



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas season. With the start of the new calendar year, it is a busy time for the

Council as we roll into a number of activities (many discussed in this newsletter). But as we once again get busy with our lives, let's not forget the spirit of Christmas.

A poem I came across while packing up the Christmas decorations, "Keeping Christmas" by Henry Van Dyke, plainly and beautifully expresses what it means to keep Christmas the whole year long.

"It is a good thing to observe Christmas day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for

your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone."

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

The month of December has been an extremely busy month with all of the Knights of Columbus activities. With the short time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Knights accomplished a lot. Beginning right after Thanksgiving the Knights began selling

Christmas trees. Thanks to Tim Tilson for coordinating this very successful fund raiser.

The Keep Christ in Christmas - Card Sale was the second successful fund raiser. Many thanks to James and Tim Hogan for managing this event.

Another successful program that the Knights participated in was the delivery of the Christmas Baskets with food and gifts for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Again thanks to Tom Gross.

Thanks to all of the Knights who worked so hard the day before Christmas and New Years Eve collecting donations for KOVAR. A special thank you to Dan Purtill for taking the lead.

During the month the Knights did have some fun. There was a festive Christmas Party thanks to the very special coordination by Greg Hartley and the food was prepared by Dave Todd, Jr. A special thanks to the Columbiettes

who did the decorations and table set up and thanks to the behind the scenes clean up crew.

As a reminder on January 22nd the Right to Life March will be held in Washington, DC. The Knights of Columbus from St. Leo's parish volunteer to collect donations at this event. Please contact Mike Plumstead if you plan to assist with the collection.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Patrick McGuire,
Deputy Grand Knight

————— Note from our Financial Secretary —————

Because I print the membership cards as a group using the official records, there have been a number of cards printed with the wrong degree. With members' help, the records are improving. Council cards show degrees through the Third degree. Fourth Degree members receive the card showing Fourth Degree from their assembly. I am thankful for your understanding and to those who have responded to the questionnaire. If you do not have the questionnaire, or lost it, please let me know at datodd@verizon.net or include a note with your payment (for those who have yet to pay), and I will forward the form to you.

David J. Todd, Sr., PGK, FDD, PFN
Financial Secretary



The Knights held their annual "Breakfast With Santa" on Sunday, Dec 15. Fellow knight Scott Krushinski and his family took advantage of this photo opportunity. L-R: Scott, Fernando, Alejandro, Blanca, and Sophia.

For more Santa appearances see the next page.

Columbiettes' Corner

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. Meetings are held in Providence Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept up to date with meetings and our events, please contact me at 703-385-2146 or drop me an email at clinch5va@yahoo.com.



Julie Clinch, President

While reading a newspaper, Walter came across an article about a beautiful actress and model who married a boxer who was noted for his IQ.

"I'll never understand," he said to his wife, "why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives."

His wife replied, "Why, thank you, dear."

Upcoming January Council Events

Corporate Communion Mass - Jan. 12

Come join your fellow knights with your family to show solidarity with our priests at the 9am mass. Be sure to sit in the reserved section near the front of the church. Wear your nametag if you have one.

Nursing Home Bingo — Jan. 13

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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.



1st Degree & Council Meeting — Jan. 14

This meeting will begin at 8pm with a 1st Degree followed by a regular meeting. Rosary starts at 7:30pm led by Deacon Maurer.

2nd Degree Ceremony — Jan. 16

There will be a degree ceremony held in Providence Hall starting at 8pm. All Knights and prospective candidates are welcome. Sandwiches will be served following the ceremony.

3rd Degree Ceremony — Jan. 18

There will be a degree ceremony held in the St. Leo's Parish Activity Center (gym). All candidates are requested to be there by 10:15am with your sponsor. Please let John Eldred know if you plan on attending. Drop him a note at johnboyva99@verizon.net

Grey GOSTs — Jan. 21

All knights are welcome to join some of the older guys for a monthly social meeting starting at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon. Usual wrap-up is around 1pm.

Right To Life March — Jan. 22

It's too late to get a solicitation license to be a collector but you can still assist with money counting and other activities at the hall after the march. If you would like to attend the march you can take the metro down to Pennsylvania Avenue in DC or speak to Mike Plumstead to see if there is still room on the bus with the cost of \$10.

Family Breakfast — Jan. 26

Cooks and helpers are always needed for such a labor intensive event. You can call Pat McGuire at 703-218-2986 or just show up. This event is open to all parishioners so even if you decide not to work bring your family out for a great hot

breakfast.

Council Meeting — Jan. 28

This meeting will be a business meeting beginning at 8pm. Rosary starts at 7:30pm led by Deacon Maurer.

Rosary to End Abortion —

Due to the holidays this has been cancelled this month but be sure to mark your calendar to join us on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 8am.

Council Christmas Party held on Dec. 14



Thanks to Greg Hartley and Dave Todd, Jr., there was so much food food it is surprising anyone could actually make it out to the dance floor.



Santa showed up in time to show us his dance moves. Matt Hogan was the deejay who knew exactly what to play.

Knights and Their Families Honored

Knight of the Month
December
Tim Tilson

Family of the Month
December
Mike & Nancy McKinley



Philippines Housing Project

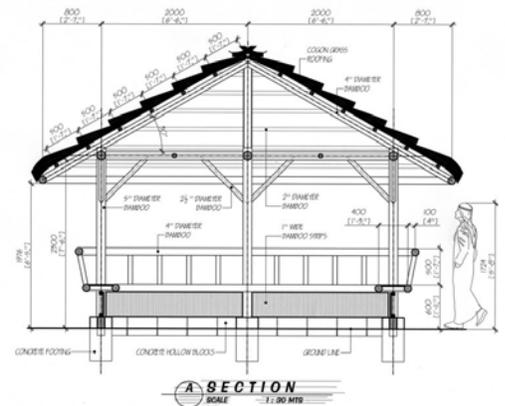
Help rebuild lives and homes in the Philippines! In the wake of Typhoon Yolanda over 6,000 lives were lost and countless homes destroyed in the Central Philippines (*the Visayas*). Much of the international relief effort to date has been directed to Leyte (Tacloban) and the surrounding areas. However, there was terrible destruction along the entire path of Yolanda and there is a great need to rebuild homes as many people are living in schools and temporary shelters.



My name is Thelma Billy (wife of PGK George Billy) and I was born in Negros Occidental in the Visayas . I will be traveling there on January 20th to conduct a month-long house rebuilding project in the fishing village of Carles in Northern Iloilo. I am raising funds to build as many homes as possible. Each home (bahay kubo) is to be built by a carpenter with assistance of the receiving family simi-

lar to Habitat For Humanity in the U.S. These modest huts (approx. 12' x 14') are to be built using strong wooden posts sunk in concrete with lawanit plywood walls, bamboo floors, and thatched roofs similar to the pictures. The cost to build each home is \$475. If you would like more information or to sponsor a home please contact me at (703) 323-6470. The receiving family will be forever grateful for your generosity.

Even if you are not inclined to sponsor a house, there is still need for donations for meals to feed the people while they are building the houses. If I have additional resources I want to also help some of the fisherman replace the banka boats they lost in the typhoon.



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 Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280 or email — gregskisr@aol.com for information. Available at Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM or at meetings.

March For Life

2014

The 41st annual March For Life gets underway on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The Virginia Knights offer support services as marshals that help with everything from crowd control to collecting money.

Father Diamond Council has collected money for the March since 1994. All the collected money goes to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March. We've been asked to help again in this effort and are looking for volunteers to collect money at the March and to count the money once it's returned to Providence Hall after the March.

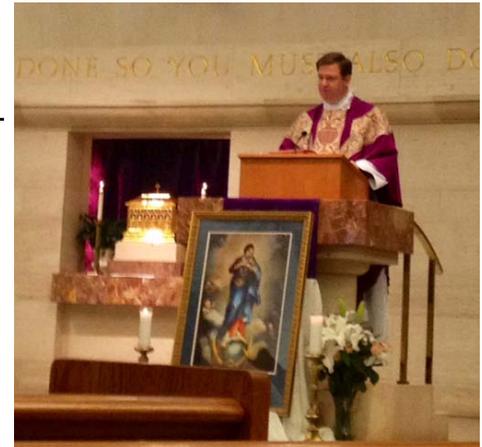
We've had many family participants over the years and the kids that attend Catholic schools usually get a day off to attend the March. The deadline to acquire solicitation permits from the DC authorities was January 5 so it is too late to be a collector but if you wish to participate in any other service such as counting money or helping to cook for the volunteers you can contact Mike Plumstead at 703-250-2367 or mplumstead@verizon.net

On Dec. 7, the Supreme traveling icon program came to St. Leo's Church. Each State Council is provided an image (typically of our Blessed Mother) that travels throughout the state to various councils, who in turn conduct a Holy Hour. This year's icon is a replica of the Immaculate Conception as displayed in the Basilica of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Quebec City.



Fr. Whitestone graciously granted permission for the icon to be displayed in front of the pulpit throughout the weekend and throughout the Solemnity.

An honor guard from the Fr. Malloy Assembly processed the icon in for display prior to Saturday evening mass then processed it out after the 7:30pm Monday night Holy mass.



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

After serving Fr. Diamond Council for over 17 years as the Field Agent, Dennis Riley has announced his retirement effective February 1. Dennis and his wife Susan, who retired in early 2012, plan on remaining in their current home in Reston for the foreseeable future. Dennis has indicated that he will continue to be active in the Knights of Columbus and participate in as many events and volunteer activities as he can, including with Fr. Diamond Council. If you need to see Dennis between now and the end of January, please contact him at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org.

Dennis Riley, FICF, Field Agent



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January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 1PM Redskins@Giants	30	31 KOVAR at ABC stores 12 - 6	1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary	2	3	4
5 Bowling League Starts	6	7 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	8	9	10	11 State Qtrly Mtg in Richmond
12 9AM Corporate Communion	13 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	14 7:30 PM Rosary 8 PM First Degree/Reg Mtg 7:30PM Rosary	15 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	16 8PM Second Degree	17	18 10:15AM Third Degree
19	20 7:00PM Columbiettes	21 11AM Grey GOSTs	22 March For Life	23	24	25
26 Family Breakfast	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Scout Sunday Breakfast	3	4 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Regular Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17 7:00PM Columbiettes	18 11AM Grey GOSTs	19 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	20	21	22 Columbiettes' Mardi Gras
23 Family Breakfast	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	26	27	28	1 6PM Night of Magic (?)

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Family Breakfast	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	26	27	28	1 6PM Night of Magic (?)
2	3	4 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 8AM Rosary to end abortion
9	10 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Reg Mtg	12	13 8PM Second Degree	14	15 St. Pat's Party
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 11AM Grey GOSTs Columbiettes' Soup Supper	19 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	20	21	22
23 Family Breakfast	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	26	27	28 Fish Dinner	29 Founder's Day

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2013-14

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Warden	Jose Costacamps	703-717-5341
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-8007
Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	703-385-8007
Outside Guard	Dan O'Malley	703-385-8007
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2yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
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Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Group GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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KOVAR COLLECTIONS

We collected just over \$1,600 outside the ABC stores.

Thanks to everyone for donating their time to stand out in the cold and collect for KOVAR. Here are the Knights who helped collect:

Christmas Eve: Carlos Jaramillo, George Rosenkranz, Joe Monin, Greg Hartley, Bill Felmler, and Brian Sharkey.

New Year's Eve: Greg Hartley, Al Botticelli, Jerry Kidwell, Al Leightley, Tim Tilson, Bill Felmler, Juan Velasquez, Tim Hogan, and Tom Bierschenk. Thanks also to my brother Mike for covering for me late on Christmas Eve. We had several Knights who had never worked a KOVAR shift before. Special thanks to you. While I find KOVAR to be a fun experience, some are a little intimidated by soliciting the public, so kudos to Bill and Juan in particular.

I have no data for comparison so I have declared this to be the best ever KOVAR Holiday effort the Council has ever undertaken.

Dan Purtill

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As Knights, we should work with one another to keep Christmas alive; for the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of the Knights of Columbus the whole year through.

In December we had a number of Brother Knights who helped foster the Christmas spirit. Thank you all for this good work. There are two Brothers in particular I'd like to recognize for their service in December. For his work, above and beyond the call of duty, in running Christmas tree sales, Tim Tilson, is our Knight of the Month. For their work with feeding the homeless and the SVDP food delivery, I am honored to recognize Mike and Nancy McKinley as our Family of the Month.

I wish the happiest of new years to you all and pray that we may together continue our good works and keep Christmas alive throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus!
Matt West
Grand Knight

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