

The Lookout

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



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Grand Knight's Message:

Dear Brother Knights:

We live in the Worst of Times and yet it is the Best of Times. The worst is that our Church is going through such very hard times. Our Priests are under extreme scrutiny. Our Church leadership is under tremendous pressure; and we the laity are torn between it all.

However, it is the best of times. It's a time when we, the Knights of Columbus, the Strong Right Arm of the Church, must rise to the defense of the Church and the Priests who support It.. We must be in solidarity with our priests and especially be supportive of our Church leadership. It's a time for all of us to show our colors. It's a time for all of us to show our love for the good priests that live up to their commitment to God and the Church. I must caution you, however, that in our zeal to support our Priests we must not interfere with the lines of authority within the Church...especially when it deals with the discipline of a priest by the Bishop. Our role is that of supporting the rules, regulations, and policies of our respective Bishops. We as Knights shall not publish anything, including e-mail, which supports anything counter to that of the Bishop. We shall be cautious of any statement, action or inaction that could be construed as counter to our Bishop.

Gentlemen, when we wear that Emblem of the Order, we bear the responsibility and consequences of speaking for the Knights of Columbus. All statements made in public, and even in private, must be made with care as not to bring misunderstanding of what we stand for as an Order.

The Master of the Fourth Degree, Sir Knight JP McCusker, has encouraged us to make a public statement in support of our priests and our Bishop. Not only should that statement come in words in this newsletter, but also in the actions of our everyday lives. With the start of the Lenten Season upon us, I encourage all my brother Knights to take this message to heart and to show support for all our priests. Just a simple thanks for all the work they do for us and our Parish community would go a long way.

Speaking of thanks...many thanks and much appreciation goes out to Terry Hannam, our Brother Knight who has been heading up the Food Drive collection at St. Leo's for the past several years. Terry has done a fantastic job over the years and has done it with little fanfare. At all the Masses twice a month, Terry and his crew collect much of the food that goes into the shelves of St. Vincent DePaul. The work he has done is immeasurable, and I thank him for all his efforts and wish him a happy retirement! If you think you might be interested in heading up the Food Drive, or just helping out, please contact me as soon as possible.

I hope to see many of you at our events this month. We have a lot going on including the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a St. Patrick's Day party, and the Night of Magic. Those events coupled with our normal monthly meetings and events make this a very busy month. Hopefully the weather will get warmer, the snow will end and we can all get ready for the Easter Season by doing good things for our Church and Community.

Vivat Jesus,



Right to Life March 2003

Fr. Diamond Council again this year participated as Marshals at the annual Right to Life March in the District. The Knights of Columbus Councils in the Washington Metro area provide Marshals for the March. They provide a variety of support services that range from crowd control to collecting money. Before 1994 our Council unloaded buses at the Ellipse or parked the buses at RFK Stadium. Since 1994 our Council has been collecting money from the Marchers and passersby's in front of the National Archive Building on Constitution Avenue. All monies collected goes directly to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March.

This year our Council had 21 Brother Knights and Jamie the wife of Peter Coniglio who again participated in our collection effort that also included Dennis Riley our Insurance Agent. As a result of this good turnout we collected a record \$22,553, our second highest total. Our previous high was \$24,859 which was last year. It was the consensus of the collectors that the extremely cold weather had an effect on our total this year because as the Marchers passed by there was a reluctance for them to take off gloves to get money. Our first effort in 1994 netted \$1,855. Our records show that since we started collecting at the March, our tenth year, we have collected a total of \$139,015 to help pay for the Marches.

Congratulations to New Members

A First Degree was held on 28 Jan 03. The council installed five new members. Receiving their First Degree were: Bruce Stubner, Nick Pardoe, John Bruno, Justin Torres, and Jason Torres. Lets welcome these new members to our council and wish them well in their journey to full Knighthood. The Degree Honoree was Terry Hannam.

Columbia Magazine

If you have not already looked at the February Issue of the Columbia, look at the Knights in Action photos on Page 23. Picture 8 is the "Solidarity with Our Priests" banner outside Dr. Diamond Council home. This heads up came from Don Kehoe who is on the staff of the Supreme Grand

Knight and is a member of our council and a past Grand Knight of our council and past Virginia State Deputy.

Easter Baskets

Father Diamond Council's Easter Basket Program is fast approaching. Sign-up sheets will be available in Providence Hall for the transfer of food from the St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry to Providence Hall on Friday, April 11, 2003 starting at 4:00 PM. Another sign-up sheet will be available for assembly and delivery of the food on Saturday, April 12th starting at 9:00 AM. This program is not as large as the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, but we can use your help to make it easier on your Brother Knights. You can also contact Greg Skorupski on (703) 978-8280 or e-mail at gjsburke1@aol.com to volunteer

Hot Peppers and KOVAR.

The owner of the Coyote Grill has agreed to help raise money for KOVAR. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, during the month of March, she will donate 3% of every dinner check from a member of the council. The council member just needs to write KOVAR on the back of the check. The Coyote Grill features Tex Mex and South Western Fare. It is located at 10266 Main Street, Fairfax in the Harris Teeter Shopping Center. Reservations are not required but it is best to call ahead with large parties. (703-591-0006). The entire menu is on the web at www.coyotegrill.com. Dinner is served starting at 4:00 p.m. There is a cap of \$150 that we can raise for KOVAR as we enjoy a new restaurant in Fairfax.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

PROVIDENCE HALL

15 MARCH AT 6 PM

CORN-BEEF & CABBAGE

IRISH MUSIC & DANCE

COST \$5 PER PERSON

major event. If you can, help please contact Dave at 703-352-2724.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Council will host its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday March 4th. The event will be held in Providence Hall and will run from 5 to 8 PM. The cost is \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Bring your family and friends for great food and fun with your fellow Knights and their families. POC is Dan Purtill (703-641-8948 or dpurtill@catholic.org).

Rosary at Abortion Facility

Join your brother Knights and pray the rosary at the abortion facility located on Eaton Place---across from Best Western at the corner of Eaton Place and Chain Bridge Road. In March we pray on March 15th at 8 a.m. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

Proposed Resolution and By-Law Change

Tim Tilson in behalf of the committee which examined the use of the monies in the Council "Building Fund" made a motion at the 11 Feb Business Meeting for a resolution and By-law amendment to repeal Section VII, Article 7 retaining to the "Building Fund". All moneys in this Fund would be transferred to a new fund, "Contingency Fund". See the complete resolution and By-law amendment in the insert in this issue. This resolution and By-law amendment will be addressed for passage at the 25 March Business Meeting. All council members are urged to attend to vote on this important resolution.

Membership Drive

At the 11 February Business Meeting, Greg Hartley (Council Chancellor) reported that the council had installed 11 new members this fraternal year but that an additional 11 new members would be needed to meet the goal for Star Council. Next First Degree is scheduled for 22 April. All members are urged to recruit one new member this fraternal year.

State Convention

The State Convention this year will be held at the Fairview Park Marriott on 2,3, and 4th of May. All council members are welcome to attend. On Friday evening at 8 PM, the Rondells will perform. The cost is \$20 per person. Dave Todd Sr. is the coordinator of the State Convention and is seeking volunteers to help with this

Valentine Dance

Congratulations to Tim Hogan assisted by Jack Cotner in organizing a very successful Parish Valentine Dance on Friday 14 Feb in the Parish Activity Center. Over 130 people attended this affair and enjoyed good food, music, dancing, and socializing. Thanks to all the Knights and Columbiettes who helped set-up, decorate, and clean-up at this affair. Special thanks to Mark Wosnak, who for the second year, ably performed the duties of Bartender.

Night of Magic

The council will again hold its annual Night of Magic on 29 March at the St Leo's Parish Activity Center starting at 6 PM. All are invited. Pizza and drinks will be served. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Price includes 2 slices of Pizza and 1 soda (additional items can be purchased at a nominal fee). Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. If you can help, please contact Dan Purtill at 703-641-8948 or at dpurtill@catholic.org.

St Patrick's Day Party

Father Diamond Council will hold our St Patrick's Day Party on Saturday 15 March starting at 6 PM at Providence Hall. There will be Irish Step Dancers and music. Corn Beef and Cabbage will be served. Cost is \$5 person. All knights and their ladies are invited. If you can help set up, please contact Al Leightley (703-273-2089).

Night of Magic

29 March 03 at 6PM

St Leo's Parish Activity Center

Magician's

2 Slices of Pizza and Soda

Cost \$10 per Adult and \$5 per Child

March Birthdays

Thomas A. Belz	03/04
Edgar Novack PGK	03/04
Francis W Mc Dermott	03/05
Russell T. Harrison	03/05
Jose A. Trujillo Jr	03/06
Samuel K. Stafford	03/06
Joseph F. Paratore	03/07
Edward J Hogan	03/07
Daniel E. Purtill	03/07
Thomas S. Huestis	03/08
Karl S. Reiner	03/09
Edward P Cuccias	03/09
Gerard R Pepin PGK	03/10
Thomas J. Wronski	03/10
Patrick E McGrane	03/11
Sebastiao P. Cordeiro	03/12
Daniel J Conway	03/12
Daniel M Fleming	03/13
Timothy J Cooke PGK	03/13
James P. Cooke	03/13
Donald R Kehoe PSD	03/14
Richard G Fazakerly	03/15
Joseph P Underwood	03/16
David J Hahn	03/20
Jacques Chretien	03/21
Keith D Burner	03/26
John L. Okay PGK	03/27
Thomas V Kelley PGK	03/29
Paul G Hartley	03/29

March Wedding Anniversaries

Date/Years Married

Edward & Mary Rodriguez	3/3/43	60
Manuel & Larue Garcia	3/7/75	28
Raymond & Nancy Kruep	3/13/71	32
William & Genny Cross	3/23/84	19
Robin & Lynda Parker	3/25/72	31

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR, DENNIS RILEY-

Tax-Deferred Annuities

Expecting a tax refund? Even if you're not, you certainly wouldn't want to pay more in taxes than you have to, would you?

Yet, that's what you can expect if you have savings that aren't in a tax-deferred account. Examples include bank savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

I can help you to find a good place to put your income-tax refund. The Knights of Columbus offers a highly competitive tax-deferred annuity. You don't pay income tax on the earnings until you withdraw them – which most likely will occur after you retire. And these tax-deferred earnings compound at a faster rate than money saved in a taxable account.

You can make one payment and select the age at which you begin receiving benefits. Or, make periodic payments of as much as you want for as long as you want. Either way, an annuity with the Knights can provide you with a retirement income you can't outlive.

In a financial world characterized by uncertainty, a Knights of Columbus tax-deferred annuity gives you peace of mind. Your principal is guaranteed, and so is a minimum return. What other kinds of investment vehicles give you those guarantees?

I can provide you with a customized illustration of how an annuity would work for you. Just give me a call at 703-450-6100.



Officers

Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chaplain	Rev. John Kelly	273-5369
D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chancellor	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Recorder	Pat Leffas	934-9716
Advocate	Al Leightley	273-2089
Warden	Dave Miller	319-8832
Inside Guard	Pete Smith	503-1082
Outside Guard	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Outside Guard	Dan Purtill	641-8945
3yr Trustee	Jack Cotner	323-5785
2yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
1yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470

Program Directors

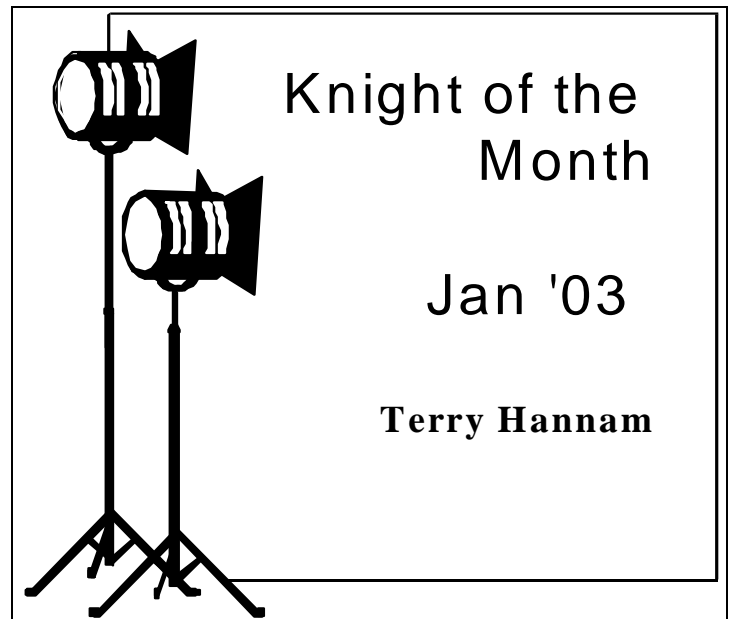
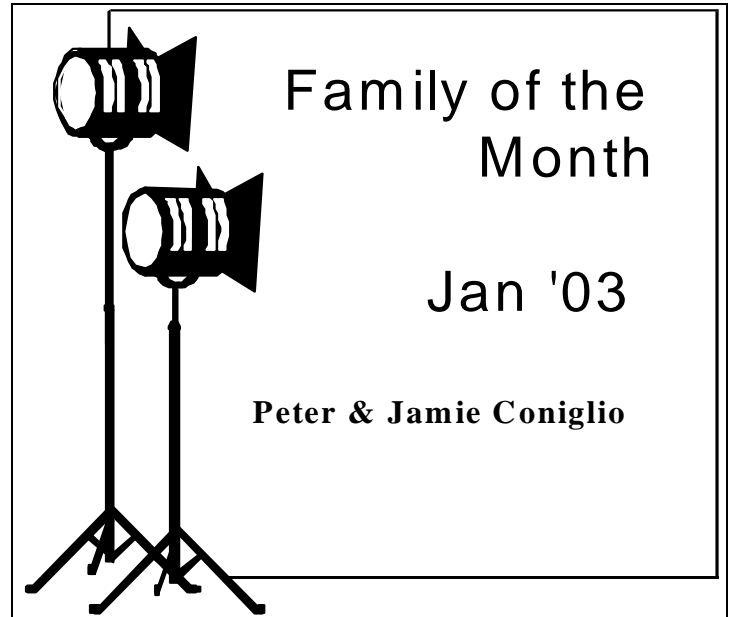
Programs	Dave Todd Jr	385-2195
Church	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Community	Dan Purtill	641-8948
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Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	597-1290
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Committee Chairman

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	George Billy	323-6470
Retention	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
Vocations	Greg Hartley	352-2797
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	Dave Witcomb	591-7739
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	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Vacant	
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Al Leightley	273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137





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Dates to Remember in March

- 4 March 5 PM Pancake Supper
- 4 March Officers' Meeting
- 8 March State Quarterly Meeting
- 8/9 March Food Drive
- 11 March Mass/Business Meeting
- 15 March Rosary at Abortion Facility
- 15 March Adopt-A-Spot
- 15 March 6 PM St Patrick's Day Party
- 16 March Family Breakfast (Blue Team)
- 18 March Gray Gosts
- 19 March 4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- 22/23 March Food Drive
- 25 March Rosary/Business Meeting
- 29 Mar 6 PM Night of Magic

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS

Whereas the Council enjoys the hospitality of the parish and diocese, and

Whereas important needs for capital expenditures arise from time to time, and

Whereas the Council Bylaws contain no mechanism for making expenditures from the Building Fund, and

Whereas the Council has saved more than \$80,000, in the Building Fund,

Therefore let it be resolved that:

-Section VII, Article 7 retaining a "Building Fund" be repealed in total.

-The following be inserted as Section VII, Article 7

VII-7-a. The Council shall maintain a Contingency Fund. The council will deposit 10 percent of fundraising net income, not otherwise dedicated to a specific purpose, as approved by a vote of the council in advance into the Contingency Fund.

VII-7-b. The Contingency Fund may be used only to fund permanent, capital improvements and emergencies as approved according to the following sections:

VII-7-c. All requests for funds from the Contingency Fund will be referred to a Contingency Fund Review Committee (CFRC). The CFRC will review all requests and make a recommendation (favorable or unfavorable) to the Council. The committee will forward its recommendation via a resolution.

VII-7-d. All resolutions will be provided to the membership of the council by a separate mailing prior to the final vote. Such mailing must be postmarked no later than 14 days prior to the vote.

VII-7-e. The Grand Knight shall appoint a Contingency Fund Review Committee (CFRC) which shall consist of the Trustees and two other members. Term of service for the non-trustee members is one year.

VII-7-f. Moneys in the Contingency Fund may be invested in any financial instrumentality as recommended by the Contingency Fund Investment Committee (CFIC) and approved by the Council. The Contingency Fund Investment Committee shall consist of five members as determined by the Grand Knight. The term of service is one year. Investments of money from the Contingency Fund must be approved via procedures in Article IV Section 1, Article VII Section 3, Article VII Section 7 paragraph c, and Article VII Section d. The CFIC shall make a semi-annual report to the council at the time of the semi-annual audit. The report will cover status of the funds, and future investment plans.

Article IV, Section 1. After the sentence "Twelve members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings" add

"With the following exception: A quorum of 40 members is required at any business meeting at which a vote will be taken to disburse funds from the Contingency Fund."

Article VII, Section 3, is amended as follows: After the sentence "...unless by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting a regular business meeting..." Add the following sentence:

"With the following exception: Motions for expenditure of funds from the Contingency Fund must be approved by three quarters of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held after official notification via special mailing."