FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL #6292





2012-2013 Fraternal Year, Issue 1 & 2

Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,

Another Fraternal Year has begun, and we will have much to do. Fortunately, the Council is well positioned to tackle the challenges we will face this year, thanks to the generous leader-

ship provided by our immediate Past Grand Knight, Greg Skorupski. I can't express how much I appreciate all Greg has given to us, especially during this past year. Be sure to thank him next time you see him (which should be soon, as he seems to be everywhere).

I am also grateful that July is a typically quiet month for the Council. This gives me and all of our Officers and Chairmen the opportunity to get organized before things get truly busy. I have been reflecting upon our values and would like us to set aside some special time this year to focus upon the fraternal aspects of our Order. Fraternity was one of the most attractive aspects of the Knights that drew me to join nearly ten years ago, but is one of the easiest to overlook. I think we do a good job as a Council showing our brotherly love for our fellow Knights, but also think we can always do better. I ask each of you to dedicate some time in prayer this summer to reflect upon our Order's values, particularly fraternity. I also welcome ideas for fraternal activities we can engage in, particularly some that may help engage members who cannot often come to our meetings.

By the time you read this, Independence Day will likely have come and gone. I know the patriotic spirit is strong in our Council, so I hope you enjoyed the day and took the time to reflect on the extraordinary events that created our nation. I also hope that you have been praying for the protection of religious

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freedom in our country as part of the Fortnight for Freedom, which concluded on Independence Day. It is important to remember the sacrifices that so many have made to purchase and protect our liberties. We cannot turn an apathetic eye when these liberties are threatened.

With that, I am eagerly looking forward to another great year for Father Diamond Council. With your active involvement and support, this can be one of the best years our Council has had yet. Keep recruiting! Keep thinking of new and better things we can do! Keep active! And most importantly, keep praying!

Vivat Jesus

Dan Purtill



Newly elected Grand Knight, Dan Purtill, and his wife, Yvette at this year's Grand Knight's Ball.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brothers.

When Columbus began his voyage in August 1492 that would lead him to the New World, he was accompanied by a crew of 90 men. As we begin a new fraternal year in the name of our patron, Christopher Columbus,

we must remember that his discovery, which we rightfully celebrate and honor, was not a mission that was completed by one man. Columbus had the vision, but his crew provided the muscle and fortitude to support the voyage. So to must we, brothers in Father Diamond Council, step forward to be the "crew" that allows this Council to continue its mission and voyage of serving our community and demonstrating the virtues of the Knights of Columbus.

As your Deputy Grand Knight, it is my humble task to organize and mobilize the crew of our Council. We have been truly blessed to have a number of men in this Council who dedicate a significant amount of their time to help the Council and its mission great. I understand that everyone has constraints on their time; and a man must attend to his livelihood and the well-being of his family before he can commit his time to the Council. But I ask that this year, if you have not been able to participate in Council activities in the past, consider coming out to help at one of the number of events that we have. Your support will allow the Council to continue with its good work. And active participation with the Council, even just for one event, will make your time in the Knights of Columbus that much more rewarding. If there is a particular event we are not doing, but you would like to see the Council undertake, please bring the idea forward. We are always looking for new ways to serve the community and promote the virtues of our Order.

Now some of you students of history may be saying at this point, "didn't Columbus's crew come to a near mutiny against him?" Yes, they did, but ultimately Columbus's divine mission was fulfilled by the men on the ships pulling together to support their captain. In a way, this can be much like a Council. While I would not condone open mutiny against our new Grand Knight, discourse and dialogue about the direction of the Council is healthy. If you have a concern, bring it forward for discussion. Don't let a small problem become a big one that drives you away from involvement with the Council.

The best way to find out what is happening at the Council is to be on the Council's email list serve. If you have not been getting emails from Nelson Clinch, PGK, or others from the list serve, please let me know, and I'll make sure you are added. Another excellent way to find

out what is going on at the Council is to come to the Council's monthly meetings. Not only do you get to hear the latest happenings of the Council, but you have a chance to socialize with your Brother Knights. The next meeting of the Council will be Tuesday, July 24. Finally, the Council's website and newsletter provide timely and interesting information. We are still setting the calendar for the fraternal year, but please check back to the website soon to see the latest events. If you ever have any questions about a program or wonder where you can help out, do not hesitate to contact me at -Askmekofc@yahoo.com or at 703-475-2190

As always, Father Diamond Council has a busy year planned. Just as the voyage of the great Christopher Columbus would not have happened without his crew, we need all Brother Knights to give of themselves, in whatever way you can, to make this fraternal year a success.

Matt West Deputy Grand Knight



Deputy Grand Knight, Matt West and his wife Ruth

Columbiettes' Corner

This is my first Columbiettes Corner as in coming President of the Columbiettes I would like to thank

the outgoing officers for their years of service. Linda Baringhaus, President, Ann Todd, Treasurer, and

Virginia Berg Secretary, thank you. Now congratulations to our incoming officers. Julie Clinch, President, Kathy Weich, Vice President, Ruth West, Treasurer, and Wendy Kehoe Secretary, I look forward to working together this year.

Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday July 17, 2012 at 7:30 in Providence Hall. At this meeting we will be voting on moving our meetings to the 3rd Monday of the month, starting @7:00pm the only exception would be the soup supper on Tuesday March 19, 2013. We will also be discussing further revisions to our bylaws as well as our Fall Craft Fair (October 21, 2012) and our other activities.

Any spouse, mother or daughter, 18 years of age, of a member (living or deceased) of the Knights of Columbus Father Francis J. Diamond Council 6292 is eligible for membership to the Columbiettes. For more information please contact Julie Clinch at clinch5va@vahoo.com or 703-385-2146.



Council News & Events



Time Change—Nursing **Home Bingo**

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on

Monday, July 9 at 7:15 to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:30PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824 to volunteer.

Rosary to End Abortion

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, July 14** at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 dec-



ades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.

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!!

Grand Knight's Ball—Wonderful Time Had by All

This year's Grand Knight 's

Ball, celebrating another successful year and honoring several brother Knights for their outstanding contributions this past year, was held at the Army/ Navy Country Club in Fairfax. The ball was at-



tended by over 60 brother knights and their wives. We were honored to have the new State Deputy elect attend this year's event. A wonderful prime rib buffet dinner was enjoyed by all along with great dancing and fun. More information about the Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Grand Knight's Award winner is presented later in this newsletter. Also check out the pictures of the Grand Knights ball.

Car Raffle Results

This is the second year we have participated in the annual Car Raffle. This year we included all St Leo's parishioners in the mail-out and we split the proceeds of the raffle with



St Leos to be used for scholarships. After deductions for printing expenses and postage, we had a net profit this year of nearly \$10,000. This was split 50/50 with St Leos. As promised, these funds will be allocated to K of C Charities such

as donations to the Knights of Virginia for the Mentally Disabled (KOVAR), the Tepeyac Family Center and others. Chairman PGK Mike Purtill did an outstanding job of coordinating the mail-out effort and the "direct sales" campaign. Thanks to everyone who helped this year and especially our Brother knights who sold or purchased tickets. Look forward to an even bigger success next year under the Chairmanship of PGK Nelson Clinch.

Steak Night

Steaks, steaks and more steaks. The Botticelli Boys did another outstanding job cooking the best darned steaks this side of Texas for about 40 very hungry and appreciative Brother Knights. The usual accoutrements of baked pota-

toes, salad, roles, beer and soft drinks, and desserts rounded out this year's End Of Year Steak Night event. I'm not sure if anyone noticed but these steaks were prepared on New Big Bertha. The grill, which was purchased recently, can cook



40+ steaks at a time. This was a great night.

Crab Feast—Coming Event

This years Crab Feast is scheduled for Saturday, August 25. Mike Purtill will once again put on the best darned crab-



picking event in all of Northern Virginia at the KofC Hall. Reservations must be made in advance or you will be asked to pay extra at the door. With reservations it will be \$35 for Adult Crab Eaters (\$45 if you show up unannounced). As usual Landlubbers and

kids will be charged \$10. All-you-can eat and drink. This is a GREAT DEAL!!!

Hall Cleaning— July 14 The Hall manager has asked for help on Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 AM to give the hall a thorough "Spring" cleaning and re-arranging. This is your opportunity if you are a compulsive "get rid of everything guy" to come on out and have a say in what we throw away and what we keep.

Installation of the 2012-2013 Officers—has been postponed due to storm damage.

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Knights and Knight Families Honored

Knight of the Month June Mike Purtill (see Page 6) Family of the Month June Julie & Nelson Clinch (see Page 6)



Incoming and Outgoing Newsletter Editors

Outgoing Grand Knight Greg Skorupski is now the incoming Newsletter Editor replacing the outgoing Newsletter, yours truly—Herb Zimmerman. It has been a pleasure doing this job over the past few years and I am sure Greg will be a great Editor.





Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the 15^h of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Greg Skorupski at GREGSKISR@AOL.com or call at 703-978-8280 (H), 703-346-4463 (C).

Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !



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—703-978-6137 or email—<u>ZLRN01@aol.com</u> for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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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Dancers and non-dancers at this Years Grand Knight's Ball. See More pictures on Page 8



Shopping that all men should do

By nature, most men do not like to shop. At the risk of sounding chauvinistic, that inclination seems more likely to drive our wives, daughters, mothers or other females we know. Sure, there are exceptions. Maybe you enjoy trips to the hardware store for a tool to help on a home improvement project. Maybe you're a collector or you like to shop for cars. Maybe you like to find the best deal on the newest high-tech gadget for your living room.

When you do decide it's time to make a purchase, if you're like me, you want to get the best value for your money. You want the best customer service possible. Sometimes, this requires lots of research and planning. But one of the most important purchases you can make can be put into motion through a simple meeting with me, a brother Knight.

The core product offered by the Knights of Columbus is not glitzy. It's not like a new car or a classic one. It's not like a laptop or a flat screen television. It's not something you can "show off" to your friends, but you can brag about it. Life insurance is something that everyone needs. If you have some life insurance, the odds are great that you need more. If you don't have any coverage, you should stop to consider all the benefits of a whole life policy. Remember, it's not about you. It's about your family.

When was the last time you shopped for life insurance? If the answer is "a long time ago" or "never," it's time you speak with me. Have you considered your retirement and how you will afford to maintain your current lifestyle? Our annuities can help. Is your income protected in the event of a serious illness or injury? Are you prepared to cover the expensive costs of long-term care should you or your spouse need it? The Knights of Columbus can help provide solutions to these common situations, too.

Please schedule an appointment with me today.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA Field Agent





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Knight of the Year for 2011-2012 - Mike Purtill



"The Knight of the Year award was a "no-brainer"", said Grand Knight Greg Skorupski as he presented this award.

During the past year this Knight stepped up to fill the void when our beloved and often maligned long time Hall Manager, John Judge, was dealing with prolonged illnesses. He then accepted the job of Hall manager when John passed away.

His hundreds of hours spent on planning for and then processing all the returns for this years Car Raffle resulted in our raising nearly \$10,000 for KofC Charities and St Leo's scholarships.

While doing all this, he participated on nearly every event we held in the past year.

Family of the Year for 2011-2012 - Julie and Nelson Clinch



"I did not need to struggle with selecting this year's Family of the Year" - Greg Skorupski, Grand Knight

This Knight and his entire family put forth a fantastic effort this year working on our KOVAR drive. As a result of their leadership and our Brother Knight's efforts we were able to meet this year's KOVAR collection goal of \$18,000. This family was involved with every Council function we held this past year and were "behind the scenes" at most of them performing a whole lot of work.

This family, and their kids, were always ready to help out at any event they were either in charge of, working at or even just attending.

The Family of the Year for 2011-2012 goes to Julie and Nelson Clinch. Our sincere thanks to the whole Clinch Clan.

Grand Knight's Award 2011-2012 — Al Botticelli



"This year's recipient of the Grand Knights Award as a man who has managed, after a great deal of effort, to keep me out of trouble." - Greg Skorupski, Grand Knight. This part of his job was not easy and wasn't even part of his job description.

During the past year he has spent countless hours performing functions that were far beyond those required of his position.

He was the grand overseer of the "punch list" for the renovations to the hall and he is still working with the contractor to get the job done completed properly. His wife often wonders what he is getting into next. He has involved his whole family in preparing spaghetti dinners, cooking for the breakfasts, and cooking for the steak nights.

I am pleased to present the Grand Knight's Award to our Council's Financial Secretary, and my good friend, **AI Botticelli.**

INSTALLATION OF 2012-2013 OFFICERS Postponed—New date to be Announced



The Installation of Fr. Diamond Council #6292 Officers for 2012-2013 was to be held on Saturday June 30, 2012 after 5:00 Mass

After the Installation ceremony, a reception will be held with your fellow Knights and their families. We encourage members and their families to attend mass, the installation, and the reception as we exemplify the unity and fraternity of the Knights of Columbus. The 2012-2013 Officers are:

Grand Knight – Dan Purtill Deputy Grand Knight – Matt West Chancellor – Pat McGuire Warden – Chris Botticelli Advocate – Ed Cuccias Treasurer – Herb Zimmerman Recorder – Jose Costacamps Inside Guard – John Cesarini Outside Guard – John Anzalone Outside Guard – Jefffrey Wolfhope 3-Yr Trustee – Greg Skorupski, Sr 2-Tr Trustee—Nelson Clinch I-Yr Trustee—Michael Purtill GK Delegate – Dan Purtill Alt. GK Delegate – Matt West PGK Delegate – Greg Skorupski, Sr Alt. PGK Delegate – Nelson Clinch Financial Secretary: Al Botticelli—Appointed by Supreme Chaplain: Appointed by Grand Knight Lecturer: Appointed by Grand Knight

Aviation 101 (humor)

- If God meant man to fly, He'd have given him more money.
- A fool and his money are soon flying more airplane than he can handle.
- It's easy to make a small fortune in aviation. You start with a large fortune.
- Flying is not dangerous crashing is dangerous.
- The probability of survival is equal to the angle of arrival.
- Gravity never loses! The best you can hope for is a draw!
- Takeoff's are optional. Landings are mandatory.
- Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs.
- Remember, you're always a student in an airplane.
- Keep looking around; there's always something you've missed.
- There are old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold, pilots!

- It's better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here.

- A thunderstorm is never as bad on the inside as it appears on the outside. It's worse

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Cocktail Social Hour

Sumptious dinner





Dancing the Night Away!





2012 Grand Knight's Ball



Grand Knight's Ball June 16, 2012 Army Navy Country Club Fairfax, Virginia



Founding GK and Wife—AD and Amy Brault



Dinner line getting crowded—great Prime Rib!!



State of VA Officers

DJ—Matt Hogan (center) and the rest of 3 Generations of Hogans





Happy Knights and Wives Enjoying the Special Evening.





2012 King-of-Crabs FEAST

Saturday August 25th 6:00 PM KofC Hall (Everyone Welcome!!)



- \$35 Adults w/RSVP (\$45 at door)
- \$10 Landlubbers & Kids



All U can eat and drink:

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

RSVP: Mike Purtill - mvpurtill@gmail.com or phone 202-251-8424

2011-2012 Scholarship Awards

Father Diamond Scholarship Winners

The following students are this year's recipients of the four-year \$500/year Father Diamond Scholar-ship:

Ciara M Corcoran	(2009/2013)	Paul VI
Mary K. Barna	(2010-2014)	O'Connell HS
Lauren Harkes	(2011-2015)	O'Connell HS
Emilie M. Razuri	(2012-2016)	Paul VI

Lance Corporal Nicholas C. Kirven Scholarship Winners

In 2009 Fr Diamond Council began offering the Nicholas C Kirven scholarship to any member of St Leo's Parish. The following students are this year's recipients of the four-year \$250/year scholarship:

Megan M. Okeefe (2009/2013)	Paul VI
Carley Gormley (2010/2014)	Paul VI
Christopher Robertello (2011/2015)	Paul VI
Halie Balogh (2012/2016)	Paul VI

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Fortnight for Freedom Ends	5	6	7
8	9 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	10 <u>7:30 PM</u> <u>Officers'</u> <u>Meeting</u>	11	12 <u>7:30PMInstallation</u> of Officers	13	14 <u>SAM Rosary to</u> <u>End Abortion</u> SPM Corporate Communion
15	16	17 11 AM Grey GOSTS 7:30 Columbiettes	18 7:30 Fr. Malloy Assembly	19	20	21 <u>10 AM THOROUGH</u> <u>Hall Cleaning</u>
22	23	24 <u>7:30 PM Mass</u> <u>8 PM Meeting</u>	25	26	27	28 9:30AM Council Audit
29	30	31				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 <u>Blood Drive 8-1</u>	6	7 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	8	9	10	11 <u>8 AM Rosary to</u> <u>End Abortion</u>
12 Founder's Birthday	13 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	14	15 7:30 Fr. Malloy Assembly	16	17	18
19	20	21 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes	22	23	24	25 6PM Crab Feast
26	27	28 7:30PM mass/rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

Officers			Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Grand Knight	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948	Hall Mgt	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Chaplain	Fr. Robert Wagner	703-273-5369	Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
D Grand Knight	Matt West	703-359-4652	Insurance	TBD	
Chancellor	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986			
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Project Chairm	en	
Lecturer	TBD		lst Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379	2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Recorder	Jose Costacamps	703-717-5341	Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Advocate	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Warden	Chris Botticelli	703-278-0379	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955		Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Outside Guard	John Anzalone	703-638-5275	Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Outside Guard	Jefffrey Wolfhope	703-273-7531	Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
			Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280	Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
2yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
lyr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424	Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Program Direct	tors		Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Programs	Matt West	703-359-4652	KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785	KOVAR	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Community	TBD		Newsletter	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Council	TBD		Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Family	TBD		Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Youth	TBD		Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Committee Chairmen		Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137	
Charity	TBD		Fraternal Prayer		
Admissions	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986	Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280	Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-214
Vocations	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986			



Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

When Insults Had Class

(These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.)

The exchange between Churchill& Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd poison your tea." He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." - William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a > friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx

