



# The Lookout



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## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

When we began this fraternal year, I talked about the importance of continuing our proud tradition in Father Diamond Council of being a Fraternity of Service. We combine the best of a fraternal organization with that of a service organization committed to supporting our Church. I asked for the Council's support in continuing our successful programs and adding new programs to keep our spirit invigorated. I have to say that the Brother Knights and their families of this Council did not disappoint. It has been a better fraternal year than I could have hoped for, and the credit for that success goes to each of you.

We had strong showings in support of our legacy programs, both in terms of revenue and participation. KOVAR, Christmas Tree Sales, Car Raffle and Antique Autoshow, just to name a few programs, were big successes this year. Turnout for our Monthly Family Breakfasts has been impressive with the addition of new and improved breakfast offerings. Even attendance at our Council meetings has improved; helping to build stronger fraternal ties as Brothers in the Order.

I am also thrilled how well our new programs went this year. Events like the Chili Cook-off in the fall and the Family Picnic over Memorial Day weekend, helped build those bonds of fraternity and family that are so important for our Council. And our newest fundraiser, the Comedy Knight, was a big success that I am sure we will build on for years to come.

For our Knight and Family of the Month for May, I am choosing Brother Knights who

epitomized the spirit of bringing new ideas forward, while strongly supporting our long standing projects. For the Knight of the Month for May, I am jointly naming Michael Torrey and Herbert Zimmerman. These two Knights were instrumental in making our Comedy Knight in May the success it was. Our Family of the Month for May is the Phillip Freda Family. Phill and his children, including Brother Knight Josh Freda, were stalwart figures helping at our Council events in May. It is this kind of support that not only builds strong Councils but also strong families.

For all that we have done as a Council this year, there is a large number of people to thank. But, that list is too long for this column, so the best I can do is to say collectively, a heart-felt "Thank you." I do especially want to thank our Chancellor, John Eldred, not only for his quality work in recruiting this year, but also for having put together a superb newsletter month in and month out (even if it meant pulling teeth to get an article out of yours truly) — thanks John.

I also want to thank our Columbiettes, who provided excellent programs and support to the Council over the past year. Their most recent event, the Spring Fling Casino Night was a great success. I hope everyone takes advantage of the programs that the Columbiettes offer. And, if you have a Columbiette at home, thank them for all they do for our Council.

As we look forward to the next fraternal year. I challenge the Brother Knights of this Council to keep trying new programs that will both bring in new members to our ranks and embiggen the spirit of our current members. Our Council only grows stronger as we each add ideas for its success. We

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

The year is closing fast upon us. From July 1st 2013 to June 30 2014, where has it gone? I would like to express my heart fill thanks to all the Knights that have stepped forward and volunteered their time and in many cases that of their family. This is what the Knights of Columbus are all about. I believe our council 6292 is one of the strongest in the state because we have so many that care about our mission. As I look back over the last year and what the Council has accomplished I feel very satisfied as you should, too.

To all the Knights who have taken on the projects and programs I can say only THANKS. I now personally like to thank Matt West, GK for his leadership this year.

As we go forth in the new fraternal year, remember it takes all of us to make Fr. Diamond Council a success.

Pat McGuire

### CORPUS CHRISTI

We need help for the Corpus Christi Procession following the 11AM Mass on Sunday, June 22. Specifically, we need at least 6 Sir Knights in full service regalia to provide an honor guard at the Mass, and then to assist with carrying the canopy (4 SK's) and lead the Procession (2+ SK's). Anyone who can participate, please contact Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com), or at (703) 463-1499.

### STATE ORGANIZATION MEETING

Districts 13 & 16 will be hosting the annual State Organizational Meeting in the gym at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church on Saturday, July 19. Help will be needed beginning on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 5PM with the set-up, on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7AM with parking, 3PM with resetting the gym, at 7PM with bartending, and around 10PM with clean-up. Anyone willing to assist, please contact Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com), or at (703) 463-1499.

Anyone who attended the antique car show got to see a lot of old classic cars but those who got to work it all had fun. Just look at the smiling faces!



L-to-R: John Cesarini, Pat McGuire, Greg Skorupski, Matt West, Phill Freda, Greg Hartley, Bella (the dog), Mike Purtill, Joe Monnin, and Nelson Clinch.



Nelson & Julie Clinch, along with Joe Monnin helped organize this event and have for the last few years.

### ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & PASSING IN REVIEW

Fr. Malloy Assembly will be installing their newly elected officers and conducting its Passing in Review (similar to the Council's Grand Knight's Ball & Steak Night) on Wednesday, June 18. This event is open to all Sir Knights and their wives. Cost is \$12.50 per person (free to those who took the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at the April Exemplification). Anyone interested in attending, please contact Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com), or at (703) 463-1499.

## Upcoming May Council Events

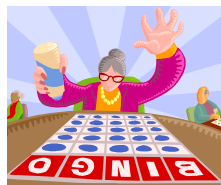
### **Knights' Yard Sale — June 7**

This will be held from 9am-1pm in front of the school (where we sell Christmas trees). Anyone who can donate please drop off their items between 3:30-5pm at the hall of the week leading up to the event. Help is still needed to assist in sales and the transfer of items to the sales area early Saturday morning.

### **Nursing Home Bingo — June 9**

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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.



### **Council Business Meeting — June 10**

Rosary starts at 7:30pm led by Deacon Maurer. The meeting starts at 8pm. This will be the last business meeting of the 2013-2014 fraternal year since the next meeting is steak night.

### **Rosary to End Abortion — June 14**

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout.



### **Grey GOSTs Luncheon — June 17**

All knights are welcome to join some of the older guys for a monthly social meeting starting at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon. Usual wrap-up is around 1pm.

### **Fr Malloy Assembly Steak Night — June 18**

The annual steak night is open to all Knights that achieved the 4th Degree and their spouses. Tuxedos with social baldric or dress suits are required for the men. The cost is \$12.50 per person. This will be held in Providence Hall.

### **Family Breakfast — June 22**

Cooks and helpers are always needed for such a labor intensive event. You can call Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 or just show up. This event is open to all parishioners so even if you decide not to work bring your family out for a great hot breakfast.

### **Corpus Christi Mass — June 22**

During the 9am mass on Sunday all Knights are requested to assemble in the reserved areas in the first few pews with their families. This gathering shows solidarity to our family of knights and is great for church recognition.

### **Council Steak Night — June 24**

Our annual steak night will be held at the hall with a cost of \$12.50 per knight. Rosary will start at 6:30pm with the dinner to begin at 7pm.

### **Grand Knight's Ball — June 28**

The ball will begin at 6:30pm at the Army-Navy Country Club on Old Lee Hwy. The cost is \$50 per person and reservations are required. Please see the flyer on page 4 for more details.

### **Columbiettes' Corner**

The Columbiettes held their annual Spring Fling on May 30 with great attendance. The theme was a Monte Carlo Casino Night. This was open to all knights and their wives with no cost.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events.

Meetings are held in Providence Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept up to date with meetings and our events, please contact me at 703-385-2146 or drop me an email at [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com).



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

**Michael Torrey &  
Herbert Zimmerman**

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

**Phillip Freda Family**





**Grand Knight's Ball** – hurry and make your reservations, we have reservations for 50% of the seats. This year's event will have a special post-program entertainment event never before seen at a Grand Knight's Ball. Grand Knight, Matt West will be presenting the Grand Knight's Award, Knight of the Year, and Family of the Year. It's a great opportunity to dress up and celebrate the year's success at the Army/Navy Country Club.

*You are cordially invited to attend the 2013-14*

## **Grand Knight's Ball**

*Saturday, June 28,*

*at*

**The Army/Navy Country Club**

*Complimentary Wine and Beverages starting at 6:30 PM*

*Buffet Dinner – 7:00 PM - (Sliced Roast Beef with mushroom sauce, Chicken Picata, Rice Pilaf, Potatoes, Chef's choice of Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Green Salad, Rolls, Desserts including White Chocolate Bread Pudding)*

*Post program Entertainment – 8:00 PM until??*

*Tickets - \$50 per person*

**Please RSVP to Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455**

(please leave a message with your name, phone number, and how many will be attending if you get voice mail)



### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Comedy Knight a Great Success !**

Comedy Knight Chairman, Mike Torrey, would like to thank all the knights, friends of knights and businesses in Fairfax who generously supported this year's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Fr. Diamond Council Comedy Knight. Brother Knights and the Columbiettes supported the event with ticket sales, donations of Silent Auction Items, setup and running the event. This first event raised over \$4,500 to support our charities and scholarships.

Great job, everyone!!

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should not fear that just because something hasn't been done in the past it may not work now. Gov. Franklin Delano Roosevelt's charge to the graduating class of Oglethorpe University 82 years ago is as appropriate to our Council now as it was to those graduates in 1932: "It is common sense to take a method and try it: If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."

It has been my humble privilege to have served as your Grand Knight for the past year, helping to build on our 40 year long tradition as a Fraternity of Service. With the in-coming leadership of Pat McGuire, Herb Zimmerman and the rest of the talented officers for the 2014-2015 fraternal year, I can close out my term as Grand Knight with the same prediction I made at the start of this last year: "I believe that the Council is well placed to use this tradition to grow programs and develop new opportunities for our members to be an even stronger and greater Fraternity of Service."

Vivat Jesus!

Matt West, Grand Knight

## *Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Corner*

### **LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle**

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There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Phillip J. Freda FA 703-638-8904 Phillip.freda@kofc.org

## **KOVAR REPORT**

"The Council once again had an extremely successful year raising funds for KOVAR. Through multiple efforts and surges throughout the year, we were able to raise over \$19,000 to assist people with intellectual disabilities living in the Commonwealth.



Dozens of Knights and their families came out to collect money for KOVAR and/or made individual contributions. It is their efforts that continue to enable us to do so much good. A few truly went above and beyond the call, spending days on end supporting our KOVAR effort. I'd like to particularly recognize a few of them here.

Bill Ward for raising thousands by running in the Marine Corps Marathon.

Tim Tilson for providing invaluable advice and helping organize our efforts.

Greg Hartley for not only working every day but for helping drum up support to cover the shifts.

Mike Purtill for preparing copious amounts of great food for the volunteers.

Herb Zimmerman and his wife Linda Baringhaus for handling the money.

Greg Skorupski for filling in all of the gaps during KOVAR.

Phil Freda and Josh Freda (as well as Amanda and Ashley) for working all day, every day, collecting, counting, and keeping the Hall clean.

Nelson and Julie Clinch (and family) for working multiple shifts while still helping run the Antique Car Show effort.

Ricardo Valenzuela and his whole family for working multiple shifts every day.

As always, I know I am missing lots of others; there were literally scores of people whose help was essential. While our obvious goal is to assist those with intellectual disabilities, we all benefit from KOVAR. If you haven't had the opportunity to work a KOVAR shift, I recommend you make the time next year. The benefit of being directly involved in a public way is great and may even surprise you.

Vivat Jesus!  
Dan Purtill



Ed Janiszewski (above) holds up some of the money about to be counted.

Part of the KOVAR counting team above.

## June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	4	5	6 St. Leo's Field Day	7 9 - 3 Yard Sale by School
8	9 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr 9AM St. Leo's Awards Assembly	10 7:30 Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8AM Rosary to end abortion
15	16 7:00PM Columbiettes	17 11AM Grey GOSTs	18 <u>Fr Malloy Assy</u> <u>Steak Night</u>	19	20	21
22 Family Breakfast Corpus Christi	23	24 6:30PM Rosary 7:00PM Council Steak Night	25	26	27	28 <u>6:30PM Grand Knight's Ball</u>

## July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 5 PM Corporate Communion 6PM Installation of Officers
13	14 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	15 11AM Grey GOSTs	16 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	17	18 State Org Meeting Setup	19 State Organizational Meeting
20	21	22 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

## August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 Founder's Birthday	13	14	15 Assumption	16
17	18	19 11:00 AM Grey GOSTs	20 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	27	28	29	30

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2013-14

### Officers

Grand Knight	Matt West	703-359-4652
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D Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Chancellor	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Recorder	Jeffrey Wolfhope	703-273-7531
Lecturer	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Advocate	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Warden	Jose Costacamps	703-717-5341
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-8007
Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	703-385-8007
Outside Guard	Dan O'Malley	703-385-8007
3yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
2yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
1yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146

### Program Directors

Programs	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	Jose Costacamps	703-717-5341
Council	Jeff Stevens	703-385-8007
Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	Mike Tocci	469-877-3285

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Admissions	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phill Freda	703-638-8904
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
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	703-463-1499
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Newsletter	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146



### Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones

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 Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280 or email — [gregskisr@aol.com](mailto:gregskisr@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 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-U's, 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**

The Columbiettes SPRING FLING was a free event for all ages that took place on May 31st. It was a lot of fun, a thank you to Ann Todd & Wendy Kehoe for making the main dinner, Kathryn S, Ruth West, Flo Hogan, & Julie Clinch for desserts. Thanks to all who lent games & cards and who did set up & clean up and manned tables.

Another fun event for the Council was the Family Picnic. It was held on May 25th inside & outside of Providence Hall. Some of the activities included multiple rounds of a balloon toss (like on the right), corn hole games, etc. Hot dogs and hamburgers were supplied by the council. Our insurance agent was in charge of the barbeque.



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