



# The Lookout



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## Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of another Fraternal Year. I am, like most of my predecessors, both glad and sad to see the end of my year as Grand Knight. I am sad as I look back over the year and see the opportunities I missed, changes I wanted to make but never got to, and mistakes I wish I could have avoided. At the same time, I am glad to have helped the Council through another successful year and to see the great possibilities that come with our new officers. Though I write this before our elections, I am confident that all who choose to serve our Council do so with generosity and vigor that will benefit us all.

I would like to thank all of the Brothers who have helped me through the year. There are many I could name individually, but they are too numerous to fit here. It is easy to call out the men we see regularly at the Hall, helping out in whatever way is needed. However, it is just as important to thank our Brothers who may not always be able to be physically present with us. Most of us have experienced times in our lives when we just couldn't dedicate much time to the Order, due to family or work obligations or health reasons. However, even in such times, we remained valuable members of the Order. The prayer offered by our Brothers across the globe are a primary reason for the success of each and every Council. Prayers from our Brother Knights

is one of the greatest benefits of membership in our Order and one that we should all cherish. Thank you to all Brothers who take the time to maintain their membership in the Order and who take the time to add the Council to their prayers.

This brings me to my next point, my greatest desire for the coming year. Get involved. Particularly if you have not had the time or energy to spend time with the Council, I implore you to find a little time to join us at a meeting or event over the next few months. Think about what attracted you the Knights of Columbus in the first place. Was it the fraternity offered, or the opportunity to perform acts of charity? Get active again so you can enjoy those benefits that drew you to the Order. And if there is something you wish the Council did that might spur your interest, raise the possibility to one of our officers. The officers meet each month on the first Tuesday and all are welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife and family for supporting me during this year. It has been hard on them to have me away from the house so frequently, especially with a newborn in the mix. I would never have been able to dedicate my time or efforts to the Council were it not for my wife and kids understanding my needs and picking up my slack. I really can't say enough to thank them.

Best of luck to our new officers. Please give them all of your support!

Vivat Jesus!  
Dan Purtill

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### Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

As we wind down another fraternal year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has come out to help at a Council event this year. From breakfasts to tree sales to holding out buckets and asking for donations, we have a busy Council and should be proud of the work we do for our church and our Order. In particular I would like to give a special thank you to ALL who pitched in on the KOVAR effort this year - from those who worked shifts outside the stores or St. Leo's masses, ran special events to collect money, donated through CFC or United Way, counted the collections at Providence Hall, cooked food for the workers, brought KOVAR supplies out of the shed (or put them away) or helped in any other ways. Through all these efforts, the Council raised **\$15,746.44**.

These funds will be used to provide grants, loans, and other forms of support for organizations that provide services to people with intellectual disabilities. If you're not familiar with KOVAR, visit [www.kovarva.org](http://www.kovarva.org).

For those that are handy and have some time this summer, St. Leo's Work Camp is in need of handy men to support their 2013 Work Camp team as "Contractors." Contractors are adult volunteers who are proficient in home repair skills and can work with and instruct the high school student work crews. Contractors need not work the entire week of Work Camp. Also, you don't need to be a licensed contractor in order to be a "Contractor" at Work Camp. Even a couple days of support will be helpful. The St. Leo's work camp will be June 22-June 28. It will take place in Quicksburg, VA, in the Shenandoah Valley. If you are interested in this opportunity, you can contact Greg Kava at [GregandNermeen@verizon.net](mailto:GregandNermeen@verizon.net) or (703) 999-6438.

For the good of the Order, I wanted to let Brothers know that Carl A. Anderson, our very own Supreme Knight, will present a lecture on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 on Father Michael McGivney and the New Evangelization. This event will take place immediately following the mass in the Crypt Church at 5:15pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This lecture is part of the National Shrine's Year of Faith series. The Shrine is located at 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC. If you would to find out more information about this event you can go to

[www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) or [www.facebook.com/nationalshrine](http://www.facebook.com/nationalshrine). As I noted in an earlier column this year, in order to achieve his success Columbus depended on the support of his crew. Much the same way, the success the Council has had this year has been because of the support and participation of its members. It is only through the continued good works of the members of this Council that we can succeed in our efforts to support the Church, our community and our families. I hope that in the next fraternal year you each will find some time to continue to support the works of our Council, and continue to bring in new ideas that will allow the Council to expand the service it provides to those in need.

### Columbiettes' Corner

First, let me thank the members, their husbands and families, and our friends in the community for helping with the bake sale Memorial Day weekend. The gross sales were over \$2,200, the profits of which will go toward the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund.

We are trying a new event this year in conjunction with the Knights. Instead of having a Spring Fling separate from the Grand Knight's Ball, we are combining the two on June 8, beginning at 6 PM in Providence Hall! The original Spring Fling western theme will still apply. Attendees are encouraged to wear either western wear or formalwear: your choice!

Our hope with this event is that the combined resources of the Knights and the Columbiettes will make the event more affordable for those who wish to attend. If you would like to attend, please let Ruth West know by e-mailing [KofCColumbiettes@yahoo.com](mailto:KofCColumbiettes@yahoo.com). The cost is \$30 per person.

This Spring Fling takes the place of our monthly meeting. Our next monthly meeting is Monday, July 15 at 7 PM in Providence Hall.

Please call me with questions: 703-209-8106, or e-mail me at [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com). Please remember that all spouses of Father Diamond Council Knights are automatically Columbiettes and are welcome to join in our charitable and social events. The more, the merrier! Please call me with questions: Julie Clinch, 703-209-8106, or e-mail me at [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com).





# Cowboy Up & Party Down

## Grand Knight's Spring Fling

Hosted by the Columbiettes

Saturday, June 8, 2013

6 pm Doors Open

7 pm Dinner

\$30 per person

Providence Hall

Dress Up or Dress Down,

Cowboy boots and hats are encouraged

RSVP

[KofCColumbiettes@yahoo.com](mailto:KofCColumbiettes@yahoo.com)

### *Knights and Knight Families Honored*

**Knight of the Month**  
**May**

**Joe Monnin**



**Family of the Month**  
**May**

**Bill & Kathy Weich**

#### Local Pilgrimage

Tim Tilson, PGK

Announcing the Year of Faith on October 11, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said “we can picture the Year of Faith” as a “pilgrimage in the deserts of today’s world”. The Year of Faith calls upon us as Catholics to pray more, read more about our faith and undertake special trips or pilgrimages. The Holy Land, Rome, Lourdes and similar sites are difficult to reach but there is a great pilgrimage site right in our area: The Franciscan Monastery in NE Washington D.C. near Catholic University. (<http://www.myfranciscan.org/>).

Mass is offered at 9:00AM on Tuesday and Saturday. There are tours of the complex at 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM and 3:00PM. The church offers replicas of holy sites in the Holy Land. The gardens include the Stations of the Cross and replica of the Grotto of Lourdes. The 44 acre site is called an “Oasis of Peace”. It’s Romanesque and Byzantine architecture and beautiful gardens indeed provide a quiet contemplative place away from the everyday dares of the world.

Recently I did a pilgrimage there. I used METRO (Brookland-CUA Station) and attended the 9:00AM mass on a Tuesday. This was followed by prayers to St. Anthony which is done in all Franciscan churches. There was time for contemplative prayer afterwards. At 10:00AM it was time for the one hour tour of the church. Confessions were offered as well. We were on our own for the tour of the grounds. I spent more time in outdoor contemplative prayer here among the beautiful gardens and statuary. Interestingly the church has a rosary walk with the Hail Mary in 150 languages.

#### Nominations for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight: Matthew T. West  
 Chaplain: Deacon David Maurer  
 Deputy Grand Knight: Patrick A. McGuire  
 Chancellor: John F. Eldred  
 Warden: Jose A. “Tito” Costacamps  
 Financial Secretary: Kevin H. Darr  
 Treasurer: Herbert F. Zimmerman  
 Advocate: Edward P. Cuccias

Recorder: Jeffrey A. Wolfhope  
 Lecturer: Paul Gregory Hartley  
 Inside Guard: Nathan T. Rasmussen  
 Outside Guard: Joseph Berg  
 Outside Guard: Dan O’Malley  
 3-Yr Trustee: Daniel E. Purtill  
 2-Yr Trustee: Gregory J. Skorupski  
 1-Yr Trustee: Nelson R. Clinch

## Council News & Events



### Nursing Home Bingo —

Always looking for volunteers to come out at the Fairfax Nursing Center for the monthly bingo game. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, June 10 at 7:15**. We should be finished by 8:30PM. Call *Matt West* at (703) 359-4652 to volunteer.

### Family Breakfast — Sunday, June 16th

There will be a breakfast served in the hall after the 7:30AM & 9AM masses. This is a great event for the entire family. The price is donations only. Help is always needed at this labor intensive event. Call Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 if you can help or just show up.

### Steak Night — Tuesday, June 25th

In lieu of our normally scheduled meeting we will start off with the Rosary followed good food. The

price will be \$12.50 per person. To assist with food ordering please RSVP to Mike Purtill at [mvpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mvpurtill@gmail.com)

### Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place) on **Saturday, June 8** at 8AM usually ending by 8:45. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for an end to abortion.



### Election of Officers —

We will be conducting the election of officers at our next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 11. The meeting will start right after Deacon Maurer leads us through the Rosary starting at 7:30pm. Dinner will be available starting at 7pm.

## Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

### The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who do not have a “long term care experience” somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, “waiting until next year” or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annui-

ties to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product.

Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 35,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I can help you select the plan that’s right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. Let’s talk today.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA, Field Agent



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## June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 <a href="#">Columbiette</a> Bake Sale Food Drive	27 Memorial Day	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
2	3 St. Leo School Field Day	4 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 <a href="#">8AM Rosary to</a> <a href="#">End Abortion</a> <b>6PM Grand</b> <b>Knight</b> <b>Spring Fling</b> Food Drive
9 Food Drive	10 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	12	13	14	15
16 Family Breakfast	17 <b>No</b> Columbiettes meeting	18 11:00AM Grey GOSTs	19 <a href="#">Fr. Malloy</a> <a href="#">Assy Steak</a> <a href="#">Night</a>	20	21	22 Food Drive
23 Food Drive	24	25 <a href="#">7:00PM rosary</a> <a href="#">7:30PM Steak</a> <a href="#">Night</a>	26	27	28	29

## July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4 <b>IndependenceDay</b>	5	6
7	8 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	9 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	10	11	12	13 5PM Corporate Communion <a href="#">8AM Rosary to</a> <a href="#">End Abortion</a>
14	15 7:00PM Columbiettes	16 11:00 Grey GOSTS	17	18	19	20 6PM Installation of Officers
21	22	23 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00 PM Business Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 9:30AM Council Audit

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2012-13

**Officers**

Grand Knight	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Matt West	703-359-4652
Chancellor	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Jose Costacamps	703-717-5341
Advocate	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Warden	Chris Botticelli	703-278-0379
Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955
Outside Guard	John Anzalone	703-638-5275
Outside Guard	Jeffrey Wolfhope	703-273-7531
3yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
2yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
1yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

**Program Directors**

Programs	Matt West	703-359-4652
Church	John Berg	703-219-2096
Community	Jose Costacamps	703-717-5341
Council	Jeff Stevens	703-385-8007
Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	Al Vandenbogaard	703-385-8007

**Committee Chairmen**

Charity	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Admissions	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

**Project Chairmen**

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Newsletter	John Eldred	703-631-6480
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146



**HUMOR**

“Isn’t it amazing,” a reporter remarked to her editor after a press conference, “how politicians never say anything yet always insist they’ve been misquoted?”

“Oh, God,” sighed the wife one morning, “I’m convinced my mind is almost completely gone!” Her husband looked up from the newspaper and commented, “I’m not surprised: You’ve been giving me a piece of it every day for twenty years.”

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived.  
 “Oh,” he said, “she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we’re done having her visit, we take her back to the airport.”

According to some who you talk to, bigamy and monogamy are the same thing: one wife too many.

“Your cough seems so much better this morning,” Dr. Gaines said to his patient.  
 “I should hope so,” the patient replied, “I’ve been practicing all night.”

Watching her mother as she tried on her new fur coat, young Becky said unhappily, “Mom, do you realize some poor dumb beast suffered so you could have that?”

The woman shot her an angry look. “Becky, how dare you talk about your father like that!”

According to statistics, last year over 17 million American families paid a lot of money for things that looked funny and didn’t work. Seven million of these were antiques, the rest were college students.

What’s the theme song for two blind people playing tennis? ... Endless Love

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