



# The Lookout



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March 2011

## Grand Knight's Message:



Faithful friends,

With the spring season starting, we Knights prepare for Lent each in our own ways. One great way to help your Church and your Council is by recruiting a new Knight! The Council will host its semi-

annual Open House after all masses at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church on the weekend of March 12-13. Please help recruit potential members at every opportunity, but in particular, if you can help that weekend, please contact John Berg at 703-219-2096 or by e-mailing him at [jvaberg@aol.com](mailto:jvaberg@aol.com).

Many thanks for all the good work that took place in January. This fraternal year, events have not always been set up as they have been in the past due in large part to the renovation of Providence Hall. Normally, our Council offers First, Second, and Third Degree exemplifications in a five day January period. The renovations and the weather prevented the usual time period for these events, and led to the cancellation of the Second Degree ceremony. First Degree Knights are encouraged to attend the next Second Degree exemplification at our Council on March 24. Please contact John Berg to indicate your desire to take that Degree. Many thanks to ALL who helped adapt to the adjusted schedule for these ceremonies.

In addition, I would like to thank all the Knights and other volunteers who helped defray the cost of putting on the March for Life January 24 by both collecting donations from those who marched and counting the donations afterward. The 2010 March for Life was a record year for collections, and unfortunately, we could not match that in 2011 due to several factors, including location. In my opinion, the width of

the March area where we collected had a large impact on the total amount collected (about \$18,000 this year). This emphasizes the number of collectors needed for this effort. There is a direct correlation between the number of volunteers for collecting and the amount collected, especially in a wide March area. With hope and prayers, perhaps there will not be a need for a 2012 March for Life. If there is a March, however, I encourage those who can help to do so.

Please help me specifically thank **January's Family of the Month** for all of their outstanding efforts: **Marianne and Allan Botticelli**. Marianne and Al are included in the "thank-yous" above for their efforts at counting and taking care of March for Life donations. In addition, Al provided excellent service as Financial Secretary, coordinated the sign-in efforts at the Third Degree on 1/29, offered welcome advice to the Grand Knight on specific activities, and assisted with the Family Breakfast on 1/23, along with his sons Thomas and Christopher (who also helped with the Third Degree sign-in). In addition, their family had a hand in producing the drawings used in the display of Providence Hall renovations that has been in the vestibule at St. Leo's. Many thanks to the whole (extended) family!

**January's Knight of the Month, John Judge**, is an amazing individual. Despite the number and extent of medical treatments John has received (and continues to receive), he is a stalwart in Council activities. My sincerest thanks to John (and to those who helped him) for coordinating food for those counting March for Life donations and for those attending the Third Degree exemplification.

Please note the many events throughout the month of March and help continue our works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism!

With brotherly love,  
Nelson Clinch

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights, Our January 27th Second Degree Exemplification was canceled due to a power failure on the St. Leo's property. This resulted in a reduction in the number of candidates eligible to receive the Third Degree on January 29th. Even with that difficulty, there were over 50 Knights exemplified. The luncheon which was

prepared by Brother John Judge and his helpers was well received by the attendees who included our State Officers, Degree Team, District Deputies, and Officers from area councils, new Third Degree members and our Council members. The honoree for the degree was Father Diamond's Past State Deputy, Past Grand Knight, Chairman of the Columbus Day Ceremony at Union Station, Treasurer of the National March for Life and Chief Marshal Thomas J. Hogan. Tom has been active in the Knights for more years than most of us can remember and he is always available to provide the benefit of his vast experience. Congratulations Tom. Keep up the good work.

A sincere thank you to all who helped with setup for the Third Degree and the luncheon and for putting the gym and music room back in order.

Our Annual St. Valentine's Dinner Dance was held on February 19th and was well attended. Thanks to PGK Tim Hogan for chairing the event.

Remember that we have a number of events coming up in March including the Night of Magic on Saturday the 5th, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on the 8th, Open House Membership Drive on the 12th and 13th after the Masses at St. Leo the Great Church, St. Patrick's Dinner on the 19th, and Family Breakfast on Sunday the 20th. As always your help is needed to make these a success. The profits for them are used for our Charity Program. Please try to volunteer for at least one of the events.

Vivat Jesus  
Greg Skorupski

### Chancellor's Message

Our big spring Knights of Columbus membership drive will be after each Mass on the weekend of March 12 and 13! We will be passing out flyers and hosting an Open House for interested men and their families. And, you can help by: (1) recruiting your friends and fellow parishioners; (2) passing out flyers after each Mass; and (3) inviting all interested men and their families to coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and donuts in the Guadeloupe Room after the 7:30 and 11:00 AM Masses and to the St. Mark's Room after the 1:00 PM Mass on Sunday! There, you (and your family) can assist in explaining Council activities and the benefits of being a Knight to prospective members and their families. And, thanks to Linda Baringhaus and the Columbiettes who will assist us by discussing the activities for the wives. Please call **John Berg (703-219-2096)** to help make this event successful and let him know how and when you can help. Thank You!

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

### Newsletter Deadline

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the **15<sup>h</sup> of the month** prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman** at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) or call him at 703-385-9455.

### St Leo's School and Parish Center Closure Policy

For future reference, only the school is closed when Fairfax Schools are closed. Any activities planned for the school will be cancelled if Fairfax schools are closed.

All other parish activities follow Fairfax City Government closure. All parish staff will be at work and all parish activities scheduled in the church and the Parish Center will take place unless the Fairfax City Government is closed.

## Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes **meeting of March 15** will focus on preparing for the annual Soup Supper. The event is for Brother Knights and their ladies. This event is scheduled for March 22 beginning at 7PM in the Parish Activity Center. Please bring a homemade soup to share along with a serving utensil.

Other items for discussion at this meeting is our Spring Fling Theme and our Memorial Day Bake Sale and our third Craft Show which will be scheduled for a Sunday in October. We are working to insure the continued success of each of these activities. The date for our Spring Trip to Atlantic City is likely to be determined by this meeting.

**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 the St. Mark Room of the Old Parish Hall pending the reopening of the renovated Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).



## Council News & Events

**Rosary to End Abortion — IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!**

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **March 12** to pray the rosary. 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.



### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, March 14** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by



8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Greg Skorupski** at **(703) 978-8280** to volunteer.

### Valentine Dinner Dance—HUGE Success!

Saturday, February 19, 2011 was a very enjoyable night for nearly 70 people from the council, the parish and a few other parishes. Roger Rosenberger (with the able assistance of his wife Lisa) baked a very delicious and moist roast of beef and spiral sliced ham. Au gratin potatoes and green beans were prepared by Larry Novak and Greg Skorupski, everyone who attended brought a wonderful array of appetizers (shrimp, chicken wings, dips, cheeses, veggies), side dishes and desserts. Pre-dinner music was most enjoyable and the dancing music selection was outstanding. Our new DJ for the evening was Matt Hogan, the son of this year's chairman PGK Tim Hogan and the grandson of PGK Tom Hogan. Matt has a future in this business.



The Columbiettes, including Julie Clinch, Priscilla Hogan and Linda Baringhaus did their usual lovely and very tasteful decorating of the PAC.

There were so many people involved in helping with this event that I'm sure I missed some names, and I apologize. One last "thank you" has to go out to Bob Bilko who manned the bar all evening. He did a great job and kept

everyone refreshed.

As we were cleaning up the PAC after the dance and saying our good byes to everyone we heard many positive comments on how nice the evening was. Everyone is looking forward to another dinner/dance like this.



### Coming—March 5 ! Night of Magic !!

March 5 at the PAC— Doors open at 6:00 PM and the show begins at 7:00 PM.

Cost is only \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$30 max per family. Pizza, sodas, and prestidigitation served.

See mini-flyer on page 4. Contact Pat Leffas (703-436-2717 or pleffas@gmail.com) for information and to make reservations.

### Pancake Supper—Shrove Tuesday—March 8

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at the PAC this year because of the construction on the Hall. Pancakes, sausages and apple sauce will be served starting at 6:00 PM. Cost will be \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.

#### Pancakes



### Columbiettes Soup Supper — March 22

This years Soup Supper event, which everyone eagerly looks forward to, will be held in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) on March 22 starting at 7:00 PM.



It is **FREE to all Knights and Columbiettes**. You are invited to bring a crock pot of your favorite concoction to share with everyone. However, if you don't want to cook, just come out and taste and enjoy the fellowship. This is a fun and tasteful evening!!!

### 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](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or **(703) 323-5785**. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



# 2011 Night of Magic

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

*Witness multiple magicians perform fantastical feats of prestidigitation!*

St. Leo's Catholic School  
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA  
Parish Activity Center (a.k.a. "The Gym")

Doors open at 6:00 pm / Show starts at 7:00 pm

**Cost:**

- \$10 per adult
- \$5 per child
- \$30 family cap



**Price includes:**

- Admission to the show
- 2 slices of pizza
- 1 drink (soda / water)

**\* Please RSVP \***

with the number of adults and children to:

**Patrick Leffas**  
pleffas@gmail.com  
703-436-2717

Invite All Your Friends For a **MAGIC** Evening

## Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

### How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?



**Safeway sells gift cards for many stores** (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**



## Knights and Knight Families Honored

### Knight of the Month

December

John Judge

### Family of the Month

December

Marianne and Allan  
Botticelli



### EASTER FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

Father Diamond Council will work with the St Vincent DePaul Society on Saturday 16 April at 10 AM to deliver food baskets for Easter. The plan is to return to our traditional food basket delivery to the homes for this holiday so plenty of drivers are needed. The final count of families has not been determined but it is anticipated that 60 to 80 families will receive food baskets. It is anticipated 20 drivers will be needed for delivery. If you can help, please contact the **Charity Chairman, Al Leightley**, at 703-273-2089 or e-mail [leightley8@verizon.net](mailto:leightley8@verizon.net). The council will also be donating \$900 in grocery store gift certificates for the food baskets.



### Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message



Knights of Columbus  
**INSURANCE**  
*Making a difference for life.*

#### WE CAN HELP

There is an alarming statistic which tells us that about 50% of the households in the U.S. and Canada have no individually owned life insurance. The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don't change from survey to survey. First, let's look at the survey results (provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association).

Why people don't buy life insurance:

- 74% list "can't afford the coverage" as a major reason they don't buy.
- 52% say a major reason is that they "can't decide what to buy."
- 50% agree it is a good idea but "put it off until tomorrow."
- 43% worry about "making the wrong decision."

Let's examine each of these reasons. First, the vast majority lists a major reason as lack of affordability in the coverage, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget. It is in no one's best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford. A good agent (like ours) goes through a process with you of determining what the affordable monthly cost is. For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40-year-old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for just about \$1.50 a day.

If a client can't decide what to buy, the agent will help him decide, and a lot has to do with identifying goals and objectives as well as a budget. We offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. We believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues.

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and we would recommend against that. You get older and premiums go up, and you run the very real risk that your health can change. A negative change in your health can cause your costs to increase, or cause you to be denied coverage all together. Delay can be disaster.

For those who worry about "making the wrong decision?" Well, we can help. You have to trust us. Our professionally trained agents work with hundreds of families just like yours. They know what to look for and what to recommend. A conversation with a K of C agent can help erase your doubt.

I can be reached at 703-450-6100 or [Dennis.Riley@kofc.org](mailto:Dennis.Riley@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3 1930 Officers' Meeting	4	5 1800 Night of Magic PAC Center Open House	
6 Open House	7	8 1800 Pancake Supper @ PAC	9 Ash Wednesday	10 1930 Rosary 2000 Fraternalism Night	11	12 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Gray Gosts	16	17	18	19 <a href="#">0830 Diocesan Men's Conference</a> 1800 St. Patrick's Day Party	
20 Family Breakfast- Blue Team	21	22 <a href="#">Columbette Mtg. &amp; Soup Supper @ PAC - 1900</a>	23	24 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	25	26 Food Drive	
27 Food Drive	28	29 Founder's Day	30	31			

<a href="#">Prev Month</a>	April 2011						<a href="#">Next Month</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3	4	5	6	7 1930 Officers' Meeting	8	9 Food Drive 0800 Rosary to end Abortion	
10 Food Drive	11 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	12	13	14 1930 Rosary 2000 2nd Degree & Social Mtg	15 Food Basket As- sembly	16 1000 Food Basket Delivery	
17 Palm Sunday Family Breakfast- Gold Team	18	19 1930 Columbettes -St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	20	21	22	23 1100 Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception Food Drive	
24 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt Food Drive	25	26	27	28 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	29	30 <a href="#">Car Raffle Sales</a>	

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

### Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
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Chancellor	John Berg	703-219-2096
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
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Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
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Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724

3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

### Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
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Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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### Ponderings

**Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?**

**Why did you just try singing the two songs above?**

**A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy**

**'So I hear you're getting married?'**

**'Yep!'**

**'Do I know her?'**

**'Nope!'**

**'This woman, is she good looking?'**

**'Not really.'**

**'Is she a good cook?'**

**'Naw, she can't cook too well.'**

**'Does she have lots of money?'**

**'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'**

**'Well, then, is she good in bed?'**

**'I don't know.'**

**'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'**

**'Because she can still drive!'**

**Male or Female?** You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

### HOT AIR BALLOONS:

They are male because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their butt.

### THE REMOTE CONTROL:

Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male, but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he just keeps trying.

### TRAINS:

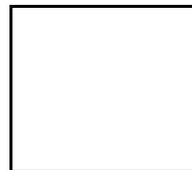
Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

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**Providence Hall is UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!**  
**Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room )**  
**2nd and 4th THURSDAYS**

**Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information**

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