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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,
Where has this fraternal year gone? This will be the last Grand Knight Report from me as Grand Knight. It has been a wonderful year. On July 1st **Joe Gesker** will take over as Grand Knight and **Dan O'Malley** as Deputy Grand Knight. I'm happy to report that we will be

leaving them a strong and active council on a solid financial footing. After a quiet July and August, September started the frantic pace that carried us through the rest of the year. A few highlights from the year:

Redskins games at the Hall hosted by **Nelson and Julie Clinch**.

Taking lead on the annual Parish Picnic run by PGK **Tim Tilson**. Unlike past years, **Fr. Whitestone** was able to attend his picnic last September.

Family breakfast most months thanks to PGK **Tim Tilson** and PGK **Pat McGuire** and their respective breakfast teams. Special thanks to **Joe Monin** and **Gib Flodine** who work breakfast on both teams.

The Annual Crab Feast, chaired by **Charlie "Crabman" Kraiger** was a huge success consuming bushels of crabs and corn-on-the-cob.

Christmas tree lot set up, tree delivery, and tree sales through December 18. Once again this was coordinated by PGK **Tim Tilson**. This is our largest fund raiser of the year.

March for Life was a tremendous success this year. We collected over \$46,000 to support the march. This was the largest collection, by far, since we started this mission. Great job **Mike Plumstead**.

Car Raffle. PGK **Pat McGuire** ran this year's raffle assisted by **Gib Flodine**.

Unlike years past with no winners, this year we sold three winning tickets. 2 vehicle, and a \$2,500 cash prize. This was our 2nd largest fund raiser for the year.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Reflections:

Keith and Lynne Morrison: "The Knights always come through!"

Keith and Lynne Morrison, together, are for Father Diamond Council, 6292, a cynosure of faith and confidence in the Knights of Columbus and the principles and values thereof. "The Knights always come through!" has been their mantra from the moment of the first lifting of a chair in St. Leo's church transition last summer, through the magnificent Crab Feast (Thank you, "Captain Charlie"), the extraordinarily successful "March for Life, and the exciting St. Patrick's Day celebration, to the welcome anticipation of the Grand Knight's Ball and all the other successfully managed challenges in between. They have led us well, this Fraternal Year consistently sustaining a humble presence and genuinely kind demeanor regardless of the temper of the times. "Never was heard a disparaging word" by either about anyone even when circumstances may have justifiably sanctioned such an anomaly. Keith and Lynne, through their gracious exercise of leadership, exemplified for us all how to live, not just by the Ten Commandants, but, even more emphatically, by the Beatitudes. We, in Father Diamond Council, could not ask more.

Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker, Deputy Grand Knight

DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017

Take time to check your Knights of Columbus membership card. If your card is current, the correct expiration date is December 2017. If it is not, it could mean that you have not paid your 2017 dues. However, if you have paid, but do not have the correct card, please contact the Financial Secretary, David Todd, Sr. at datodd@verizon.net. Provide the date payment was made, if possible.

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Pray Everyday

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St. Patricks Day Party. **Pat Murray** and **James Welch** threw a great St. Patrick Day bash. Complete with a traditional Irish meal, Irish dancers, and a traditional

Irish band. A great time was had by all in attendance.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt complete with Easter Bunny. **Joe Gesker** ran this event.

Special thanks to **Joe Berg** as the Easter Bunny after the 11 AM mass, and **Joe Gesker** after the 1:30 Spanish mass.

KOVAR chaired by PGK **Herb Zimmerman**. We met our goal by collecting over \$18,000.

Annual Night of Magic. Run by **Pat Leffas**. A magical evening for young and old alike.

This is a small number of events that took place this fraternal year and all required many man hours from Knight's and their families. It is amazing to me that whatever is needed, scheduled or unscheduled, we always seem to meet the challenge. Our council truly epitomizes the main principles of the order: charity, unity, and fraternity. I think we all would make Fr. McGivney proud.

Events in June include St. Leo's Field Day on June 2nd. We grill hamburger and hot dogs for the students and teachers. The Grand Knight's Ball on June 3rd. This is a celebration of our council's successes this fraternal year. The Family Breakfast for this month will be June 11th, not the 18th, which is Corpus Christi and Fathers Day. Finally the last fund raiser of the year will be The Knight's Round Table Yard Sale on June 24th. You can bring good used or unwanted items to the hall starting on Tuesday the June 20. Call **Herb Zimmerman** or **Greg Hartley** for more information.

The 2 meetings in June will be the 13th and the 27th. On The 13th, the Rosary will start at 7pm followed by a meal at 7:20. The business meeting will begin at 8. There will be a 1st degree at 8:30 followed by social time. Candidates are welcome to come to the Rosary and meal or arrive by 8. The second meeting is Steak Night. Rosary at 6:30 and steak at 7. No business meeting.

I want to congratulate **Joe Gesker** as the Grand Knight elect and the whole team of officers starting in July. Joe will be putting together his team of Program Chairman, Committee Chairman and event leads for the up coming fraternal year. If you are interested in serving, now is time to talk to Joe. I want to thank the council for letting me serve as Grand Knight and look forward to continuing as Three Year Trustee.

Faithfully in Christ,
Keith Morrison
Grand Knight

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Our Memorial Day Bake Sale was a great success! We sold many tasty treats! This event could not have taken place without the help of all of our bakers at home and at the Hall. We also had many hands — Ladies and Knights to help to set up, sell, and clean up—too many to name — but sincerest thanks for your sacrifices and service!

Wendy Kehoe, wife of **Steve Kehoe**, newly elected State Deputy of the Virginia State Council, sent out an email asking for our help with hosting the ladies luncheon during the K of C Annual State Meeting being held here at St. Leo's on Sat July 8th. Please consider supporting her as this is a huge undertaking and will require many hands.

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers for the 2017-2018 year!

President: **Beth Ward**

Secretary: **Lynne Morrison**

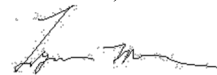
Vice President: **Julie Clinch**

Treasurer: **Ruth West**

Our scheduled vote to change our bylaws on membership to include all Catholic ladies has been delayed. Current membership rules are: any spouse, mother or daughter, 18 years of age or a member living or deceased of the Knights of Columbus Father Francis J. Diamond Council. I have appointed a special committee to review and rewrite our **entire** bylaws with an expected finished draft due by Dec 2017; which will then be put to a final vote. **Fr. Whitestone** has asked us to have a discerning discussion on what the future of our Council should be.

In this regard I am asking for your help in letting us know what you think. If you have been away, what would bring you back? What are your interests? Are you looking for something more spiritual? Less organized or more social? Activities that you are interested in? Thoughts on the current or proposed membership change? Write or send an email, with your comments — suggestions to the address below. I hope to hear from you. All suggestions will be helpful in shaping our organization and will aid in the bylaws process. I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the Ladies of Father Diamond Council. Serving as your president has been a tremendous honor.

God Bless,



Lynne Morrison

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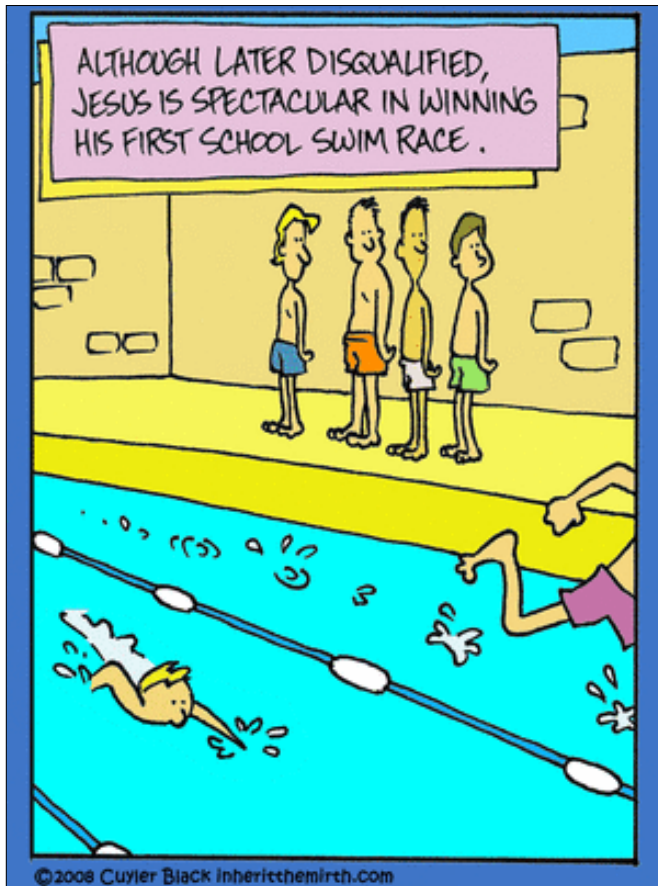
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*The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple.
It had very limited memory - just one byte and everything crashed!*



June Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of June a very Happy Birthday:

Michael Furey	1	Antoine Elachkar	15
Paul Gianoli	2	Edward Cummings	16
Timothy McCarthy	2	Brian Gormley	16
Allan Botticelli	3	Timothy Hogan	16
Albert Lightley	3	Quinley Johnson	16
Timothy Holleran	5	Vincent Wilson	16
John Neher	5	Theodor Bierschenk	18
Benjamin Stack	6	William Schlagenhauf	19
Brian Young	7	Joseph Paratore	21
Paul Cooke	8	Thomas Paratore	21
Gregory Da Damio	8	Joseph Burg	22
Scott Sullivan	8	Brian Walch	23
Almirante Trapal	8	James Engelhardt	25
Simei Solano	9	Michael Mickney	28
Michael Gundling	11	Daniel Short	29
Dennis McNaughton	11	William Dearing	30
Thanh Tran	11	John Hogan	30
Joseph Drozd	15	Brian Kuhn	30

Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

Leo Duran, Field Agent

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Fourth Degree Corner

CONGRATULATIONS to SK **Matt West** on being elected as the new Faithful Navigator of Fr. Malloy Assembly! Matt follows in a long line of members of Fr. Diamond Council who have already served as Faithful Navigator of this Assembly. We wish him the very best in the year to come!

CORPUS CHRISTI: Once again, Fr. Malloy Assembly will be supporting the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession on Sunday, June 18. The Mass begins at 11AM, so we are asking all those participating in the Honor Guard muster at 10:30 in the back of the church. Please let FN **Dave Todd, Jr.**, know if you will be able to assist.

PASS IN REVIEW: Fr. Malloy Assembly's annual Pass in Review will be Wednesday, June 21, in the school gym. Doors will open at 6:30PM, Rosary will be recited at 7PM, and dinner will follow, with remarks and presentations made at the end. This is also a welcome dinner for new Sir Knights... those who took the 4th Degree on April 1 (and their guest!) will be free of charge; cost for all others is \$15 per person, \$30 per couple for RSVP's received by June 14... after that, it will be \$20 per person, \$40 per couple. Dress for Faithful

Officers is Social Regalia; all other Sir Knights are encouraged to wear Social Regalia, but may wear Coat & Tie instead; Ladies should be in semi-formal. RSVP to Faithful Captain **Matt West** at askmekofc@yahoo.com.

May 2017 Knight of the Month



Once again, our May Knight of the Month has distinguished himself as a devoted brother of the Father Diamond Council. This month, a very special time to Our Blessed Mother, **Herb Zimmerman** is duly appreciated for his extraordinary council chairmanship of the annual KOVAR

campaign. Because of his zeal and diligence, our council exceeded all expectations in support of the many, many children who will be helped by the funds collected for this most worthy cause. Herb, in addition, has contributed his wisdom gleaned from his years of Knights of Columbus service to every major exercise pursued by the council this past Fraternal Year. He has graciously earned our gratitude as the Father Diamond May "Knight of the Month."

May 2017 Family of the Month

On an enchanting April 29 Saturday evening, gleeful children gathered around the stage of the St. Leo the Great Catholic School gym enthralled by the mysterious skills of our guest magicians. First, the happy youngsters and their families partook of the camaraderie imparted by a "family" type pizza dinner and blessed by the presence of our pastor, Father David Whitestone. All of this good cheer in a rapturous Catholic environment is attributable to the initiative, good taste, organization and patience of **Patrick and Kathleen Leffas**. Their attention to detail, consistent communica-

tion with all concerned parties and gracious stewardship was apparent in every facet of this long anticipated event. The St. Leo's community and especially the Father Diamond Council are sincerely grateful for their generous investment of time and effort for our children.



Saturday, June 24th 9am to 1pm



Next to the St. Leo's School

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***Proceeds to benefit local charities
supported by K of C***

**Donations can be brought to the KofC Hall
3:00- 4:30 ON JUNE 20th - 23rd**

Fraternal Benefits Night – Geat Information, Great Food!!

Wednesday, May 24th, over 30 brother knights and spouses attended a *Fraternal Benefits Night* at the KofC Hall. Our Field Agent, **Leo Duran** covered the top ten reasons to come to your councils *Fraternal Benefits Night*:

- 1) An overview of the benefits of being in the brotherhood of Knights.
- 2) Why Whole Life insurance is less expensive than Term Insurance.
- 3) Why buying life insurance for a Child or Grandchild is a great idea.
- 4) Why having Disability Insurance is a must.
- 5) Why Long Term Care is important and who should and should not own it.
- 6) Why an annuity with the Knights of Columbus is a good part of a retirement plan.
- 7) Why stock brokers sometimes bash whole life insurance, and how and why they can mislead you.
- 8) Why a whole life insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus is an asset that can be used as emergency fund.
- 9) Why you may want to leave money to your children as a remembrance of your love for them.
- 10) And, where else will you get such great homemade Mexican Food?

The one hour presentation was fun and informative and everyone was happy they attended.

Get In the Picture

Magic Night, Saturday, April 29th



Nelson Clinch selling Raffle Tickets.



Joe Gesker and Julie Clinch selling pizza and soft drinks.



Greg Clinch selling popcorn.

Antique Car Show, Saturday, May 20th



Herb, Paul, Keith, Joe G., Julie, Nelson, and Joe M. selling coffee and donuts.



Vicki Clinch & Mary Beth Ward selling ice cream.



Nelson, Keith, Julie, Tim, Stu, and Allen selling hot dogs and chilli.

Fraternal Benefits Night, Wednesday, May 24th



Albano Garcia and Joe Gesker spicing it up.



Leo Duran sharing his knowledge.



Knights enjoying real Mexican food.

Bake Sale, Sunday, May 28th



Knights & Ladies selling baked goods.



Fr. Whitestone getting his Strawberry Rhubarb pie.



Ladies of Fr. Diamond Council plus Joe Sardegna.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1	2 8AM St. Leo's Field Day	3 6:00 PM Grand Knight's Ball at Army/Navy CC
4	5 9 AM St Leo's Awards Ceremony	6 7:30 Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8:00 Rosary to End Abortion
11 Family Bkfst - After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses Knights Info after masses	12 7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	13 7:00 Rosary 7:20 Meal Avail. 8:00 Meeting 8:30 Admissions (1st) Degree	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day Corpus Christi	19	20 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	21 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	22	23	24 Yard Sale 9am – 1pm
25	26	27 6:30 Rosary 7:00 *Steak Night*	28	29	30	1

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 6:30 Rosary 7:00 *Steak Night*	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5 7:00 Admissions (1st) Degree	6		8 State Org Meeting - Fairfax 8:00 Rosary to End Abortion
9 State Meeting - Fairfax	10 7:15 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Hm	11 7:00 VIRTUS Training 6:30 Officers Meeting	12	13		15 5:00PM – Corp. Communion 6:00 Installation of Officers 7:00 Inst. Banquet
16	17	18 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	19 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	20		22
23	24	25 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	26	27		29
30	31	1 7:30 Officers Meeting	2	3	4	5

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Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	

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Car Raffle	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
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Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	

703-266-9741

	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Food Drive	TBD	TBD
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Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
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Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
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Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
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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 at 703-978-6137 or email ZLRN01@AOL.COM for information. Available at Providence 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 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

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