



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

In February we had another busy month. I want to thank everyone who has helped get the Council off to a roaring start this year. In particular, I want to thank the

Columbiettes for a successful Mardi Gras party. While the rest of fraternal year promises to be as busy as the start, as we enter into Lent I hope we can take a moment to reflect on God's role in our life.

In March we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. As Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph is a figure worthy of reflection as a man who accepted God's word to fulfill the humbling task of leading and protecting the Holy Family. According to St. Bernardine of Siena, Joseph "was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely His divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out his vocation with complete fidelity. . ." Joseph was a man who protected his family, taking significant steps to support the family and keep Mary and Jesus from harm. Not only did Joseph do all he did out of love for his family but also out of obedience to God. When we see Joseph in the Bible we see a man who listens to God and lets God rule his life, a man who does not demand his own way, a man who lets God call him to his vocation. Joseph took Mary into his house when instructed to do so by an angel; he led Mary and Jesus to Egypt when they were in danger; and he accepted Jesus was the Son of God, when he found Jesus, at the age of 12, in the temple. Like St. Joseph, we, as Knights, should listen when God is speaking to us and strive to protect our family, the families of our brothers and our collective family that is the church.

During Lent there are a number of opportunities for reflection and a chance to listen to hear God's will. Beginning Monday, March 10, Father Whitestone will present a Bible Study on four consecutive Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Guadalupe Room, Parish Hall. On March 18, the Columbiettes will be holding their Lenten Soup supper and reflection at Providence Hall. Even praying our monthly rosary to end abortion, which has been moved to March 15,

can be an opportunity to reflect on God's role in our lives. For our Knight and Family of the month I have chosen Brother Knights who have played meaningful roles in the life of our Council family.

For our Knight of the Month I want to recognize, Leopoldo Leyendecker. Polo has been with the Council less than a year, but in that time has taken an active role in the workings of our Council, including involvement with our mission of feeding the hungry. For our family of the month, I would like to recognize Nelson and Julie Clinch. Nelson and Julie (as well as their children) are actively involved in the life of the Council and the Columbiettes, providing valuable service, often behind the scenes, to our Council family.

Father Diamond Council has many activities in March that are described in this newsletter. Participate in the life of the Council, but don't forget to take some time to reflect on the role of God in your life; listen to how God is speaking to you. This Lenten season as we strive to become better Knights of Columbus and followers of Christ, we should listen to the spirit of Joseph in each of us, a voice that says "God directs my life."

Vivat Jesus!

Matt West, Grand Knight



My name is Phillip Freda and I want to introduce myself. I am the new insurance agent replacing Dennis Riley. Many people don't know me since I only transferred into Father Diamond Council last year. I will be making

an effort to get to know all of you over time. Dennis was a great agent and well liked so they will be hard shoes to fill. I am highly qualified as I have been in the insurance and mortgage business for more than 20 years. If you have insurance needs please feel free to call me at 703-638-8904.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

My son Kevin and his team are doing fundraisers in support of the fight against breast cancer. Please consider talking part in this good cause.

Patrick McGuire

Take a bite out of Breast Cancer!
Fundraiser Dinner

Join Chef Kevin (and his friends from the USPCA)
for a night of
INCREDIBLE Food / Wine

What you get:
5 Course Meal (5 Star)
2 Drink Tickets

Silent Auction 50/50 Raffle

Saturday, March 22, 6 - 9 pm
Providence Hall
Tickets \$50 —
Must be purchased in advance
(Seating is Limited)

For tickets, email: team_squirrel@yahoo.com or
ChefKevin@ChefKevin.com
or call: (703)868-6464

On February 22nd, the Columbiettes put on a Mardi Gras party that was catered by Okra's Cajun Restaurant out of Manassas. Everyone got a chance to wear beads and eat some great Cajun food that included gumbo, jambalaya, Cajun style deviled eggs, beans & rice, cornbread and salad. Everyone had a great time.



DENNIS RILEY RETIRES

Dennis Riley's retirement party capped off the 17 year run he enjoyed as a Knights of Columbus insurance agent. Everyone who attended had a great night of laughing and reminiscing. Even though he is entering retirement he vows to remain active in many of our numerous events.

Left: Pat & Caroline McGuire, Bill & Kathy Weich, and Matt & Ruth West. Bottom left: Dennis, Kevin McGuire and his finance Tracy. Below center: Dennis presents our Grand Knight Matt West with a statue of Joseph. Below right: Matt & Ruth West and Dennis & Susan Riley.



Upcoming March Council Events

Ash Wednesday — March 5

This is a holy day of obligation ... ashes are optional.

Nursing Home Bingo — March 10

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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.



Council Meeting & 1st Degree — March 11

This meeting will begin at 8pm with a 1st Degree followed by a regular meeting. Rosary starts at 7:30pm led by Deacon Maurer. All new money requests are held off until the regular business on March 25 to conserve time.

2nd Degree Ceremony — March 13

The degree will start promptly at 8pm in Providence Hall. All candidates are asked to arrive no later than 7:45pm

Rosary to End Abortion — March 15

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday in the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It doesn't take more than 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family. Once the weather is more cooperative we will move back outside in front of the church. We usually have a very good turnout.



St. Patrick's Day Party — March 15

The dinner party will start at 6pm and will feature Irish dancers from the Irish School of Dance. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage, and all the usual Irish side dishes.

Grey GOST's Luncheon — March 18

All knights are welcome to join some of the older guys for a monthly social meeting starting at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon. Usual wrap-up is around 1pm.

Columbiettes' Soup Supper — March 18

All are welcome to attend this event that will be held in Providence Hall starting at 7pm. There will be a selection of different vegetarian soups to choose from.

Fourth Degree Meeting — March 19

Open monthly meeting for all those Knights that have achieved the level of 4th Degree.

Family Breakfast — March 23

Cooks and helpers are always needed for such a labor intensive event. You can call Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 or just show up. This event is open to all parishioners so even if you decide not to work bring your family out for a great hot breakfast.

Council Business Meeting — March 25

This will be a business meeting beginning at 8pm. Rosary starts at 7:30pm led by Deacon Maurer.

— Congratulations to our newest members —

1st Degrees to be taken on March 11:

Daniel Short, Josh Freda, Albano Garcia, Marvin Muhat

FOURTH DEGREE: Next Fourth Degree Exemplification in Virginia will be Saturday, April 26 in Roanoke. The only requirement is that the Knight must take the Third Degree prior to the Exemplification. Anyone interested in taking the Fourth Degree should contact Dave Todd, Jr. as soon as possible. You may reach him at 703-463-1499 (leave him a message), or at djtoddjr@yahoo.com.

Columbiettes' Corner

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 in Providence Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept up to date with meetings and our events, please contact me at 703-385-2146 or drop me an email at clinch5va@yahoo.com.
Julie Clinch, President



Knight of the Month
February
Polo Leyendecker

Family of the Month
February
Nelson & Julie Clinch

Report on Philippines Housing Project

January-February 2014

Thelma Billy recently returned from her month-long project to build houses for the typhoon victims in the fishing village of Carles, Iloilo in the Philippines. With the generosity of many Knights, parishioners and their families she was able to build 10 new homes as well as helping 14 additional families with building materials to repair their homes battered by Typhoon Yolanda. The work was challenging. Building materials needed to be brought into the remote village by truck (2 hours/trip). Thelma also prepared a daily meal for the workers on site. Upon completion of the houses the local parish priest associate pastor Father Randy Sabala blessed each of the new homes and their recipient families.

Thelma also bought 4 banka (fishing) boats for fisherman that had lost theirs in the typhoon. Fishing is the main livelihood for the men of Carles.

On one occasion Thelma had food trucked into the village center for distribution to the approximately 600 families living in Carles. Each family received 2 kilos of rice, bottled water, and 3 sardines.

The housing project had the support of the mayor and the local barangay officials who facilitated the construction. As a result of Thelma's outreach several Knights of Columbus officers from the Iloilo Provincial Council visited the village and work sites; and after talking with Pastor Joseph have decided to start a new council in Carles.

There is still great need for reconstruction in Carles including repairs to Sitio Gua Chapel that was severely damaged during the typhoon. They are trying to put a roof on the chapel before Holy Week. If you would like to contribute to this effort please contact Thelma at 703-323-6470.



Each family assisted with the construction of their new home called a bahay kubo.



Thelma stands in front of the new banka boats purchased for the fisherman of Carles.



Some of the locals present a poster that depicts Thelma and pictures of the village progress. They call her "Mother Thelma."



Digging the footings for one of the ten new bahay kubos constructed.



Each new bahay kubo cost \$475.



Upon completion Father Sabala blessed each house & their families.



Each bag on the truck consists of 2 kilos of rice, bottled water and fish. The local government assisted with keeping track of the 600 families that were given food so other family members did not try to get additional portions unfairly.

At the right, families are waiting in line waiting for their hand-outs.



March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
9	10 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Reg Mtg	12	13 8PM Second Degree	14	15 6PM St. Pat's Party 8AM Rosary to end abortion
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 11AM Grey GOSTs 7PM Columbiettes' <u>Soup Supper Columbiettes'</u> <u>Soup Supper and</u>	19 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	20	21	22
23 Family Breakfast	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	26	27	28 6 PM Parish Soup Supper	29 Founder's Day

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	2	3	4	5 State Bowling Tourney
6 State Bowling Tourney	7	8 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	9	10	11 1PM Food Transfer	12 6PM Night of Magic 8AM Rosary to end abortion 10AM Food Basket Delivery
13 Palm Sunday	14 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	15 11AM Grey GOSTs	16 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception
20 EASTER!	21 7:00PM Columbiettes	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Regular Meeting	23	24	25	26
27 Family Breakfast	28	29	30	1	2	3 Comedy Night

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	7	8	9	10 8AM Rosary to end abortion
11 Mother's Day	12 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	13 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Reg Mtg	14	15 KOVAR	16 KOVAR	17 Antique Car Show (?) KOVAR
18 Family Breakfast KOVAR	19 7:00PM Columbiettes	20 11AM Grey GOSTs	21 7:30 PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	22	23	24
25 Family Picnic	26 Memorial Day	27 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	28	29	30	31 Columbiettes' Spring Fling

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2013-14

Officers

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Project Chairmen

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Newsletter	John Eldred	703-631-6480
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
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Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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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 Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280 or email — gregskisr@aol.com for information. Available at Providence 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-U's, 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**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY message: As a member of the Knights you have many benefits, some which exist even if you are not active in the council. Talk to members of your family, or other close friends about the Knights and your council. In case of emergency, they can contact one of the officers of the council (i.e. Financial Secretary) for assistance. Prayers are said at all meetings for those "sick or in distress", including deceased members and family members.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Joseph Cannon has been awarded his Honorary Life Membership, as he had 25 years of consecutive membership prior to a period of inactive status. As he was over 70 years of age upon readmission, and application, Supreme acknowledged his status. He is now exempt from paying further dues to maintain his membership. Congrats.

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