

# The Lookout

March 2005



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



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## ***Grand Knight's Message:***

My Brother Knights,

Celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus! Christ has risen from the tomb – just as He said He would, and He has conquered sin and death. He has risen. Alleluia!!!

Let's rejoice as we enter the Easter season. The modern secular characterization of Easter revolves around the Easter Bunny and candy. While the marketing world will do what it must to financially prosper and to help businesses remain viable in the market place, we as Catholics and Knights must advertise the true meaning of Easter and Christianity to our community with the same vigor that retail stores sell jelly beans and chocolate bunnies.

Try to imagine Mary's joy on that first Easter morning. How she must have rejoiced after living through the terrors of Good Friday and the sorrows of Holy Saturday - her Son and Lord had risen! I could not imagine the tragic loss of a child and then the overwhelming joy of having that child come back to life. "Proclaiming the Good News," that's what being Christian is all about. Let your friends and co-workers know you are a Knight: let them know that you went downtown to collect money at the Right to Life March, let them know that you took the altar servers to Mount Saint Mary's, let them know that you provided an honor guard at a funeral, etc. Trust me when I say, you can inspire many, who will seek Christ. Proclaim your faith and exhibit your pride in the Knights each and every day. It's easier than you think!

I wanted to give a special thanks to Brother Tony Simon, who I talked into a crazy event on February 5th. Tony and I participated in the 13th Annual Polar Bear Plunge Winter

Festival at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. We both jumped into some very cold water and raised over \$500 for Special Olympics. I told Tony, "all of our friends and co-workers would want to see us do something crazy." We were part of 2800 plungers that included our State Deputy and raised more than \$440,000 for Special Olympics in Virginia. Tony, thanks for being as nuts as I am, and for the rest of you, we're looking for some more plungers next year!!!

Looking back at February, if you could not attend the Valentine's Dance, you missed a great party with lots of good food and wonderful dancing. Tim Hogan and the Columbiettes did a great job of decorating the gym and we had over 80 Knights and members of the parish in attendance. We will have yet another chance for revelry on March 12<sup>th</sup> at our annual St Patrick's Day party.

May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need most.

May the most you wish for be the least you get,  
May the Lord keep you in His Hand and never close His fist too tight.

Erin go Braugh (Éireann go Brách) (Ireland forever)

## **Greg**

Greg Hartley  
Grand Knight

***May St. Patrick guard you wherever you go,  
and guide you in whatever you do—  
and may his loving protection be a blessing to you  
always.***

## Program Director's Report

### 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 703-319-3130 or email him at [Wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:Wweich@yahoo.com). Submissions for upcoming editions are needed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Rosary at Abortion Clinic

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

### Lenten Fish Dinner

Come and join your fellow parishioners at the Second Annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner! 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 items include Baked Breaded Fish (Cod), Dinner Rolls, Cole Slaw, Various Desserts, and Sodas/ Bottled Water (Alternative Kid's Choice – Cheese Pizza (for those who may not like regular fish). Mark your calendars for February 25, 2005 6:00 – 8:30pm in the St. Leo's Parish Activity Center (Gym). Cost is \$7 per adult and \$5 per child (Maximum family cost is \$25. Please RSVP to Bill Ward: (703) 273-6289 or e-mail: [bward@6292.kofcva.org](mailto:bward@6292.kofcva.org)

### Upcoming Events

**Night Of Magic**  
TBD

**State Bowling Tournament**  
April 2-3  
Fredericksburg

**KOVAR**  
April 14-17

### Upcoming Events

### Ovations Fundraisers

The council will be working at George Mason Patriot Center events in Feb and April as fund raising opportunities. The following events with the designated Christmas Tree Teams have been scheduled:

-16 Feb - GMU/ODU Basket Ball Game - Team 1 (Greg Hartley Team Captain)

-19 Feb - College Basketball Bracket Buster Game (Televised on ESPN) - Team 5 (Tim Tilson Team Captain)

-25 Feb - High School Basketball Regionals - Team 9 (Bill Weich Team Captain). Working two games.

-8 April -Duran Duran Concert - Team 6 (Joe Drozd Team Captain). Manning two stands

The members of these teams are requested to support these important fund raising events which contribute to our charitable activities. Please contact your Team Captain if you can help. Other council members are welcome to assist if they can make the event and should contact the appropriate Team Captain.

### Food Drive

Throughout the world millions of families are in need of support to meet their basic nutritional needs. Since 1990, the Members of Fr. Diamond Council have been helping to meet the needs of those less fortunate right here in our own back yard, Northern Virginia.

Since 1990, Knights have been present to receive donations at masses on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month to support the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. We collect donations of non perishable food items after all masses to provide food to the hungry on an ongoing basis throughout the year. We also collect and distribute food for the needy at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

We are in need of additional support to cover several mass times. This support requires only taking the wagon of donated food to the Saint Vincent DePaul food closet in the Old Parrish Hall. If you can help out please give Ben Schaefer a call at 703-591-3188.

### Pancake Supper

The Council will be hosting a Pancake Supper for the Parrish at 5:00pm on Tuesday February 8th. As always we are in need of help to flip flap jacks at the hall. Please come out and support this pre-Lenten activity. If you can help, please give Dave Miller a call at 703-517-3430.

## **Father Bader Scholarship**

That time of year is once again upon us. High School Seniors are beginning to think of Graduation and their plans for Higher Education. With these things running through their heads they need to be aware that now is the time to think about, and apply, for a Father Bader Scholarship.

These scholarships are available to children of Knights who are in good standing in their council, or deceased Knights that were in good standing at the time of their death, and are graduating from High School, and are pursuing higher education. The application forms are available beginning January 1, 2005. They can be obtained only from me and the requests for forms must be by phone, mail, or email (the contact information is at the end of the article). There are three forms to be filled out; the student and family complete one; the Financial Secretary of the Father's council completes another; and the student's principal completes the third.

It is imperative that all three forms are completed and returned to me to arrive no later than March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. Also, any applications received that do not have all three forms will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed and judged to award the scholarships. The winners will be announced at the State Convention on May 7, 2005.

If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact me.

Glen D. Waldis, PGK  
Chairman, Father Bader Scholarship Fund  
8606-D Village Way  
Alexandria, VA 22309-1606  
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## **A Message From the Chancellor:**

Greetings Brother Knights! I would like to ask you all for your help in recruiting new members as we begin the new year (Next 1st degree will be in February). We have done very well so far, recruiting 14 new members in our first 2 Degree ceremonies. I would ask that each of you attempt to bring in one new member -- ask those you know and see at Mass or parents of kids who go to school with your children. The open houses and breakfasts will only get us so far -- the one-on-one recruiting is the best prospect we have to get interested members in the council. I have Form 100s for those who would like to get one (having it handy when you speak to someone will really help). I also have the tri-folds to use for talking points when you recruit someone.

### Degree Schedule as of March 2005

#### **First Degrees:**

Tues . Mar. 22, 2005 (6292)  
Tues . May 10, 2005 (6292)  
Tues . May 24, 2005 (8403)  
Wed. June 08, 2005 (6292)  
Tues. June 28, 2005 (8403)

#### **Second Degrees:**

Thurs. Mar 24, 2005 (6292)  
Tues. April 26, 2005 (8403)

\* Special note: If you know members who are still just 1st degree, encourage them to attend the 2nd and 3rd. Remind them that there is no other requirements - no more cost or testing or anything. Please contact Bill Ward at (703) 273-6289 or e-mail at billyjoe@cox.net if you have a prospect.

Fraternally,

Bill Ward  
Chancellor/Membership Director

## March Birthdays

Michael Passey	03/01
Ronnie Granada	03/03
Thomas A. Belz	03/04
Edgar Novack PGK	03/04
Francis W Mc Dermott	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
Daniel Solares	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
Thomas Bolles	03/12
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
Peter Mazzocchi	03/14
Joseph P Underwood	03/16
David J Hahn	03/20
Bruce Stuebner	03/20
Peter Gallas	03/26
John L. Okay PGK	03/27
Thomas V Kelley PGK	03/29
Paul G Hartley GK	03/29
Joseph Budzynski	03/29
Craig Radcliff	03/29

## March Wedding Anniversaries

### Years Married

Edward & Mary Rodriguez	3/3/43	62
Manuel & Larue Garcia	3/7/75	30
Raymond & Nancy Kruep	3/13/71	34
Tim & Erin Cooke (PGK)	3/16/96	9
William & Genny Cross	3/23/84	21
Robin & Lynda Parker	3/25/72	33
John & Barbara Bruno	3/31/03	2

## Correction

## FROM OUR 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?

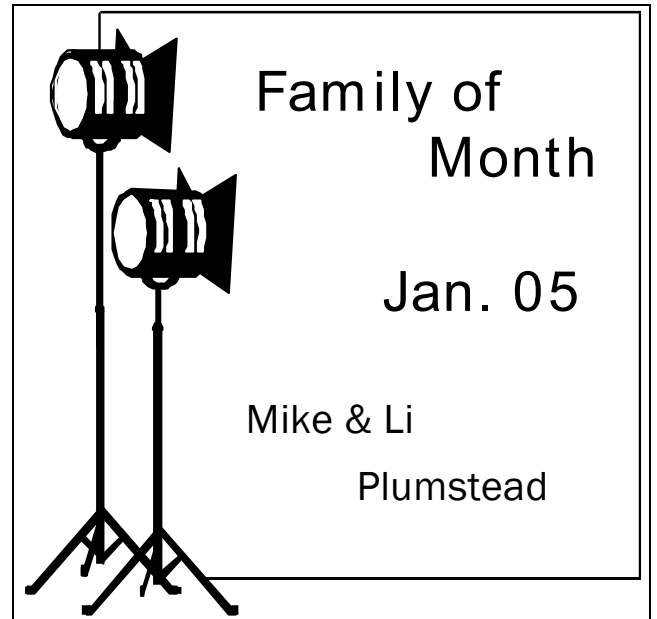
I can provide you with a customized illustration of how an annuity would work for you. Just give me a call at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,  
Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



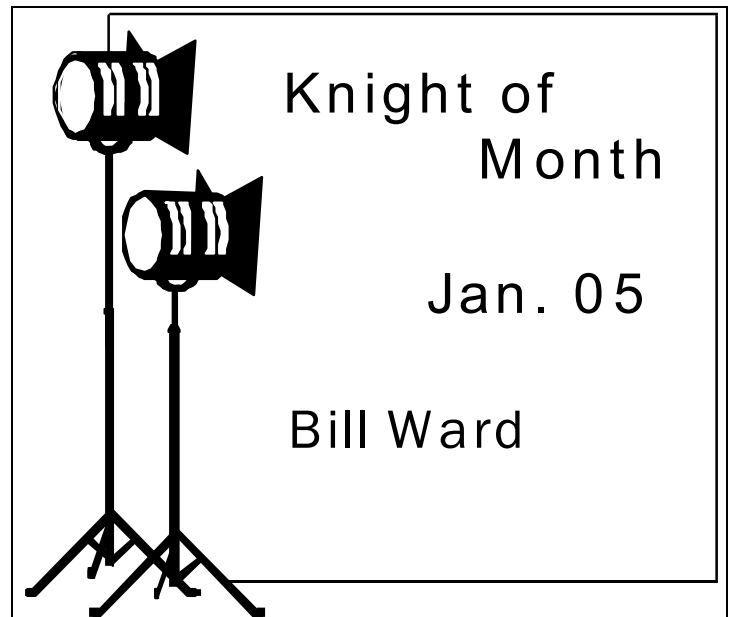
**Officers**

Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chancellor	Bill Ward	273-6289
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
Recorder	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Warden	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Inside Guard	Bill Weich	307-9163
Outside Guard	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Outside Guard	Dave Mann	691-9160
3yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
2yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
1yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137



**Program Directors**

Programs	Dave Miller	517-3430
Church	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Community	Dave Mann	691-9160
Council	John Eldred	631-6480
Family	Keith Morrison	691-8838
Youth	Vacant	
Membership	Bill Ward	273-6289



**Committee Chairman**

Charity	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Hank Urban	978-6137
Vocations	Bill Ward	273-6289
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

**Project Chairmen**

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Mike & Li Plumstead	352-0848
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Bill Weich	307-9163
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



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## Dates to Remember in March

March 1	Officer's Meeting
March 5	State Quarterly Meeting
March 8	Rosary/Business Meeting
March 12/13	Food Drive
March 12/13	Open House
March 12	St. Patrick's Day Party
March 15	Gray GOSTS
March 15	Admissions Committee
March 16	Rosary/4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting
March 18	Food Transfer
March 19	Abortion Facility
March 19	Food Basket Assembly/Delivery
March 20	Family Breakfast – Gold Team
March 22	Mass/1 <sup>st</sup> Degree/Business Meeting
March 26/27	Food Drive
March 26	RCIA Reception
March 26	Feed the Homeless
March 27	Easter Egg Hunt
March 31	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b> 1930 Officers Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> State Quarterly Meeting [Hartley]
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> VS #2	<b>8</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Food Drive [Schaefer] Open House [Ward] 1800 St Patrick's Day Party [Leightley]
<b>13</b> Food Drive [Schaefer] Open House [Ward]	<b>14</b> VS #3	<b>15</b> 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Admissions Committee	<b>16</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly	<b>17</b> St Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 1930 Food Transfer [M. Purtill]	<b>19</b> 0800 Abortion Facility [Cuccias] 0900 Food Basket Assembly & Delivery [M. Purtill]
<b>20</b> Family Breakfast Blue Team [Miller] Palm Sunday	<b>21</b> VS #4	<b>22</b> 1930 Mass 2000 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree 2100 Business Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Holy Thursday	<b>25</b> Good Friday	<b>26</b> Food Drive [Schaefer] 1800 RCIA Reception [Cuccias] 1100 Feed the Homeless [Billy]
<b>27</b> Food Drive [Schaefer] Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt [Meredith]	<b>28</b> VS #5	<b>29</b> Founders Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 2000 2nd Degree [Ward / Skorupski]		

# April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>4</b> VS #6	<b>5</b> 1930 Officers Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Food Drive [Schaefer]
<b>10</b> Food Drive [Schaefer]	<b>11</b> VS #7	<b>12</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> KOVAR [Cooke]	<b>15</b> KOVAR	<b>16</b> KOVAR 0800 Abortion Facility [Cuccias]
<b>17</b> KOVAR Family Breakfast Gold Team [Miller]	<b>18</b> VS #8	<b>19</b> 1100 Gray GOSTS	<b>20</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Food Drive [Schaefer]
<b>24</b> Food Drive [Schaefer]	<b>25</b> VS #9	<b>26</b> 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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