



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,

February was another active month for the Council and here we are thick in the midst of March. It's hard to believe Easter will be upon us in a few weeks!

During this Lenten season, I have taken some additional time for self-reflection. I have found our Bishop's Lenten message (http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/Documents/2013_lenten_letter.pdf) to be helpful in focusing my efforts and helping to get my own spiritual house in order. Bishop Loverde quotes Pope Benedict XVI, saying "Lent invites us, through the traditional practices of the Christian life, to nourish our faith by careful and extended listening to the Word of God and by receiving the sacraments, and at the same time to grow in charity and in love for God and neighbor, not least through the specific practices of fasting, penance and almsgiving." I am heartened by the fact that this Lenten message fits so well with the principles of our Order, but am reminded of my own fail-

ings in these regards. However, we live in faith and hope, and I am striving to take advantage of this time to improve myself. I encourage each of you to do the same.

In this spirit, I remind everyone that one of the most important aspects of our brotherhood is the opportunity to be with like-minded Catholic men. My own faith has been strengthened by my association with our Brother Knights. I encourage everyone to try to come to a Council meeting or event and share your faith with your Brothers. Actively share your triumphs and your failures, knowing you are among Brothers who are eager to support you and receive support from you.

A blessed Lent and happy Easter to all.

Vivat Jesus
Dan Purtill

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington Men's Conference was held at St. Joseph's in Herndon last Saturday. There were over 750 Catholic men in attendance with about 60 representing St. Leo's. What a great showing of our faith.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



We will be having an Open House following all masses the weekend of March 16-17. We will need about 24 Knights to stand by the doors to approach parishioners about possibly joining our ranks. If you can help at all please contact our Chancellor Pat McGuire. But you don't have to wait until the Open House since the next First Degree Exemplification will be held on March 12. The next Second Degree will be held two days later on the 14th.

There was a district meeting held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd and our own Greg Skorupski was elected District Nominator. Our order remains strong because of the involvement of its members so if you are a Third Degree, or will be prior to July 1, you might want to consider running for office.

Back on Feb. 22, we had a fraternalism night at the hall to say thank you for all of the hard work everyone does. The event included about a dozen knights that ate, played games, and had a great time. Our council would not survive if not for the dedication of our many volunteers.

I want to say thank you to Jose Costacamps, Chris Botticelli, and Joe Monnin for opening up the hall and cooking for all of those persons who gave blood during the February drive. We collected 21 pints which was still good since the collection window was a little shorter due to hall scheduling.

The Easter bunny will be coming to St. Leo's on Easter Sunday and he needs some assistance. We need volunteers to help distribute plastic eggs on the grounds during the 9AM and 11AM masses. The bunny also needs help holding up the rope prior to the mad dash and a personal assistant. It is amazing how aggressive kids can get when candy is involved.

We will be hosting a family breakfast in Providence Hall on Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) after the 7:30AM & 9AM masses.

It's not too early to start telling everyone with kids about the upcoming Night of Magic on April 13. It will be held in the Parish Center. The admission price covers 2 slices of pizza and a drink ticket.

Anyone wishing to participate in the annual Feed the Homeless on Sat, March 30th should contact Thelma or George Billy at (703) 323-6470. This event feeds between 550-650 homeless persons. The event takes place in front of the Center For Creative Non-Violence at the corner of D & 6th Sts, Washington, DC. A car pool leaves the Billy home in Burke.

The youth scholarship committee has been reviewing applications and will tell us their decision at the next meeting.

Matt West
Deputy Grand Knight

Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes will hold their annual Soup Supper and Lenten Reflection on Tuesday, March 19 beginning at 7:00 PM. Columbiettes and Council members are asked to bring their favorite soups/stews to share in Providence Hall.

Contact **Ann Todd** at datodd@verizon.net to indicate which type of soup you plan to share.

There will be no meeting in March.

Remember, all wives, mothers and daughters are automatically members of the Columbiettes. If you would like to assist with any upcoming events or want to know more please contact Julie Clinch at Clinch5VA@yahoo.com or call at 703-385-2146.





OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

2013 Catholic Business Network Awards Gala

The Catholic Business Network and His Excellency, Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington

Cordially invite you to join us as we dedicate a night to strengthening the relationship between Catholic Schools and the business community.

Evening to include...

Cocktail hour followed by dinner

Silent Auction

Awards for teachers, students, and Businessperson of the Year

Musical entertainment by local schools

Time: 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm

When: Sunday April 14, 2013

Where: The Hyatt Dulles
2300 Dulles Corner Blvd.
Herndon, VA 20171

Questions about the event? Please contact Dan McKim at cbngala2013@gmail.com

To register please go to this link: <http://www.cbngala.weebly.com/>

and click on "Register". The cost is \$60.

Knights and Knight Families Honored

Knight of the Month
February

Patrick McGuire



Family of the Month
January

Botticelli Family

Drivers Needed to Deliver Easter Food Baskets

Our Council will support the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) by delivering Easter food baskets to those in need. We currently have 14 volunteers but another 3-4 are desired. Delivery will begin at 10 AM on Saturday, March 16. The project should easily be completed by noon. We also need a few volunteers to move boxes of food from the SVDP pantry to the Guadalupe Room at 1 pm on Friday, March 15. If anyone is interested in finding out more about SVDP they have an introduction meeting on Wednesday, March 27 in the St. Johns Room in the Olde Parish Hall starting at 6:45PM.

Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the **28th of the month** prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to [John Eldred at johnboyva99@verizon.net](mailto:JohnEldred@johnboyva99@verizon.net) or call at **703-932-1322 (C), 703-631-6480 (H)**.

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 Novack—703-978-6137 or email—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**



Council News & Events



Nursing Home Bingo —

Each month the Knights run a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. The event was cancelled in February due to a scheduling conflict at the center. That means the seniors will be even more eager in March. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, March 11 at 7:15** to help run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:30PM. Call **Matt West at (703) 359-4652** to volunteer.

Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we will meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, March 9** and again on **April 13** at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary) we usually end by 8:45. Family members are also welcome.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner —

On Saturday, March 16th starting at 6PM, the Knights will hold their annual party in Providence Hall that includes the classic corn beef & cabbage. There will be Irish dancers for your entertainment. Please reserve a spot or volunteer to help by contacting Mike Purtil at mvpurtill@gmail.com or by calling 202-251-8424. The cost is \$10 adult, \$5 kid, \$30 family maximum.

Family Breakfast & Open House —

On March 17th there will be family breakfast after the 7:30AM and 9AM masses in Providence Hall. This will be in addition to an Open House. Volunteers are needed after all masses to stand at the doors and encourage new knights to join.

New birth—Patrick & Kathleen Leffas are the proud new parents of Jude Benedict Leffas born of Feb 13. This is their third child.

Death—Joe Hermann, a fellow knight, passed away on Sat, Feb 23rd.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Two important additions to a disability insurance policy

If you make the commitment to protect your future income by buying disability insurance, look closely at any available extra coverage ("riders") — some can add considerable long-term advantages at a moderate cost.

Two of the riders available with a Knights of Columbus Income Armor policy are a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO).

COLA: Each year, the benefits your policy provides for disabilities that last more than one year will increase to help compensate for inflation. Medical costs continue to increase significantly each year, and that trend isn't likely to change anytime soon.

GPO: At some point after buying your Income Armor policy, you may see a need to increase the base monthly benefit for which you're eligible. Without this rider, the increase would be subject to a medical

exam. If you've developed a health condition that makes you medically ineligible, you wouldn't have that option. With the rider, you don't need to provide evidence of medical insurability.

Other Income Armor riders may be available in your state that would enhance your coverage. If you don't have disability insurance or you have it through work but don't know how much protection it actually provides — let have a discussion to see if Income Armor makes sense for you.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field Agent

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - like, it could be the right number.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Food Drive	25	26 7:00PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	27	28	1	2 Diocesan Men's Conference
3	4	5 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	6	7 Admissions Committee Grand Knight's Birthday	8	9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Diocesan Women's Conference Food Drive
10 Food Drive	11 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 7:00PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Bus Mtg	13	14 2000 Second Degree	15 Food Transfer	16 10 AM Food Basket Delivery Open House St. Patrick's Party
17 Family Breakfast Open House St. Patrick's Day	18 NO COLUMBIETTES MEETING	19 11:00AM Grey GOSTs 1900Soup Supper & Reflection	20	21	22	23 Food Drive
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 7:00PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	27	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday Founder's Day	30 Feed the Homeless
31 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt	1	2 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	3	4	5	6

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt	1	2 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	9 7:30PM Rosary 8PM OPEN Meeting: Fraternal Benefits Night	10	11	12	13 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Night of Magic Food Drive
14 Food Drive	15 7:00PM Columbiettes	16 11:00AM Grey GOSTs	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:30PM mass 8PM Business Meeting	24	25 KOVAR	26 KOVAR	27 KOVAR Food Drive
28 Food Drive	29	30	1	2	3	4

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Food Drive	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	8	9 Ascension (traditional)	10	11 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Food Drive

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2012-13

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Outside Guard	John Anzalone	703-638-5275
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2yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
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Insurance	TBD	

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Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
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KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
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Fraternal Prayer		
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HUMOR

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck. A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked, "Why do you dress funny?"

He told him he was a priest and this is the uniform priests wear. Then the boy pointed to the priest's collar tab and asked, "Do you have an owie?"

The priest was perplexed till he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band-aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are letters giving the name of the manufacturer. The

little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, "Do you know what those words say?"

"Yes, I do," said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, "Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!"

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

FATHER DIAMOND
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