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Grand Knight's Message

Nelson Clinch, Grand Knight



Dearest Council Families,

The time has come for my final newsletter article as this fraternal year's Grand Knight. Each fraternal year presents opportunities and challenges to the Council, and I hope I have balanced them for the betterment of the Council. Admittedly, I wish had done more and I wish I had done better in leading you in what we have accomplished.

Still, when I look back to the beginning of the fraternal year, I see a new pastor at St. Leo the Great parish, uncertainty regarding where the pandemic was heading, and uncertainty how the Council could continue its longstanding tradition of doing exactly what State Deputy Pat Rowland chose as the theme for this fraternal year: Serving God by Serving Others. Still, the Council persevered to return to in-person meetings, continue both fund-raising and charitable acts and donations. In fact, at the annual meeting of the State Council, Fr. Diamond Council was recognized as one of four councils statewide to raise at least \$30,000 for KOVAR to help people with intellectual disabilities.

Therefore, I hope the newly elected officers of our council can continue the council's efforts in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity as well as build upon them. After all, State Deputy Pat Rowland, who was elected to serve a second term in that office, has chosen the theme From Worship Into Service for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. May Our Lord grant the 2023-2024 officers the wisdom to prayerfully lead the council. Congratulations to our current Deputy Grand Knight James Beauchamp on his election to the office of Grand Knight for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

Jim deserves this promotion as he has served well as Deputy Grand Knight, especially when he filled in for me when I was attending to family illnesses out of state throughout the fraternal year.

In fact, for his efforts throughout May, Jim is our Knight of the Month for May. See the description of his efforts in the Knight of the Month write-up. Likewise, see the "exploits" of the Family of the Month, the family of PGK Tim Hogan in the same general vicinity of the newsletter.

In closing, MANY THANKS to ALL who have aided the Council in serving God, the Church, the Council, each other, the community, and humankind overall.

Vivat Jesus!

Prayerfully yours,
Nelson Clinch



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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Deputy Grand Knight

Here we are already in June and the end of another Fraternal Year. For all of you traveling this summer to visit friends and family, explore exciting new places, or just some peace and relaxation – here's wishing that all your summer travels are safe. But if you happen to be in town this month, the Knights have plenty of opportunities for you to get involved.

This month's **Eucharistic Adoration** for our Council will be 1 AM to 2 AM on Saturday, June 3. Our monthly **Rosary to End Abortion** will be on Saturday June 10, from 8 AM to 9 AM.

Hopefully, the weather will be nice enough that we pray outside in front of church. **Remember, your prayers matter.** There are many hearts to change and babies to save. Lastly, don't forget the St. Leo's **Men's Holy Hour**, also on June 10, from 7 AM to 8 AM.

The first annual **St. Leo's FamilyFest, a Food, Craft, and Music Festival** will be held on Saturday, June 10 from 11 AM to 4 PM. The proceeds from this event will go toward the construction of an Adoration Chapel. There will be over 30 food vendors serving food from all over the world. (My wife, Germana, will be serving Classic Peruvian Ceviche.) I encourage all Knights to try to come out and bring/tell your friends about it. Our Council will be selling ice cream cones, same as what we've been serving at the parish picnics, and we could use some volunteers. If you think that you can work a shift (11 AM – 12:30 PM, 12:30 PM - 2:00PM, or 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM) please contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@msn.com or 703-273-9436 (land line). Another opportunity to help our Council raise money for the many charities we support comes up on Thursday, June 15. This will be the **Fairfax City Picnic** held for Fairfax City employees at lunchtime. We will again be grillin' burgers and dogs – same as last year. A fun time was had by all in 2022 and it should be no different this year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pat McGuire (ffxmacman@gmail.com) or Keith Morrison (mwcrkm@aol.com).

On Sunday, June 11, after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses, our council will be serving our last **Family Breakfast** until the fall. Many hands make light work and this is a great way to help our Council build a sense of community within the parish. For more information on how you can help please contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@msn.com or 703-273-9436 (land line).

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The Fr. Francis Diamond Council Officer's meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 pm and our first Rosary (7:30 PM)/Business Meetings (8:00 PM) will be on Tuesday, June 13. Our second Rosary/Business meeting, held on June 27, will be special since we'll be having our annual **Steak Night**. The Rosary will start early at 7:00 PM followed by an abbreviated meeting, and the steak dinner begins at 7:30 PM. If you are interested, please RSVP to Pat McGuire at ffxmacman@gmail.com or 703-209-5288. Additional details (price) will be forthcoming but mark your calendars. Last year's steaks were HUGE. The monthly **Gray Gosts** luncheon is slated for Tuesday, June 20 at 11 AM as well as the **Ladies Meeting**, also on June 20, at 7:30 PM.



Chancellor's Report

James Hogan, Chancellor

Brother Knights,

Congratulations to our newest 3rd degree knights Ryan Baker, Jason Johnsrud, Martin McDowell, and Alec Whittle (see pg. 5). We had a good number of brother knights make it out to this event, but more would have been better. Remember Unity of action and Unity of purpose.

This will be my last article as Chancellor, Thank you all who helped me out this fraternal year and I look forward to serving you as Deputy Grand Knight next year.

Finally, If you know of anyone interested in joining our organization contact me by email jthlogan3@gmail.com or by text/call 703-731-7164.

Treasurer's Report – 4/1-30/2023

INCOME for April \$6,702.40

EXPENSES for April \$2,418.75

Operating Fund Net \$4,283.65

United Checking	\$ 53,715.36
United Checking (2)	\$ 2,451.87
Invest Fund	\$ 42,890.53
RTL Fun	\$ 4,544.48
Building Fund	\$ 49,116.71
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 930.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (9,279.66)
PKD Collections	\$ (1,207.50)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (358.17)

Net Assets \$143,803.62

June Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Michael Furey	1	Scott Sullivan	8	Tim Hogan Jr	16	Joseph Burg	22
Russell Scott	1	Almirante Trapal	8	Quinley Johnson	16	Humberto Mercado iii	22
Paul Gianoli	2	Mike Gundling	11	Andrew Mc Grail	16	Jim Engelhardt	25
Timothy McCarthy	2	Dennis McNaughton	11	Vince Wilson	16	Jack Greer	25
Al Botticelli	3	Joe Drozd	15	Benjamin West	18	James Beauchamp	26
Al Leightley II	3	Antoine Elachkar	15	Ryan Amador	21	Dan Short	29
Tim Holleran	5	Edward Cummings Jr	16	Joe Paratore Jr	21	Edward Crnkovich	30
Stephen Hertz	7	Brian Gormley	16	TJ Paratore	21	John Hogan III	30
Paul Cooke	8						



Knight of the Month – May

May was a challenging period for the Grand Knight, as he was called out of state to help his father with medical and surgical issues. Knight of the month Jim Beauchamp not only filled in for the Grand Knight, but also represented the Council for May's Men's Holy Hour and Rosary to End Abortion. He also helped ensure the Combined Degree, the St. Leo the Great School's Run for Education, and the Antique Car Show all ran successfully in the Grand Knight's absence. Thank you, Jim, for continuing to lead Fr. Diamond Council to the greater service of the Lord.



Family of the Month - May

While Knight of the Month Jim Beauchamp filled in for the Grand Knight during part of May, the family of PGK Tim Hogan stepped up to ensure specific council activities went well and did their best to also grow the Council's ranks and promote council members to full Knighthood. In particular, Tim took the lead on the Council's efforts in selling concessions at Fairfax City's Antique Car Show. He and his son James also serve St. Leo the Great Church as ushers, and James serves as the council's Chancellor. With the Grand Knight out of the state, James and the Deputy Grand Knight ensured the Combined Degree was staffed and available to potential candidates and those who had not achieved full knighthood. Thank you to Tim, James, and the entire family for all of their efforts in supporting the works of the Knights at all levels of the Order and the Church.



May approved expenditures

\$200 for purchase of KCIC kit
 \$500 advance for the Upcoming Steak Night on June 27
 \$50 expense for food for the Exemplification Degree on May 11
 \$100 donation for the Metropolitan Washington D.C Airports Chapel for the attending priests
 \$250 donation for the Chaplain's Purse
 \$1000 donation for the Parish festival on June 10



Steak Night

The annual council steak night will be held on June 27. If interested in coming to steak night please contact Pat McGuire by no later than June 24. The price will be \$25 a person. Contact at ffxmac-man@gmail.com or 703-209-5288. Steaks will be better looking the picture shown.



Antique Car Show Report

The Antique Car Show was a great success. We had good help and great weather. A big shout out to Brian Sharkey and Mark Woznak for manning the grills. Amy Pierno, Priscilla Hogan and Gib Florine for working in the trailer selling food. Tony Pierno, Mark Walther, James Hogan and George Billy for preparing and wrapping the food (Pictured below). Also Thanks to Mark Cameron and family, James Hogan and Mark Walther for helping load the trailer Friday evening and last Gib and Pat for shopping. We made 577.00 profit and 26.00 for KOVAR. Thank you all!!! - Tim Hogan



Elected Slate of Officers 2023-2024

We are still in need of a warden for the upcoming year; If interested in contact Mark Walther by phone 703-999-2791 or email markwalther7@yahoo.com

Grand Knight	James G. Beauchamp
Deputy Grand Knight	James T. Hogan
Chancellor	Patrick J Murray
Recorder	Anthony Pierno
Treasurer	William P. "Bill" Lane, Jr.
Advocate	Timothy J. Hogan, Sr., PGK
Warden	_____(TBD)_____
Inside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen
Outside Guards	Charles A. Kraiger and Jason C. Johnsrud
3-Year Trustee	Nelson R. Clinch, PGK
2-Year Trustee	Mark D. Walther, PGK
1-Year Trustee	Gilbert J. Flodine, PGK /
Grand Knight Delegate	James G. Beauchamp
PGK Delegate	Nelson R. Clinch, PGK
Alternate GK Delegate	James T. Hogan
Alternate PGK Delegate	Mark D. Walther, PGK



Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

May and June are graduation season! It is an exciting time filled with hope and optimism for graduates. A page is turned in the book of life. A new chapter is about to begin. So many of our loved ones, sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends are moving on from Middle school, High school, College, even kindergarten! Our loved ones have worked hard often for many years of sustained effort in their studies to further their intellectual growth. A success in their life, that is indeed worthy of celebration!

However, as I reflect on graduation season, I think it is also an opportunity for us to remember who we are and where we are going. Psalm 127 has always humbled me, and reminded me that in all my studies, even my education as a priest, in all my work... The Lord must build the House:

"Unless the LORD build the house, In vain to the builders labor, unless the Lord guard the city in vain does the guard keep watch, in vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat, while he pours gifts on his beloved while they sleep."

As we speak with our graduates, I think it is important to congratulate them! Absolutely. But in a world that often judges us on performance and effort and output, I think it is so important to remind our graduates who they are and where they are going. They are Beloved Sons and daughters of God the Father. They belong in the Kingdom of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And their journey isn't ultimately towards worldly success or money or job status (though these are perhaps steps within their life journey!). Their primary journey is towards sanctity. The famous French Catholic Novelist Leon Bloy once said, *"The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint."*

My invitation is that as we congratulate our graduates on what certainly deserves to be celebrated, we also use the opportunity to direct their gaze towards Heaven. That we remind them who they are, as Sons and daughters of their heavenly Father and they belong in God's Holy, Catholic Church. The great adventure of life has Christ as its true goal. We all need to be reminded of this from time to time. So, as we deservingly congratulate our loved ones on the day of their graduation, let us also take advantage of the opportunity to remind them who they are and where they are going. Let us remind them that It is the Lord Who Builds the House that lasts into eternity. And that our entrance into eternity will be the greatest "graduation." As Catholic Christians, this final chapter is what makes all the other chapters meaningful and filled with faith, love, and ***"a Hope that does not disappoint."***



Jason Johnsrud, Ryan Baker, Alec Whittle, and Martin McDowell
Congratulations to our newest 3rd degree knights!

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3 Eucharistic Adoration 1 - 2 AM
4	5	6 7:30PM Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 7AM Holy Hour for Men 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Parish Festival, 10am - 4pm
11 Corpus Christi Family Breakfast after 7:30AM and 9AM	12	13 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	14	15 Fairfax City Picnic 10-4pm	16	17
18	19	20 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Meeting	21 7:00PM 4th Degree Mtg (Pass in Review Din- ner)	22	23	24
25	26	27 7 PM Rosary 7:30PM Steak Night	28	29	30	1 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 7 PM Rosary 7:30PM Steak Night	28	29	30	1 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM
2	3	4 Independence Day!	5	6	7	8 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion 7 AM Holy Hour for Men
9	10	11 7:30PM Officers Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Mtg	19 7:30 PM 4th Degree Mtg	20	21	22
23	24 7 PM Audit	25 Feast of St. James the Greater 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg Altar Servers Picnic	26	27	28	29 5PM Corporate Communion 6 PM Installation of Officers
30	31	1 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	2	3	4	5 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2022-23

Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Chaplain	Fr. Jonathan Fioramonti	
Deputy GK	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Chancellor	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Warden	Phil Coletti	703-945-2544
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
2yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
1yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010

Program Directors

Programs	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516

Committee Chairmen

Charity		
Admissions	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Budget & Finance	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Ins. Promotion	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway is sold by our council.
Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Tim Hogan at 703-926-4347
for information. Available at Providence Hall before or after meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant 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.

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