

The Lookout

MAY 2002



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS *Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292*



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Grand Knight's Message:

Marion Kuhlman and Tim Cooke returned from the State Convention in Virginia Beach with two awards for the Council. They were the State Deputies Award for all the programs the Council has completed over the past year and the KCIC award for meeting our goal in Christmas Card sales. A large congratulation is extended to all the Knights of the Council for their hard work and planning in the completion of all these events.

Over the past month the Council has again completed a number of events. These include the successful Golf Tournament coordinated by Tim Cooke. There was one hole in one, but not on the \$10,000.00 hole. Greg Hartley and Dennis Riley were the over all winners. We also held the quarterly Blood Drive with some 34 pints collected and many breakfasts served . . . you have to give blood, if for no other reason than to get one of Pete Smith's hotcakes . . . or should I say cakes. The annual Antique Car Show was held and the council again provided the refreshments. Dave Miller did an excellent job in organizing the event. We made about \$500.00 plus and made some new friends in the community. The council was asked to serve hot dogs and soda at the Paul VI March for Life, which was very successful . . . both the march and the serving of food.

The Parish breakfast has been moved to Providence Hall due to the renovations to the church. Attendance has been light, but the enthusiasm for providing the service to the parish has not. It's the same excellent food, prepared by the same exceptional cooks . . . come on over and enjoy the food and the company of your fellow parishioners.

Again, the chair set up is going well. But, it takes Knights to complete the task. When called please make an effort to help, since, the more Knights that help the easier and faster the set up and break down goes. If you are free drop by anyway to help at 3:00 PM on Sat and on Sun after the 6:30 Mass [show up at 7 PM].

Some future events include the Installation Dinner after the installation of the new officers for next year. Date and time to be announced after the election on 28 May. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual **Steak Night on the last meeting of the FY . . . 25 June at 7:30 PM. \$5 gets you your meal and drinks for the evening. The weekend of 22 – 23 June at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC the Knights of Columbus is holding their first Eucharistic Conference. **The schedule for the two days is in the Hall**.** This should be a very worthwhile event and if you have the time please attend.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close I would like to thank the Council for allowing me the privilege of servicing you as the Grand Knight. And to all the beacons of light that have made this a very successful year a hearty thanks.

JMJ and Our Lady of Guadalupe
Larry Gottschalk

Please keep Deacons Keith O'Hare and Michael Weston in your prayers as they will be Ordained to the Priesthood on June 8. Please see inside for their Mass Schedule at St. Leo's

Program Director's Report

We are winding down the Fraternal Year and it seems like things are slowing down with two months to go. But in reality, we still have a lot of things ahead of us in the next few months. Some of these events are as follows:

Mass Chair Setup

We are continuing to use the Christmas Tree Teams to help the parish set up and tear down for Mass each week. Your Team Captain should be contacting you regarding your date for helping set-up the chairs. Please be responsive and try to show up at the 3PM setup time. The more people that are there, the faster the whole thing goes. Also...don't forget to show up for tear down too. This is just as important as the setting up is.

Teams for the next few months:

June 1/2	Kuhlman Team #8
June 8/9	Woznak Team #9
June 15/16	Hogan Team #10
June 22/23	Gray GOSTs
June 29/30	Smith Team #1
July 6/7	Mahoney/Todd Team #2
July 13/14	Jayne Team #3
July 20/21	Whitcomb Team #4
July 27/28	Tilson Team #5

Softball

Revised Schedule for the Softball Team. If you are interested in playing, please contact Pat Lacour at 703-591-3048. The schedule is as follows:

June 1	6:00 Lee High School 7:10
June 2	3:40 Lee High School 4:50
June 3	6:20 Lee High School 7:30
June 7	8:40 Ossian 9:50

Please give Pat a call if you want to play...or just show up at one of the fields at game time. We could really use your support!

Grand Knight's Ball

The Grand Knight's Ball will be held on June 8 this year at PJ Skidoo's in Fairfax. This is a Black Tie dinner to celebrate the end of another successful year. The cost is \$30 per person. Please contact Al Leightley if you plan to attend. See full page ad for more details. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 2

Web Page

The Father Diamond Web Page can be a very useful tool in getting the latest news from the council. It has an updated calendar of

events and there are always news items being posted for your benefit. For those of you who are not on Father Diamond Email News, this is a good way to know what's going on. You can get to the website by visiting: <http://www.6292.kofcva.org/> If you would like to start getting news via email, please send an email to Hank Urban at hurban@cox.rr.com

Election of Officers

The election of officers was not completed before the printing of the newsletter. Please go to the Website to see the complete list of new council officers. Congratulations to them and good luck for a successful Fraternal Year 2002-2003

Membership

Thanks goes out to all who have helped in recruiting new members this year. We've had a great year with membership, and have accomplished quite a bit. However, as of now, we are short of our membership goal (we're good to go with the insurance goal). We do have one more First Degree scheduled for Tuesday, June 11. Anyone who has candidates for this last Degree of the year is asked get the candidate's name and number to Dave Todd, Jr. prior to June 1. You may call him at (703) 385-2195, or you may E-mail him at <djtoddjr@erols.com>. Anyone who recruits a new Knight that comes in that evening will eat and drink for free (Chancellor will pick up their tab!!!).

Church Activities

Our last Corporate Communion of the year is scheduled for Sunday, June 9, at 7:30 AM Mass. All Knights who can attend are encouraged to do so... we will be sitting in the center section of the "church" towards the front (right in front of the Altar). Also, do not forget to join us on Saturday, June 15 at 8AM for the Rosary across the street from the abortion clinic on Eaton Place... any questions, contact Dave Todd, Jr.

Salute to Seniors

For all those 55 and up, please come out to Providence Hall on Saturday, June 1 for our Annual Salute to Seniors. This event starts at Noon with a luncheon and we play some Bingo with cash prizes. Feel free to bring your spouses!

Fairfax County Fair

We're back at the fair this year, but this time we're not selling Beer. We're going into the Ice Cream business. We will be looking for people to help out with this fundraiser on the weekend of June 7, 8, and 9. We will need about 3 people to work 3-hour shifts at different times during the weekend. There will be no shifts during the Grand Knight's Ball. Please contact Dave Miller for more information

10 Myths about Priestly Pedophilia

The media, egged on by a small group of dissenting Catholics, have been having a field day with the tragedy now facing the Church. And, as you might expect, the reporting has been littered with falsehoods and outright fabrications. Crisis magazine put together a list of the 10 most common false media claims -- along with its fact-filled responses to them. The column is reprinted with permission of publisher and editor Deal Hudson.

1. Catholic priests are more likely to be pedophiles than other groups of men.

This is just plain false. There's absolutely no evidence that priests are more likely to abuse children than are other groups of men. The use and abuse of children as objects for the sexual gratification of adults is epidemic in all classes, professions, religions, and ethnic communities across the globe, as figures on child pornography, incest, and child prostitution make abundantly clear. Pedophilia (the sexual abuse of a prepubescent child) among priests is extremely rare, affecting only 0.3 percent of the entire population of clergy. This figure, cited in the book *Pedophiles and Priests* by non-Catholic scholar, Philip Jenkins, is from the most comprehensive study to date, which found that only one out of 2,252 priests considered over a 30-year period was afflicted with pedophilia. In the recent Boston scandal, only four of the more than 80 priests labeled by the media as "pedophiles" are actually guilty of molesting young children.

Pedophilia is a particular type of compulsive sexual disorder in which an adult (man or woman) abuses prepubescent children. The vast majority of the clerical sex-abuse scandals now coming to light do not involve pedophilia.

Rather, they involve ephebophilia -- homosexual attraction to adolescent boys. While the total number of sexual abusers in the priesthood is much higher than those guilty of pedophilia, it still amounts to less than 2 percent -- comparable to the rate among married men (Jenkins, *Pedophiles and Priests*).

In the wake of the current crisis in the Church, other religious denominations and non-religious institutions have admitted to having similar problems with both pedophilia and ephebophilia among the ranks of their clergy. There's no evidence that Catholic prelates are more likely to be pedophiles than Protestant ministers, Jewish leaders, physicians, or any other institution in which adults are in a position of authority and power over children.

2. The celibate state of priests leads to pedophilia.

Celibacy bears no causal relation to any type of deviant sexual addiction including pedophilia. In fact, married men are just as likely as celibate priests to sexually abuse children (Jenkins, *Priests and Pedophilia*). In the general population, the majority of abusers are regressed heterosexual men who sexually abuse girls. Women are also found to be among those sexual abusers. While it's difficult to obtain accurate statistics on childhood sexual abuse, the characteristic patterns of repeat child sex offenders have been well described. The profiles of child molesters never include normal adults who become erotically attracted to children as a result of abstinence (Fred Berlin, "Compulsive Sexual Behaviors" in *Addiction and Compulsion Behaviors* [Boston: NCBC, 1998]; Patrick J. Carnes, "Sexual Compulsion: Challenge for Church Leaders" in *Addiction and Compulsion*; Dale O'Leary, "Homosexuality and Abuse").

3. Married clergy would make pedophilia and other forms of sexual misconduct go away.

Some people -- including a few vocal dissenting Catholics -- are exploiting this crisis to draw attention to their own agendas. Some are demanding a married Catholic clergy in response to the scandal, as if marriage would make men stop hurting children. This flies in the face of the

forementioned statistic that married men are just as likely to abuse children as celibate priests (Jenkins, *Pedophilia and Priests*).

Since neither being Catholic nor being celibate predisposes a person to develop pedophilia, a married clergy wouldn't solve the problem ("Doctors call for pedophilia research," *The Hartford Current*, March 23). One has only to look at similar crises in other denominations and professions to see this.

The plain fact is, healthy heterosexual men have never been known to develop erotic attractions to children as a result of abstinence.

4. Clerical celibacy was a medieval invention.

Wrong. In the Western Catholic Church, celibacy became universally practiced in the 4th century, beginning with St. Augustine's adoption of the monastic discipline for all of his priests. In addition to the many practical reasons for this discipline -- it was supposed to discourage nepotism -- the celibate lifestyle allowed priests to be more independent and available. This ideal also called diocesan priests to live out the same witness as their brothers in monastic life. The Church hasn't changed her directives for celibacy, because over the centuries she has realized the practical and spiritual value of the practice (Pope Paul VI, *On the Celibacy of the Priesthood*, Encyclical letter, 1967). Indeed, even in the Eastern Catholic Church -- which includes a married clergy -- the bishops are chosen only from unmarried priests.

Christ revealed the true value and meaning of celibacy. Catholic priests from St. Paul to the present have imitated Him in their total gift of self to God and others as celibates. Although Christ raised marriage to the level of a sacrament that reveals the love and life of the Trinity, He was also a living witness to the life of the world to come. The celibate priesthood is for us a living witness to this life in which the unity and joy of marriage between a man and a woman is surpassed in the perfect, loving communion with God. Celibacy properly understood and lived frees a person to love and serve others as Christ did.

Over the past 40 years, celibacy has been an even more powerful witness to the loving sacrifice of men and women who offer themselves in service their communities.

5. Female clergy would help solve the problem.

There's simply no logical connection between the deviant behavior of a tiny minority of male clergy and the inclusion of women in their ranks. While it's true that most statistics on child molestation show that men are more likely to abuse children, the fact is that some women are also child molesters. In 1994, the National Opinion Research Center showed that the second most common form of child sexual abuse involved women abusing boys. For every three male abusers, there's one female abuser. Statistics on female sex offenders are more difficult to obtain because the crime is more hidden (Interview with Dr. Richard Cross, "A Question of Character," National Opinion Research Center; cf. Carnes). Also, their most frequent victims (boys) are less likely to report sexual abuse, especially when the abuser is a woman (O'Leary, "Child Sexual Abuse").

There are reasons why the Church cannot ordain women (as John Paul II has explained numerous times). But that is beside the point. The debate about women's ordination is completely unrelated to the problem of pedophilia and other forms of sexual misconduct.

6. Homosexuality isn't connected to pedophilia.

This is plainly false. Homosexuals are three times as likely to be pedophiles as heterosexual men. Although exclusive pedophilia (adult attraction to prepubescent children) is an extreme and rare phenomenon, one third of homosexual men are attracted to teenage boys (Jenkins, *Priests and Pedophilia*). The seduction of teenage boys by homosexual men is a well-documented phenomenon. This form of deviant behavior is the most common type of clerical abuse and is directly connected to homosexual behavior.

While the Church's approach to those who struggle with homosexual attractions has been compassionate, she has been consistent in maintaining the view that homosexuality is objectively disordered and that marriage between a man and woman is the proper context for sexual activity.

7. The Catholic hierarchy has done nothing to address pedophilia.

While we can all agree that the hierarchy hasn't done enough, this claim is nevertheless false. When the Church's *Code of Canon Law* was revised in 1983, an important passage was added: "The cleric who commits any other offense against the sixth precept of the Decalogue, if the offense was committed with violence or threats, or publicly or with a minor who is under 16 years [now extended to 18 years], must be punished with just punishments, not excluding expulsion from the clerical state" (CIC 1395:2).

But that certainly isn't the only thing the Church has done. The bishops, beginning with Pope Paul VI in 1967, issued a warning to the Catholic faithful concerning the negative consequences of the sexual revolution. The pope's encyclical letter, "On the Celibacy of the Priests," addressed the question of a celibate priesthood in the face of a culture crying out for greater sexual "freedom." The pope affirmed celibacy even as he called on bishops to take responsibility for "fellow priests troubled by difficulties which greatly endanger the divine gift they have." He advised the bishops to seek appropriate help for these priests, or, in grave cases, to seek a dispensation for priests who could not be helped. In addition, he urged them to be more prudent in judging the fitness of candidates for the priesthood.

In 1975, the Church issued another document called "Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics" (written by Joseph Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger) that explicitly addressed, among other issues, the problem of homosexuality among priests. Both the 1967 and 1975 documents addressed kinds of sexual deviancy, including pedophilia and ephebophilia, that are especially prevalent among homosexuals.

In 1994, the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse issued guidelines to the nation's then 191 dioceses to help them develop policies to deal with the problem of sexual abuse of minors. Almost all dioceses responded and developed their own policies (USCCB document: Guidelines for dealing with Child Sexual Abuse, 1993-1994). By this time, pedophilia was recognized as a disorder that could not be cured, and a problem that was becoming more prevalent due to the increase of pornography. Before 1994, bishops took their cue from experts in the psychiatric profession who believed pedophilia could be successfully treated. Priests guilty of sexual abuse were sent to one of several treatment facilities across the United States. Bishops often relied upon the judgments of experts in determining whether priests were fit for ministry. This doesn't mitigate the negligence on the part of some in the hierarchy, but it does offer some insight.

In response to the recent scandals, some dioceses are setting up special commissions on child abuse, as well as victims' advocacy groups; and they are officially acknowledging that any legitimate allegation of abuse must be dealt with immediately.

8. The Church's teaching on sexual morality is the real problem, not pedophilia.

The Church's teaching on sexual morality is rooted in the dignity of the human person and the goodness of human sexuality. This teaching condemns the sexual abuse of children in all its forms, just as it condemns other reprehensible sexual crimes such as rape, incest, child pornography, and child prostitution. In other words, if this teaching were lived out, there'd be no pedophilia problem at all.

The notion that this teaching somehow leads to pedophilia is based on a misunderstanding or deliberate misrepresentation of Catholic sexual morality. The Church recognizes that sexual activity without the love and commitment found uniquely in marriage undermines the dignity of the human person and is ultimately destructive. As far as celibacy is concerned, centuries of experience have proven that men and women

can abstain from sexual activity while living fulfilling, healthy, and meaningful lives.

9. Catholic journalists have ignored the pedophile problem.

As any reader of *Crisis* knows, this claim is patently false. The October 2001 cover story featured "The High Price of Priestly Pederasty," an expose on the scandal that wouldn't erupt into the mainstream press for another three months. You can read our full article at: <http://www.crisismagazine.com/october2001/index.html>.

And we weren't the only ones who have covered the pedophilia/pederasty problem. Charles Sennott, author of *Broken Covenant*, Rod Dreher of *The National Review*, *Crisis* co-founder Ralph Maclnery, Maggie Gallagher, Dale O'Leary, the Catholic Medical Association, Michael Novak, Peggy Noonan, Bill Donohue, Dr. Richard Cross, Philip Lawler, Alan Keyes, and Msgr. George Kelly have all covered the issue exhaustively.

Just because the mainstream media have chosen to ignore our work doesn't mean the work hasn't been done.

10. Requiring celibacy limits the number of men as candidates for the priesthood, resulting in a high number of sexually unbalanced priests.

First of all, there isn't a "high number of sexually unbalanced priests." Again, the vast majority of priests are normal, healthy, and faithful. Every day they prove themselves worthy of the trust and confidence of those entrusted to their care.

Secondly, those who do not feel called to a life of celibacy are *ipso facto* not called to be Catholic priests. Indeed, most men are not meant to be celibate. However, some are – and of those, some are called by God to the priesthood.

A priestly vocation, like a marriage, requires the mutual and free consent of both parties. Thus, the Church must discern that a candidate is indeed worthy and fit mentally, physically, and spiritually to commit to a life of priestly service. A candidate's desire for the priesthood does not constitute a vocation in and of itself. Spiritual and vocation directors are now even more attuned to the character flaws that would make an otherwise qualified man an unfit candidate.

Support our Priests!!

**Join the Council at the following
Masses celebrated at St. Leo's by
our 2 members being ordained on
the 8th of June**

Father Weston June 9 Noon Mass

Father O'Hare June 16 Noon Mass

**May God's Blessings shine on both
of them in this joyous time!!**

June Birthdays

6/01 Tom Quinn	6/13 Jim Turcol
6/01 Joe Faber	6/14 Bo Carey
6/01 Ray Barbeau	6/15 Joe Martin
6/01 Wes Wheeler	6/15 Tony Elachkar
6/02 Tim McCarthy	6/15 Joe Drozd
6/03 Al Leightley	6/16 Quinn Johnson
6/05 Tony Conques, Jr.	6/17 Jim Groff
6/06 Ben Stack	6/18 Tim Bierschenk
6/07 Bob Cavaliere	6/21 Rev. Mark Carrier
6/08 Paul Cooke, PGK	6/21 Jason Kunick
6/08 Alan Trapal	6/21 Jim Haynes
6/09 Bill Ryan	6/28 Larry Gottschalk, PGK
6/10 Ray Mahoney	6/30 Dale Moser, PGK
6/11 Mike Gundling	6/30 Bill Dearing
6/11 Dennis McNaughton	6/30 John Hogan, III
6/12 Francisco Madan	

June Wedding Anniversaries

6/15 Sal & Arlene Anzalone	45 Years
6/18 Bill & Cathrine Ryan	42 "
6/19 Cy & Dorothy Greenawalt	58 "
6/20 Bill & Lorraine Davy	60 "
6/22 David & Nancy Hahn	17 "
6/23 Pete & Celia Smith	12 "
6/25 Cy & Ellen Barch	57 "
6/25 Tony & Kathleen Conques	25 "
6/26 Chris & Colleen Colandene	9 "
6/27 Matt & Jane Travers	43 "
6/27 Stan & Carol Greer	10 "

- Belated congratulations to Mal & Jessica Harris who Celebrated their 26th anniversary on 5/29

Please continue to pray for the sick:

Candice Alamilla, John Cavadine, Dick Chapman
Nelson Clinch, Shirley McAuliffe, Madison Hazelgrove,
Gene Sheehan, Kathleen Tilton, Eleanor White

*Special Thanks to Larry
Gottschalk for heading up
another great year for
Father Diamond
Council!!!!!!*

From the office of the Financial Secretary:

To my brother knights who are unaware, I have formally resigned the office of Financial Secretary of Fr. Diamond Council effective June 30th. After serving in this position for 21 years I feel it is time to retire and let someone with more energy and new ideas take over.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Council over the past two decades. During the period it has been personally rewarding to me to witness the progress of our Council and the many awards we have won in recognition of our efforts. The greatest benefit of being Financial Secretary is that I got to meet every new member who came into the Council. Many of these meetings have resulted in lasting friendships. I intend to continue to be active in the Council and be available to my successor.

Larry Novack

STEAK NIGHT

JUNE 25 7PM

Dinner Includes:

Salad, Steak, Potatoes, Drinks

\$5 per Knight

**Please join us for this last
meeting of the Fraternal Year!**



Officers

Grand Knight	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Chaplain	Rev. Don Rooney	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chancellor	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Recorder	Al Leightley	273-2089
Advocate	Dave Miller	319-8832
Warden	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Inside Guard	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Outside Guard	Bill Ward	273-6289
Outside Guard	Pat Leffas	934-9716
3yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
2yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470
1yr Trustee	Tim Tilson	273-9436

Program Directors

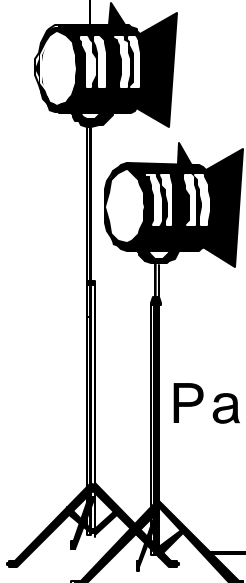
Church	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Community	Dave Miller	319-8832
Council	Al Leightley	273-2089
Family	VACANT	
Youth	Pat Leffas	934-9716

Committee Chairman

Charity	Bill Ward	273-6289
Membership	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Admissions	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Retention	George Billy	323-6470
Vocations	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Budget & Fin.	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100

Project Chairmen

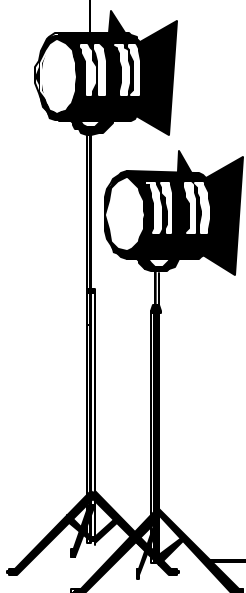
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Jack Cotner	323-5785
Right-to-Life	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Christmas Trees	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Mark Woznak	280-4124
Family Breakfast	Don Hansen	573-9015
Food Drive	Terry Hanam	591-4863
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258



Family of the Month

April

Pat & Carol
Lacour



Knight of the Month

April

Tim Tilson

Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



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Dates to Remember in June

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| June 1 | Salute to Seniors |
| June 8 | Ordination of Keith O'Hare and Michael Weston |
| June 8 | Grand Knight's Ball |
| June 9 | Corporate Communion, 7:30 AM |
| June 11 | Business Meeting/First Degree |
| June 15 | Rosary at Abortion Clinic, 8AM |
| June 15 | Adopt-a-Spot, 10AM |
| June 16 | Family Breakfast – Gold Team |
| June 18 | Gray GOST |
| June 22,23 | Supreme Eucharistic Congress |
| June 22 | Fishing Trip |
| June 25 | STEAK NIGHT 7PM \$5 |



Grand Knight's Ball 2002

June 8, 2002

6:30 PM

PJ Skidoo's Restaurant

\$30 Per Person

Dinner, Dancing, Cash Bar

Entrée Selections:

Prime Rib, Salmon, Teriyaki Chicken

Contact Al Leightley for Reservations and Dinner Selection
By June 2. 703-273-2089 LEIGHTLEY8@aol.com