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The Lookout

2008-09 Fraternal Year, Issue 7

Grand Knight's Message:

As I write this the Lenten Season is a week away and provides a time for all of us to reflect on our lives and how we can transform ourselves. I ask each of you to take a few minutes to think how you can make an adjustment in your life to help yourself, your family, and the parish community.

We had a very busy January and the list of people to thank is long, but I would like to thank all of those who came out to help at any of the events. We had a hiccup or two during our annual degree week but it was a huge success. The council put on a First Degree with five candidates and a Second Degree with 27 candidates on the same night. Two days later we hosted a Third Degree with 101 candidates, while not a record a very strong showing. Once again during the March for Life the council collected money to help Nellie Gray and the March for Life committee pay for a portion of the costs of the March. I would like to thank all of those who under the direction of Mike and Li Plumstead collected money during the march or helped count the money at the hall after the March. This year we collected the highest amount ever with roughly \$28,000 collected during the march.

The family breakfast has been a community event for the parish for years. After



the June breakfast Mike Purtill is stepping down as the chairman of this activity. We are looking for someone to take over this event. If you have an interest in the breakfast and would like to take over this event please contact Mike Purtill at 202-251-8424 or mypurtill@gmail.com for more information. On behalf of the council I would like to thank Mike for all the work he has done to make the breakfast a good place to come and socialize with your fellow brother Knights and parishioners and get a great meal. He is also looking for more help during the breakfast so if you could lend some assistance that would be greatly appreciated.

March 2009

Monthly update on hall renovations: We are currently waiting on approval from the City on the plans submitted. Once we have approval we will begin working with an architect and getting things moving and requesting bids from companies to perform the work.

The Knight of the Month for December is Al Botticelli for his work collecting and counting the money from the Christmas tree lot and opening and closing each day. The Family of the Month for December is Jack and Kathy Cotner for the support they provide the Knights.

The Knight of the Month of January is John Leonard for helping out with numerous activities during the month. The Family of the Month for January is Mike and Li Plumstead for leading the council's efforts in collecting money during the March for Life.

If you have any new ideas or suggestions for new activities or fundraising to support our charitable cause please pass them along to myself or Mike Purtill (Deputy Grand Knight). I can be reached at 703-591-6813 or via e-mail at steve.wendykehoe@verizon.ne t.

Please read about the upcoming activities and come out and (Continued on page 7)

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Family of the Month December



Knight of the Month January



Family of the Month January



Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



A great big thanks to everyone that helped out with all the events that took place in February. Each event was a great success. As is always the case, be a busy one as

next month looks to be a busy one as well, and this month revolves around food! On March 14th, the council will be hosting out annual St. Patrick's Day party. The event will consist of corned beef and cabbage, colcannon, and Irish dancers. The event costs \$15 per adult and \$5 for children under 14, with a family maximum of \$40. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Dan Purtill at dpurtill@gmail.com as soon as possible. On March 17th, at 7:30pm, the Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Soup Supper. Please bring your favorite soup for everyone and taste the magnificent soups of everyone else. If you plan to attend, please contact Ann Todd at datodd@verizon.net or 703-352-2724. Also in March will be our annual Lenten dinner on March 20th. Please watch your email for further information on this event.

Finally, on March 26th at 8:00pm the council will be holding a 2nd Degree exemplification. If you are interested in taking your second degree, please contact Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com.

Thanks! Mike Purtill 202-251-8424

Columbiettes' Corner

After a couple of quiet months, the Columbiettes are looking forward to a fun and active Spring. The next Columbiettes' event is the annual Soup Supper. It will be held in Providence Hall on Tuesday March

17 at 7:00 pm. This will be in place of our regular monthly meeting. All Knights and significant others are invited to attend. RSVP's are encouraged by contacting Ann Todd at <u>datodd@verizon.net</u> or Virginia Berg at <u>jva-</u>

<u>berg@aol.com</u>. If you are bringing a soup, we ask that you also bring a ladle for serving. The Soup Supper will also include a Lenten Reflection by Fr. Whitestone.

Mark your calendars for Saturday May 9. The Columbiettes will be

hosting their Annual Spring Fling that evening. This year we will be hosting a Polynesian party as our way of thanking the Knights for a great year. More details to follow...

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2009. We will be discussing plans for the remainder of the Frater-



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 9, at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should

be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at <u>bward@6292.kofcva.org</u> or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

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). 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.

RCIA Easter Reception Leader Needed

The council has been asked to host the RCIA reception after the Easter Vigil mass on April 11th and the council is looking for a person to lead this event. The reception entails set-up and decorating the Guadalupe room, serving cake and drinks for approximately 80 people, and clean-up afterward. If you are able to lead this event, please contact Mike Purtill at mypurtill@gmail.com or 202-251-8424.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fr. Diamond Council will be hosting the Easter Bunny on the front lawn of St. Leo's on Sunday April 12 after the



9:00am and 11:00am masses. Please contact Mike Purtill at mvpurtill@gmail.com or 202-251-8424 to help assist the bunny in set up before each mass let's out.

Night of Magic

We will be hosting our annual Night of Magic on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 6pm in the St. Leo the Great School Gymnasium. Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 12) with a maximum family cap of \$30. Cost includes 2 slices of pizza and a beverage.

Please RSVP to Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com.

Come watch multiple magicians perform magical feats.



and stout available. For entertainment, we will be having real IRISH danc-

ers from McGrath Academy

is still pending, but we're hoping to have Irish step dancers again 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 Dan Purtill (703-641-8948 or dpurtill@gmail.com) to RSVP or offer to help.



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Did You Know . .

Update on the "Kidney Kid"

Since we have taken on the project of helping the Jarmillo family who are in dire need of all kinds of help.

Dani (aka the Kidney Kid) is only 4 years old. His kidneys failed and his dad provided him one of his. To do this he had to quit his job.

The transplant failed and Dani is now on dialysis.

So far our council has the Council has donated approximately \$690 towards helping them pay their electric and insurance bills. We appealed to VKCCI and received a grant for \$2000 to help this family and we have dispensed \$1,500 so far to help pay for special milk for Dani, electricity hook up fees, well pump repairs, air duct cleaning (to get them into another house they could afford), and most recently propane gas. This latest was an emergency because they totally ran out of heating gas 2 days ago.

I know for a fact that there are several other individuals and organizations helping as well. For example, once we paid for one tank of propane to get them some heat we asked Quarles what it would take to fill the other 3 tanks. They said that someone had called in with a credit card and paid to have another 325 gallons of gas delivered so now they are OK for a while. There are other angels out there. Diane Jenkins, the case worker we have been coordinating with wrote me today with the following update:

"Dani (the kidney Kid) is now requiring a kidney and liver transplant. He has just been placed on the national list for a kidney and a liver. They will probably be going the transplant at Pittsburgh's Children's hospital because they specialize in liver transplants. There is a chance that the duel operation will take place at Georgetown Hospital. She (Pilar - Dani's mom) could get a call at any time now, and have 4 hours notice to get to the appropriate hospital, but the doctors say the average wait is 6 months to a year. Pilar is looking for work and child care right now."

I think all brother Knights should feel good knowing that our assistance is really helping, in a material way, a family from our parish.

Herb Zimmerman

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 I, 2006 for both existing and newly issued annuities. To be eligible, the annuitant must have a qualifying medical condition that commenced after February I, 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 affect 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?

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Officers and Program Chairmen

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Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948	Blood
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Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15^h of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at <u>mtwest1@verizon.net</u>

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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.

Grand Knight's Message Cont.:

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attend and lend a helping hand if your schedule permits. Looking ahead into April we will be holding the Night of Magic, Easter Egg Hunt, KOVAR, and Salute to Seniors. More information to come next month.

Steve Kehoe Grand Knight

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Remember Fellowship with Your Brother Knights in March. . .

March 10 Rosary & Council Business Meeting March 17 Grey GOSTS March 24 Mass, First Degree & Social Meeting

See the Monthly Calendar Inside for Additional Opportunities