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March 2024

Grand Knight's Message

James "Jim" Beauchamp, Grand Knight



Brother Knights,

We are now well into Lent this year. I hope that this special period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will bring you closer to our dear Lord.

Let me just mention a few recent activities and point out somethings coming down the pike. Since last fall, St. Leo's parish has instituted Parish Sunday

events to be held every two months. These are opportunities for parishioners, especially new ones to get better acquainted with the priests and deacons and also various ministry groups within the parish. On Super Bowl Sunday, our parish had a Parish Sunday on a grander scale, calling it Super Sunday Signup. Thanks to the efforts of **Membership Chair Pat Murray**, we were very well represented. We had a table, well set up, that included our Council's banner in the background and were able to publicize our Council and the good works we do. Also, we had five gentlemen sign up for the Council. Thanks to Pat and everyone who helped. On another note, thanks to **Gib Flodine** and his crew for the wonderful job they did selling chicken pot pies (yum, yum) to raise money for KOVAR. (See separate article.) We are off to a great start with KOVAR this year. Don't forget collections from **April 11 -14**. We need everybody's help to make this a success. This year we were fortunate enough to have **Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde** come and give all of the talks at our Annual Men's Retreat. (Again, see separate article.) A big thank you to everyone who came out. This year our Council is coordinating the Lenten soup suppers held every Friday, except for Good Friday, during Lent. Thus far these are working great. We are getting a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish and also network a little bit with other parish groups. We could always use a little bit of help: between 4:30 and 5:00 for the set-up or between 6:00 and 7:30 for the soup supper itself and clean up. And most importantly, don't forget **March 22** is our Friday to provide soup. Let's knock it out of the park when it is our turn. For many years, we have been praying the Rosary to End Abortion every second Saturday of the month from 8 – 9 AM. We have said all 20 decades of the Rosary. Unfortunately, attendance for this important event has fallen off quite a bit in recent years. This trend has persisted and not just been a one-time event. For this reason, we have decided to begin the Rosary at 8:30 AM, still on the second Saturday of the month, and just recite one set of Mysteries (five decades). In this way, hopefully more Knights will participate, it will be less rushed, and we will have plenty of time to attend the 9 AM Mass.

On a final note, this morning at the State Meeting I heard a Gospel verse that struck me. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt 5:16). As individuals and collectively as a Council, I think we do a lot of good works. Let's keep it up.

Vivat Jesus,
James Beauchamp (GK)





Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James Hogan, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

In the mist of Easter we are still called to action for our community and what a blessing that is.

Starting off we have our Eucharistic Adoration 2 Mar. from 1-2AM. It is also the State Quarterly Meeting as well. Our Corporate Communion Mass will also be on Sunday 3 Mar. at the 11AM mass. Please attend and sit with your fellow brother knights in our reserved section.

We are hosting the Lenten Soup Suppers every Friday up to Good Friday. If you can lend a hand at this event contact, Pat McGuire 703-209-5288.

Our standard events every month we also have our Monthly Rosary to End Abortion on the 2nd Saturday. The time has changed from 8AM to 8:30AM. Our Officers meeting is on the 1st Tuesday, at 7:30PM. Then our two regular business meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. 7:30PM Rosary and 8PM Meeting. We will also be having a special meal on the 4th Tuesday at 6:45PM, see Warden's Report on pg. 3.

This month we are also selling Raffle tickets after Masses on 16-17 Mar. We are also helping with the St. Joseph's Altar on 19 March. Look for more information on these events.

Looking ahead we have started our Nomination Committee, if you are interested in becoming an officer, contact Don Kehoe, dkehoe314@gmail.com, or come to a meeting.



Julie Clinch awarded by Chuck Curran, PGK, FDD and past President of KOVAR for her exceptional work she does. Congratulations!

Treasurer's Report – 1/1-31/2024

INCOME for Jan \$ 7,027.50

EXPENSES for Jan \$ 11,327.50

Operating Fund Net \$ (4,299.60)

United Checking	\$43,826.03
United Checking (2)	\$ 1,531.35
Investment Fund	\$43,135.74
RTL Fun	\$ 4,577.52
Building Fund	\$36,992.99
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 2,800.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (887.27)
PKD Collections	\$ (606.86)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (94.97)

Net Assets \$132,274.53



Chancellor's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Chancellor

Brothers,

Thank you for all your support in referring new members to our Fraternity. This month we will enter Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II

“ Let us set out with trust on our Lenten journey, sustained by fervent prayer, penance and concern for those in need. In particular, may this Lent be a time of ever greater concern for the needs of children, in our own families and in society as a whole: for they are the future of humanity”.

As Knights, let our prayers and fasting be joyous and fruitful for our Families, our Church, and our Council.

RSVP

Brothers we are sponsoring Alfredo Tuesta's on becoming a priest through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Alfredo was here this past year. If you wish to send him letters, here is his address

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Knight of the Month – Feb.

After an individual has served as Grand Knight of the Council you might think that his service and responsibilities to the Council have ended, but not so fast in the case of **PGK Gib Flodine**. In addition to being a Trustee, he has taken on the responsibility of running KOVAR this year. This is off to a great start with KOVAR collections on New Year's Eve and a successful Pot Pie Sale (see separate article). Don't forget the major KOVAR collections from April 11 -14. Whenever there is work to be done in the kitchen, you can always find Gib. (His hands may still be sore from peeling potatoes in November to help Feed the Homeless.) He also lent his services for the Advent Party and a meal for the March for Life Marshalls and money counters. Gib has also been active in the process of nominating State Officers for the coming Fraternal Year. For this and all that he has done for our Council, **Gib** is our **Knight of the Month for February 2024**.



Family of the Month—Feb.

Keith and Lynne Morrison have been selected for last month's Family of the Month. PGK Keith Morrison has served the Council well in many capacities. Whether as Grand Knight, Lecturer, or currently as Advocate. He is also helping to run our Sunday night bowling. His wife Lynne has for many years been active with the Ladies of the Knights and is presently on our committee to select scholarship recipients. Several months ago they stepped up to have a reception after our November Corporate Communion Mass where wives of diseased Knights are especially invited. Whenever something needs to be done, they are always willing to step forward – whether it is for setting/cleaning up for a reception after a funeral or carefully searching for and purchasing some much-needed table cloths for the Hall. For all these reasons and more, they are our **Family of the Month for February 2024**.

March Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Rene L Gutierrez	2	Edward P Cuccias	09	Richard D Worthington	24
Joseph M Pileggi	2	Cesar F Pena	10	Jason N Detten	25
Luis A Roa	3	Patrick W Dunne	11	Christopher Yablonski	27
Matthew L Shufflebarger	3	John Alexander Jr	13	Thomas (Tom) Coyle Jr	28
Mark A Marple	6	Donald R Kehoe	14	James T Hogan	30
Jose A Trujillo Jr	6	William P Lane Jr	14	Mark D Walther	30
Patrick A McGuire	7	Jose J Lopez	14	Charles S Buchanan	31
David H Knapp	8	Joseph P Underwood	16		

Easter Food Baskets

1. Shampoo & Conditioner 2 in 1 (Head and shoulders)
2. (1) Toothpaste
3. (1) Body wash.
4. A paper products bag (toilet paper, paper towels, etc)

Warden Report

My Brother Knights,
Welcome To March!!

We now have 4 months left in this fraternal year. Time is going by quickly. I hope all is well with you and your family. Please come out for our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8pm. The meetings last for less than an hour and is filled with information regarding our council's works. On the 4th Tuesday I provide a home cooked meal for us to enjoy before the meeting. This month being March and St Patrick's Day on March 17th we will celebrate our meal on Tuesday March 26 with Corn Beef and Cabbage, carrots and potatoes and Dessert. Mealtime is 6:45pm. A Rosary will be said at 7:30pm and Council Meeting at 8pm. Please come out and join us!

Fraternally Yours, Tim Hogan



Gray Gost Luncheon February



Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

First I would like to Thank you for such a strong turn out to the men's day of retreat with Bishop Loverde this past Saturday! It was a privilege for me as your chaplain to see so many of you there, and to go on retreat with you. Thank you to all the brother Knights who helped to organize the logistics of the retreat as well. In a special way I would like to thank James and Herb Zimmerman for organizing the retreat and for John Natolly for providing our lunch! Thank you to all you assisted, and all who came.

A little thought for us as we continue through lent. I pray our journey through the desert of this Lenten season has been able to be a time of conversion for each one of us. In a special way, I pray that during our desert journey towards a deeper conversion to the one who we know, loves us, that we also receive the encouragement God wishes to give to us. Lent is not a hospitable season, but it is good! Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are meant to point us more resolutely towards seeking God. As Catholics we seek God as our first beginning, our last end, and our central goal in all things.

But at this moment on our Lenten journey, it is good to stop and consider: How am I doing? Perhaps we have fallen many times from our Lenten resolutions back into old habits. Perhaps we are rising through our Lenten observances to deeper faith and love of God and others. Or perhaps we never really got off the starter block and feel like we are behind because we didn't prepare for this lent. Wherever we are in our desert journey, God Our Father wants to encourage us! Yes, we ought to humbly acknowledge how the journey is fairing. Maybe good or maybe not so good! Humility is key. Humility allows us to remember that we need God. Humility helps us to see that wherever we find ourselves on the journey... we need God now, more than ever before! So I encourage you with the encouragement from the First Letter of Peter: **"Humble yourselves, then, under God's mighty hand, so that he will lift you up."** (1 Peter 5:6). Brothers, let us, **"Set [our] face towards Jerusalem"** with Jesus as he journeys to die for love of us. Let us be encouraged to say wherever we are in our Lenten journey: *"nunc coepi"* *"now I begin."* Now I begin to seek God, again with all my heart. Now I begin to seek conversion today. Now I begin, to converge my mind, my will, my desires, and my affections, which are scattered and lingering in the valley of the purely human, and generously determine to point them towards that "City of Peace" that kingdom of heaven, that eternal bliss that is won for us on a cross and discovered through the empty tomb. I look forward to seeing you all at our Business meeting on March 26th, the Tuesday of Holy Week! God bless you and your families and know of my prayers.

CAR RAFFLE

St. Leo parishioners have been invited to participate in the **2024 All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle!** Tickets are being mailed out this first week of February, 10 tickets per registered address. Please consider purchasing and/or selling the tickets you receive, as this represents an important fundraiser through which All Saints supports our parish and many other parishes in the diocese. Each **\$5 ticket** gives the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles (**2024 models of the Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger pickup, and Bronco Sport**) plus **\$40,000 in cash drawings** (including one for \$20,000)! Anyone needing additional tickets can contact Mark Walther (markwalther7@yahoo.com, 703-766-5054). Please also save the dates of March 15-16 and April 6-7 when volunteers will be needed after all Masses to man our ticket table in the church vestibule, offering tickets for purchase, collecting unsold returns, and providing additional tickets to parishioners who wish to sell them.



Behold, I Make all things New!

On Saturday, February 24, the Father Francis Diamond Council and St. Leo the Great parish held a successful Men's Retreat. For this our sixth annual retreat, the theme was **'Behold, I Make All Things New'** – reflections on how being united to the Cross renews us as Catholic men. About 35 men from our parish and/or Council were able to attend this year. We were fortunate enough to have Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde as our primary speaker. His reflections focused on the role of the Cross in our lives, and in particular reflections on the fourteen Stations of the Cross and Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross. The Retreat began with donuts and coffee, followed by Morning Prayer, Holy Mass, reflections, Chick-Fil-A lunch, and finally Holy Hour and Benediction.

A special thanks to Chick-Fil-A at Fairfax Circle for again providing us with a delicious lunch. Also, thanks to everyone who helped make this year's retreat run as smoothly as it did. This includes our Chaplain, Fr. Fioramonte, Herb Zimmerman, Pat McGuire, Tim Tilson, Tony Pierno (bagels and donuts again), Greg Skorupski (picking up Bishop Loverde) and finally James Beauchamp and his wife Germana.




KOVAR

Thank you for making another KOVAR Pot Pie Sales a success. Over \$2000 was collected. Expense deductions still need to be applied. I would like to thank all those who donated their time with the pot pie preparations: Lynn Morrison, Linda Baringhaus, Beth & Greg Ward, Gabriel Leffas, Mike Purtill, Julie & Nelson Clinch, Pat McGuire, Kathy & Bill Weich, Amy & Tony Pierno, Mark Walther, Mark Woznak, Tim Tilson and Chris Bonicelli. Pies are still available for purchase!

Gib Flodine
KOVAR Chairman

Scholarship 2024 Program


Father Diamond Scholarship. Council 6292 will award a 4 year \$500 scholarship to a Catholic student entering 9th grade in a Catholic HS starting in the Fall '23. The application is on the council website at www.6292.kofcva.org in the News Headlines section. For further information contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436 or via email at HMSLYDIA@msn.com.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	28	29	1 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	2 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM State Quarterly Meeting
3	4	5 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	6	7	8 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
10	11	12 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	13	14	15 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	16 6PM St. Patrick's Day Party
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Mtg St. Joseph's Altar	20 7:30 PM 4th De- gree Mtg	21	22 KofC prepare soup	23
24	25	26 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	27	28 Holy Thurs- day	29 Good Friday Knights of Columbus Founders Day	30
31 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM, and 1PM Masses	1	2 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	3	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM, and 1PM Masses	1	2 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	3	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration 1- 2 AM Car Raffle Ticket Sale
7 Car Raffle Ticket Sale	8	9 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	10	11 KOVAR Collection	12 KOVAR Collection	13 8:30 AM Rosary to End Abortion KOVAR Collection
14 KOVAR collection	15	16 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon Placeholder, 7:30 PM	17 7:30 PM 4th De- gree Mtg	18	19	20 Volunteer dinner, 6:30 PM
21	22	23 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	24	25	26 Annual State Meeting, Herndon	27 Annual State Meeting, Herndon
28 Annual State Meeting, Herndon	29	30	1	2	3	4 Eucharistic Adoration 1- 2 AM

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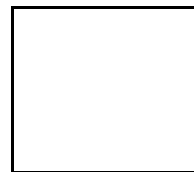
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How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money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

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