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Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,
Happy New Year to you all! Vivat Jesus!
Now that Christmas Day is behind us, may I suggest: the secret of Christmas is not the things you do at Christmastime; it's the Christmas things you do all year through. I

wish I could take credit for that suggestion, but I am plagiarizing it from "The Secret of Christmas," which has been performed by Ella Fitzgerald, John McDermott, Johnny Mathis, SHeDAISY, and The Nylons. Nonetheless, I think it eloquently suggests we continue to practice our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism at all times.

The Brother Knight I believe best exemplified our virtues during the month of November is Tim Tilson. Tim coordinated many phases of the Christmas Tree Sales, including ordering the trees, coordinating tree lot setup, making sure things go well with tree delivery, coordinating Christmas tree team assignments, ensuring the supplies needed were available, and enabling coordination with other parish groups. These activities began well before trees were delivered Thanksgiving weekend and continued through most of December. I am sure Tim would agree that he does not do it alone, so I would like to thank all who helped **November Knight of the Month—Tim Tilson.**

Another fundraiser in November was our annual Spaghetti Dinner. For coordinating that effort, and for all activities he and his wife contribute toward with Father Diamond Council, Father Malloy Assembly, and the Columbiettes, I would like to thank **Kathy and Bill Weich, the November Family of the Month.**

By the time I get information on Providence Hall renovations progress into the newsletter, it is outdated. However, I find it encouraging seeing steady progress on these efforts. The power is out on the entire building, including the shed, so this suggests progress is being made towards the electrical work that needs to be done. Anyone needing anything from the shed should bring along a flashlight.

Please pray during this anniversary month of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that the United States and all countries of the world come to value human life and end the curse of death that is abortion. Please also join us in the March for Life, which this year will be on Monday, January 24, and continue to send me pledges on the number of rosaries prayed for Life, Marriage, and the Family. E-mail me at clinch5va@yahoo.com or call me at 703-385-2146.

In thanksgiving for all your noble efforts,
Nelson Clinch

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E-mail Distribution

Many of our Knights have received e-mails from "kofc6292-request@mailman.kofc.com." These are legitimate e-mails generated as a result of testing conducted on a BACK-UP e-mail system.

Current e-mail procedures remain in place. Council e-mails will continue to be distributed by Hank Urban. In the event he is on vacation or otherwise unavailable, this backup system can be used by the Grand Knight to distribute time-sensitive information.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

I hope all of you had a Blessed and Happy Christmas and that you will have a Healthy and Happy New Year 2011.

Father Diamond Council has another successful Christmas Tree sale and the profit will help to fund our extensive charity programs. This success is due to the efforts of dozens of our members who gave their time during the busy Christmas season.

The Council's Annual Christmas party was held on December 11th and was attended by more than 50 Knights and their wives and friends. Special thanks go to David Todd, Jr., who chaired the event and to Al Leightley, Jack Cotner, Matt West, and many others Brother Knights. We must also extend a very special thanks to the Columbiettes for the decorations and assistance in setting out the voluminous amount of appetizers, entrees, sides and desserts. The party attendance was boosted by our Chaplain Father David Whitestone and Father Robert Wagner.

Please remember our Council Meeting on Thursday, January 13th with a Rosary at 7:30 PM; a Degree Exemplification at 8:00 PM followed by a Business Meeting. On Thursday, January 27th Mass at 7:30 PM a Second Degree Exemplification at 8:00 PM followed by a Social Meeting. On Saturday, January 29th we will host a Third Degree Exemplification in St. Leo's Parish Activity Center. Candidates are to arrive at 11:15 AM and the Degree is to begin at Noon followed by a luncheon which will also be held in the same place. This is a change from previous years when the three degrees were held in the same week. Please try to attend as many of these events as possible to show our new members that we fully support them.

The monthly Rosary will be across the street from the Eaton Place Abortion Facility on Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 AM. Your attendance is encouraged to pray for an end to this evil.

On Monday, January 24th our Council will be at the March for Life and soliciting donations from the attendees. The funds collected are needed to help defray the cost of the March for Life activities. Additional information will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Vivat Jesus,
DGK Greg Skorupski



Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Newsletter Deadline

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the **15th of the month** prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman at herb2777@yahoo.com or call him at 703-385-9455.**

Columbiettes' Corner

We worked with the Knights in the annual Christmas Dinner Dance. Members provided appetizers and desserts and helped with the decorating and cleanup. Columbiettes recruited funds which we used to assist the Andrews Air Force Base Fisher House by providing a large variety of toys for the annual Christmas Party for children suffering with various forms of cancer.

Immediately following the December meeting the Columbiettes participated in a cookie exchange. Each participant brought in their best efforts and shared their recipes with those who were lucky enough to receive their contribution.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 PM in the St. Marks Room. We will be discussing plans for our annual soup supper.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meetings and our events, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or Email lindamb3510@yahoo.com.



Council News & Events

Christmas Tree Sale—Biggest Fund Raiser of the YEAR—Your Help Is greatly Appreciated—THANK YOU!!!!

Final Tree Sales and Tree Lot Clean-up—Everything Went Well. Thanks Everyone!! Thanks to the Tree Team Captains for making sure each shift was covered. Thanks to all the great Brother Knights (and sometimes kids and friends) for coming out and selling the trees. Thanks to the Gray Ghosts for manning the Mon-Fri afternoon shifts. Thanks to Co-Chairs Tim Tilson and Jac Cerny for all the work they put into the success of this event. And, thanks to Al Botticelli (and Chris, and other helpers when Al was out of town) for doing the cash pick-ups every day. Thanks to everyone who helped in breaking down the lot and cleaning up. This event is truly a full TEAM effort and our brother Knights were out there as a team. This was a short “season” and the weather cooperated (only one shift lost due to cold”: We have a few more trees left over than planned but it was a GREAT YEAR !

Rosary to End Abortion — IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **January 8** to pray the rosary. 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— This is Fun!



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, January 11** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by

8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love.** Call **Greg Skorupski** at **(703) 978-8280** to volunteer.

Christmas Giving Tree Gift Delivery — Huge Success

The Knights from Father Diamond Council with SVDP delivered Christmas presents from the Giving Tree to 100 families on 18 Dec. Dorothy and Ben Schaefer were the

lead organizers of the food and present distribution for SVDP. Al Leightley organized the drivers.

The following Knights participated in delivering the presents: Dennis Riley, Herb Zimmerman with Kimmy Elred, Patrick Kiechlin, John Ceseari, Kevin Crossin and family, Chris Duda, Jeff Wolfhope and family, Dan Fleming, and Ron DeSantis and son. Many thanks to all who supported this worth while effort.



Chancellor's Message

January is a big month for the recruitment and advancement of members for our Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council. On Thursday, January 13th, we will induct new 1st degree members. Then two weeks later, on Thursday, January 27th, we will advance any existing paid up 1st degree member to the 2nd degree. And, on Saturday, January 28th, any existing paid up 2nd degree member is welcome to advance to the 3rd degree.

So, for all existing members, let's recruit a new member or two, or more, for the 1st degree which will be conducted at our regularly scheduled January 13th meeting at 7:30 PM in the Guadeloupe Room of the old parish hall. Please notify me with the name and a completed Form 100 as soon as possible. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the following members - Tim Tilson, David Todd, Sr., Al. Leightley, Tim Hogan and Tom Kelly - who assisted in recruiting the Council's eight newest Knights. As our goal is twenty four new Knights for this year, I need everyone's help in getting as many new members for installation as soon as possible.

Then, on January 27th at 7:30 PM any fist degree Knight in good standing (i.e., 2011 paid dues) is eligible to advance to their second degree. And for any current first degree Knight please notify me of your intention/interest!

And finally, we will have a third degree installation of all second degree knights in good standing at 11:15 AM on January 29th - again, if you can attend, please contact me. The ceremony concludes with a meal in the late afternoon.

John R. Berg, Chancellor/Membership Chairman, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292. 703-219-2096, or jvaberg@aol.com

Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's 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 at cotnerjohn@aol.com or **(703) 323-5785**. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



March for Life

38th Annual March for Life Rally

Monday, January 24, NOON

The Mall and 4th Street

This is the most visible demonstration of Pro-Life in America, There will be over 200,000 people at this march. It is a time when every Knight, and their family can actively participate in the Pro-Life movement. Every year Father Diamond Council volunteers to collect donations at the March for Life to help defray the operational costs of the committee. We can use collectors, Marshals, and volunteers to count at Guadalupe room afterwards.

Please consider helping out at this year's March. Contact **Mike Plumstead (703-250-2367)** or **Tom Hogan (703-280-2343)** if you want to help out.. Volunteers can ride on K of C Bus leaving St Leo's at 10:00 AM

March For Life History

Late in October 1973, grassroots prolife leaders became concerned that January 22, 1974, might come and go without properly memorializing the Supreme Court's infamous abortion decisions and without petitioning Congress for redress.

No established right-to-life organization was prepared to undertake the planning, financial and operational responsibilities for a high impact prolife March on the U.S. Capitol. But, grassroots pro-lifers wanted to march!

About thirty prolife veterans resolved themselves into a committee and began making plans for the first March for Life.

On January 22, 1974, the first March for Life was held on the West Steps of the Capitol. An estimated 20,000 committed prolife Americans rallied that day on behalf of our preborn brothers and sisters.

In 1974, the March for Life was incorporated as a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization.

Our numbers have gradually risen through the years despite reduced numbers from the snow in 2000 and the terrible 9/11 attacks just months before the March 2002. These growing numbers give testimony to the increasing ranks of prolife Americans and to the importance of the March's work.

The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected to the same extent as the life of each and every other human



Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !



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—703-978-6137 or email—ZLRN01@aol.com for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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 4% for 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, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**



Knights and Knight Families Honored

Knight of the Month
November
Tim Tilson

Family of the Month
November
Bill and Kathy Weich



2010 Christmas Party—Lots of Fun Had by All

Fr. Diamond Council hosted its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11. This event was a huge success with 54 people in attendance. Guests feasted on turkey, roast beef, dressing & stuffing, green bean casserole, potatoes au gratin, cranberry sauce, salad, and rolls. Following dinner, the floor was opened for attendees to dance the night away!

Many people contributed to the success*:

<u>Set-up:</u>	John Berg Dan Fleming	Nelson Clinch Al Leightley	Matt West Greg Skorupski	Jack Cotner
<u>Decorating:</u>	Julie Clinch Elaine Pepin	Nelson Clinch Ann Todd	Vicki Clinch Dave Todd, Sr.	Wendy Kehoe
<u>Clean-up:</u>	Linda Baringhaus Jack Cotner Matt West	Bob Bilko Jeff Stevens Herb Zimmerman	Julie Clinch Ann Todd	Nelson Clinch Dave Todd, Sr.

*-I believe I named everyone who assisted... if I inadvertently missed someone, PLEASE accept my most humble apologies!

Special thanks to those who helped prepare the meal. Al & Linda Leightley purchased two turkeys, one of which Linda cooked (the other was cooked by the chairman of this event), and Greg Hartley prepared the roast beef. Additionally, special thanks to Ann Todd who assisted prior to Mass, immediately after Mass, and after the dinner with washing the many dirty dishes (including pots and pans) generated by this event. (Ed: thanks to Dave Todd, Jr for chairing this event)

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Retirement balancing act

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs... or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Some of these plans, particularly traditional ones, are under stress, have been frozen or pared back. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg is the saving you do yourself, and this is the

only aspect you can control completely.

Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you personally set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan, but you must manage your money and your life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot out-live. That really will provide you with peace of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust: you!

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
 Field Agent



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 1800 Bowling Season Starts	3	4	5	6 1930 Officers' Meeting	7	8 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
9 Food Drive	10 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	11	12	13 1930 Rosary 2000 1st Degree / Bus. Mtg	14	15	
16 Family Breakfast- Blue Team	17 1100 Gray Gosts	18 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	19 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	20	21	22 Food Drive	
23 Food Drive	24 MARCH FOR LIFE	25	26	27 1930 Mass 2000 2nd Degree/ Social Mtg	28	29 11:15 3rd Degree	
30	31						

Prev Month	February 2011						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3 1930 Officers' Meeting	4	5 1000 Adopt-a-Spot	
6 1000 Scout Sun- day Breakfast (tentative)	7	8	9	10 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting Guadalupe Room	11 1900 Fraternalism Night (Tentative)	12 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
13 0900 Corporate Communion mass Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	15 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm (Tentative) 1100 Gray Gosts	16 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	17	18	19 1800 St. Valen- tine's Day Dance	
20 Family Breakfast- Gold Team	21	22	23	24 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting Guadalupe Room	25	26 District Free Throw Championship Food Drive	
27 Food Drive	28						

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
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Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
Inside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

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Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

Project Chairmen

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2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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 **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Children Say the Darndest Things !

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

Famous Quote:

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself ~"Lillian, you should have remained a virgin." -- Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

Ponderings:

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

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Providence Hall is UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!
Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room)
2nd and 4th THURSDAYS

Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information

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