

## FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL



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# THE LOOKOUT



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January 2021



## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,  
Hopefully, you all found reason to celebrate the New

Year, if only for what it promises in the way of progress in the rollout of coronavirus vaccines that could end the pandemic. I am happy to report that the council did not let restrictions imposed in reaction to the pandemic impede the success of our major December activities – Christmas tree sales, Feed the Homeless, and Christmas Food Basket and Gift distributions. Thanks to the efforts of Chairman Tim Tilson, the Team Captains, and the volunteer salesmen, all 370 trees were sold well before Christmas to provide much-needed funds for our charitable causes and operations. The annual Feed the Homeless Christmas Meal event, organized by George and Thelma Billy, once again transported to Washington, DC enough food to feed 500 people. Joe Burg organized our council's participation with the St. Leo's Social Ministry in this year's Christmas Food Basket pickup and delivery. Sincere thanks to all those who assisted with these December events, for you assured their success by putting into action our orders' principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity!

Vivat Jesus!  
Mark Walther  
Grand Knight

**Pray the  
Rosary  
Daily**

*We wish everyone a very  
Blessed and Safe New  
Year !!*



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

With 2020 coming to a close, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all those mem-

bers of the Council who gave so much of their time, talent, and treasure this past calendar year. We all know what a difficult year it has been, and your commitment to furthering our principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism despite all the challenges 2020 brought is impressive. The creativity that went into making so many of our programs and fundraising activities happen is just remarkable, and you should all be very proud.

This is exactly what we celebrate this holiday season, Christ becoming present in our world. While the life of Jesus was limited to a particular moment in history, he instituted the Church to be his body in the world until he returns. A lot of councils have probably just phoned it in over the last year, but Father Diamond Council has sought to exceed expectations and set an example for other councils to follow. This is nothing new, and I am continually amazed by the dedication the members of our Council have to making Christ present in the world.

From my family to yours, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.

*Kevin Kleponis, Deputy Grand Knight*

### *In Memoriam*

*Thomas (Tom) Maichak*

*1925–2020*

*A Brother Knight and Fishing Buddy for over 25 years*



KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way of the Greater Capital Area. **CFC - #42569**  
United Way Campaigns in the Greater D.C. Area - **#8838** and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign - State Employees - **#200467**

If you or any family member make contributions through these campaigns, please consider KOVAR. If you do, please make a copy of your receipt and include:

Council number 6292  
Council membership number  
Signature of person contributing

**Send or give this receipt to Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman.**

There are two ways you can donate directly by check:  
Make checks payable to KOVAR.

1. Send a check to:

KOVAR  
5588 Needleton Ave  
Woodbridge VA 22193  
Please place Council #6292 in the memo field  
Make check payable to Knights of Columbus 6292

2. Send a check to;

Knights of Columbus  
St. Leo the Great Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 20230  
Please place KOVAR in the memo field

**Donations can also be made online through [www.vakofc.org](http://www.vakofc.org).**  
Again please enter Council #6292 in council number field.

### Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2020

INCOME for November \$4,786.02 (Pot Pies, Chili, Scrip, Food Gift Baskets)

EXPENSES for November \$17,963.73 (Trees, Scrip, cable)

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking \$25,470.55  
United Checking (2) \$ 1,329.51  
Invest Fund \$34,219.85  
RTL Fund \$ 4,528.61  
Building Fund \$45,462.20  
KOVAR Collections (\$ 2,199.07)

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PKD & VKCCI Collections (\$ 186.09)

**Net Assets \$115,775.56**

### Chancellor's Report



Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! As we look forward to the many joys 2021 will surely bring, let us also remember and be thankful for the support and fellowship of brother Knights throughout challenging year of 2020.

Thank you for continuing to find new member recruiting opportunities each day as we continue to strive toward our goal of 20 new members. Please feel free to pass on my contact information to anyone you meet who is interested in learning more about becoming a knight.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Vivat Jesus,

John Johnson

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

### January Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Dylan Cate	1	Nick Cirillo	16
Pranas Ciziunas	1	Michael De Marco	17
Scot Lunsford	1	John Eldred	17
David Ferry	2	Thomas Zink	17
Daniel Perugini	2	George Billy	18
Dave Todd Jr	2	John Judge	18
Patrick Purtill Jr	4	Ramon Madan	19
Christopher Robertello	5	Freddy Martinez	20
Ed Rodriguez Jr	5	Shawn Dias	22
Marvin Muhat	6	David Todd Sr	23
Francis Earley Jr	7	Andrew Rittenbach	24
Lawrence Lebahn	8	Sipa Sikaulu	24
George Rosenkranz	9	Jim Essig	25
Howard Steers	9	James Connelly	27
Carmine Carullo	10	Jeffrey Neigh	27
Bill Murray	10	Loren Smith Jr	28
Patrick Kelliher	11	John Paul Balserak	29
Sean Wilson	11	Mark Cameron	29
Russell Parker	15	Christopher Se-bunia	29
		John Federline	30
		Adrian Bermudez	31



## Knights of the Month—December 2020

Only a few short months ago, it was feared that our annual Christmas tree sale would not be possible in the midst of a pandemic. It ended up being a resounding success, however, owing in large part to the committed sales teams. From Chairman Tim Tilson who oversaw the whole operation, to the team captains who organized volunteers for the given time slots, to the salesmen themselves who trimmed and secured the trees to customers' vehicles (and endured the cold downtime between sales), the efforts led to an early sellout of the inventory. Some Knights recruited family members in the cause, as was the case with Brian Sharkey who was joined by his two daughters, and Joe Burg whose wife also helped out. Another team was notable for the three generations of Knights who worked together: Tom, Tim, and James Hogan. For all their hard work that has allowed us to fund a good portion of our charitable causes, we name our *Christmas Tree Teams as our December Knights of the Month.*

## Family of the Month—December 2020

Our parish priests, who perform a lot of duties in normal times, have gone to extra lengths during the pandemic to make the seasons of Advent and Christmas spiritually fulfilling for all the parishioners of St. Leo the Great Church. Their resourcefulness and willingness to adapt allowed for the resumption of hearing confessions outdoors when temperatures were moderate. During Advent, when health safety concerns precluded the holding of the traditional large confession event with many outside priests, our own priests compensated by expanding their schedule of confessions. If that were not enough, they added additional Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to more safely accommodate the attendance crush. In humble gratitude to the *selfless service of the priests of St. Leo the Great Church – our Pastor, Fr. Whitestone and his Parochial Vicars, Fr. Christensen and Fr. Nguyen (our council's Chaplain) and the priest in residence, Fr. JunHee Lee – we wish to honor them as our December Family of the Month.*



## Chicken Pot Pies Fundraiser for KOVAR

The Knights of Columbus will be selling homemade Chicken Pot Pies! Take and bake and/or Frozen

Cost \$15.00 for a 9 in deep dish (feeds 4) or \$5.00 for a single serve pie.

When you place your order please indicate:

- 1) How many pies you would like and what size (Family or Single)
- 2) How many you would like ready to bake, how many frozen

To order please visit:

<https://forms.gle/hkfDWK1id2myLPHj9>



**This is an RSVP and Pick Up ONLY event, please order by Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

Pies will be picked up on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
at the Knights Hall 3702 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax VA, 22030

Questions/Concerns email  
[kofckitchen6292@gmail.com](mailto:kofckitchen6292@gmail.com)

For more information about KOVAR please visit their website at <http://kovarva.org/>

Thank you for your support – Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman





### Happy 100th Birthday—Jim Smith

On Monday, December 7, 2020, Father Diamond Council #6292 and Fr. Walter F. Malloy Assembly #1894, Fairfax, Virginia, participated in a parade to honor one of their own on the occasion of his 100th birthday!

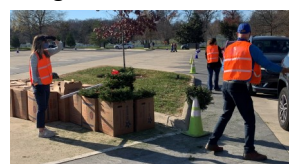
Brother and SK James "Horse Collar" Smith, is a U.S. Marine who served during World War II as part of the Edson Raiders, fighting at the Battles of Tulagi and Guadalcanal. He was awarded two Silver Stars, one of which was presented to him by Fleet Admiral William Halsey, Jr., and a Purple Heart. Following a brief employment with Remington Rand, Jim went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency. He retired from the CIA in 1989 as a member of the Senior Executive Service. Since then, he has kept busy as an active member of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, where he is a Lector, and as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also has served as a rugby referee, and has become a World Champion Skeet Shooter. Jim has recorded two history videos of his WWII experiences, one on display at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, the other at the WWII Memorial in New Orleans. On November 11, 2000, Jim participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Parade was organized and planned by Brother Al Leightley, and was led by Fr. Walter F Malloy Assembly's Color Guard, as well as an Honor Guard. The parade included 2 City of Fairfax Police Department escort motor cycles and 3 Police cruisers, 2 City of Fairfax Fire & Rescue Department vehicles, 15 cycles from the American Legion, the Fairfax High School Brass band, 40 vehicles containing brother Knights, many parishioners of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, and many neighbors, family and friends.. At the conclusion of the Parade, several presentations were made beginning with a blessing from Rev. David A. Whitestone, Pastor of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. State of Virginia legislature proclamations were presented by State Delegate David L. Bulova (member of St. Mary of Sorrows Council #8600) and State Senator John C. "Chap" Petersen. Vice Supreme Master SK Micheal W. Thumm, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN (retired Colonel, USMC), accompanied by the Master of the Virginia District SK Stephen P. Raschke, PSD, FDD, PGK, PFN, presented Jim with a VSM Citation. The events concluded with the City of Fairfax Mayor, David L. Meyer, presenting Jim with a proclamation from the City of Fairfax in honor of all of his achievements, most notably his 100th birthday!



### Father Diamond Council 6292 Honors the Fallen

Father Diamond Council Brother Knights and family members, composing the **Father Malloy Assembly 1894 Wreaths Across America Truck Crew**, on Sunday 13 December 2020, welcomed and presented Christmas wreaths to families of those veterans who are now at rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Those proud Brother Knights and family members who graciously partook in this distinct honor included Phil Coletti, Larry Cook, Jason Johnsrud, Ken Miller and his lovely wife, Page, Julie Boelstler (daughter of Joe Gesker), Natasha Boelstler (granddaughter of Joe Gesker) and Joe Gesker, Truck Crew Chief. This **Father Malloy Assembly Truck Crew** was one of only a few, because of the pandemic, to be invited by the Arlington Wreath Project (AWP) to participate in this hallowed and very much appreciated exercise. The crew was complimented by AWP leaders for their dignity and courtesy in greeting the affected families and in presenting the wreaths.





This year's annual March for Life in DC will be held on Friday, January 29, 2021. The Virginia Knights offer support services as marshals to 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 March for Life Education and Defense Fund 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 need your help because the more collectors we have the more money we collect. When we have over 20 collectors we are successful. Knight collectors line the March route and ask for donations. Marchers leave the rally area and march down Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court on Capitol Hill. Our Knights cover the first leg of the March with donation buckets.

We'll rent a bus again this year and leave Providence Hall as a group around 10:30 am on Friday, January 29th. We ask for a \$10 donation for the bus transportation. We ask volunteers to get to the Hall before 10:30 to pick up Marshal jackets and baseball caps. Please wear a mask or we can provide you one. We will be adhering to CDC guidelines as much as possible during this event.

We've had many family participants over the years so if you have wives or teenage kids or grandkids bring them along. The kids that attend Catholic schools usually get a day off to attend the March. We have been blessed to have several participants from Paul VI for several years.

If you can volunteer please let us know by December 30, 2020. **Contact Mike Plumstead at 703-250-2367 or [mplumstead@verizon.net](mailto:mplumstead@verizon.net)** if you have any questions.

Each year the March for Life has a tradition of recognizing a remarkable person through the Pro-Life Legacy Award – a person who has dedicated his or her life to building a culture of life. This award, presented during the Rose Dinner, is gifted to longstanding heroes of the pro-life movement. March for Life is delighted to announce that the 2021 Pro-Life Legacy awardee is Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Carl Anderson.

Read more about Carl Anderson's impressive career below, and then [register for our Virtual Rose Dinner Gala](#) to watch the award presentation, including remarks from Mr. Anderson and Keynote Speaker, Tim Tebow!

## A Beautiful Christmas Story of Christ's Love Present in Many Hearts

Early on the morning of Friday, November 27 our tree lot chairman was alone and beginning to stage tools and equipment from our KofC shed to the front lot by the school. Tim was trying to get ahead of the helpers who would soon join him. Tim made several trips back and forth to the shed. Helpers soon arrived and work began in earnest to build our tree lot. There were a lot of our regular guys there but one young man who stood out amongst the men, Tanner Sewell. Tanner had expressed a desire to join the Knights as soon as possible and this will happen as soon as he completes his RCIA training, is baptized and is converted into the Catholic church this Easter season. Christ's love is present in Tanner's heart. After the lot was assembled and the team began to set up the sawhorses get the power chords plugged in and test the chain saws. THE CHAIN SAWS WERE MISSING!! Tim knew he had brought them out with his first load of equipment. Someone had made a quick grab-n-go of our chainsaws. Tim decided that he would go out and purchase a saw for the next day's business. In the mean time, our member-in-waiting, Tanner Sewell, was at Twin Ace Hardware that afternoon. He told them of the dastardly deed and they immediately wanted to donate a chain saw for our use. It was a beauty!! Christ's love was in many hearts that day. We encourage all members of the Council and parishioners to patronize the best new "old fashioned" hardware store in Fairfax. They support our community —and we support them!!



## January 2021

The January calendar has been updated based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. Please watch your emails for last minute updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 	2
3	4	5 7:30PM Officers Meeting	6	7	8	9 8:00AM Rosary to End Abortion
10	11	12 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 11:00AM Grey Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	20 7:00 4th Degree Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	27	28	29 March for Life In DC	30

## February 2021

The February calendar has minor updates based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. However, at this time we do not know which "PHASE" we will be in by that time. Revisions to the February Calendar will be distributed via the Council Membership Email server as well as the February LOOKOUT newsletter.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	3 Pot Pies—order deadline	4	5	6 POT PIE POICKUP 3:00-7:00PM
7	8	9 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8:00AM Rosary to End Abortion 6PM Magic Night (Tentative)
14	15	16 11:00AM Grey Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 7:30am Men's Retreat
21	22	23 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	24	25	26	27 3:00PM Youth Hoops Challenge



## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

### Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chaplain	Father Nguyen	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

### Program Directors

Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

### Committee Chairmen

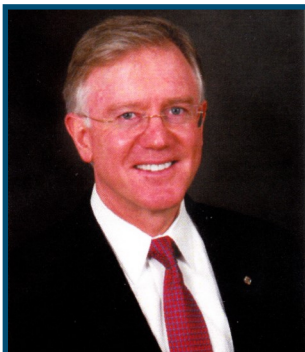
Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Retention	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	Ralph Heinze	703-850-7718
Ins. Promotion	Ralph Heinze	703-850-7718

Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
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### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team		
2nd Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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## Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway is sold by our council.  
Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information.  
Available at Providence Hall before or after meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and 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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. Win - Win

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