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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:

As we begin 2009 I would like to thank everyone for all of the hard work in getting the Christmas Tree lot set-up, manning all the shifts even in the worst of weather, and cleaning up the tree lot. A big thank you goes to Tim Tilson and Jac Cerny for all of the work in getting everything ready for Christmas Trees and making sure the workers had everything needed to make our sales a success. I would also like to thank Al Botticelli for helping close down the sales at night and doing all of the money counting and record keeping. The final profit numbers are not in but it looks like we will equal last years number and possibly more.

I hope everyone was able to get some rest over the holidays as the council has several ways to help in January. The family breakfast on the 18th is a great place to come and socialize with your fellow brother Knights and get a great meal and if you could lend some assistance that would be greatly appreciated. The last week

of the month the council is having what we call degree week with a 1st Degree on the 27th, a second degree on the 29th, and we will be hosting the 3rd



degree is on the 31st. Please come out to the degree is you can offer some assistance or participate if you have not taken one of these degrees. Please contact Nelson Clinch for more details on the degrees at clinch5va@yahoo.com or 703-385-2146. Also, please try and attend our meeting on the 13th and the 1st Degree and Social Meeting on the 27th.

Monthly update on hall renovations: The request to renovate Providence Hall submitted by Fr. Whitestone and staff to the Diocese has been ap-

proved. We are now moving into drawing up plans of what will be done with Providence Hall.

The Knight of the Month for November is Dave Whitcomb for all the work in building the new stairs into the trailer for the Christmas tree lot. The Family of the Month for November is George and Silvia Schuld for the Thanksgiving basket program and all of the coordination with St. Vincent de Paul.

If you have any new ideas or suggestions for new activities or fundraising to support our charitable cause please pass them along to myself or Mike Purtill (Deputy Grand Knight). I can be reached at 703-591-6813 or via e-mail at steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

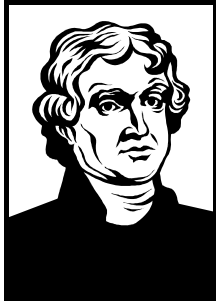
Looking ahead into February we will be hosting a doing the annual Scout Sunday breakfast, Corporate Communion, and Pancake Supper.

Steve Kehoe
Grand Knight

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



January is a busy month for the council as we host a 1st Degree on January 27th, a 2nd Degree on January 29th, and a 3rd Degree on January 31st.

If you know anyone interested in joining the Knights this is a great time to bring them in and get them through all of the degrees at Fr. Diamond. Please contact Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com for more information.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to help with the collection and counting of money from the annual March for Life.

February is a busy month for our council and will begin with

the annual Scout Appreciation Breakfast on February 1st. Please plan to come out and show your appreciation for all the scouts do for our community. On February 14th, the council will be hosting its annual St. Valentine's Day dance. There will be cocktails, dinner and dancing. More details will come to you through email, but please contact Tim Hogan at tim1hogan@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to attend.

On Sunday, February 15th, the council will be celebrating our Corporate Communion mass in honor of all our brother knights that have passed away. Please plan to attend the 11:00am mass with your family and sit in the area designated for the Knights. Also that week, on Friday the 20th at 7:30pm, the council will be hosting a fraternalism night. The theme for this fraternalism will be a Mardi Gras celebration. Brother

Zimmerman will be making red beans and rice and jambalaya. We will be showing movies and playing cards. Please come out and have a great time with your brother knights. Please contact Herb Zimmerman at herb2777@yahoo.com if you would like to attend. Finally, on Tuesday, February 24th, at 5:00pm the council will be hosting our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Please plan to attend and celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at mvpurtill@gmail.com.

Thanks!
Mike Purtill
202-251-8424

Knight of the Month November



Dave Whitcomb

Family of the Month November



George &
Silvia
Schuld

Columbiettes' Corner

Thank you to Linda Baringhaus and Ann Todd for coordinating the decorations for the Christmas party. The gym looked absolutely festive. Another thank you needs to be extended to Julie Clinch and Kathy Weich for organizing the Columbiettes annual cookie exchange. The ladies enjoyed socializing and getting to sample each other's cookies.

At the cookie exchange, we wrapped gifts for "Kidney Kid" and his sister. The family was overwhelmed by the outpouring of gifts and has expressed their gratitude for the Columbiettes' generosity. What a great feeling to know that we were able to provide toys for the two

young children who would not have enjoyed Christmas otherwise! Thank you, ladies!

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2009. We will be discussing activities for the remainder of the fraternal year.



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 the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo



Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday February 9, at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should

be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at ward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

2008 Christmas Baskets

Father Diamond Council teamed up with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in providing Christmas food baskets and gifts to needy families in the St. Leo's parish area. A total of 74 baskets were provided. The council provided 50 turkeys and 50 \$10 gift certificates. SVDP provided 74 food baskets and gifts. 15 turkeys and 24 \$10 gift certificates and 9 \$20 gift certificates to clients who did not want turkeys. George Schuld coordinated the Council effort with Dorothy and Ben Schaeffer of SVDP to assemble and deliver the baskets. Thanks are given to those brothers who took time from their busy holiday schedules to help move the food from the SVDP pantry to Providence Hall on Friday night, December 21, and those who devoted their time and vehicles to deliver the baskets on Saturday, March 22. Special thanks are given to those who helped with both efforts.

March For Life

Our collection effort at the March this afternoon netted about \$27,900 in donations to help defray the costs of running the March. This is a new record for the Council surpassing our old record by \$2,000 set two years ago. Thanks to all who participated in the collecting during the March and to those who helped count the donations after the March. An atta-boy to Mike Plumstead who Chaired the Council's effort. This is our 16th year collecting funds, to date we have collected about \$268,00 to support the March.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on February 24, 2009 from 5:00-7:00PM in Providence Hall. Come and enjoy a great meal and the fellowship of your brother Knights as well as members of our parish.

Volunteers Needed for the February 28th "Adopt-A-Spot" Clean-Up

The Council is looking for two or three volunteers on Saturday, 28 February, to join me in removing trash and debris from a small run of Old Lee Highway east of St. Leo the Great. We begin our duty to the community at 10 a.m., and should be finished no later than 10:40. There will be coffee and doughnuts at the Hall prior to the event to bolster our stamina, and the same afterwards to refresh us. This activity is very much weather dependent and will not take place if there is snow or ice on the roadway. Please contact Matt West at mtwest1@verizon.net.

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, February 14. 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.



Corporate Communion

The next quarterly corporate communion mass to honor the deceased brothers of Fr. Diamond Council is Sunday February 15, at the 11:00am mass. The first several pews of the middle section will be reserved for the Knights and their families. Remember to wear your name badge. Let's fill up these pews and show the parish community our brotherhood.



Fraternalism Night
Friday – February 20th
7:00 PM to whenever - at Providence Hall

Who is Invited? – All brother Knights – as a **Thank You** for the hard work you've done all year! Also, you can invite a guest potential Knight (who wants to see what we're all about.)

What is it? – an evening of:



FOOD - In honor of Mardi Gras we will have a Cajun favorite – **Red beans & Rice with sausage.**

FUN – We have a choice of two of the 5 highest grossing movies of 2008 - (**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull or The Dark Knight**)

If Judge shows me how, we'll even have popcorn!!



FRATERNALISM – If enough guys show up who are interested, we might even break out the old poker table. Or we can just sit around and enjoy each other's company, talk, watch the movie, reminisce, etc.

What Does it Cost? – Only what you want to spend on liquid refreshments at the warden's prices.

Food, movie, snacks are FREE !!

RSVP: So that we can be sure to have enough food, contact:

Herb Zimmerman

703-385-9455

or Email

herb2777@yahoo.com

Did You Know . .

Day of Ashes

By James Akin (excerpt from www.catholic.com)

Ash Wednesday, the day Lent begins, occurs forty days before Good Friday. Some Fundamentalists claim Ash Wednesday is based on a pagan festival, but it originated in the A.D. 900s, long after Europe had been Christianized and the pagan cults stamped out.

Ash Wednesday is actually a colloquial name. The official name is the Day of Ashes, because on that day the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

In the Bible, a mark on the forehead is a symbol of ownership. By having his forehead marked with the sign of a cross, a person symbolizes that he belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a cross. This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18). It is also imitates the way the righteous are described in the book of Revelation: "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads" (Rev.7:3). Or again, "Then I looked, and, lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads" (Rev. 14:1). This is in contrast to the followers of the beast, who have the number 666 on their foreheads or hands.

The Church Fathers expounded on this *tav-chi-cross-christos* connection in their homilies, seeing in Ezekiel a prophetic foreshadowing of the sealing of Christians as servants of Christ. It is also part of the background of the Catholic practice of making the sign of the cross, which in the early centuries (as can be documented from the second century on) consisted of using one's thumb to trace a small sign of the cross on one's forehead-like Catholics do today at the reading of the Gospel during Mass.

On the first day of Lent, this signing is done with ashes because they are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance. In Bible times the custom was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put dust and ashes on one's head (cf. 1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:20, 13:19, 15:32). Ashes also symbolize death and so remind us of our mortality. When the priest uses his thumb to sign one of the faithful with the ashes and says, "Remember, man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return," he is echoing God's address to Adam (Gen. 3:19; cf. Job 34:15; Ps. 90:3, 104:29; Eccles. 3:20).

Catholics are not required to have their foreheads signed with ashes. It is, though, strongly advised as a visible spiritual reminder that encourages us to adopt an attitude of prayer, repentance, and humility.

Neither is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation. Holy days are either commemorations of particular events (such as the birth of Christ), particular people (such as Jesus' earthly father, Joseph), or important theological concepts (such as the Kingship of Christ). Ash Wednesday does not commemorate any event and could be said only indirectly to commemorate a Person (Christ), since it is the beginning of preparation for the greater celebrations of Christ's saving work that follow. However, attending Mass is a fitting way to mark the beginning of penitential season of Lent. Also, it is a day of fast and abstinence.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

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 2007 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 contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 6:00pm Bowling Season Starts	5	6 7:30pm Officer's Meeting	7	8	9	10 8:00am Rosary at Abortion Food Drive
11 Food Drive	12 6:45pm Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	13 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm Business Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 Family Breakfast - Blue Team	19	20 11:00am Gray Gosts 7:30pm Columbi- ettes Meeting	21 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting	22 12:00pm March for Life 7:30pm Admissions Committee	23 7:30pm Fraternalism Night	24 Food Drive
25 Food Drive	26	27 7:30pm Mass 8:00pm 1st Degree Social Meeting	28	29 8:00pm 2nd Degree	30	31 12:00pm 3rd De- gree??

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Scout Sunday Breakfast	2	3 7:30pm Officer's Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 8:00am Blood Drive	9 6:45pm Bingo @ FFX Nursing Hom	10 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8:00am Rosary at Abortion 6:00pm Valentines Dance Food Drive
15 1100a Corporate Communion Mass Food Drive	16	17 11:00am Gray Gosts 7:30pm Columbi- ettes Meeting	18 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting	19	20 7:30pm Fraternal- ism Night	21 9:00am District Free Throw
22 Family Breakfast - Gold Team	23	24 5:00pm Pancake Supper 7:30pm Mass 8:00pm Business Meeting	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28 10:00am Adopt-A- Spot Food Drive

Officers and Program Chairmen

Officers		
Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
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2yr Trustee	Bill Ward	703-273-6289
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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
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
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Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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KOVAR	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
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Newsletter Deadlines

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 Matt West at mtwest1@verizon.net

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.

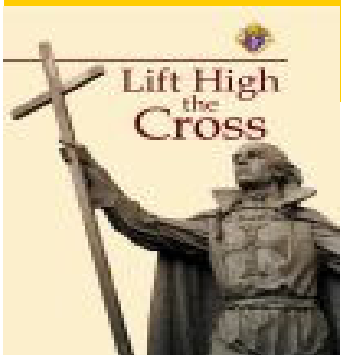


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**Remember Fellowship with Your Brother
Knights in January and February. . .**

January 27 Mass, 1st Degree & Social Meeting

February 10 Rosary & Council Business Meeting

February 17 Grey GOSTS

February 24 Mass & Social Meeting

***See the Monthly Calendar Inside for Additional
Opportunities***