

The Lookout

July/August 2006



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

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Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings to you all at the beginning of this new fraternal year! I want to thank the members and officers of this council for placing their trust in me and electing me to the position of Grand Knight. I hope to uphold the great traditions and programs established by my worthy predecessors. I'm confident that, working together, we'll make this year another exciting and successful one.

As I look at our council and think about the four principles upon which the Knights were founded – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism – I see many opportunities for us to strengthen the bonds between ourselves, the Church and the St. Leo's Parish community. As for charity, I see this virtue in abundance throughout the council – I am constantly amazed at the generosity of our members when it comes to helping the needy and assisting those less fortunate in this area and beyond. The willingness to give of time as well as donations is truly something our council can take pride in and I am confident it will continue for years to come. Patriotism is also a true hallmark of this council (I do not think I have ever been associated with a group that was more supportive of our country and what it stands for). Our unity and fraternity are the two most important principles that I feel we can build on as we work toward the future.

I would like to suggest that we add a few characteristics (borrowing from the four principles of the order) and try to apply these in even greater measure to our interaction with each other and our dedication to the order: Communication, Understanding, Friendship and Participation.

Communication is the most important element that I believe we can improve on in our actions as brother Knights. If you see someone struggling with an activity (or you are the one in need of help) don't hold back – offer your guidance or ask for it – as the case may be. This council has a wealth of experience and knowledge. The more we share with each other, the better our council can be. Understanding (or empathy) is also important as we deal with each other. Put yourself in the position of a brother Knight and consider that, in volunteering to work with

the Knights, he is often giving up time he could spend doing something else and he most likely is trying to do his best. Give each other the benefit of the doubt and offer your constructive comments to aid a brother Knight. Help each other to head off any problems before they occur. The friendships and relationships in this council are a great source of its strength – I know that I personally count several of the Knights in this council as my closest fiends and confidants. Get to know your fellow Knights even better and bring newer members into the fold – help them to join the group and not feel like outsiders would.

Participation is obviously critical to our organization, and getting new blood into the mix is more important than ever. To try something different - and specifically to increase participation – I have proposed a new initiative this year to try and engage members in the council. We will have a "Rewards for Participation" Program/Contest. For more information, see this newsletter, upcoming e-mails and check on the website at <http://6292.kofcva.org/>. I hope that this idea engages folks and adds some excitement to the year.

I'd like to thank Dave Miller for the excellent job he did this previous year and I appreciate all the help he's given me in my growth as a Knight. Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the loss for our council of PGK Bill Jayne as he moves to North Carolina – Bill has been a true pillar of strength for our council and for St. Leo's as well (as head usher, in his key role in the Right to Life Memorial and in so many other ways). His absence will be sorely felt by our council.

As I said, I am confident that if we all work together and communicate we will have another banner year – full of exciting new events and continuing excellence. I solicit your support and input as I strive to live up to the standards that this council deserves.

Fraternally Yours,

Bill Ward

Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292 July/August 2006

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Program Director's Message:

From the Program Director

Welcome Brother Knights to the 2006-2007 Fraternal Year! As always we will be very active, but at the same time we will also have lots of fun. Try to be as active as you are able, but also remember that work and family come first. Below are the 2006-2007 Officers and Program Chairmen for Fr. Diamond Council. As your Program Director, I ask you to give them as much support and assistance as possible keeping in mind the first three principles of the Order – Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We are looking forward to another great year and hope we can depend on you to show that Fr. Diamond Council is the best Council in the State of Virginia!

Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Ward
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Weich
Chancellor	Steve Kehoe
Warden	Bob Eckert
Financial Secretary	Al Botticelli
Treasurer	Al Leightley
Recorder	Mike Purtill
Advocate	Dennis Makurat
Inside Guard	Matt West
Outside Guard	Nelson Clinch
Outside Guard	George Schuld
Lecturer	Greg Skorupski
3 Yr Trustee	Dave Miller
2 Year Trustee	Greg Hartley
1 Year Trustee	Hank Urban

Programs

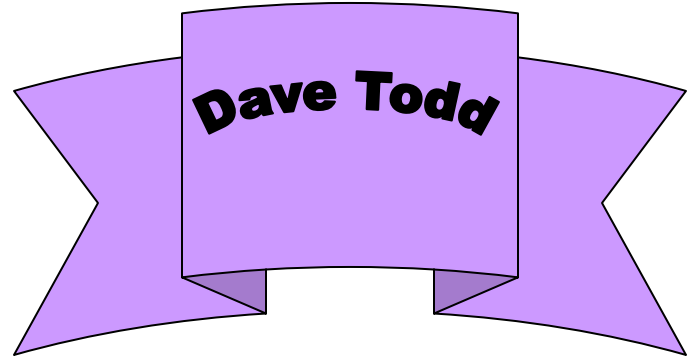
Program Director	Bill Weich
Charity	George Schuld
Community	Tim Hogan
Council	Dan & Mike Purtill
Family	Tim Tilson
Youth	Bob Bilko

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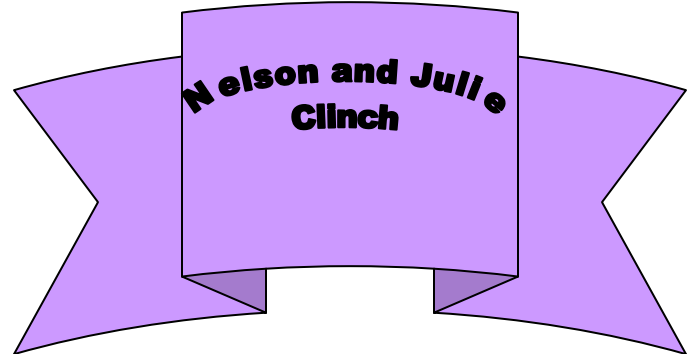
Bill Weich
Worthy Deputy Grand Knight

Awards & Items of Note

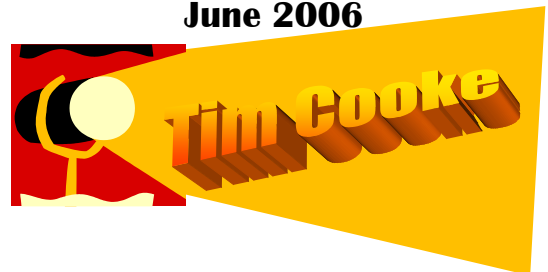
Knight of the Year 2006



Family of the Year 2006



Knight of the Month June 2006



Family of the Month June 2006



News & Events

Corporate Communion/Installation of Officers

Once per quarter, the council attends Mass as a corporate body to worship together. Our next Corporate Communion will be on Saturday July 15th at the 5:00 Mass. Following will be the Council's Installation of Officers for the 2006-2007 Fraternal Year. All Knights and their families are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Dan Purtil at 641-8948 if you plan to join us.

Annual Crab Feast

The council's annual crab feast will be held on Saturday, July 29th at 6:00 in Providence Hall.

The feast includes all you can eat Crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, soda, and beer. Cost is \$30 per person. \$10 for kids 12 & under or non-crab eaters. Please RSVP to Tim Cooke at 703-766-2911 or timcooke@cox.net.

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the third Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (building next to the Holiday Inn at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, July 8th. 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.



Council Audit

The Council's semi-annual audit will be on Thursday, July 27th at 7:30pm in Providence Hall. All Brothers are welcome to attend. However, if you're not crazy, you can just wait to see the results of the audit here in the *Lookout*.

Family Breakfast/Special Family Breakfast

The next family breakfasts will be on Sunday, July 16th and Sunday August 20th. The Blue Team has the honors in July. The August breakfast will be a "Special" breakfast. It will be just be coffee and donuts due to the unavailability of the PAC in August. Only minimal help will be needed, so the Gold Team has the month off. Come by and help if you've got a little time.

Ladies Night Out

The Columbiettes (that's the wives of Brother Knights for those of you who are new) get together on the first Wednesday of each month for an evening of socializing. Sometimes they play Bunco, go to a movie, or just have a drink and catch up. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:30pm. Call Kathy Weich at 301-972-1895 for info.



Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy Grand Knight Bill Ward runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday, July 10th and Monday, August 14th 2006 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.

Parish Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee was established at the request of the pastor to give newcomers and returning parishioners a connection to life in our parish and an awareness of activities. We will be greeting folks after each Mass on the weekends of July 22nd & 23rd and August 26th & 27th. Contact LaVerne McGrail (703)385-3880 for details.

Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for submissions to the *Lookout* has been extended to the 20th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Dan Purtil at dpurtil@gmail.com (preferred) or 641-8948.

**"Rewards for Participation" Program/Contest
For Fraternal Year 2006-07**

Concept

Create a rewards program for Council participation. Will be useful when trying to gather volunteers and recruit new members.

This prize will include

- A cruise for 2 people for 3 days to the destination of choice (choice from 3 specific trips - details forthcoming)
- Airfare - up to \$400 of the cost
- * Note: if the winner chooses to, upgrades are available from the cruise line (cabin upgrade, number of days, etc.)

Eligibility

Every Knight would be eligible with the exception of:

- The Grand Knight
- The Deputy Grand Knight
- Program Committee Chairmen (in their own events - eligible in others)
- As well as any Knight who willingly "exempts" himself - voluntarily from the drawing

General Outline of "Rules"

Earn "Ticket(s)" for each event one participates in:

- 1 for every meeting attended (exception: officers and positions who are supposed to be there)
- 1 for any event in which your name is turned in (as determined by the program chairman/coordinator)
- 1 for joining the council ("immediately eligible to win . . .")
- A weighted bonus for each Knight a member recruits - so it encourages recruitment as well:
 - 1 for a Form 100; 2 more if the member joins
- Scrip Sales to others - effort of making contact and sales, as determined by Larry Novack (for example each \$1,000 sold)
- Just some examples of events:
 - Rosary
 - Family Breakfast
 - Each Christmas Tree shift (as many as you - could be 4-5 or more)
 - An Ovarions Event
 - Feed the Homeless
 - And so on . . . (a complete list could be compiled)
- Each Knight can accumulate as many tickets (chances) as they can during the year, but the final selection is a drawing (so it is a lottery - luck plays a part). More participation means a better chance to win, but any participation could win it for you.
- Special Note: If a Columbiette works an event (participates with a Knight) that earns a chance for that Knight as well) - in recognition of all the valuable contributions the Columbiettes make.
- Tickets will be compiled by [Ben Stack](#) (volunteered to track the program) - based on activity sheets turned in by the activity chair person (or whoever coordinates the event). Could keep a running total (subject to audit by Hank - so all know what their chances are)
- Tickets are not "transferable" - but the prize is. We do not have to assign a name until the winner is selected. So if a Brother Knight wins, but wants to give it to an older child/couple in their family - or parents, or a friend - they can.
- **Winner must be an active member of Council 6292 in good standing (dues paid) to win.** In the event that a member of another council somehow got their name on a ticket - that would not count.
- We will have the final drawing at the Grand Knight's Ball in June 2007 - would definitely add some excitement and interest!

Funding

This was an important point. Rather than be a burden to the council - or tap any funds or require a fundraiser for this - the funding for the main prize is being provided by voluntary contributions from officers and those that wanted to support this idea. Contact [Bill Ward](#) to contribute.

Rules/Flexibility

Any change or additional rules would be agreed upon by the GK and Program Chairs as well as the officers of the council. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis how to handle a new event or variations that may arise.

Note: This is a one time program - not necessarily continuing. Benefits include closer auditing of volunteer hours, recruiting and membership and increase of contact between members (more communication).

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Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292

July Anniversaries

July Birthdays

John A. Cerny	7/2
David P. Hunninghake	7/2
Henry Loutsenhizer	7/3
Millard L. Teopaco	7/4
Ernest H. Horning	7/4
Dennis M. Makurat	7/5
Donnie P. Young	7/6
Robin M. Parker	7/6
Carlos D. Jaramillo	7/6
Sean P. O'Hare	7/8
Cyril J. Barch	7/10
Thomas J. Gross	7/10
Matthew J Travers	7/11
Nicholas J Carnevale	7/11
Lee G Kohler	7/11
Richard Kotzenmacher	7/12
Dwain R. Foltz	7/12
James T Smith PGK	7/13
Cezary H. Mendelius	7/14
Lawrence R Novack PGK	7/15
Christopher Sheridan	7/18
Paul J Cutlip	7/18
Denis E. Brosnan	7/18
Kurt E. DeSoto	7/19
Brian M Cooke	7/19
Tod R. Rehm	7/21
Joseph M. Mele	7/21
Emilio E. Callejas	7/21
Christopher J. Gagliano	7/22
Patrick M O Mara	7/22
Michael Sirlag	7/22
Benjamin E. Basham	7/23
William A. Davy PGK	7/23
Roel D. Cruz	7/23
Richard F. Harding	7/24
Michael H. Torres PGK	7/24
William M. Cross	7/25
William G. Stack	7/26
David L. Frazier	7/26
Wolfgang O. Richter	7/26
Thomas J Hogan PSD	7/27
Gordon H. Mc Cormick	7/27
Leone C. Monticone	7/28
Stephen E Davis	7/30
Ronald D. Vitiello	7/30
John R. Maddox	7/31
Stephen J Kehoe	7/31

July Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

Donald & Sandy Kehoe PSD	38
Peter & Jamie Coniglio	28
Gerard & Elaine Pepin PGK	47
Marion & Mary Kuhlman PGK	43
Edmund & Dolores Janiszewski	52
Mariano & Estrella Divinagraci	35
Donald & Jean Conway	53
Patrick & Kathleen Leffas	5
David & Patti Hunninghake	23
John & Elaine Bogart	52
Christopher & Patricia Bolan	21
Gerard & Barbara O'Keefe	51

August Anniversaries

August Birthdays

Timothy L. Carll	8/1
Abraham M. Agustin	8/1
Keith Fimian	8/2
David R Jenkins	8/3
John F Judge	8/4
Vincent F. Fetta	8/4
Paul E Kyle	8/5
Martin W. Woscek	8/6
Jaime A. Gutierrez	8/7
Nelson R. Clinch	8/7
John R. Stone	8/10
Richard P. Dei Tos	8/11
Nicholas Lellock	8/11
Matthew A. Ram	8/11
David Meredith	8/12
Roger A. Groll	8/12
Eduardo M Alamilla	8/13
Thomas J Donovan	8/14
Amando R. Madan	8/14
Manuel S. Garcia	8/14
Rev Edward S Szymanski	8/16
Jonathan P. Hadfield	8/17
Michael S. Pipan	8/17
Michael J. Plumstead	8/17
Joseph M Welsh	8/19
Clifford G. Thuot	8/19
David K. Mann	8/21
Henry Urban Jr	8/22
Stanley T. Greer	8/22
Luis H. Delvillar	8/22
Charles J. McSoley	8/24
Matthais A Joyce	8/25
Milton F. Naehle	8/25
Kevin J. Hamilton	8/25
Victor P. Reyes	8/26
George P. Schuld	8/27
G. William Jayne PGK	8/28
Anthony M. Ferlaino	8/28
Clifford T. Keenan	8/29
Lawrence E. Novack	8/30
Timothy J Hogan PGK	8/31
James J Caputo	8/31

August Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

Richard & Patti Dei Tos	22
David & Cheryl Frazier	1
Ricardo & Sabrina Silva	3
David & Sabrina Mann	30
Karl & Martha Reiner	35
Thomas & Flo Hogan PSD	52
John & Mary Hogan Jr	53
John & Judy Ann Okay PGK	41
John & Arlene Markus	44
Dale & Natalie Moser	50
Anthony & Sharon Ferlaino	13
Daniel & Pat Fleming	35
Gordon & Ruth McCormick	53

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

When I call to arrange your annual “insurance check-up,” one of the matters that we can discuss is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can usually complete the paperwork during the appointment.

I look forward to meeting with you to review all your life insurance policies.

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

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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For Your Edification

Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner has volunteered to be 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.

From the Supreme Website

K of C Insurance

Thomas P. Smith Jr., the Order's senior vice president (agencies and marketing), told the state deputies that the Order has nearly \$60 billion of life insurance protection on its members and their families.

"We grew from \$40 to \$60 billion in just five years", Smith said. He also said that nearly \$350 million was paid out in dividends in 2005. Knights of Columbus Insurance continues to be an industry leader in agent retention and has one of the lowest policy lapse rates among commercial insurers, at less than 3 percent.

Smith urged the state deputies to work closely with general and field agents during their term in office. "The fraternal-insurance bond has never been stronger. That strength is tied to our commitment to providing our members with the best in financial security, which is what Father McGivney wanted."

Be sure to check the Supreme Website at www.kofc.org frequently for the most up to date information about the Order.

Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Ward	273-6289
Chaplain	Fr. Augustine Tran	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Weich	307-9163
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Mike Purtill 202	251-8424
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
Warden	Bob Eckert	
Inside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
Outside Guard	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Outside Guard	George Schuld	255-0362
3yr Trustee	Dave Miller	517-3430
2yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244

Program Directors

Programs	Bill Weich	307-9163
Church	Mike Plumstead	250-2367
Community	Tim Hogan	352-1292
Council	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Family	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Membership	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Bill Weich	307-9163
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
KOVAR	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

For Your Edification

From the Supreme Website...

The Order's Potential Remains Untapped, Supreme Knight Tells State Deputies

In his State of the Order Address to the leaders of the Knights of Columbus, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said the Order has the resources to support international expansion. More importantly, he said, the Order has the mandate to do so from its founder and from Pope John Paul II.

"Father Michael J. McGivney's desire was for there to be a council in every parish. When your board of directors met with Pope John Paul II in October, 2003, he told us to be faithful to Father McGivney's vision."

"When one 'saint' tells you to be faithful to the vision of another, it would behoove us to listen and to act, Supreme Knight Anderson said. Anderson told the 71 state and territorial deputies meeting in New Haven June 9-11 that the board did not expect them to travel to different countries to start the Order. Instead, state councils must target parishes and communities that have not had the Knights of Columbus before.

"I believe that every jurisdiction in the Order has fantastic potential," the supreme knight said. Noting that the Catholic Church continues to grow in every jurisdiction, Anderson said the Knights must grow with the Church. Currently, he said, in most jurisdictions the Knights represents approximately 2 percent of the total Catholic population. In some jurisdictions it is closer to 8 percent.

"Our current membership is 1.7 million," Anderson said, but our true potential is seven million or more." While the Order has had nearly 30 years of steady growth, it is not growing fast enough to keep up with the demands of the Church and society.

"We need to set as our goal this year, to grow the Knights to match the general growth of the Catholic population," Anderson said. "Do the hard work this year; lay the foundation."

See the complete article at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/events/detail.cfm?id=95183>



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Dates to Remember in July/August

Jul 5	Ladies Night Out/BUNCO	Aug 1	Officer's Meeting
Jul 8 & 9	Food Drive	Aug 2	Ladies Night Out/BUNCO
Jul 8	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	Aug 5	Open House
Jul 8	State Mtg/Officer Installation	Aug 6	Blood Drive
Jul 8	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	Aug 12&13	Food Drive
Jul 10	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Aug 14	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center
Jul 11	Officer's Meeting	Aug 15	Assumption of Mary
Jul 12	Potomac Challenge	Aug 15	Grey GOSTS
Jul 15	Corporate Communion	Aug 16	Assembly Rosary/Business Mtg
Jul 15	Officer's Installation	Aug 17	Admissions Committee
Jul 16	Family Breakfast	Aug 20	Special Family Breakfast
Jul 18	Grey GOSTS	Aug 21	Mass/Business Meeting/1 st Degree
Jul 19	Assembly Rosary/Business Mtg	Aug 26&27	Food Drive
Jul 22&23	Food Drive	Aug 26&27	Parish Welcoming Committee
Jul 22&23	Parish Welcoming Committee	Aug 27	Crayons for Kids
Jul 25	Mass/Business Meeting		
Jul 27	Council Audit		
Jul 29	Crab Feast		

July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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9 Food Drive	10 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #6	11 1930 Officers Meeting	12 Potomac Challenge	13	14	15 1700 Corporate Communion 1830 Installation of Officers
16 Family Breakfast – Blue Team	17 VS #7	18 1100 Grey GOSTS	19 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	20	21	22 Food Drive Parish Welcoming Committee
23 Food Drive Parish Welcoming Committee 1145 Donuts & Coffee	24 VS #8	25 1930 Mass/Business Mtg	26	27 1930 Council Audit	28	29 1800 Crab Feast
30	31 VS #9					

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August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 1930 Officers Meeting	2 1930 Ladies Night Out	3	4	5 Habitat for Humanity Open House Crab Feast
6 0800 Blood Drive	7 VS #10	8	9	10	11	12 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #GG	15 Assumption 1100 Grey GOSTS	16 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	17 Admissions Committee	18	19
20 Special Family Breakfast	21 VS #1	22 1930 Mass/Business Mtg/1 st Degree	23	24	25	26 Food Drive Parish Welcoming Committee
27 Food Drive Parish Welcoming Committee Crayons for Kids	28 VS #2	29	30	31		

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