



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



Dearest Council Families,
Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. At times they sound like just buzzwords with little or no meaning. They are intended to be, however, the guiding principles that every Knight lives by. At the beginning of this fraternal year, I stressed the principle of

Charity and hoped the Knights could exemplify this virtue in all things. We have expended what we could from the Council coffers to aid our fellow human beings. However, it is a kind heart that is the basis of true charity. Money alone is not enough. As human beings, it is difficult to constantly be thinking positive thoughts, but in this, the last Grand Knight Message of the 2010-2011 fraternal year, I would like to encourage exactly that: charity in thought and deed.

I begin a lengthy list of those I need to thank with a stalwart proponent of the Knights, and a brilliant and patient man: our Chaplain, Father David Whitestone. Many of his duties, deeds, and suggestions have been more "behind-the-scenes" than out in the open, but they have all been welcome and helpful. Unfortunately, once this fraternal year ends, Father Whitestone will no longer serve as our Chaplain. It is therefore with extra gusto that I say **Thanks to Fr Whitestone for his support of our Council!**

One of the most generous, kind, and charitable people I know follows only our Chaplain on my list of those to thank this fraternal year. Without my wife Julie's support and suggestions, this year could not have been as productive as it was. Dating back from well before my brain injury, hospitalization, coma, and physical therapy almost ten years ago, you have been by my side carrying me when necessary and working with me always. Thank you, Julie! Your kindness and generosity are, in my opinion, examples to all.

Had-in-hand with my wife are my Brothers' wives. Therefore, I wish to thank all the Columbiettes for their help to and support of Fr. Diamond Council throughout the year.

In addition, my thanks go to the members of our Past Grand Knights' Committee for answering my questions all year long.

This fraternal year will likely be known as "the year without a Hall" since we emptied Providence Hall on June 26, 2010 in preparation for renovations. Thanks to then-Grand-Knight Mke Purtill and all who participated in that clean-out.

As I write this we are preparing to re-occupy the Hall, but I would be remiss if I did not recognize SOME of the main help in getting the renovations accomplished. In particular, Father Whitestone, Deacon La Duca, and Al Botticelli have taken on the leadership tasks of this effort, while John Judge, Herb Zimmerman, John Weinheimer, Gerry Pepin, and others have pitched in admirably. My immediate two predecessors, Steve Kehoe and Mike Purtill, have also been instrumental in this effort.

There are others whose help I appreciate, but space is limited. Please know that I do not leave you out intentionally. I pray that each of you find pleasure and reward in your part of the accomplishments.

Since I am a simple man from simple dairy-farming roots in Western New York State, I would like to take advantage of the timing to hold the **Grand Knight's Ball in Providence Hall on Saturday, June 4, 2011**. After all, I have not had the pleasure of using the Hall to this point in this fraternal year. I think it's a great way to celebrate its opening. Please join me there for a meal catered by Council member Kevin McGuire's company. **RSVP to David Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@yahoo.com or by calling 703-463-1499.**

Of course, no Grand Knight can maximize the good deeds of a Council by himself. Therefore, it is an honor to thank the entire Council and especially Deputy Grand Knight Greg Skorupski for their efforts.

These efforts led to several recognitions at the Virginia State Council's Annual Meeting and Convention held from April 29 through May 1. Congratulations to our Columbiettes (or as the State Council accidentally spelled it "Columdiettes") for taking first place in the women's team competition at the State Bowling Tournament in Woodbridge! Jac Cerny and Paul Cooke also placed in a tie for fifth in the men's doubles competition. Thanks to all for representing our Council at the State tournament. The State Council also announced that there are now over 25,000 Knights in the jurisdiction of Virginia!

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,
The month of May opened with the final sales for the Car Raffle which over the weeks of the sales totaled over \$9,600.00. The Council will receive approximately \$3800.00 as our share to use in support of our Charity Programs. Our Brother Knights assisted as Ushers during the two First Communion Cele-

brations at St. Leo's. After the second we hosted our Annual Salute to Seniors, which was attended by 74 ladies and gentlemen. Sincere thanks to Al Leightley, Bob Eckert, Bob Bilko, Grand Knight Nelson Clinch and several others who did work on preparing and serving the luncheon. Bob Eckert is becoming a real expert at calling Bingo and the crowd enjoyed playing under his direction. Our Family Breakfast attendance on 15 May was well attended and we look forward to returning to our old menu when we are able to prepare food in the newly renovated Providence Hall.

The big event of the month was the KOVAR Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Challenged. Special thanks to PGK Mike Purtill for his efforts in organizing the collections and to John Judge for providing his usual "eats" for the members and their families who worked so hard to collect funds. Our food stand at the Antique Car Show required some juggling of human resources since it was on the 21st during the same time we were collecting for KOVAR. Thanks to event Chair Bob Bilko and his gang for their efforts at the show. PGK Tim Hogan made arrangements for use of the Scout Trailer and it is always a big help in the program. The others who helped are also thanked for their work.

Election of Officers for the 2011-2012 Council Year and our Annual Pig Roast took place after this issue went to press, but information on the election will be on the Council website before you receive this.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Skorupski
Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor's Message

We welcomed two new Knights to the Council on May 14th - Paul Gianoli and Juan Velasquez. This ups our Council's total new First Degree Knights to seventeen for this year. All current Council members who are First Degree Knights are invited and encouraged to become Second Degree Knights on June 9, 2011 at 8:00PM in the newly remodeled Providence Hall. And, any Knight who has or will have a Second degree by June 11, 2011 is encouraged to become a Third Degree Knight at the exemplification to be held in the All Saints Church Hall in Manassas, June 11, 2011, starting at noon. Any Knight who wishes to become a Second and/or Third Degree Knight, please contact me, John Berg, at jvaberg@aol.com, as soon as possible so that we can have you registered for these exemplifications. Thank you!

John R. Berg, Chancellor/Membership Chairman, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292. 703-219-2096, or jvaberg@aol.com

jvaberg@aol.com

Grand Knight's Message (continued):

Thanks to all for recruiting new members, but especially to John Berg for his outstanding efforts related to membership. Special thanks to Dave Todd (Sr.) for his efforts on the Keep Christ in Christmas program. Thanks in large part to his efforts, our Council raised the third highest profits of any council in Virginia! Thanks also to those who helped meet the requirements for the State Deputy's Award.

Switching back from the broad, annual spectrum to a more localized time period, let me thank the Council **Knight of the Month** for April, **Jack Cotner**. Jack has served as Church chairman this fraternal year and April proved an active month for Church Activities. With the rosary outside the abortion facility on Eaton Place and the reception for newly baptized or confirmed Catholic adults after the Easter Vigil, Jack was active in promoting life in Jesus throughout April. Thank you for your efforts, Jack!

Our April **Family of the Month** has been another shining example of charity in all things for many years, and they showed their true colors once again in April. **Thelma and George Billy** deserve this honor for their work on the Feed the Homeless program on April 23. Thelma also assisted with serving the bus travelers on the Columbiettes' Atlantic City trip April 11. The Billys also need to be recognized for providing many of the meals available after Council meetings. Please accept my heartfelt thanks to your family.

With that, I will close my last Grand Knight's message. I wish for all Knights and their families God's grace and blessings.

Vivat Jesus!
Nelson Clinch

Columbiettes' Corner



Like the Knights of Columbus with the completion of the renovation, we will be moving back to Providence Hall for our Monthly Meetings.

The Target Charity for the Columbiettes Memorial Day Bake sale is the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple Summer Camp programs for children. The Columbiettes would like to thank all who participate in the baking and selling of the various bake goods. The Bake Sale is our way of contributing to worthwhile charities.

Officers for the coming year were held at our May meeting. The slate as presented in the minutes from the April meeting was voted upon by those in attendance at the meeting. The officers for the coming year are President – Linda Baringhaus, Vice President – Julie Clinch, Treasurer – Anne Todd and Secretary – Virginia Berg.

Our Next meeting will be on June 21 and the focus of the meeting will be a discussion of the format on a proposed brainstorming session to review next year's Columbiettes activities.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are encouraged join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events.

Meetings are held each month at 7:30PM and we will be enjoying returning to the renovated Providence. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or lin-damb3510@yahoo.com.

Council News & Events

Rosary to End Abortion —

IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday **June 11** to pray the rosary. 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— This is Fun!



Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, June 13** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by

8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Greg Skorupski** at **(703) 978-8280** to volunteer.

K of C Hall—Ready to OCCUPY

On Wednesday, May 18, several Knights and a few of the Columbiettes were given an orientation/training to make use of the new Hall for the KOVAR collections Thursday May 19 thru Sunday May 22. Food for the Antique Car Show concessions was prepared in the new, certified kitchen at the hall. Hall Manager and chief cook/bottle washer, John Judge is in "hog heaven" playing with his new kitchen equipment. The



newly, refurbished K of C sign was installed by Herb Zimmerman, Mike Purtill and Al Lightley.

It has been a long wait but we are excited about the next month when we will empty the POD storage and set up home again in Providence Hall. There is a "pick list" of things we need to do, but we will be ready to host the Grand Knight's Ball on Saturday, June 4.

KOVAR—May 19-22

This year's drive, from May 19th through 22nd, was a huge success given the challenges we faced. The Chairman for this year's drive is Mike Purtill. This is a big logistics effort. We collected at 6 different stores, 2 Road Runner efforts at the intersection of Picket Rd and US 50, and out side of church at all weekend masses. All together there were 84 shifts that were covered by 100 Knights, friends and family.

There are a lot people to thank for this year's success starting with the guys who kept everyone well fed. John Judge's famous chili and pea soup were on the menu along with hot dogs and hamburgers. Thanks to the Gray Gosts for their help is setting up and lots of other tasks. Special thanks to Tim Tilson for his phoning and recruiting efforts and covering shifts. Al Lightley, in addition to his efforts as a Gray Gost also handled getting all the coins counted by Navy Federal Credit Union. That saved a lot of time!! Hank Urban and Al Lightley set up the counting/accounting area and Herb Zimmerman/Al Botticelli took care of the "cash controller" duties. DGK Greg Skorupski, helped out everywhere for including Gray Gost duties, food supply purchasing, and was there almost all the time.

But, very special thanks goes to the 100+ Knights, family and friends who were there, on time for their shifts and worked in the hot sun to help us collect over **\$15,000** for the mentally disabled.



2011-12 Officers Elected

The newsletter had to go to press before the elections on May 26. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of Officers for the 2011-2012 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight – Greg Skorupski
Deputy Grand Knight – Daniel Purtill
Chancellor – (To Be Nominated)
Warden – Matthew West
Advocate – William Weich
Treasurer – Herbert Zimmerman
Recorder – Carlos Jaramillo
Inside Guard – John Cesarini
Outside Guard – Patrick Kiechlin
Outside Guard – Jeff Stevens
3-Yr Trustee – Nelson Clinch
2-Tr Trustee—Michael Purtill

1-Yr Trustee—Stephen Kehoe
GK Delegate – Greg Skorupski
Alt. GK Delegate – Daniel Purtill

PGK Delegate – Nelson Clinch
Alt. PGK Delegate – Michael Purtill
Financial Secretary: Appointed by Supreme
Chaplain: Appointed by Grand Knight
Lecturer: Appointed by Grand Knight

The above slate of Officers is only a recommendation. Nominations will be allowed from the floor during the election. We will report any changes from this slate in the July/August newsletter.

Knights and Knight Families Honored

Knight of the Month
April
Jack Cotner

Family of the Month
April
George and Thelma Billy



Car Raffle Results

This is the first year we participated in the All Saints Parish Car Raffle, along with many other Parishes in the Northern Virginia area. We sold over 1,900 chances this year. Unfortunately none of the winners were from St. Leo's. The list of winners is shown below:

Time	Prize	Winner's Name
7:00	Honda Civic	Mr. & Mrs. Lance Miller – Holy Trinity
7:30	Honda Accord	Mary Herrmann – St. Francis of Assisi
8:00	GMC Sierra Truck	The Buckenmeyer Family – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30	Honda CRV	Karl Hovey – Our Lady of Angels
9:00	Honda Odyssey Van	Emily Webb - All Saints

Newsletter Deadline

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the **15th of the month** prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman at herb2777@yahoo.com or call him at 703-385-9455.**

Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !



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—703-978-6137 or email—ZLRN01@aol.com for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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 4% for 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 Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win –Win**



You are cordially invited to attend the 2010-11
Grand Knight's Ball



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
 Father Diamond Council 6292



Saturday, June 4 2010

at

*The Newly Renovated
Knights of Columbus Hall*



Complimentary Cocktails and Beverages starting at 6:00 PM

*Buffet Dinner – 7:00 PM - (Chicken Parmesan, Bleu Cheese encrusted strip steak,
Spinach and Strawberry Salad, Sautéed Snow Peas
w/Wild Mushrooms, Fettuccini Alfredo)*

Dancing and Fun – 8:00 PM until??

Tickets - \$40 per person

*Dancing to the Musical Magic
of our own
Matt Hogan*



Please RSVP to Council Chairman Dave Todd, Jr., PGK, at djtoddjr@yahoo.com or 703-463-1499
 (please leave a message with your name, phone number, and how many will be attending if you get voice mail)

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

Only having “through work” insurance doesn’t work

Do you know anyone whose life has been drastically changed by the recent recession and economic downturn? With unemployment numbers rising, (the jobless rate was 8.1 percent in Feb. 2009, the highest since 1983), it's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. With this uncertainty, there is a real possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that a personally owned life insurance policy is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance doesn't work. This way of thinking should be a thing of the past for many reasons. Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low for your family's actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis,

any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.

With the possibility of these changes on the horizon, you could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it has and will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you'll know exactly where you stand.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
 Field Agent

Prev Month	June 2011						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4 Grand Knight's Ball at KofC Hall—6:00 to late	
5	6 St. Leo's Field Day	7 0900 St. Leo's Awards Assembly 1930 Officers' Meeting	8	9	10	11 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
12 Food Drive	13 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	14 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting Flag Day	15	16	17	18 1000 Adopt-a-Spot 1830 Movies Under the Moon	
19 Family Breakfast-Gold Team 1830 Movies Under the Moon	20 1830 Movies Under the Moon	21 1930 Columbiettes 1100 Gray Gosts 1830 Movies Under the Moon	22	23	24	25 Food Drive	
26 Corpus Christi Procession Food Drive	27	28 1830 Rosary 1900 Steak Night	29	30			

Prev Month	July 2011						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 New fraternal year begins	2	
3	4 Independence Day	5 1930 Officers' Meeting	6	7	8 State Organizational Mtg.	9 0800 Rosary to end Abortion State Meeting Newport News	
10 State Org.Meeting Newport News	11 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	13	14	15	16 1700 Corporate Communion 1815 Installation of Officers 1900 Installation Reception	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25 Vacation Bible School	26 Vacation Bible School	27 Vacation Bible School	28 Vacation Bible School	29 Vacation Bible School	30	
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Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chancellor	John Berg	703-219-2096
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
Inside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724

3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
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.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
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	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"
The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

Paraprosdokian Sentences—A "paraprosdokian" is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect.

- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right -- only who is left.
- Evening news is where they begin with "Good evening," and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted pay checks.

Some Quotes from Famous People

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.

...Joe Namath

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it..

...W. C. Fields

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

...Will Rogers

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Providence Hall is finished, however until we are fully moved in, please refer to the Calendar and watch the bulletin for Information for meeting location and times.

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