

The Lookout

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knights of columbus

Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

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Grand Knight's Message:

As of the middle of February the Council has again accomplished a number of very successful events. One of the major events is the money collection at the annual March for Life. Although it appeared that attendance may have been down we collected a new high of almost \$25,000.00; this is turned over to Nellie Gray to help defray the cost of the march. Please see the article in this newsletter detailing our support to the March over the years. The Council turn out was stellar. The next night we had our Council Audit and we were found to be in excellent financial shape due to the hard work of Hank and Larry N. And the Warden was solvent also.

On 30 Jan we held a First Degree and welcomed aboard Bill Davis, Malcolm Harris and Mike Trentacoste. Congratulations on your first step to Knighthood.

The first weekend in Feb saw our first Fraternalism night of the new year coordinated by Bill Jayne. There was a large turn out and even Nelson Clinch showed up for a night out. The next day saw our First Degree team travel to Richmond for the State Degree competition. There is not any official word, but we feel we did very well. The team put forth a great effort, which was shown by the exceptional performance of all members. Then the Council hosted the annual Scout Breakfast where approximately 460 Scouts and their families were served. And we actually made a little money. Thanks to Pat Leffas and his coordination of the whole show . . . I received numerous thank yous for our effort.

On the tenth we had our quarterly Corporate Communion which was very well attended. Concurrently, the quarterly Blood Drive was being held at Providence Hall. We collected 51 pints of blood . . . thanks to John and Pat Brophy for again organizing this drive.

Then on Fat Tuesday we hosted the annual Shrove Pancake Supper where Roger Rosenberger performed his 'beauty cake' magic. We served 118 people and I believe

everyone left well fed. Thanks to Dave Miller for organizing the effort.

Events in the future include the Second Degree on 18 Feb [note the change from 19th], Grey Gost, the Columbiette's Soup Supper, Night of Magic, Prostrate Cancer Presentation on 12 March [open meeting for the Parish], and our normal Breakfast, Food Collections, etc.

With the Church commencing its renovation there will be some changes in our planning and events. The first one is the Breakfast which will be moved to Providence Hall. With the Mass being moved to the PAC, we will not be able to hold the breakfast there, therefore, it will come to the Hall. Since, the PAC cannot hold as many people as the Church, there will be fewer people per Mass, therefore, the Hall should be able to accommodate each Mass. More will be forwarded as the Mass schedules, etc. are known. The first week end Breakfast in the Hall will be 12 April [note this is the **second Sunday** due to KOVAR being held on the third week end].

Also, since, the PAC is not set up for Mass, we will assist in the set up and tear down of the PAC each Saturday and Sunday. The plan is to use the Christmas tree sections, which means you will be called upon once every eleven weeks to help. Again more to follow on the particulars as they become known.

Check the calendar out and attend one of the events; they are a lot of fun and provide a service to all. Remember in April the annual KOVAR campaign will be held . . . mark your calendar.

When you hear your success being applauded, let there also sound in your ears the laughter you provoked with your failures.
-- [Bl. Josemaria Escriva: The Way](#)

JMJ and Our Lady of Guadalupe
Larry Gottschalk



Chancellor's Report

Congratulations to Father Diamond's newest members:

Tom Gross
Malcolm Harris
Luis Del Villar
Martin Woscek

Bill Davis
Mike Trentacoste
Bill Tuohy, Sr.

Mike Collins
Malcolm Harris
Luis del Villar

Mike Purtill
Brian Knapp

Bill Davis
Mike Trentacoste

The next First Degree will be held at Father Diamond Council at the business meeting being held on March 26. If you have any candidates, please contact David Todd, Jr. at 703-506-3646 in order to have them at the Admissions committee meeting on the 18th of March.

Father Diamond Council welcomed the following members into the Second Degree on February 18:



Program Director's Report

Past Events

Blood Drive A very successful blood drive was held at Providence Hall on February 10. More than 50 pints of blood were donated by the Knights and other parishoners at St. Leo's. Thanks to John Brophy, Dave Miller, and all the cooks for making this quarterly event such a success.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper More than 100 people packed Providence Hall for our traditional supper the night before Ash Wednesday. Special thanks to Roger Rosenberger who cooked all the pancakes to perfection and thanks to all the brother knights who also helped out.

Fraternalism Night Bill Jayne threw a great Caribbean party at the Hall on February 1st. There were plenty of Knights around to play cards, throw darts, and enjoy his selection of beverages brought straight from the tropics. Thanks Bill. Don't forget, we've added additional fraternalism nights throughout the year. Our next one is May 3 at 7PM.

Scouting Breakfast Thanks to all the Knights who showed up in force to cook hundreds and hundreds of breakfasts for the Scouts of St. Leo's. It was a great turnout and a great time was had by all.

Scrip The Knights continue to sell Grocery Store Certificates for Giant, Safeway, Food Lion, and Shoppers Food Warehouse. 5% of our total purchases comes back to the Knights as profit, with 30% of those proceeds going to the church. Help support this fundraiser by using grocery scrip rather than cash or check at the store. It doesn't cost you any more and the money we earn all goes to a good cause. Larry Gottschalk sells the certificates at every Knights meeting, after the morning masses on the First Sunday of the month and at the Family Breakfast on the Third Sunday of the month. Please contact Larry if you need scrip at 703-565-9-5755

Upcoming Events

NIGHT OF MAGIC Our annual Night of Magic put on by the Northern Virginia Magicians Club will be held on March 9 at the Parish Activity Center. The show starts at 6PM. Cost is \$8 for ages 12+ and \$5 per child between 4-12. Under 4 is free. Reservations are a MUST and have to be made by March 6. Please call Tim Cooke at 703-830-4081 for your reservation.

St. Patricks Day Party On March 16 at 6PM, we will be holding a St. Patrick's Day party at Providence Hall. The cost is \$5 per person, which entitles you to Corned Beef & Cabbage, potatoes, dessert, and all-you-can-drink beverages. Can't wait to see you there.

Easter Baskets for the Needy Please join us in one of annual charitable endeavors of putting together food baskets for needy people in the area. On March 23, at 9:30AM, please meet at the Hall to help assemble and deliver baskets to our area's needy. Please contact Bill Ward at 703-273-6289 for more information

Feed the Homeless The Council will be going to the Center for Creative Non-Violence in downtown DC to serve lunches to homeless. A lot of help is needed as there are long lines of people who need this food. We will be leaving from George Billy's house at 11AM that morning. Please contact George at 703-323-6470 for more info.

Easter Egg Hunt Bring your family and kids out to the Easter Egg Hunt being held on Easter Sunday after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. If you can help with this event, please contact Pat Leffas at 703-934-9716 for info.

Fr. Diamond Council again this year participated as Marshals at the annual Right to Life March in the District. The Knights of Columbus Councils in the Washington Metro area provide Marshals for the March. They provide a variety of support services that range from crowd control to collecting money. Before 1994 our Council unloaded buses at the Ellipse or parked the buses at RFK Stadium. Since 1994 our Council has been collecting money in the block in front of the National Archive Building, on Constitution Avenue. All money collected goes directly to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March.

This year our Council had 20 Brother Knights and Jamie the wife of Peter Coniglio participated in our collection effort which also included Dennis Riley our Insurance agent. As a result of this good turnout we collected a record \$24,849 our previous high last year was \$22,447. Our first effort in 1994 netted \$1,855. Our records show that since we started collecting at the March we have collected a total of \$116,481 to help pay for the Marches.

Besides the good work that our Brother Knights did, the generosity of the Marchers was also a factor, the size of the March this year was a little smaller than last year and took 48 minutes for the March to pass by our collection site. A big well done and thanks to those Brother Knights who did work and help count the money afterwards, it was a superb effort.

COLLECTION HISTORY

- 1994 - 1,855
- 1995 - 3,483
- 1996 - 5,382
- 1997 - 8,014
- 1998 - 14,600
- 1999 - 20,124
- 2000 - 15,727
- 2001 - 22,447

Our records show that since we started collecting for the March in 1994 we have collected a total of \$91,632

MARCH: Tax-Deferred Annuities

Expecting a tax refund? Even if you're not, you certainly wouldn't want to pay more in taxes than you have to, would you?

Yet, that's what you can expect if you have savings that aren't in a tax-deferred account. Examples include bank savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

I can help you to find a good place to put your income-tax refund. The Knights of Columbus offers a highly competitive tax-deferred annuity. You don't pay income tax on the earnings until you withdraw them - which most likely will occur after you retire. And these tax-deferred earnings compound at a faster rate than money saved in a taxable account.

You can make one payment and select the age at which you begin receiving benefits. Or, make periodic payments of as much as you want for as long as you want. Either way, an annuity with the Knights can provide you with a retirement income you can't outlive.

In a financial world characterized by uncertainty, a Knights of Columbus tax-deferred annuity gives you peace of mind. Your principle is guaranteed, and so is a minimum return. What other kinds of investment vehicles give you *those* guarantees?

I can provide you with a customized illustration of how an annuity would work for you. Just give me a call at 703-450-6100

KOVAR

**Knights of Columbus
Candy Drive History**

Turning rolls of chewy chocolates into a financial boom for organizations that serve the mentally retarded is a wonder Story. These treats bring in nearly \$2 million profit annually in Illinois - the home base for the creation of this giant fund raising process run by the Knights of Columbus.

Thirty years have passed since a group of three Knights from a Council in the Chicago area saw a need that was two way: organizations that served people with mental retardation needed money and the Knights of Columbus in Illinois needed a charitable mission to offer

their members. The Knights knew that the Lions, the Shriners, the Elks and other fraternal organizations had members who reached out to the community with a determined focused project.

The men had no difficulty determining the target of their fund raising – the money would go to the mentally retarded because one of the group had a daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. The process that they planned to use was not too difficult either: they would stand in public places with a receptacle and solicit donations for a token product.

However, the product took some thought. One idea was to distribute seed packets of Forget-Me-Not flowers which provided a good marketing slogan “For the retarded-forget me not”. There were concerns however, that many people would not want seeds, would not use them and say no. The next thought was a Tootsie Roll, a well-established candy from a Chicago based company.

The three decided that the Tootsie Roll would be a good item to use because it was a well recognized item with a good shelf life. The next step was to pilot the program in their own K of C Council in Tinley Park. IL.

They picked a weekend, got men from their Council and got the candy from the Tootsie Roll Company. The men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. They asked for a small donation from the shoppers and passers-bys, for each contribution handed out the candy. The first time collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day effort.

With that encouragement the council submitted a resolution to the state K of C convention to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970 with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their annual profit to nearly two million annually.

The campaign has spread to other states when news of the success in Illinois was published in K of C magazines and newsletters. From the efforts of the one council in Tinley Park, IL the drive to raise funds for people with mental retardation has expanded to 44 states.

Our Virginia State Council in 1971 formed the state program known as KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for the retarded and the collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Seven Million dollars in Grants and Group Home Loans to over 250 ongoing organizations including the Special Olympics. KOVAR has become the largest private charity supporting the retarded in Virginia. Our Council first participated in 1975 and since then we have raised \$318,143. Last year we submitted \$26,693. Last year we were #2 in the state after having been #1 for the previous 5 years.

This years State wide drive is scheduled for April 17th through 21st. Our goal this year is a hefty \$26,246, our ability to meet this goal is a function of our effort, so please reserve some time during that period to give us a hand. The KOVAR Chairman again is Tim Tilson, give him a call early and reserve a choice time and place.

NASCAR

For those of you who enjoy watching cars go ‘round and ‘round taking only left hand turns with numbers slapped to the side of them, come and join your fellow fans at Providence Hall on Sunday afternoons for some good racing, good food, and good fun. The Hall will be open for all the Winston Cup races.

KOVAR will be held from April 18 to April 21 at various locations around the City. As always, the more people we have collecting, the more money we’ll bring in. Please contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436 to sign up for a slot or two. Your help is greatly appreciated!!



Updates to the Calendar

Change: Golf Tourney from April 12 to May 3
 Change: 21 April 2002 Breakfast to 14 April [due to KOVAR weekend]



March Birthdays

3/4	Tom Belz	3/9	Karl Reiner	3/14	Don Kehoe, PSD
3/4	Ed Novack, PGK	3/9	Ed Cuccias	3/15	Rich Fazakerly
3/5	Frank McDermott	3/10	Gerry Pepin, PGK	3/16	Joe Underwood
3/5	Russ Harrison	3/10	Tom Wronski	3/20	David Hahn
3/6	Jose Trujillo	3/11	Pat McGrane	3/21	Jacques Chretien
3/6	Sam Stafford	3/12	Sabastiao Cordeiro	3/26	Keith Burner
3/7	Joe Paratore	3/12	Dan Conway	3/27	John Okay, PGK
3/7	Ed Hogan	3/13	Dan Fleming	3/27	Russ Kamin
3/7	Dan Purtill	3/13	Tim Cooke, PGK	3/29	Tom Kelley, PGK
3/8	Tom Huestis	3/13	Jim Cooke	3/29	Greg Hartley

March Anniversaries

3/03	Ed & Mary Rodiquez	59 Years	3/16	Tim & Erin Cooke	6 Years
3/07	Manny & Larue Garcia	27 Years	3/23	Kit & Geny Cross	18 Years
3/13	Ray & Nancy Kruep	31 Years	3/25	Rob & Lynda Parker	30 Years

Congratulations to the following Brother Knights who have been bestowed with special designation for their years of service and dedication to the Knights of Columbus

Honorary Life Membership

John F. Hogan, PGK
 Benjamin E. Basham
 Dale E. Moser, PGK

Honorary Membership

Thomas V. Kelley, PGK
 Thomas E. Donovan

Please remember the Brother Knights of our Council or their loved ones who are sick and in need of our prayers:

John Cavatine
 Cy Greenwalt
 Joseph Faber
 Gene Sheehan
 Nelson Clinch
 John Judge
 Candace Alamilla (Wife of Eddie Alamilla)
 Alice Laing (Wife of Pat Laing)
 Leroy Woznak (Father of Mark Woznak)

Officers

Grand Knight	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Chaplain	Rev. Don Rooney	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chancellor	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Recorder	Al Leightley	273-2089
Advocate	Dave Miller	319-8832
Warden	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Inside Guard	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Outside Guard	Bill Ward	273-6289
Outside Guard	Pat Leffas	934-9716
3yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
2yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470
1yr Trustee	Tim Tilson	273-9436

Program Directors

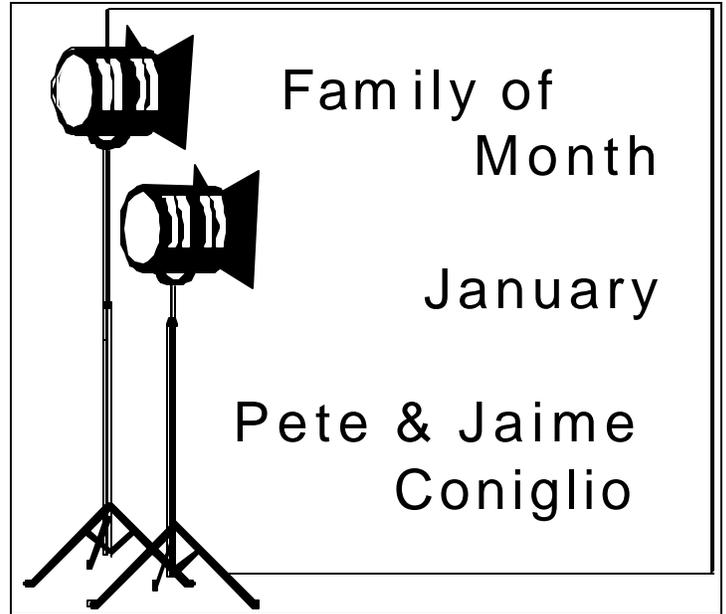
Church	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Community	Dave Miller	319-8832
Council	Al Leightley	273-2089
Family	VACANT	
Youth	Pat Leffas	934-9716

Committee Chairman

Charity	Bill Ward	273-6289
Membership	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Admissions	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Retention	George Billy	323-6470
Vocations	David Todd, Jr	506-3646
Budget & Fin.	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Jack Cotner	323-5785
Right-to-Life	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Christmas Trees	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Mark Woznak	280-4124
Family Breakfast	Don Hansen	573-9015
Food Drive	Terry Hanam	591-4863
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258



Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



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Dates to Remember in March

- March 9 Night of Magic – 6PM
- March 12 Open Meeting with Lecture
- March 16 Rosary at Abortion Clinic
- March 16 Adopt-a-Spot
- March 17 Family Breakfast – Blue Team
- March 16 St. Patrick’s Day Party – 6PM
- March 23 Easter Baskets
- March 26 Mass/Business Meeting
- March 30 Feed the Homeless
- March 31 Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget to wear your Green on March 16th this year!!

The Knights will be holding their Annual St. Patrick's Day Party in Providence Hall at 6PM.

Dinner includes Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, & Dessert. Beverages are included.

Cost is \$5 per person



Father Diamond Golf Tournament
Friday, May 3 9AM Shotgun Start
Fairfax National Golf Club

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