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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I write to you, My Brothers, as we enter the month of March, still continuing in the heart of our busy time. Although it seems every month is a busy time for our Council. In February, we had the annual Scout Sunday Breakfast, the Shrove Pancake Supper, Valentine's Dinner/Dance, District Free Throw Contest, Family Breakfast, and Columbiette Soup Supper. My thanks to all the members who helped to make these activities the success that they have come to be.

I would also like to congratulate our First Degree Team for winning the regional Degree Team Competition that was held Feb 2 at our own Providence Hall. PGK Dennis Makurat, Team Captain, and his team will travel to Richmond for the State Competition to be held on Feb 23. The team members have been practicing and will be ready to win the State Competition and continue its award-winning tradition. Good luck Brothers!

As you read this message, the Nominating Committee will be interviewing candidates for Officer's positions for the 2008-2009 fraternal year. Our Council has been blessed with dedicated leadership for many years. In order for the Council to continue to be successful, we need every able-bodied member to consider becoming an Officer. Elected positions include: Grand

Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Recorder, and Inside/Outside Guards. As provided for in the by-laws, I have appointed the Nominating Committee: PGK Greg Hartley – Chairman, PGK George Billy, and PGK Dave Miller. As stated previously, the Nominating Committee will interview candidates for Office and present a recommended slate of Officers at the second business meeting in April. In addition, the recommended slate of Officers will be published in the newsletter and posted on the Council website. All 3rd Degree members are eligible to hold office in the Council. Please contact Greg, George or Dave and let them know you are ready to step up to the challenge in contributing even more to the Council's success.

March will continue with its busy schedule that includes our Membership Recruitment weekend on March 8-9 after all Masses. The Council will need lots of manpower to recruit members into our Council and the Order. I ask that all available members come out to recruit new members and their families into the world's largest catholic, family, fraternal organization. If you are interested in helping with the Recruitment Drive, please contact Chancellor Mike Purtill at mpurtill@gmail.com or 202-251-8424.

It is great pleasure that I announce the Family and Knight of the Month for January. The Family of the Month goes to Carlos and Betty Jaramillo. Carlos has performed admirably this year as the Council's Youth Program Chairman. Carlos not only has coordinated and led the efforts of the Youth Programs but he is a valued member of the monthly Family Breakfasts. Carlos also created the Council's own soccer goal, eliminating the need to use a County-run field/. Betty is also active within the Columbiettes and can be seen at many social events. The Knight of the Month goes to none other than Mike Purtill for his continued contributions to the Council. Mike volunteered to chair the Family Breakfast Programs and lead the Blue team. In November Mike stepped up to the challenge and was elected to his current position of Chancellor. Mike can always be counted on to lend his support wherever needed. Good Job, Mike.

In closing, I again thank you all, my Brothers and your families for your efforts in making the February a great success. Let us continue to stand united in faith, hope and most of all, charity!

Fraternally,
Bill Weich
Grand Knight

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:

I would like to thank all of my brother Knights who helped put on the numerous events in February. March is a busy month for the council as we host the Lenten Fish Fry on the 7th, and recruitment weekend on the 8th and 9th (please contact Mike Purtill at mvpurtill@gmail.com to offer to help after a mass). The St. Patrick's Day party is on the 15th see article in this newsletter for more information. The Easter Bunny will visit the lawn of St. Leo's on the 23rd after the 9:00 and 11:00am masses. Fr. Diamond host a 1st degree on the 25th and a 2nd degree on the 27th.

Looking ahead to April, Knight of Magic is on the 12th, KOVAR week-

please volunteer to help. Please update your calendars so you can plan on attending these events.



I would like to thank all the brother Knights who have already volunteered to help out at past events and to those brother Knights that will help make the events of the next couple months a great success.

Steve Kehoe
Deputy Grand Knight

end is the 17th-20th please sign up to take a shift. We will have our annual Salute to Seniors on April 26th so

Knight of the Month January



Family of the Month January



Saint Patrick's Day Party

Our party this year will be held on Saturday March 15, 2008 at 6:00pm in Providence Hall. The traditional corned beef & cabbage will be served with Irish lager and stout available. Irish step dancers will again be on and to provide entertainment. The cost will be \$15 per adult, \$5 for children under age of 14. The maximum cost per family is \$40. Guests are welcome, but RSVP early as space is limited! Contact Nelson Clinch (703-385-2146 or clinch5va@yahoo.com) to RSVP or offer to help.

Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes did not have a regular business meeting in February, but kept themselves busy nonetheless. Thank you to Linda Baringhaus, Priscilla Hogan, Betty & Carlos Jaramillo, Steve Kehoe, and Ann Todd for helping decorate the gym for the Valentine's Dinner.

Thank you to Priscilla Hogan and Ann Todd for organizing the annual Lenten Soup Supper. What a variety of soups! It was great to enjoy the company of fellow Knights and Columbiettes while sampling the different soups. I would especially like to thank Msgr. Mahler for blessing the

food before dinner and to Fr. Cozzi for his wonderful Lenten reflection.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 18. We will be planning our spring activities.



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 the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday March 11, 2008 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at



at ward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

Easter Baskets

Fr. Diamond Council will again support the St. Vincent Depaul Society in delivery of Easter food baskets for the needy. The Council will assist St. Leo's St. Vincent de Paul Society by providing Hams and Gift Certificates for Easter Dinner. Volunteers are needed for transferring food from St. V. de P. pantry to Providence Hall on Friday, March 14th at 6PM and delivering the baskets on Saturday, March 15th at 10 AM. If you can help, please contact George Schuld at 703- 255-0362 or email at gschuld@msn.com. We had very successful Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket programs.

Knight of Magic

The annual Knight of Magic has been scheduled for April 12, 2008. More details to follow. If you can help with this event contact Mike Torrey at mike.torrey@cox.net.

Membership Open House

Fr. Diamond will be holding a membership drive after all masses the weekend of March 8th and 9th. We need to continue to build our membership to support our works for the church and parish community. Please contact Mike Purtill at 202-251-8424 or mvpurtill@gmail.com to volunteer to help after a mass on the 8th or 9th.



Upcoming Degrees

Our council's next First Degree exemplification will be held on March 25, 2008, at 8:00pm, hosted by Father Diamond Council. If you know of any eligible men that would be interested in joining the Knights, please contact Mike Purtill at 202-251-8424 or mvpurtill@gmail.com. Any member that brings in a new first degree member this fraternal year will have their drinks paid for by the Chancellor after each business meeting for the rest of this fraternal year.

The next second degree exemplification will be held at Father Diamond Council on March 27, 2008, at 8:00pm. If you are a first degree member and would like to progress to your second degree, please contact Mike Purtill at 202-251-8424 or mvpurtill@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fr. Diamond Council will be hosting the Easter Bunny on the front lawn of St. Leo's on Sunday March 23rd after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses. Please contact Steve Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net to help assist the bunny in set up before each mass let's out.



Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, March 8th. 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.

Grand Knight's Ball

Please mark your calendar to attend the Grand Knight's Ball on June 7, 2008. More details in next month's newsletter.



KOVAR 2008

KOVAR, originally an acronym for Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded, is a Virginia chartered statewide non profit organization providing funds to organizations that provide for those with intellectual disabilities. Recently, the KOVAR Board of Directors voted to use the term “intellectual disabilities” in lieu of “retarded” when describing those that KOVAR assists; although the name KOVAR remains the same. A major fundraiser is done once a year throughout the state, shortly after Easter, by distributing specially marked Tootsie Rolls in front of local businesses and asking for donations.

Turning rolls of chewy chocolates into a financial boom for organizations that serve the mentally retarded is a wonder story. These treats bring in nearly \$2 million profit annually in Illinois – the home base for the creation of this giant fund raising process run by the Knights of Columbus.

Forty years have passed since a group of three Knights from a Council in the Chicago area saw a need that was two way: organizations that served people with mental retardation needed money and the Knights of Columbus in Illinois needed a charitable mission to offer their members. The Knights knew that the Lions, the Shriners, the Elks and other fraternal organizations had members who reached out to the community with a determined focused project.

The men had no difficulty determining the target of their fundraising – the money would go to the mentally retarded because one in the group had a daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. The process that they planned to use was not too difficult either: they would stand in public places with a receptacle and solicit donations for a token product.

However, the product took some thought. One idea was to distribute seed packets of Forget-Me-Not flowers which provided a good marketing slogan “For the retarded-forget me not”. There were concerns however, that many people would not want seeds, would not use them and say no. The next thought was a Tootsie Roll, a well-established candy from a Chicago based company. The three decided that the Tootsie Roll would be a good item to use because it was a well recognized item with a good shelf life. The next step was to pilot the program in their own K of C Council in Tinley Park, IL.

They picked a weekend, got men from their Council and got the candy from the Tootsie Roll Company. The men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. They asked for a small donation from the shoppers and passer-bys, for each contribution handed out the candy. The first time collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day effort.

With that encouragement the council submitted a resolution to the state K of C convention to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970 with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their annual profit to nearly two million annually.

The campaign has spread to other states when news of the success in Illinois was published in K of C magazines and newsletters. From the efforts of the one council in Tinley Park, IL the drive to raise funds for people with mental retardation has expanded to 44 states.

Our Virginia State Council in 1971 formed the state program known as KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for what is now known as the “intellectually disabilities” instead of mentally retarded. The collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Twelve Million dollars in Grants and Group Home Loans to over 250 ongoing organizations including the Special Olympics. KOVAR has become the largest private charity supporting the intellectually disabled in Virginia.

Our Council first participated in KOVAR in 1975 and since then we have raised \$460,622. Since KOVAR

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Did You Know . .

Openings for Next Year's Officers

The Grand Knight has appointed the Nominating Committee to present a slate of Council Officer's for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year. The committee consists of Greg Hartley, PGK (Chairman), Dave Miller, PGK and George Billy, PGK. Any Third Degree Knight in good standing is eligible for consideration for an Officer's position. We encourage each and every such member to consider running for an office. An active council such as Fr. Diamond needs all active and concerned members to become involved in directing the future of this council. If you are so disposed please contact Greg Hartley by e-mail (pghartley@hotmail.com) or call (571) 238-6273 as soon as possible and declare your intentions.

All current officers are asked to notify the Nominating Committee as soon as possible and advise of your intentions for the coming fraternal year. The Nominating Committee will begin interviews of current and prospective Officers before and after the Officer's meeting on March 4.

The slate of officers presented by the committee is by no means final. Any 3rd Degree Knight may, at the time of the election, "run off the floor" and challenge any of the nominees. This is your opportunity to become actively involved in the future of this council.

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started our Council has been a major contributor of funds for the program. Last year we submitted \$26,478. One of our sources of income toward our goal is your contributions to KOVAR through the annual United Way, Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaigns. Please consider pledging some or all of your annual pledge to KOVAR. The Combined Federal Campaign Number is 42569 and 8838 for United Way. If you do make a pledge to KOVAR please give a copy of your pledge document to Herb Zimmerman, out Treasurer. We need a copy of your pledge so that we can have the documentation to get credit for that pledge toward our goal

This year's Statewide drive is the 17th to 20th of April. Please save some time that weekend to help in our Collection effort, the more sites that we can cover the better our overall result will be. Our established Goal for this year is \$24,794. Please call Greg Skorupski at 703 978 8280 if you can help, enlist you wife and children to help, children make great collectors. If you can't help, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us achieve our goal. Make out check to KOVAR and send it to the Council or bring it in no later than April 19th.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Owners of Knights of Columbus annuities are now the recipients of a fraternal benefit called the Medical Withdrawal Option (MWO). The MWO (provided at no cost by the way) allows the annuitant to withdraw all or part of the Accumulation Value of the annuity with no surrender charge, provided that:

The annuitant has a medical condition that is expected to result in death within twelve months, or

The annuitant undergoes a major organ transplant, suffers major burns, or is diagnosed as having life-threatening cancer, heart attack, unstable angina, stroke, end-stage kidney disease, paralysis or coma, or

The annuitant is confined in a licensed skilled nursing facility for at least sixty (60) consecutive days.

The MWO is available once the accumulation value of the annuity is \$5,000 or more, and became available February 1, 2006 for both existing and newly issued annuities. To be eligible, the annuitant must have a qualifying medical condition that commenced after February 1, 2006 or the date you started your annuity, whichever is later.

Please note that any waiver of Knights of Columbus surrender charges will have no effect on any tax reporting, tax withholding or tax penalty that may be imposed by the U.S. or Canadian governments.

There are a number of additional restrictions and conditions that apply to the MWO. I'll be happy to visit with you and your wife to fully explain this and the Order's entire portfolio of fraternal benefits. Virtually all Knights of Columbus annuities are covered under the MWO, and as a reminder, surrender charges are also waived in the event of the death of the annuitant.

The Knights of Columbus Flexible Premium Annuity Plan provides our members and their families with a safe and secure place to accumulate funds on a tax favored basis. Your Order strives to offer the most competitive interest rates possible while absolutely guaranteeing the safety of deposited funds. Don't have a Knights of Columbus Annuity Plan? You can start an annuity with a deposit of as little as \$300 – but no deposit is too large. Why not start building your nest egg by meeting with me soon?



You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 State Quarterly Meeting @ Richmond
2	3	4 1930 Officers' Meeting	5	6	7 1800 Lenten Fish Dinner	8 0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility Food Drive Open House
9 Food Drive Open House	10 1845 Bingo@FFX Nursing Ctr	11 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	12	13 1930 Admissions Committee	14 1600 Food Basket Transfer	15 1800 St. Patricks Day Party 1100 Food Basket Delivery
16 Palm (Passion) Sunday Family Breakfast - Blue Team	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	19 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	20 Holy Thursday	21 Good Friday 	22 Holy Saturday Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception Food Drive
23 Easter Easter Egg Hunt Food Drive	24	25 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree Social Meeting	26	27 2000 2nd Degree	28	29
30	31					

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1930 Officers Meeting	2	3	4	5 5K Run?? Altar Server Trip??
6	7	8 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 0800 Rosary@Abortion Facility 1800 Magic Show
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo@FFX Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	16 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	17 KOVAR Papal Visit @ Wash DC	18 KOVAR	19 KOVAR
20 Family Breakfast - Gold Team KOVAR	21	22 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	23	24	25	26 Food Drive 1200 Salute to Seniors
27 Food Drive	28	29	30			

Officers and Program Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Weich	(703) 307-9163
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Chancellor	Mike Purtill	251-8424
Treasurer	Herb Zimerman	
Lecturer	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
Warden	Bob Eckert	280-1140
Inside Guard	Dan Purtill	
Outside Guard	Patrick Deighan	539-8926
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger	281-6563
3yr Trustee	Bill Ward	273-6289
2yr Trustee	Dave Miller	517-3430
1yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Program Directors

Programs	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Church	Chris Duda	352-5434
Community	Kevin Darr	849-8490
Council	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Family	Michael Torrey	273-2588
Youth	Carlos Jaramillo	385-0064

Newsletter Deadlines

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 Matt West at mtwest1@verizon.net

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Committee Chairmen

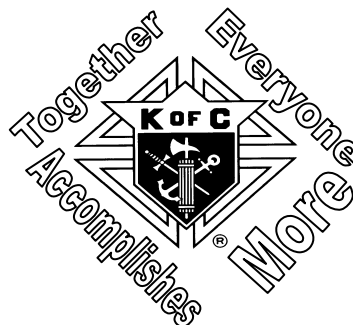
Charity	George Schuld	255-0362
Admissions	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	273-9436
	Tim Cooke	
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Bob Bilko	359-6824
KOVAR	Bill Ward	273-6289
Newsletter	Matt West	359-4652
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



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Dates to Remember in March

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| March 4 | Officers' Meeting | March 16 | Family Breakfast |
| March 7 | Lenten Fish Dinner | March 18 | Grey GOSTS |
| March 8 | Rosary @ Abortion Facility | March 22 & 23 | Food Drive |
| March 8 & 9 | Food Drive | March 23 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| March 10 | Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center | March 25 | Mass/1st Degree/Social Meeting |
| March 11 | Rosary/Business Meeting | March 27 | 2nd Degree |
| March 15 | St. Patrick's Day Party | | |

