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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message



I hope that all of my Brother Knights and your families had a blessed and holy Christmas.

We can look back at all the council's activities and be very proud of our accomplishments. From the crab feast to Christmas tree sales

we have been a very busy council. As I have always maintained, it takes all of us for our activities to be successful.

One thing I know is that I am blessed with having a supportive Deputy Grand Knight. He stepped up when I was laid up with my knee replacement and did a wonderful job. I cannot thank him enough. He did this in between doing the job of Deputy Grand Knight and working a full time job.

Our year continues in January with our regular meetings, along with a 1st degree, a second degree and at the end of the month a third degree on the 31st. Here is where we will need help. Setting up, food preparation and breakdown. More to follow at our meetings in January.

The month of January also brings the March for Life on Thursday January 22nd. Many of you have helped in the past and this is no different. "We need your help". If you can help in any way, please contact Mike Plumstead. As you know we act as marshals and we collect donations. The more Knights we have collecting the more funds are raised for Right to Life activities.

I would like to leave you with a poem that was just sent to me. It's called A Family Is Like A Circle by Nicole O'Neal. (see sidebar).

This is the year of the family. Please pray for your Family and your Brother Knights families. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas V. Kelly, PGK, PFK who passed into God's hands in late December.

May the New Year of 2015 bring all of you great joy and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Patrick McGuire
Grand Knight

A Family Is Like A Circle by Nicole O'Neal

A family is like a circle
the connection never ends
and even if at times it breaks

In time it always mends

A family is like the stars
somehow they're always there
families are those who help
who support and always care

A family is like a book
the endings never clear
but through the pages of the book
their love is always near

A family is like many things
with endless words that show
who they are and what they do
and how they teach you so you know
but don't be weary if it's broken
or if through time its been so worn

families are like that-
they're split up and always torn
but even if this happens
your family will always be
they will define just who you are
and will be a part of you eternally

Chancellor's Message

I would like to begin my note by wishing each and every one of you a very Blessed Christmas season and to make you aware of a series of Degree opportunities at St. Leo's planned for the month of January. It begins with a **First Degree scheduled on Tuesday January 13th** followed by a **Second Degree on Tuesday January 27th** concluding with a **Third Degree on Saturday January 31st**. This is a unique opportunity to go through all 3 degrees in one month right here at our Council's home.

Thanks to the efforts of several council members, our December Membership Blitz produced three new candidates who will take their First Degree in January. Now is the time to reach out to that fellow Catholic you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks. Invite him to come see what we're all about. There are tri-folds in the council hall listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Feel free to pick some up next time you're at the hall. Thank you, in advance, for your continuing support with this effort.

Vivat Jesus!
Vince Wilson
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

This is still the Christmas Season. We have celebrated the Birth of our Savior and anxiously await the arrival of the Magi. We as an organization of Catholic men and our families have been performing many Corporal Works of Mercy during this season from feeding the homeless, collecting and delivering food to our needy parish families, as well as donating and delivering gifts to those in need. I am sure you join me and my wife in the feelings of joy and happiness in being **ABLE** to do these things to help our community.

This week I was sitting next to one of our prominent Past Grand Knights at a dinner party. We all made various toasts to the memories of friends who were no longer with us and to those who were with us and who had worked so hard to make the year special. But what stuck in my mind most was everyone's sentiments of how Blessed we all were to be together and to be **ABLE** to do the things that we do. The Lord has blessed this country with a prosperity unlike any other place on this earth. A prosperity of people, riches, and freedoms – in particular Freedom of Religion!

As Catholic families, we are free to openly profess our faith... and we do! As Catholic men of the Knights of Columbus we strongly believe in Charity, Unity and Fraternalism. Charity is most prevalent during the Holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. But Charity is a year-round activity for you men we call Knights. You have been there to help fellow Knights when they needed you by helping them move, providing financial and moral support in hard times, and in helping them grieve.

2014 was a good year for all of us and I am confident that 2015 will be an even better year. We start out the year with an opportunity to demonstrate our belief in the sanctity of life – a demonstration of our Catholic Faith – the March for Life on January 22. I encourage as many of you who are **ABLE**, along with your families, to come out for that very important march of solidarity supporting the Right to Life. Brother Mike Plumstead is our chairman for this event and he needs your support. Please call Mike at **703-250-2367** or email him at mplumstead@verizon.net.

I want to join our Grand Knight, Pat McGuire, in wishing that 2015 will bring great joy and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman, DGK

In gratitude for your great dedication to the Lord
and the people of Saint Leo the Great

You are invited to

St. Leo's Christmas Gathering

Saturday January 10, 2015

7 PM till 9 PM in the School Gym

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Happy January!

Dear Ladies,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Family Donation, especially Lynne Morrison, Wendy Kehoe, Carolyn McGuire, Polo Leyendecker, John Eldred, Ruth West, Julie Clinch, Beth Ward, Rosemary Kresslein, Priscilla Hogan, Debbie Buchanan, Greg Skorupski, Nancy Rosenkranz, and Katherine Seburnia. Thanks to their generosity, the family had a wonderful Christmas. In addition to all the gifts, the Ladies donated a tree for them to decorate. The generosity of our group is amazing. I wish I could share the joy and happiness of the family with you all.



All wives of Knights are automatically members of the Ladies Auxiliary 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 7:00pm. **Our next business meeting will be January 19, 2015 at 7 p.m.** See you then!

Happy New Year!

Ruth West, President of Ladies of Father Diamond Council #6292

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December, 2014

For December we wanted to honor a Brother Knight who has been extremely busy working for this council. This brother Knight is always busy planning and executing one large event after another for this council. So many of you have received a phone call from this gentleman. I have been the recipient of one or more of his calls, and each time I cannot say no to him.

We refer to **Tim Tilson, December's Knight of the Month**, as "Mr. Organizer". Tim has the special management skill of being able to plan the myriad of details and logistics for large events such as our Christmas Tree Lot and Sales. Tim has unselfishly and successfully led this effort for many years. Tim begins his planning in August getting the tree order together. Then in September he leads the "draft" of new members into the 12 Christmas Tree Teams. In October and November, Tim is calling his Tree Team leads to make final plans for the schedule, building out the Tree Lot and unloading the trees; posting newsletter articles; and, getting signups at meetings. Tim plans everything from start-up to clean-up every year. He is at the lot nearly every day of the season making sure we have supplies, the chain saw works, and a host of other things. Not if, but when you get a call from Tim, Congratulate him for being **Knight of the Month for December**, and say **YES** to his request for help!!

March For Life 2015
Thursday, January 22, 2015
12th St., National Mall, Washington, D.C.
12:00 noon Rally



1:00 p.m. March

The March for Life began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, abortion. We provide the "bucket brigade" to collect donations that support the March for Life Education Fund. Our bus will be leaving St. Leo the Great's parking lot at 10:30 AM and will return after the march. **Call Mike Plumstead at 703-250-2367 to reserve your seat on the bus!!**

Upcoming Council Events and Recognition

Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Card Sales a big success!

Brother James Hogan and all the Christmas Tree Teams did a great job selling Christmas cards this year. Year. Everyone pitched in to help. The Tree Teams worked their weekends and we had a great year. Preliminary reports show that we only had about 15 boxes of cards left (which will be a great starter at the Parish picnic next year). Financially it appears that we did better than past years exceeding our budgeted estimates. Thank you to James Hogan for being a great KCIC chairman for the 2nd year in a row.

Christmas Tree Sales Are Done!!

Christmas Tree Sales chairman, Tim Tilson, would like to say THANKS to everyone who work the past three weeks on the tree lot. The Set Up crew did a great job putting everything up. The unloading went well albeit a bit later than normal. The Tree Team Captains did a great job in getting people out and the workers (Knights, sons, and friends) on the shifts did a super job in selling and making our customers happy. One shift sold over 20 trees in 2.5 hours with only three guys. Now that's hustling. As of 15 December Team 1 had the highest # of trees sold on 1 shift. They sold 36 trees in 3 hours, which might be an all-time high. As of 12/20 we had only **one** tree left. It looked lonely! Team 11 (Grey Ghosts) sold the most trees this year—83. Team 3 was 2nd with 72 trees. Teams 2 & 5 tied for 3rd place with 49 each—until Pat Leffas from Team 2 sold that last lonely tree thrusting Team 2 into 3rd Place. GREAT Job everyone!



Rosary to End Abortion — January 10

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout.



Nursing Home Bingo — January 12

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are en-

couraged 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.



Bowling League—Starts January 4th

It's not too late!! Our non-sanctioned bowling league starts the first Sunday in January. We bowl at Bowl America in the City of Fairfax. Bowling starts about 6:15pm (right after 5:00pm Mass). The league is open to men and women (including teens). Council members, families and friends are invited to join. Contact David Whitcomb (703-591-7739) or Nelson Clinch (703-385-2146) if you are interested.



Christmas Dinner/Dance—Good Times

Our annual Council Christmas Party was held the evening of Saturday, December 6, and was attended by 66 people. Included in those attending were our District Deputy and District Warden, Virginia's State Deputy and State Advocate, and a Supreme Director. Additionally, one of our Priests stopped by (impressive, considering there were five conflicting activities on campus that evening!). Reports from various people was that the food (which included Prime Rib, and Roasted Turkey was terrific, and everyone had a great time!



Many people contributed to the success of the party: Jordan, Nathan, and Kaelan Kehoe assisted the chairman in delivering the food for the party; Joe Burg, Joe Gesker, Al Leightley, and Alfonso Munevar assisted in setting up tables and chairs and the Christmas tree; Wendy Kehoe and Ruth West decorated the Hall; Phil, Josh, Amanda, and Ashleigh Freda, along with Mike Purtill and Greg Skorupski took care of final preparation and serving of the food, as well as cleaning up the kitchen; Herb Zimmerman and Vince Wilson manned the door; Charlie Kraiger handled bartending; Matt and James Hogan provided the musical entertainment; and Vince Wilson with the help of Joe Gesker, Charlie Kraiger, and Tim Tilson cleaned up the kitchen and the Hall.

A special word of thanks to Kevin McGuire, Pat McGuire, and Mike Purtill, who, on virtually a moment's notice, were able to step up and prepare and cook the delicious meal. Job well done all around... THANK YOU!!!

In Memoriam
Thomas V. Kelley
March 29, 1933 - December 11, 2014

Tom Kelley, died peacefully on December 11, 2014 with his family by his side at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Tom is preceded in death by his wife Frances Austina Kyanko Kelley. He is survived by his daughter Therese, his son Brian, and his daughter Kathy. He is also survived by his 5 grandchildren, James, Kerrie, Evan, Connor, and Keira.



Tom was born in Wheeling WV, served in the US Air Force in Korea and later graduated from Wheeling College, class of 1961. Tom and Austina moved to Northern VA, where they raised their 3 children, and retired from the Food and Drug administration. Tom was an active member of The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Diamond Council where he served as Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator of Father Malloy Assembly, Faithful District Deputy, and past KOVAR President. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to KOVAR, (A Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity), Financial Secretary, Father Diamond Council 6292, 3702 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Besides KOVAR, Tom was closely involved with starting the council's Bingo program, St. Leo's school buses, Christmas tree sales and just about anything else that was done to support St. Leo's parish and the Knight's many charity programs.

FEED THE HOMELESS



Thelma Billy (wife of PGK George Billy) heads up the annual event in DC feeding up to 600 persons. Bill Weich, Nelson & Julie Clinch were present to hand out presents. Gerry Kelso, (left), Sue Buchanan (center), Paul Desbiens (right) all give assistance.



**December 10
Radio City Music
Hall Trip**

Get in the Picture—Come Join Us

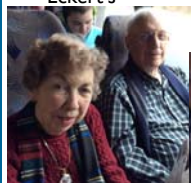
**December 6
Christmas Dinner/
Dance**



Eckert's



Plumstead's, McGuire's, Baringhaus, & Eldred



Novak & Cotner



Cooke's



Vince Wilson

Charlie Kraiger and John Weinheimer



Cerny's and Weich's



State Deputy—Steve Burnley
Supreme Director—Tommy Harger
join the Leightley's at the buffet

Pat McGuire
Grand Knight
Welcomes Everyone

**December 14
Wings for KOVAR**



Which Ward ate all them wings?

Mike, Julie & Kathy—Wing Specialists



Nate and Polo—enjoying!



**December 20
Food Basket Deliveries**

Waiting their
turn to deliver



GK trying to pick the lightest boxes

Ashleigh McGuire helps pack the cars. John Cesarini helps too!

**December 21
Santa Breakfast**



Everybody
loves Santa
Breakfast



**December 20
Tree
Lot
Sales**

Lots of trees sold
by hearty
Knights. Even
built their own
shelter when it
got cold



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Bowling Season Begins Bowling League for new and ret	5	6 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	7	8	9	10 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion St. Leo Appreciation Reception
11	12 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	13 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	14 7 PM - Financial Audit	15	16	17 State Qtrly Meeting
18 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	19 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	20 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	21 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	22 9 AM - March for Life	23	24
25	26	27 7:00PM Rosary 8 PM - 2nd Deg & Business Mtg	28	29	30 6:30 3rd Degree Setup @ PAC 7:30 - Fraternal Night	31 10:30 AM 3rd Degree @ PAC

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Scout Breakfast @ PAC After 9:00 AM Mass	2	3 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	4	5	6	7
8 11 AM - Corporate Communion	9 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	10 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM - Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
15 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	16 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	17 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	18 Ash Wednesday 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	19 7:30PM- Setup for Soup Supper	20 6:30PM Soup Supper @ Hall	21
22	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	25	26 7:30PM- Setup for Soup Supper	27 6:30PM Soup Supper @ Hall	28

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	4	5 7:30PM- Setup for Soup Supper	6 6:30PM Soup Supper @ Hall	7 State Qtrly Meeting
8	9 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	10 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	11	12 7:30PM- Setup for Soup Supper	13 6:30PM Soup Supper @ Hall	14 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion 6:15PM St Patricks Prty@Hall
15	16 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	17 St Patrick's Day 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	18 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	19 7:30PM- Setup for Soup Supper	20 6:30PM Soup Supper @ Hall Council Sponsored	21
22 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	23	24 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	25	26 7:30PM- Setup for Soup Supper	27 6:30PM Soup Supper @ Hall Food basket Assembly @ Hall	28 9 AM - distribute Food Baskets

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

Officers

Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
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3yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
2yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
1yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

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Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
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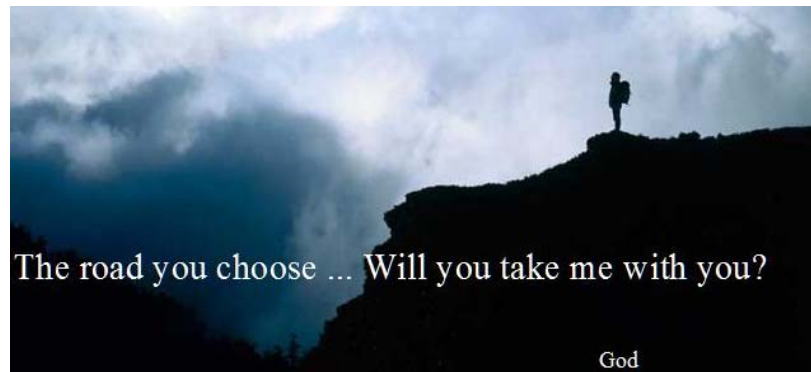
Committee Chairmen

Charity	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Admissions	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	TBD	703-385-8007
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Manager	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Comedy Knight	Mike Torrey	703-273-2588
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Matt West	703-359-4652
Newsletter	TBD	
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948



Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones



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 at 703-978-6137 or email — ZLRN01@AOL.COM for information. Available at Providence 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**

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