

The Lookout

March 2004



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

As we begin the Lenten Season, we should take a moment to reflect on the importance of this time of year. The Church gives us this season, symbolic of Christ in the desert, to reflect on our sinfulness and mortality, as well as to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the events of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. We give up something we enjoy as a form of a fast; we participate in additional services in the church as a form of prayer; and we give graciously of ourselves (here in the Diocese of Arlington, to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal) as a form of almsgiving. Let us make good use of the added opportunities to find reconciliation thru the Sacrament of Confession, as well as the added opportunities to receive our Lord, Body and Soul, into our being thru more frequent reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

During these past two month, our Council has been very active in many areas, and I'd like to take a moment and thank all those who assisted with them. We hosted a Third Degree Exemplification on January 17, participated in the annual March for Life on January 22, served breakfast to the Scouts on February 1, held a blood drive on February 8, hosted a Valentine Dinner-Dance on February 14, and served breakfast for the parish on February 15. Dennis Riley conducted a Fraternal Benefits Night on February 10, during which the membership was treated to a vast knowledge on information regarding Knights of Columbus products. And on February 24, we hosted our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. On February 8, we hosted an Investiture Ceremony for 2 new Squires (congratulations to young George Billy and Miguel Tully), and on February 22, we hosted an Investiture Ceremony for 1 new Squire Rose and a Counselor (congratulations to Colleen and Mrs Duda). As we go to print, we anticipate another Investiture for Squires to be conducted on February 29, at which time we hope for more Squires to be inducted. There are too many people to specifically name who have contributed greatly to the

Council these past couple of months, but the efforts of each of them is well appreciated!

Looking ahead, the schedule picks up a bit. On March 6, we will be hosting the Quarterly State Meeting, as well as the Magic Show. On March 13 is our annual St Patrick's Day Party. On March 19, we will be introducing a new program: a Lenten Fish Fry! This is on top of our normal meetings, Rosary at the abortion facility, family breakfasts, food drives, and so many other activities. And in April, we will be once again participating in the annual KOVAR drive.

The only area that we need help with at this point is in the area of membership. We have recruited several new guys, but it seems lately that I've been signing more requests for withdrawals than for new members. I would encourage anyone who might be thinking of withdrawing to reconsider his decision... look to all the benefits membership affords you (if you're having trouble thinking of any, please let me know). In this regard, if there is anything you would like to see us do differently, please do not hesitate to ask... the worst we can say is that we've tried it before with negative results. But hopefully, your suggestion may lead to some changes that could encourage other gentlemen to join, not to mention help us retain your membership.

I pray that each of you has a most holy and blessed Lent, and hope that each of you grows closer to the Lord during this time.

Fraternally,

Dave Todd, Jr
Grand Knight



Program Director's Report

Host Families Needed for Northern Ireland Peace Program

The Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI) is seeking local families to help with the peace and reconciliation effort in Northern Ireland. Please consider hosting a pair of Protestant and Roman Catholic teens (boys or girls ages 15-18) in your home for four weeks this summer. To be eligible, families must provide a safe-neutral setting for the teens to get to know one another, a single bedroom for them to share, and day-long adult supervision. During the teens' stay, they attend a leadership conference on Capitol Hill and other team-building and social activities, although the majority of their time is spent enjoying the host family's normal routine. CFPNI is a national, all-volunteer peace program aimed at building trust, understanding and friendship among the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland. Please consider being part of this widely praised effort which has made lasting, positive change among its participants. For more information or to obtain a host family application, contact Joe or Tamera Drozd at (703) 255-1628 or Londi Arndt at (703) 430-7143. Visit the website at www.cfpni.org. Your family can contribute to peace and healing this summer with CFPNI.

St. Patrick's Party

Our party this year will be held on Saturday 13 March at Providence Hall. It will start at 6 PM after the 5 PM Mass. The traditional corn-beef & cabbage will be served with Irish Beer and Stout available. There will again be Irish Step Dancers and music. The cost will be \$7 per member and their ladies, \$4 for children under age of 14, and \$10 for guests. All Knights and their ladies are invited. Last year was a full house. Please make reservations early by contacting Al Leightley (703-273-2089 or leightley8@aol.com). Help is also need setting up as well as clean up. Set-up time will be at 2 PM. If you can help, please contact Al Leightley.

Night of Magic

Fr. Diamond Council will hold its annual Night of Magic will be held on March 6th beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost: \$10 Adults; \$5 Children and includes 2 slices pizza and one beverage. Come out and enjoy a fun night.

Easter Food Baskets

Father Diamond Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's parish, will be assembling and delivering Easter Food Baskets to 30 needy families in the area. Help is needed on Friday April 2nd at 7:30 PM to transfer the food from the SVDP Society storage room to Providence Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Baskets will be assembled beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 3rd with delivery taking place immediately after assembly. This project is not as labor intensive as the Christmas Baskets, but the more help the easier the task. Please contact Greg Skorupski: e-mail GREGSKISR@aol.com or phone (703) 978-8280 if you can help with either or both tasks. Sign-up sheets are also posted in Providence Hall.

State Quarterly Meeting

On Saturday, March 6, Fr Diamond Council will be hosting the State Council's Quarterly Meeting at St Leo's. We will need help setting up the evening of Friday, February 5, beginning at 6PM in the school gym. Then we will need assistance checking in participants Saturday morning, beginning at 7:30AM, and preparing lunch during the morning session and serving it around Noon, and then taking down and setting up for Magic Night about 3PM. Anyone who can assist should contact Dave Todd, Jr at djtoddjr@earthlink.net, or at (703) 385-2195.

Valentine Dance

Congratulations to Tim Hogan, who assisted by Jack Cotner, in organizing a very successful Parish Valentine Dance on Sat. 14 Feb in the Parish Activity Center. Over 130 people attended this affair and enjoyed good food, music, dancing, and socializing. Over \$626 in profit will go to the Council. Thanks to all the Knights and Columbiettes who helped set-up, decorate, and clean-up at this affair. Special thanks to Mark Woznak, who for the third year, ably performed the duties of Bartender

Items for the Lookout Newsletter?

Do you have items of interest for the newsletter? Is your birthday or anniversary date incorrect or missing from the list during your respective month? The editor welcomes any input from the membership. Please forward any items to the Newsletter editor, Bill Weich, at 703-385-2195 or email him at Wweich@aol.com. Submissions for upcoming editions are needed by the 15th of the month.

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

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 the Fraternal Benefits Advisor

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.

Dennis Riley

Fraternal benefits Advisor



Officers

Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chancellor	Dave Miller	319-8832
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
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Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
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Outside Guard	Ben Stack	359-6258
Outside Guard	Scott Smullen	691-2273
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2yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137
1yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860

Program Directors

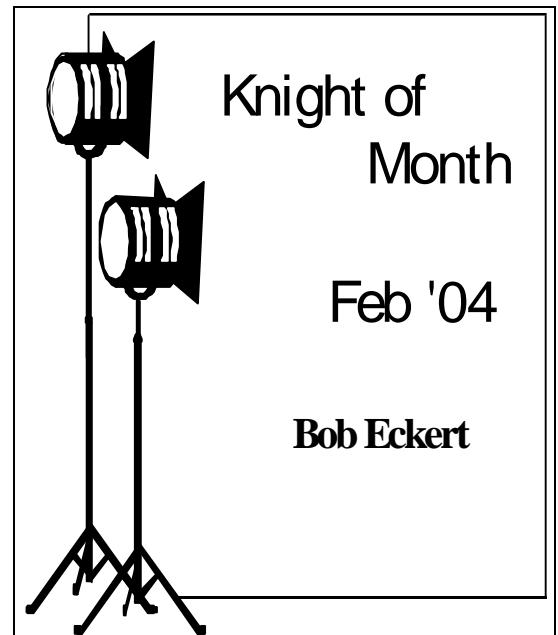
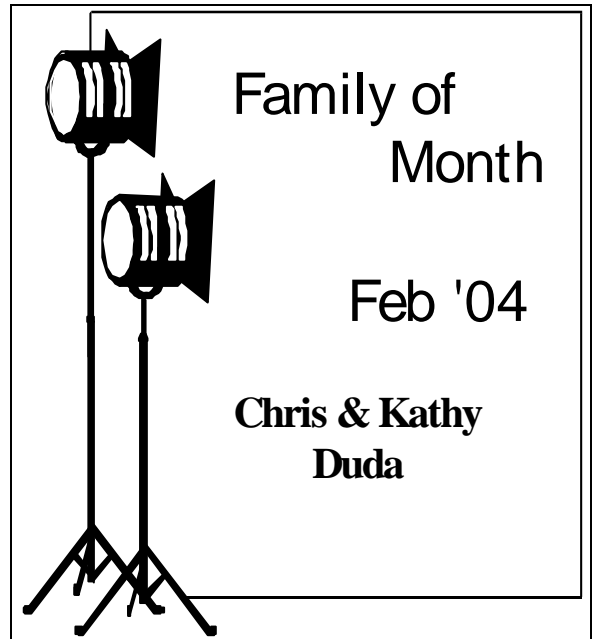
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Christmas Trees	Steve Smith	941-4284
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Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
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Dates to Remember in March

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| Mar 1 | Officer's Meeting |
| Mar 6 | State Quarterly Meeting |
| Mar 6 | Night of Magic |
| Mar 9 | Rosary/Business Meeting |
| Mar 11 | 2 nd Degree |
| Mar 13 | St. Patrick's Party |
| Mar 13/14 | Food Drive |
| Mar 16 | Gray GOSTS |
| Mar 16 | Soup Supper |
| Mar 17 | Rosary/Fr. Malloy Assembly Meeting |
| Mar 19 | Lenten Fish Fry |
| Mar 20 | Abortion Facility |
| Mar 20 | Adopt-a-Spot |
| Mar 21 | Family Breakfast – Blue Team |
| Mar 23 | Mass/Business Meeting |
| Mar 27/28 | State Bowling Tournament |
| Mar 27/28 | Food Drive/Open House |

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 VS #1	2 1930 Officers' Meeting	3	4	5 1800 Set-Up for State Meeting	6 State Quarterly Meeting @ Fr Diamond (Fairfax) 1800 Night of Magic
7	8 VS #2	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11 2000 2 nd Degree	12	13 Food Drive 1800 St Patrick's Party
14 Food Drive	15 VS #3	16 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Soup Supper	17 1930 Rosary 2000 Assembly Meeting	18	19	20 0800 Abortion Facility 1000 Adopt-A-Spot
21 Family Breakfast -Blue Team	22 VS #4	23 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	24	25	26 1800 Lenten Fish Fry	27 State Bowling Tournament Food Drive Open House <i>Edited: February 24, 2004</i>
28 State Bowling Tournament Food Drive Open House	29 Founders' Day VS #5	30	31			

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April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
					1600 Food Transfer	0900 Food Basket Assembly & Delivery
4 Palm Sunday	5 VS #6	6 1930 Officers' Meeting	7	8 Holy Thursday	9 Good Friday	10 Holy Saturday Feed the Homeless Food Drive
11 Easter Sunday Food Drive Easter Egg Hunt	12 VS #7	13 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	14	15 KOVAR	16 KOVAR	17 0800 Abortion Facility KOVAR
18 Family Breakfast -Gold Team KOVAR	19 VS #8	20 1100 Gray GOSTS	21 1930 Rosary 2000 Assembly Meeting	22 1930 Admissions Committee	23	24 Food Drive
25 Food Drive	26 VS #9	27 1930 Mass 2000 1 st Degree 2100 Business Meeting	28	29	30 State Convention in Richmond	<i>Edited: February 24, 2004</i>

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- WHEN:** January 1 – April 30, 2004
Sunday – Thursday, 4PM until Midnight
- WHERE:** Any GLORY DAYS GRILL location in Northern VA
- WHY:** When you dine at a Glory Days Grill on your designated days, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the Knights of Columbus. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food bill. Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt), and give it to Tim Cooke at the meetings or mail them to him at 3614 Colony Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.
Questions? Call Tim @ 703-766-2911

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Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner



(Proceeds benefit the Knight's many charitable efforts)

Come and join your fellow parishioners at the First Annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner! See details below. An **RSVP/reservation is requested** for all people attending – so that we will have an idea of the quantities of food to be prepared.

Menu

- €# Baked Breaded Fish (Cod)
- €# Dinner Rolls
- €# Cole Slaw
- €# Salad
- €# Various Desserts
- €# Sodas/Water provided

Alternative Kid's Choice

(for those who may not like regular fish)

- €# Cheese Pizza

Details

Date: March 19, 2004
 Time: 6:00-8:30 PM
 Location: Parish Activity Center
 Cost: \$5.00 per person (\$20 family maximum)
 Music/Movie/Entertainment is planned (to be determined)

RSVP/Reservations: Cut off this section and mail to:

Providence Hall (Fish Dinner)
 3702 Old Lee Highway
 Fairfax City, VA 22030

Please make reservations by no later than Tuesday, March 16th.

- €# Family Name: _____
- €# _____ Specify number of adults attending and eating.
- €# _____ Important: Specify number of children as well and if an alternative item (from kid's menu) is ordered.

Alternate RSVP to: Bill Ward: (703) 273-6289 e-mail: bward@6292.kofcva.org