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The Lookout



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March 2015

Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,
It seems each month just goes faster and faster. The month of February flew by with the Knights participating in many council activities. We started with the Scout breakfast, a Corporate Communion Mass (very well

attended), bingo at Fairfax Nursing Home, the Rosary to end abortion, the parish Family Breakfast, a Grey Gost Luncheon, Ushering at the Ash Wednesday Masses, setting up for the Parish Soup Suppers, and many of the council members in attendance at State Quarterly Meeting.

The most important day of the month of February is Ash Wednesday. The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer and penitence beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown Holy Thursday.

What are you doing for Lent? Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need to be worked on or to add some outreach to others in need.

It is not necessary to give up something but it would be a tragedy to do nothing. The first order of the Knights of Columbus is Charity. Continue to give to the Church, the Bishops Lenten Appeal, and even to the Easter Basket fund so the St. Vincent de Paul Society can help those who are less fortunate. During the Lenten season please keep in your prayers our sick Brother Knights and remember those who have gone ahead of us.

Vivat Jesus

Patrick A.
McGuire

Chancellor's Message

I'd like to begin my note to you this month by alerting all Second Degree members there will be a Third Degree on Sunday, March 8, 2015, at E.D.W., Council #2473 in Arlington, VA. The Degree will start at 11:00 AM with Candidates arriving at 10:15 AM. The Council is located at 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington VA., 22207. All Candidates must have a Current 2nd Degree Membership Card in their possession and it is suggested you wear a coat and tie. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can plan to go with you and inform the hosting council of your attendance.

I would also like to make you aware of a First Degree ceremony scheduled for the 24th of this month at our council beginning at 8pm.

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Knight, get that information to me right away (713-828-3081, or email vjwilson@avaya.com so that we can have them interviewed by our Admissions Committee in time for the Degree!

As we enter into the final quarter of this fraternal year, I'd ask for your continued support searching out that fellow Catholic gentleman you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks and invite him to come see what we're all about. There are tri-folds in the council hall (top drawer of the cabinet next to the office) listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Feel free to pick some up next time you're at the hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this effort.

Vivat Jesus!
Vince Wilson
713-576-4755
vjwilson@avaya.com

**Sign up to Bring a Soup
Parish Soup Supper
Sponsored by Father Diamond Council
March 20**

Click Here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49a9ab2dabfd0-parish>



Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

This past Saturday several members of your council traveled to Richmond, Va for the quarterly State Meeting (Tom Hogan, Don Kehoe, Steve Kehoe, David Todd, David Todd, Jr., Pat McGuire, Bill Weich, Vince Wilson, Dan Purtill and myself). I was there to attend the leadership training provided to all Deputy Grand Knights to prepare them to

serve as Grand Knights should they decide to run for that office. It is interesting that I was just interviewed by our nominating committee (David Todd, Jr, Dan Purtill and Tim Hogan—all Past Grand Knights of our council) just this past Thursday evening. Their questions rang in my head as I attended the training session. Would I be committed to serving as Grand Knight for the year if I were elected? What did I want to do to help or improve our council? What are my plans for the Fraternal Year if I am the Grand Knight?

The first question was easy for me to answer and I wondered why they were asking me that question. I of course answered yes, I've been active in the council and an officer (Advocate, Treasure and Deputy Grand Knight) for nearly 10 years. The questions about what do I want to do to help or improve the council or accomplish during the next Fraternal Year is much more difficult. I think that we have an outstanding KofC Council. We have many excellent brother Knights who are dedicated to the church, their families and the community. Many of you have shown outstanding leadership qualities and have supported the council throughout the years in ways too numerous to categorize.

I am excited about some of the new members that have joined the council recently. Each one of them is an individual that has so much to offer all of us as friends and brothers, as helping hands with our KofC projects, and as sources of new and interesting ideas on how we can better serve our parish and the Fairfax community. I am excited about seeing some of our long time members, away for some time due to personal and family obligations, coming to our meetings. These brothers have been long time friends and it is fun to work with them once again. I am excited to see that our Council constantly seeks to change, and seeks to train new leaders, and bring in new members. These are signs of a viable, active and truly great council. What I want to do to improve this council is to get more of you, my friends, involved as leaders because I know you have the ideas, energy, and capabilities to make this a wonderful service organization!

We have many opportunities for all of you to serve as officers, project chairmen, and Service Area Directors in the coming years. Please, please take a moment to call, email, or corner one of the members of the nominating committee in the next few weeks and find out where you can be most effective in making this a truly great KofC Council.

Vivat Jesus,

Herb Zimmerman, Deputy Grand Knight

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Happy March!

Dear Ladies,

Paint Night was a wonderful success! Those who attended had a lot of fun and it was amazing the talent we have in our group. I would like to thank two of our Ladies for their fabulous contributions. Thank you, Ana Cerezo, for your encouragement and guidance to make us artists. And thank you, Julie Clinch, for organizing the wonderful appetizers and beverages. We will try to hold one more paint night for the Ladies in the spring.

A signup genius has gone out for the Soup Supper/Reflection night www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A44ACAE238-soup/.

If you are attending, please sign up under RSVP. Due to weather, our business meeting was cancelled in February. However, we will hold a quick meeting after March's soup supper at 8:30 pm, March 16th.

Thank you,

Ruth West

Nominating Committee

The following Brother Knights have enthusiastically agreed to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Reach out to them and talk to them about where you can serve the Council in a leadership capacity:

David Todd, Jr, PGK—**703-463-1499**—djtoddjr@yahoo.com

Dan Purtill, PGK—**703-641-8948**—dpurtill@gmail.com

Tim Hogan, PGK—**703-385-1292**—timhogan@gmail.com



February, 2015

For February we would like to honor two brother Knights who are often seen working in tandem and pulling a very heavy load for the Council and our parish. These two

brother Knights are working side-by-side every month and the Saturday before our Parish Breakfasts and early-early in the mornings of our Family breakfasts. The help Mike Purtill with the hash browns, and come in early on Sunday morning to get the coffee brewing, the bacon and sausages prepared, the sausage gravy and biscuits heated, the juices ready and get the kitchen ready for the rest of our breakfast crews to start all their preparation work. Both gentlemen stay thru the breakfast assisting the breakfast chairmen (Blue Team—Pat McGuire, and Gold Team—Tim Tilson) with anything else that is needed. They stay afterward to help with cleanup and washing the dishes. Recently both of these brother Knights teamed up, once again, to help support the Divorced Catholics Healing Services here at St Leo's by providing early morning support with coffee and setup. We are proud to **Knights of the Month for February Chris Botticelli and Joe Monnin.**

Upcoming Events and Recognition

Hoops Challenge—Local Results

This year's Hoops Challenge, under the dedicated leadership of Mike Tocci, was held at the St. Leo's gym Thursday, Feb 19.

There were 26 official participants. The results are:

Boys 1st place (age in parenthesis):

Luis Flores (10)
Aidan Grady (11)
Noah Liske (12)
Cullen Gormley (13)



Girls 1st place (age in parenthesis):

Stella Gilligan (9)
Katherine Holler & Tara Gilligan tied (11)
Sophia Flores (12)
Sierra DiFalco (14)

Many thanks to Brian Gormley for securing the gym between two CYO practices. Matt West, Pat McGuire, Josh Freda, and Ricardo Valenzuela helped with scoring and measuring and laying tape for 6 baskets.

Nursing Home Bingo — March 9



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 or Nelson Clinch at (703)-385-2146 to volunteer.

Rosary to End Abortion — March 14

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout. We finish in time to attend the 9:00 mass. There is hot coffee/tea in the hall after 9:00 mass.



Day of Reflection for Those Touched by Divorce

Day of Reflection for Those Touched by Divorce: On Saturday, February 21, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church hosted a Day of Reflection and Healing for those touched by divorce. This mini retreat was designed to help those who have personally gone thru divorce, as well as family and friends of those who experienced divorce. It began during the 9AM Mass when Fr.

Whitestone reflected on the effects of his parents' divorce on him. Following a quick breakfast, Fr. Dan Leary, a Priest for the Archdiocese of Washington, gave a talk, and then led a Healing Service, during which he laid hands on participants and prayed over them. Following Benediction, participants heard from Dr. Lianna Bennett, a psychologist and counselor who deals specifically with Catholics. Help was requested from Fr. Diamond

Council, and in normal fashion, we responded well. Joe Monnin arrived early to start the coffee brewing. We were asked to be on hand to "catch" any participants who were "slain" in the Spirit to ensure they were not injured. Due to last minute changes in the schedule resulting from deteriorating weather conditions, only three members were on hand to assist: Chris Botticelli, Chuck Stimley, and Dave Todd, Jr. Charlie Kraiger arrived moments after Benediction was completed, and assisted in clean-up. Finally, a word of thanks to all the brother Knights who had volunteered to assist but who did not make it... their willingness to step up and help out is truly appreciated!

Soup's On !

Lenten Soup Suppers have begun at St Leo's. They are being held in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center. Soup is served starting at 6:00 PM. Each soup supper is sponsored by one of the service groups at St Leo's. Donations will support the SVDP. The Knights have been asked to assist with setup. We will be setting up tables in the Guadalupe room at 4:00pm on Fridays thru Lent. If you can help, come on out! **Our Council will be sponsoring the Soup Supper on March 20.** A SignUpGenius has been initiated. Click on <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49a9ab2dabfd0-parish> to sign up to provide a crockpot of soup.



Easter Food Basket delivery

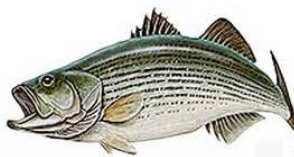
Dan O'Malley is looking for 7-10 drivers to help deliver Easter Food Baskets on Saturday, March 28. Many of the baskets will be picked up at the Guadalupe room by recipients this year because it coordinates with the monthly food pickups. We are being asked to help deliver any baskets that cannot be picked up. Contact Dan at **703-385-2010** if you can help.

Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt

Once again the KofC Easter Bunny will be on hand at all masses on Easter Sunday to talk to kids and watch them hunt for Easter eggs with candy. Mike Purtill and Polo Leyendecker will be sharing the responsibility this year



Fishing Trip on the Chesapeake—April 23



We are going after the **BIG ONE!** The granddaddy of all Striped Bass (Rock Fish). This is trophy season!! Fishing Chairman, Jac Cerny is taking reservations for the first 12 people who sign up. Total cost for the trip (charter boat,

Rods, Tackle, bait) and tip for the Mate who will clean and bag our fish is \$125. We will carpool. Everyone get onboard, this is a fun trip. Contact Jac at **703-255-9484** or email him at jac_cerny@hotmail.com.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Phillip J Freda FA
703-638-8904



St Patrick's Dinner

Saturday – March 14

6:00 PM (after 5:00 Mass) to whenever - at Providence Hall

Who is Invited? – Everyone who feels like being “IRISH” for a night !!!
Bring your “Irish” family & friends

An evening of:

- **FOOD** - Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Colcannon (special Irish potato delicacy), salad
- **BEVERAGES** – Cold beer (all you want), Sodas, Water
- **& FUN** – Great Irish music – Dancers from the **Boyle School of Irish Dance**
(<http://www.boyleschool.com/index.html>)



Cost: – only \$15 per adult, \$5 per child 14 and under— \$40 MAXIMUM per family!!

RSVP: So that we can be sure to have enough food, contact:
Dan Purtill—(703) 641-8948 (home) or Email—dpurtill@gmail.com

Outstanding Young Man / Young Woman of the Year Awards

PURPOSE: To recognize the excellence of the young men and women of our communities and to promote the recognition of their contribution within their community and the Jurisdiction of Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY: Any young man or woman between the ages of 12 & 18 on the due date and residing within the general community jurisdiction of Father Diamond Council

DUE DATE: March 13.

SELECTION Criteria: There are six factors that we consider in looking for well rounded, outstanding youth. The factors that are considered include:

1. Outstanding contribution(s) made by the nominee.
2. Academic excellence.
3. Involvement in civic, religious and/or school-related programs.
4. Participation in extracurricular activities.
5. Special achievements - Any awards/recognition received.
6. Participation with his/her family in performing any of the above.

CONTACT: If you know someone who should be considered, contact Herb Zimmerman @ herb2777@yahoo.com or phone 703-623-7180.



Get in the Picture—Come Join Us

February 15—Family Breakfast

Mike McKinley
on the grill?



Brian Sharkey & his daughter



Pat McGuire's
Granddaughter
serving



Charlie, Matt, Tim & Chuck
(Chris in background)



"Omletteers" Herb, Jack & Sylvia
(Joe Monnin in background)

February 16—Ladies of 6292 Painting Party

Ruth West—
Ladies of 6292
President with her
budding artist
husband Matt



Priscilla Hogan,
Lynne Morrison,
Debbi Buchanan,
Nelson Clinch



Beth Ward's
Painting

February 19—Free Throw Contest



Kids Signing up—Mike Tocci
(chairman) on left.

Matt West and Josh Freda
(below)



<== Mike Tocci keeping score



February 17—Grey Gost Luncheon



At the Grey Gost Luncheon (from left to right) Bob Eckhert,
Joe Gesker, Al Leightley, Tom Maichak, Paul Cooke, Hal
Guidry & Dan Short



Grey Gosts are Knights who are retired or can meet once a month for a noon luncheon at the hall. Anyone who is a Knight is invited to attend.

<== Al Leightley—chef of the month

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	4	5	6 6:00PM Soup Supper @ Guadalupe	7
8	9 7:15 PM- Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	10 7:00PM St Leo Parish Mission 8:45PM Business Meeting	11	12	13 6:00PM Soup Supper @ Guadalupe	14 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion 6:15PM St Patricks Prty@Hall
15 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	16 7:00pm Ladies of #6292 Soup Supper @ Hall	17 St Patrick's Day 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	18 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	19	20 6:00PM Soup Supper @ Guadalupe Council Sponsored	21 Knights' Open House (?)
22 Knights' Open House (?)	23	24 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	25	26	27 6:00PM Soup Supper @ Guadalupe	28 9 AM - distribute Food Baskets
29 Founder's Day Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2	3	4 Feed the Homeless

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Founder's Day Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2	3	4 Feed the Homeless
5 EASTER! Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM and 1 PM masses	6	7 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	8	9	10	11 Knights' Open House (?) 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
12 Knights' Open House (?)	13 7:15 PM- Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	14 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	15 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	16	17 	18 5 PM-Corporate Communion 6:00 Magic Night @ PAC
19 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	20 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	21 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	22	23 KOVAR Collections	24 KOVAR Collections	25 KOVAR Collections
26 KOVAR Collections	27	28 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 2nd Degree & Bus Mtg	29	30	1 State Annual Meeting	2 State Annual Meeting

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

Officers

Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chancellor	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Advocate	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
2yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
1yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Program Directors

Programs	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	TBD	703-385-8007
Council	TBD	703-385-8007
Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	Mike Tocci	469-877-3285

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Admissions	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	TBD	703-385-8007
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Manager	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Comedy Knight	Mike Torrey	703-273-2588
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Matt West	703-359-4652
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

March 7—Polish/American Dinner Dance

Good Samaritan Council in Herndon is holding its annual Polish/American Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 7 at St. Joseph's parish hall, 750 Peachtree Street in Herndon. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner served at 6:30 and dancing to live polka music by the Lenny Adams Trio from 7:30 to 10:30. Menu will include Polish/American specialties including stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, and pierogis, as well as beer/wine and soft drinks. Tickets are \$35 per adult, \$65 per couple and \$20 per child/student. To reserve tickets, contact Bern Patchan at bernpatchan@gmail.com or at **703-395-8294**.



Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

Buy food- Buy Gift cards—Support the Knights

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 at 703-978-6137 or email — ZLRN01@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 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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win – Win**

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