

# The Lookout

June 2007



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



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## *Grand Knight's Message:*

This is my final newsletter as Grand Knight, and as I reflect specifically on the last 3 years (which of course includes DGK and Chancellor), I must admit that they have been hard – requiring a large amount of time and commitment – including considerable understanding and patience from my wife and kids. I am reminded of the oft-quoted passage from St. Paul (2 Timothy, Ch 4): “I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.” This of course appeals to me as a runner and I hope it refers to my work in these positions. I honestly believe the Knights of Columbus in general (and this council specifically) deserve the best we can devote of ourselves. While I have certain strengths and weaknesses – as we all do – I can honestly say I feel content that I did at least try my best and work as hard as I could. That being said – I could not have done any of it without the assistance and guidance of many folks. I have many people to thank and would like to take this opportunity to do so.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out this year – from the many busy Knights who helped out in a one-event situation all the way up to Chairmen of committees and officers. I want to thank the **Grey Gosts** – as a group (since I only have one newsletter here and I could fill volumes on them alone). They are in so many ways the glue that continues to hold much of this council together. I am very aware the Parish, the Church and the entire St. Leo's community have been blessed to have such people working for us day in and day out. As noted by many people at meetings and beyond – this special group is the “power behind the throne” of any Grand Knight. I thank you all for your continued service to the Knights.

I would like to thank a few individuals as well so – at the risk of leaving folks out – I will keep it brief. I want to thank **Dave Miller** – my friend and mentor for his guidance and continued service after his own GK year – Dave has always been a rock for me and has been a “go-to” person for the council in many instances. I want to thank **Tim “My Huckleberry” Tilson** for being a great consigliere (translates to counselor – see “Godfathers” I and II for reference and “Tombstone” for Huckleberry ref.) to me when I needed guidance and wisdom when I did not have it at the ready. Tim has helped beyond words

and covered my weaknesses in many instances – also coming through for the council when leadership or guidance was needed. I could not have made it through this year without his advice and willingness to share of his experiences. I want to thank **both Als (Botticelli and Leightley)** for their patience with me in all financial matters. I was an English major who has never prepared his own taxes. Enough said. Finally, I would especially like to thank **Bill Weich** – I did not know Bill that well when this all started, but he has been everything I could have asked for – and more – in a Deputy Grand Knight. Everyone should be so lucky.

Our Knight of the Month for April is Brother Patrick Leffas. Pat has always been a help to me and a valuable member of the council, but I would like to thank him especially these last 2 months for all of the help that he provided to me in putting on the 5K/1-Mile Run we had – Pat took a great load off of me by working diligently with the T-shirt folks to get the design set and put together the poster for the race as well. He also was a great help on race day. Besides that Pat and his wife Kathleen were very involved in the Walk for Life that Paul VI High school does each year. The Family of the Month is that of Al and Linda Leightley. Al was also a great help to me during the 5K – not only in giving his time and efforts, but working with me on the financial side. Beyond that, Al and his lovely wife *both* ran the 5K race and won medals for their performances! Al won the bronze medal in his age group (edged out by fellow Brother Knight Deacon Nicholas LaDuca for the silver medal) and Linda has family bragging rights as she won a gold medal. I would like to thank Al and Linda for all their hard work throughout the year and I appreciate their commitments of time and energy to the council and church.

As I exit this position, I ask you to consider my first Grand Knight's message and re-read it – available on our website – I still feel the way I did when I wrote that and I know that we can all still look for ways to improve our Fraternity and Unity and improve the council. I encourage you all to examine your own level of commitments and look for any opportunity to pitch in and work for our many worthy causes – Bill Weich will need (and deserves) all the support that we can give him. - Bill Ward

Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292 June 2007

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## *Chancellor's Message:*

The council will be hosting a special First Degree on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in Parish Hall (note different venue due to a hall conflict). This is a great time to get college students or those other prospects that cannot attend a degree during the week. Please contact me at 703-591-6813 or [steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net) for more information. With this special degree we will be holding an Admission's Committee meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the hall.

Fr. Diamond will also be hosting a Second Degree on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the hall. This is a regular meeting night so plan on attending the second degree and business meeting. With spring activities winding down it is a great time to catch up with your fellow Brother Knights.

Just because we are wrapping up the fraternal year we still need to keep up our efforts in recruiting new members. When talking with prospective members try asking them "When do you want to become a Knight?"

Fraternally  
Steve Kehoe  
Chancellor



## *Awards & Items of Note*

### **Knight of the Month April 2007**



### **Family of the Month April 2007**



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

## *News & Events*

### **Rosary at the Abortion Facility**

On the second 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 (at Route 123 and Eaton Place across from the Best Western. This month the date is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **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, June 11, 2007 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. This is a great family event. The more people who come, the better. Please try to make time to help with this most worthy, and fulfilling, endeavor.

### **Council Steak Night**

Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Council's last meeting of this fraternal year. As is tradition, we will pray the Rosary, and then have a social meeting. This is our annual Steak Night. Come and join your brother Knights for a great meal and fraternity. The Rosary starts at 7:30 followed by dinner. Come early to help set up and grill the steaks!



### **Family Breakfast**

The monthly family breakfast will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Gold Team has the honors. This is a great way to let the kids take you out for brunch. Extra hands are always welcome, so come out and help, even if you're not on the Team. If you like it, the Team Captain will be happy to sign you up!

### **Election of Officers**

The Election of Officers for the upcoming Council year was held at the Council Business Meeting on May 16, 2007. The following Knights were elected as Officers:

Grand Knight	William W. Weich
Deputy Grand Knight	Stephen J. Kehoe
Chancellor	Greg Skorupski
Treasurer	Albert L. Leightley
Recorder	Nelson R. Clinch
Warden	Robert L. Eckert
Advocate	Dennis M. Makurat
Inside Guard	Mike Purtill
Outside Guard	Patrick Deighan
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger
3-Year Trustee	William J. Ward
Grand Knight Delegate	William W. Weich
Past GK Delegate	William J. Ward
Alternate GK Delegate	Stephen J. Kehoe
Alternate PGK Delegate	Paul G. Hartley

The installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007 following our Corporate Communion Mass at 5:00pm. Please try to attend.

Congratulations, and many thanks, to these men as they take on their responsibilities for the coming fraternal year.

### **2008 Entertainment Books**

Start planning now. The 2008 Entertainment Books will arrive "in August" and be valid immediately through November 1, 2008. Let your friends and coworkers know. There will be incentives for sellers and buyers. This is an important fundraiser for the council and the more members who sell, the higher our profits. For more information contact David Todd 703-352-2724

## June Anniversaries

### June Birthdays

Thomas D. Quinn	6/1
Raymond E. Barbeau	6/1
Timothy J McCarthy	6/2
Albert L Leightley	6/3
Allan P. Botticelli	6/3
Robert J. Seldon	6/3
Anthony L. Conques Jr	6/5
Timothy J. Holleran	6/5
Gullermo Gonzales, Jr.	6/5
Benjamin G. Stack	6/6
Robert S. Cavaliere	6/7
Paul F. Cooke PGK	6/8
Almirante C Trapal	6/8
Charles M. Stevenson	6/8
William E. Ryan	6/9
Raymond J Mahoney	6/10
Michael A Gundling	6/11
Dennis W. McNaughton	6/11
Thanh K. Tran	6/11
Francisco S. Madan	6/12
James W. Turcol	6/13
Bernard J. Carey	6/14
Joseph P. Martin	6/15
Antoine F. Elachkar	6/15
Joseph D Drozd	6/15
Alvin P. Castillo	6/15
Quinley Y. Johnson	6/16
Edward H. Cummings, Jr.	6/16
Emmanuel Kisob	6/18
Martin E. Bourke Jr	6/21
Ignacio C. Agustin	6/25
Christopher J. Bolan	6/26
Larry E. Gottschalk PGK	6/28
Dale E. Moser	6/30
William J Dearing	6/30
John F Hogan III	6/30

### June Wedding Anniversaries

### Years Married

Thomas & Merlita Shaver	6/4/1984	23
William & Beth Ward	6/4/1962	45
John & Carolyn Muller	6/6/1998	9
George & Nancy Rosenkranz	6/9/1984	23
Salvatore & Arlene Anzalone	6/15/1957	50
William & Catherine Ryan	6/18/1960	47
Bruce & Martine Stuebner	6/18/1977	30
William & Lorraine Davy PGK	6/20/1942	65
Paul & Kimberly Kiechlin	6/20/1992	15
David & Nancy Hahn	6/22/1985	22
Pete & Celia Smith	6/23/1990	17
Cyril & Ellen Barch	6/25/1945	62
Anthony & Kathleen Conques	6/25/1977	30
Christopher & Colleen Colandene	6/26/1993	14
Stanley & Carol Greer	6/27/1992	15
Michael & Joanne DeMarco	6/27/1986	21
Richard & Donna Larkin	6/28/1952	55
Alvin & Chrissy Castillo	6/29/2002	5

## Fraternal Benefits Advisor

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or [DRileyKofC@comcast.net](mailto:DRileyKofC@comcast.net)

Fraternally,  
 Dennis Riley, Fraternal Benefits Advisor



## *Officers & Chairmen*

### Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Ward		273-6289
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi		273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Weich	301	527-1207
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813
Treasurer	Al Leightley		273-2089
Lecturer	Greg Skorupski		978-8280
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	301	527-1207
Church	Mike Plumstead		250-2367
Community	Tim Hogan		385-1292
Council	Mike/Dan Purtill		641-8948
Family	Tim Tilson		273-9436
Youth	Bob Bilko		359-6824
Membership	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	George Schuld		255-0362
Admissions	Tim Cooke		766-2911
Retention	Tim Tilson		273-9436
Vocations	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813
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	Tom Kelley		385-2819
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd		352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy		425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb		591-7739
Christmas Trees	Dave Miller		517-3430
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	Dave Todd		352-2724
KOVAR	Tim Cooke		766-2911
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

## *Columbiettes Corner*

At the Columbiettes meeting on May 15, 2007, we discussed the upcoming bake sale that will be held the weekend of Memorial Day Weekend, May 26 – 27. All proceeds will go to continuing the renovation of Our Land of the Gulf Church, that was demolished during Hurricane Katrina. We will be baking in the School Cafeteria on Saturday from 9am to 9 pm. Sale will be after all Masses. Help is needed, so please come by if you can.

Election of Officers was held. Wendy Kehoe-President, Priscilla Hogan-Vice President, Julie Clinch-Secretary, and Erin Cooke-Treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Tuesday June 19, 2007 at 7:30 pm in Providence Hall.

All ladies of Knights of Fr. Diamond Council are automatically members of the Columbiettes. Please come join us.

Thanks.  
Ann Todd





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## Dates to Remember in June

<b>Jun 4</b>	<b>St. Leo's School Field Day</b>	<b>Jun 17</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>
<b>Jun 5</b>	<b>Officer's Meeting</b>	<b>Jun 17</b>	<b>Family Breakfast – Gold Team</b>
<b>Jun 7</b>	<b>Admissions Committee</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Grey GOSTS</b>
<b>Jun 9&amp;10</b>	<b>Food Drive</b>	<b>Jun 19</b>	<b>Columbiette's Meeting</b>
<b>Jun 9</b>	<b>Rosary @ Abortion Facility</b>	<b>Jun 20</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Rosary/Meeting</b>
<b>Jun 9</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Manassas</b>	<b>Jun 21-23</b>	<b>Movies Under the Moon</b>
<b>Jun 10</b>	<b>Corpus Christi Procession</b>	<b>Jun 23 &amp;24</b>	<b>Parish Welcoming Committee</b>
<b>Jun 11</b>	<b>Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center</b>	<b>Jun 23&amp;24</b>	<b>Food Drive</b>
<b>Jun 12</b>	<b>Rosary/Business Meeting/1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	<b>Jun 24</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>
<b>Jun 16</b>	<b>Adopt-A-Spot</b>	<b>Jun 26</b>	<b>Rosary/Social Meeting/Steak Night</b>
<b>Jun 16</b>	<b>Corporate Communion</b>		

# June

<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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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> St. Leo's School Field Day  VS #9	<b>5</b> 1930 Officer's Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Admissions Committee	<b>8</b> 1900 Grand Knight's Ball	<b>9</b> 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Food Drive 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree @ Manassas
<b>10</b> 1100 Corpus Christi Procession Food Drive	<b>11</b> 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #10	<b>12</b> 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting/ Second Degree	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1000 Adopt A Spot 1700 Corporate Communion Mass
<b>17</b> Father's Day Family Breakfast – Gold Team	<b>18</b> VS #GG	<b>19</b> 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiette's Meeting	<b>20</b> 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting/ Pass in Review Dinner	<b>21</b> Movies Under the Moon	<b>22</b> Movies Under the Moon	<b>23</b> Parish Welcoming Committee Movies Under the Moon
<b>24</b> 1145 Coffee & Donuts Parish Welcoming Committee	<b>25</b> VS #1	<b>26</b> 1830 Rosary/Steak Night	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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# July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> VS #2	<b>3</b> 1930 Officer's Meeting	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #3	<b>10</b> 1930 Officer's Meeting	<b>11</b> Potomac Challenge	<b>12</b> Admissions Committee	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> State Organizational Meeting - Norfolk 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Food Drive
<b>15</b> Family Breakfast – Blue Team Food Drive	<b>16</b> VS #4	<b>17</b> 1930 Columbiette's Meeting	<b>18</b> 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1700 Corporate Communion Mass 1830 Officer Installation
<b>22</b> 1145 Coffee & Donuts	<b>23</b> VS #5	<b>24</b> 1930 Mass/ Business Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Food Drive
<b>29</b> Food Drive	<b>30</b> VS #6	<b>31</b>				

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