. Brother Hayes came to our installation of officers this fraternal year and was a very dynamic speaker at previous state meetings as well. He will be missed and our prayers go out for him and his family.

Our Knight of the Month for November is Brother Carlos Jaramillo. Carlos has been participating in many events and been very busy. He is a very active member and generous with his time. He is a part of the breakfast team, has

attended meetings as well as helping out with numerous Ovation events. Those of you who have worked with Carlos know the great attitude he brings with him and how he exemplifies the principles of the order. Thank you Carlos!

The Family of the Month is that of Brother George Billy. George and Thelma have been an integral part of Father Diamond council for as long as I can remember and they have continued to represent the council well and continue their excellent Feed the Homeless program for Thanksgiving as well as Christmas (look for the Feed the Homeless in the Spring and try to volunteer and help out). Thanks to George and Thelma for all they do and continue to do.

The March for Life will be held this month on Monday January 22nd – please contact Mike Plumstead to see how you can help in this very important annual event (see the council website for more details).

Looking ahead: A new event for this year will be a Knights of Columbus 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on May 5th – look for more information coming soon. The Fraternal year is halfway over and we have made it through some of our busiest months. We will be having some exciting events in the coming months and I encourage all brother knights to get involved and have fun in support of the Knights.

Fraternally,
Bill Ward

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Program Director's Message:

Happy New Year to all my Brothers and your families! We have had a busy year and it looks to continue that way for the remainder of the fraternal year. Notable events this month include the Free Throw Championship on Jan 6, the Mid-Year State Meeting on January 13, the March for Life on Monday, January 22, and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree –all within a span of 5 days. This would be a good time for those desiring to move up to full Knighthood to take their 2nd (Jan 25) and 3rd (Jan. 27) Degrees. Also, make an attempt to recruit a new member for the Council – remember the slogan this year from State Deputy Cy Alba – Be Not Afraid. Please notify our Worthy Chancellor Steve Kehoe if you wish to move up to the 2nd or 3rd Degree ranks, or if you know of or have a potential candidate to join our brotherhood as our next 1st Degree is Jan 23).

Lastly, I may not say it often enough but – thank you to everyone of you and your families for your participation and your assistance in our events and programs. We would not be able to do all we do without you. You are the backbone of Fr. Diamond Council and I know you will continue to be there.

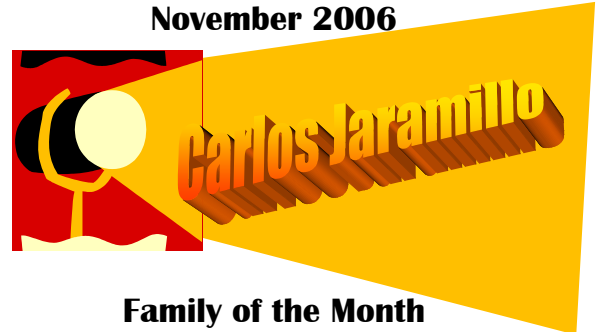
If you have any thoughts about new programs or how to enhance existing programs, I welcome your input. Please do not hesitate to let me know.

Fraternally,
Bill Weich
Deputy Grand Knight



Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month November 2006



Family of the Month November 2006



Fraternal Prayer Contact

If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack Cotner at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

News & Events

Christmas Baskets

Knights of Columbus Council #6292 together with St. Leo's St Vincent de Paul Society assembled and delivered 74 baskets of food – including turkeys, 10\$ gift certificates and Christmas gifts – to local families in need. Council members provided help with the transfer of food from the St. Vincent de Paul pantry, the assembly of the baskets and most especially with the delivery of the baskets and the gifts to local families. The Council provided 65 turkeys for the baskets and St. Vincent de Paul provided the other turkeys and additional gift certificates for families who did not want turkeys.

George Schuld directed the Council's efforts with a lot of advice and help from Al Leightley. Ben and Dorothy Schaefer directed the efforts of the SVDP members. Heartfelt thanks are extended to all the members (especially Al Leightley) for taking time from their busy holiday schedules to help the needy in our community have a Merry Christmas.

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (building next to the Holiday Inn at Route 123 and I-66). Since our Council is hosting the State Meeting on the 13th, this month the date is Saturday, January 20th. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy Grand Knight Bill Ward runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details. This is a great family event for the holiday season.

Special Virginia State Council Mass

There is a special Mass scheduled for 7:45 on Saturday, January 13, 2007. This Mass, unusual even for the State Council, was scheduled to give attendees of the meeting, hosted by Father Diamond Council an opportunity to attend Mass that morning. The principal celebrant will be Father

Cozzi. It behooves all of us to show our support for Father by attending the Mass. The meeting chamber will already be set up, so only a limited number of members need to remain there. Families, including children ARE welcome and encouraged to attend. Due to the recent death of the State Advocate, Kevin Hayes, who had a special love for our council, the Mass is now dedicated a special memorial for him.

March for Life

Fr. Diamond Council again this year will participate as Marshals at the annual Right to Life March in the District on Monday January 22, 2007. Other Councils in the Washington Metro area provide a variety of support services that range from crowd control to collecting money. Before 1994 our Council unloaded buses at the Ellipse or parked the buses at RFK Stadium. Since 1994, our Council has been collecting money in the block in front of the National Archive Building on Constitution Avenue. All money collected goes directly to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March. Last year our Council had about 18 Brother Knights participate in the collection effort, including Dennis Riley, our Fraternal Benefits Advisor. As a result of this good turnout, we collected \$15,684.50; our previous high was \$24,534 in 2004. Our first effort in 1994 netted \$1,855. Since we started collecting at the March, we have collected a total of \$197,115.50 to help defray the expenses of the Marches. Again the more folks that we can get to help the greater is our success. The most we collected in one year is \$24,534. Let's see if we can top that this year.

Like last year, the stage this year will be on the Mall west of 7th Street facing the Washington Monument. The program begins at 11:00am and the March to the Supreme Court should be moving by 12:00 or 1:00pm. Those helping to collect donations should meet at the Hall by 10:00am and proceed as a group via Cue Bus and Metro to the Archives Building, or you can meet us at the collection site at Constitution Avenue and 6th Street by 11:45pm. After the March, we will return to the Hall to count the funds. If you'd like to help in the counting, come to the Hall by 4:00pm and enjoy some of John Judge's excellent grub. Remember, spouses are welcome to help, so please invite them as well.

If you'd like to help contact Mike Plumstead at (703) 250-2367 or by e-mail at m.plumstead@cox.net. While it's a bit too late to get you a permit to collect funds, Mike may have need for you in other areas. The most we collected in one year is \$24,534. Let's see if we can top that this year



January Anniversaries

January Birthdays

Patrick M. Reeder	1/2
Patrick D. Purtill	1/4
Edward F Rodriguez Jr	1/5
Dr Phillip B. Korff	1/5
Francis J. Earley Jr	1/7
Lawrence D. Lebahn	1/8
Victor J. Richardson	1/8
Howard J. Steers	1/9
George P. Rosenkranz	1/9
William F Murray	1/10
Carmine C. Carullo	1/10
Sean H. Wilson	1/11
Conrad Donahue	1/15
Mariano R. Divinagracia	1/15
Russell M. Parker	1/15
Nicholas P. Cirillo	1/16
John F. Eldred	1/17
Michael J. DeMarco	1/17
John G Judge	1/18
George H. Billy PGK	1/18
Jeffrey A Wolfhope	1/18
Nicholas G. Pardoe	1/18
Robert J. Hartnett	1/18
Ramon F. Madan	1/19
John K. Henebery	1/19
Ronald N De Santis PGK	1/22
David J Todd PGK	1/23
Patrick J Laing	1/25
James M. Essig	1/25
Ranjith A. Abeysinghe	1/27
James M. Connelly	1/27
BRO James A Loiacona	1/28
J. Paul Balsarak	1/29
Robert A. Bilko	1/29
Charles J. Seed Jr	1/30
Robert J. Hayduk	1/30
John P. Murphy	1/31

January Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

Kenneth & Awilda DeHart Jr	1/3/1970	37
Alvin & Jane Lion	1/4/1964	43
Henry & Florence Urban Jr	1/13/1951	56
Paul & Peggy Cooke PGK	1/23/1960	47
Victor & Betsy Richardson	1/24/1987	20
Victor J. Richardson	1/24/1987	20

Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2006 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Officers & Chairmen

Officers

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb		591-7739
Christmas Trees	Dave Miller		517-3430
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd		352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan		385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller		517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer		591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack		978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack		978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd		352-2724
KOVAR	Tim Cooke		766-2911
Newsletter	Dan Purtill		641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson		273-9436
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Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip		691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack		978-6137

Columbiettes Corner

The Columbiettes have had 3 successful events in December and the Chairladies for each did an awesome job.

Julie Clinch was in charge of the Crèche Lighting December 2. The evening was a wonderful success. The Knights set up the Crèche, and Father Cozzi blessed it. Priscilla Hogan and Lynne Morrison led us in song. We all enjoyed wonderful treats provided by the Clinch family.

Beth Ward and Alice Laing orchestrated a delicious cookie exchange. The cookies were a real hit, but I must admit the evening, filled with friendship and sharing were the real treat, nice to kick back and relax during the busy Holiday Season. This activity is a keeper and will be repeated next year.

Wendy Kehoe and her crew really did transform the Gym into an elegant party room. A special thank you shout out goes to Julie Clinch, Flo Hogan, Priscilla Hogan, Steve Kehoe, Donna Larkin, Elaine Pepin, Dan Purtill, Mike Purtill, and Ann Todd for helping set things up and decorate. Little elves, Vicki Clinch, Jordan Kehoe, Ryan Kehoe, and Nathan Kehoe also helped set up chairs and candles.

Thanks to all the ladies who have helped throughout the year. Our next meeting will be January 16, 2007 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will discuss the activities for the remainder of the council year.

Ann Todd





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Dates to Remember in January

Jan 1	Mary Mother of God	Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 2	Officer's Meeting	Jan 16	Grey GOSTS
Jan 6	Free Throw Contest	Jan 16	Columbiettes Meeting
Jan 7	Bowling Starts	Jan 17	4 th Degree Rosary/Meeting
Jan 9	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Jan 19	Fraternalism Night
Jan 10	Rosary/Business Meeting	Jan 20	Rosary @ Abortion Facility
Jan 13&14	Food Drive	Jan 22	March for Life
Jan 13&14	Open House	Jan 23	Mass/Social Mtg/1 st Degree
Jan 13	Special KofC Mass	Jan 25	2 nd Degree
Jan 13	State Quarterly Meeting	Jan 27&28	Food Drive
Jan 14	Family Breakfast – Blue Team	Jan 27	3 rd Degree
		Jan 28	Coffee & Donuts

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 New Years Day Mary Mother of God VS #8	2 1930 Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6 0900 Free Throo Contest
7 1815 Bowling Starts	8 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #9	9 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Open House State Quarterly Mtg
14 Open House	15 Martin Luther King Day VS #10	16 1100 Grey GOSTS Ladies Night Out	17 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	18	19 1900 Fraternalism Night	20
21 FamilyBfast -Blue Team	22 VS #GG	23 Social Meeting/First Degree	24 1930 Council Audit	25 2000 2 nd Degree	26	27 1100 3 rd Degree
28 1145 Donuts & Coffee	29 VS #1	30	31			

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February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 1900 Council Audit	2	3
4 Scout Breakfast	5 VS #2	6 1930 Officer's Meeting	7	8	9	10 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 1800 Valentine Dance Food Drive
11 Blood Drive Food Drive	12 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #3	13 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 0930 District Free Throw Contest 1000 Adopt A Spot
18 FamilyBfast -Gold Team 1100 Corporate Communion	19 President's Day VS #4	20 1100 Grey GOSTS 1700 Pancake Supper	21 Ash Wednesday 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	22	23	24 Food Drive
25 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	26 VS #5	27 1930 Mass/Business Meeting	28			

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