

KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS  
FR. FRANCIS J.  
DIAMOND  
COUNCIL #6292



# The Lookout



2009-10 Fraternal Year, Issue I

July/August 2009

## Grand Knight's Message:



As we begin the new fraternal year I would like to thank everyone for putting your faith in me and electing me Grand Knight. I will work to continue the great tradition that Father Diamond Council has established in the state of Virginia. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for eight years and I am very proud to be leading one of the most active councils in the state.

I would especially like to thank the families of our council for all the hard work they provide for us. Our families are what truly make the Knights of Columbus a great organization. All too often it goes unrecognized how much the families support the Knights and the St. Leo's parish in ways that are not visible. So, I would like to extend my thanks to each and every one of you for all the great work that you do.

I am happy to report that Father Whitestone has graciously accepted our request that he remain as our council

Chaplain for another year. I have sent a letter to the Bishop asking for his approval of this appointment. I will update everyone once I receive word back from the Bishop's office about the appointment.

I would like to thank Herb Zimmerman and Linda Baringhaus for all the work they and their team put into the Grand Knight's Ball on June 19<sup>th</sup>. A fun time and a great meal were had by all.

As always, we have a very busy year ahead of us. Not only will we be providing our numerous events and functions, but there are several new events that we are looking into beginning, including a chicken BBQ. Please watch the Deputy Grand Knight report for further information. Also, as I'm sure most of you are well aware, we will be providing our programs and renovating the council hall at the same time. God willing, and if the creek don't rise, we should have a fully renovated and expanded hall by this time next year. Please stay tuned for more information regarding the renovations in the near future.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at 202-251-8424 or [mypurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mypurtill@gmail.com).

Mike Purtill

Grand Knight

It's a New  
Year...  
Edition

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Vivat Jesus, brother Knights!

Congratulations to the entire Council on starting the Council's 39<sup>th</sup> full fraternal year! I personally transferred to this Council from Msgr. Callahan Council 5716, located in Yorkshire, NY, in 1995 and have enjoyed the many benefits Father Diamond Council has to offer ever since. Therefore, I feel privileged to offer service to the council as the newly elected Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director.

One benefit this council has is the plethora of activities available to the members

and to the community. Of course, these activities epitomize the basic tenets of the Knights: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The large number of activities bring both extensive work involved in putting the events on and many rewards for the work done by the Council.

I am confident that many Knights will step forward to lend their time and talents in achieving Council and Order aims, as they have in the past. As of this writing, I have not completely filled all committee chair positions. Therefore, please prayerfully consider how you can assist the Council, either as a Committee Chair, by chairing only certain events, or by supporting your officers and committee chairs.

Major events in the near future include the Corporate Communion mass, Installation of Officers, and installation reception on July 18, and the Crab Feast on August 29. These events are supplemented by the rosary at the corner of 123 and Eaton on July 11 and August 8 in support of pro-life activities, Bingo for residents of Fairfax

Nursing Center on July 13 and August 10, the Grey Ghost and Columbiette meetings on July 21 and August 18, an Admissions Committee meeting on August 20, and a First Degree ceremony on August 25. Please recruit Catholic men 18 or older and refer them to brother Keith Morrison at 703-691-8838 or mwcrcm@aol.com.

In addition, Officers' meetings are scheduled for July 7 and August 4 at 8 PM, and Council meetings are scheduled on July 28 and August 25 with mass scheduled at 7:30 before both those meetings.

I look forward to a fun and productive year as your Deputy Grand Knight, thank you for all the support you give to the Council, and hope to fulfill what is expected of me in service to the Council I have loved for well over a decade.

May God bless you all,

Nelson Clinch

## Knight of the Year - Hank Urban

The Knight of the year has served as a pillar of the Council as well as St. Leo's parish for over 30 years.

Many of you would probably be interested in the history of this Knight as it is not only very interesting, but it helps us understand why he is such a giving Knight.

He entered the U.S. Navy on March 5, 1943 at the age of 17 and retired on March 1, 1974 just three days shy of 31 years. During his time in the military this Knight accumulated over 6,000 flight hours in 25 different models of planes. He made 21 water landings in a seaplane, 700 carrier landings on 13 different ships, survived three major plane crashes and flew 150 combat sorties.

During his Naval career the nominee was awarded the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, Eleven Air Medals, and four Navy Commendation Medals. He was also the recipient of the China Service Medal and various World War II, Korean, Vietnam and Cold War service ribbons.

In November of 1948 this Knight and 40

plus shipmates had an audience with Pope Pius XII at Castel Gondolfo. He considers this as one of the high points of his life.

This Knight and his wife of 58 years have seven children who have provided them with 21 grandchildren.

As a member of o

ur Council, he has served as our Treasurer for 23 years; he has led the Finance Committee for 23 years, and has served as a Trustee in the past as well as currently serving a two year term as Trustee. He represents our Council and proudly wears his KofC badge as an Usher.

Every year he works all 4 days of KOVAR at the hall as the financial comptroller.

This Knight helps prepare the food the day before our monthly family breakfast, transports all necessary supplies over to the school gym, and helps during the breakfast. He works with the Parish Picnic Committee to ensure all supplies are ordered and in place ready for food preparation.

Our Knight of the year is the leader of the Grey Ghosts, and the un-official historian



for our council, keeping voluminous records of the activities over the years providing reference for current and future officers and members.

All of the members of the Council have contact with this Knight as he maintains the extensive email distribution list and communication for the Council. He sends out Welcoming emails to new members, including transfer memberships, detailing when meetings are, and pertinent contact information. He also sends out fraternal notices when there is an illness or death within the Council family, as well as sending information about upcoming events. He is also our mechanic, electrician, carpenter, and overall handyman. We don't know how we would manage without him!

## 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 July 13th or Monday, August 10th at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be

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

### Rosary at the Abortion Facility



**IT'S WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!**

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). 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 and Installation of Officers

The next quarterly corporate communion mass to honor the deceased brothers of Fr. Diamond Council is



Saturday July 19, 2009 at the 5:00pm mass. The first several pews of the middle section will be reserved for the Knights and their families. Remember to wear your name badge. Installation of Officers will follow the mass. Let's fill up these pews and show the parish community our brotherhood. See the flyer for more information in the Installation Banquet

### Council Steak Night—a gourmet success

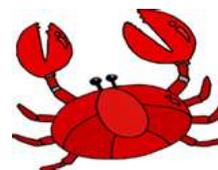
This year's Steak Night was a huge success. Wonderful steaks, seasoned and cooked to perfection by gourmet steak chef, Paul Cooke. Lots of people helped out, especially John Judge, Greg Skorupski, and other Gray Ghosts for cooking and setting up the hall.

### Crab Feast Plans Underway

Although Mike Purtil is our newly elected Grand Knight, he is taking the lead in putting on this year's Crab Feast, August 29 in Providence Hall, starting at 6:00 PM.

(See Flyer later in the newsletter).

Mike will gladly accept any help in running this fun event. It is fun just to watch the Crabmeister, Carlos Jarmillo, pick them crabs. Truly impressive.



### Movies Under The Moon—a huge success

Kudos to Mike Purtil and all the brother Knights who turned out and did a great job on Movies Under the Moon in Van Dyke Park. Evening event Chairmen: Joe Monnin (Wed), Dan Purtil (Thur), Jac Cerney & Bill Weich (Fri), Tim Hogan (Sat), and Greg Hartley & Nelson Clinch (Sun) did a terrific job of setting up and recruiting the help to make this year's event very successful. The weather was great, too!

### SCRIP Sales—Profits go to Scholarships

Food scrip for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information

## Columbiettes' Corner

Thank you to Thelma Billy who provided a nice break from our usual business meeting in July by teaching the ladies how to make lumbia. Everyone in attendance had a great time and enjoyed learning Thelma's famous recipe.

The Columbiettes are hosting a craft fair at St. Leo's on October 17, 2009. We are still trying to work on some of the logistics before we can start advertising to craft vendors, but we will need lots of help to make this a successful event. If you are interested in helping, please come to one of our meetings and share of your time and talents. A good portion of our next meeting will be dedicated to getting the initial details locked into place.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2009.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net).





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Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

## INSTALLATION OF 2009-2010 OFFICERS



The Installation of Fr. Diamond Council #6292 Officers for 2009-2010 will be held after the 5 PM Corporate Communion Mass on **Saturday July 18, 2009 at 6:30pm** at St. Leo's Church.

After the Installation ceremony, come back to Providence Hall for dinner and fellowship with your fellow Knights and their families. The Knights will provide the main dishes. All those attending are requested to bring the following based on the first letter of your last name:

A - M Appetizer  
N - Z Dessert

We encourage members and their families to attend the Corporate Communion mass, the installation, and the reception as we exemplify the unity and fraternity of the Knights of Columbus.

So that we can have an idea as to how much food to provide, please RSVP with the number of adults and number of children attending to **Nelson Clinch at 703-385-2146** or email [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com).

### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Herb Zimmerman

### 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 [cotner-john@aol.com](mailto:cotner-john@aol.com) or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

## Family of the Year—The Zimmerman's



This year's family of the year is an integral part of the Knights of Columbus family within our Council and always willing to lend a hand or run an event to make it successful. They support almost every activity within the Council, and have active roles within the Knights and the Columbiettes.

This Knight steps forward to help whenever extra help is requested around the Church, whether it be standing outside to help register people to participate in the 40 Days of Life or serving as an usher when needed. His wife assists with the Welcoming Committee on a regular basis, helping register new parishioners as well as answering questions for parishioners. She has also been a CCD aide for several years, ensuring little ones learn about their Catholic faith. She has also served on the Council's scholarship committee the past couple of years.

This past October when the Hope and Remembrance Committee asked for some assistance with new booklets to be used during funeral Masses this family took on the task of printing the documents producing approximately 60 new booklets. The committee and Parish were extremely grateful for the family's efforts.

The family of the year is very involved with the Council's food basket program. They help purchase food to fill the baskets, assist in the assembling of the baskets, as well as help with the delivery of the baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. They also spent many tireless hours helping with KOVAR this year as well as in years past.

This family is no stranger to their civic association and various City committees. They are active within their neighborhood community

## Grand Knight's Award—Tim Tilson



The choice to pick someone for this award was very tough but the person who was selected is a vital part of the council by serving as an officer of

the council, providing me with information and guidance to help me navigate through the fraternal year, helping with the Family Breakfast, this person helped with the "Consider Your Call" dinner, is always willing to take on a new activity or chair an event, making the calls to fill the KOVAR board each year, running the parish picnic, taking on the role of Christmas trees this year and making a \$9,000 profit in the process, and the person behind the scholarship committee and being instrumental in the council taking over the Kirven scholarship from the Catholic War Veterans.

Congratulations—Tim Tilson !

association. And many of you have probably seen or heard her as one of the announcers at the City of Fairfax 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as she is heavily involved with the parade committee.

This family does not know the word "no", and no matter what they have going on in their personal or work life they go the extra mile to make things happen. Everywhere you go this family is always there and is usually doing work instead of enjoying the activity so everyone else may participate.

The Family of the Year for the 2008-2009 fraternal year is Herb Zimmerman and Linda Baringhaus.

## Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

### Strive for Star Council status

As we welcome a new fraternal year, we congratulate Worthy Grand Knight Mike Purtill and all the other dedicated Knights elected and appointed to lead this great council. The coming year will be full of triumphs and challenges, and I know you'll meet this with the strength and faithfulness of those before you.

I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish this year, building upon the success of previous years. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

Among these many goals is the attainment of the Star Council award - the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. While I'm committed to helping on the insurance side, I'm also very glad to help on the membership side as well.



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If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order as many of us do, he's probably waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by teaching you some sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA

## July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Fraternal Year 09-10 Begins	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1930 Officer's Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> State Meeting-VA Beach	<b>11</b> State Meeting-VA Beach 0800 Rosary at Abortion Food Drive
<b>12</b> State Meeting-VA Beach Food Drive	<b>13</b> 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>District Meeting</u>	<b>18</b> <u>1700 Corporate Communion Mass</u> <u>1800 Installation &amp; Reception</u>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1100 Grey Gosts 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Food Drive
<b>26</b> Food Drive	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2009-10

### Officers

Grand Knight	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chancellor	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Advocate	Paul "Greg" Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Inside Guard	Matt West	703-359-4652
Outside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	John Berg	703-219-2096

3yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
2yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban	703 591 9244

### Program Directors

Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Church	John Berg	703-219-2096
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Charles "Scott" Buchannon	703-978-0045
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	John Leonard	303-808-1245

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Admissions	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838

Retention	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
Vocations	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146

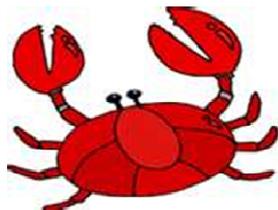
### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	703-855-8547
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



## 2009 K of C (King of Crabs) Crab Feast

**August 29  
Providence Hall  
6:00 PM**



**\$30 – Adults**

**\$10 – Children &  
Landlubbers**



**All U can eat and drink:**

- **Blue Crabs**
- **Corn on the cob**
- **Boiled Potatoes**
- **Beer, soda, water**
- **Landlubbers – hot dogs & hamburgers**

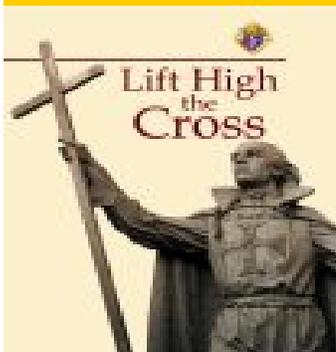
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## **Grand Knight, Knight of the Year, and Family of the Year Awards ... details inside**

**July 18 —Officer's Installation & Banquet**

**July 28 — Business Meeting**

**August 25 — First Degree & Business Meeting**

**August 29—Crab Feast**

**\*\*Business meetings only on 4th Tuesday —July and August\*\***