

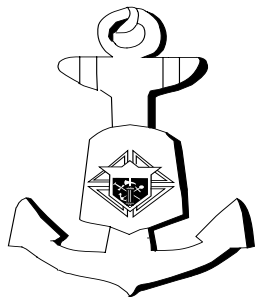
# The Messenger



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## Grand Knight's Message



I am sure by now all of you have heard that Dennis Riley, our Fraternal Benefits Counselor, is making a donation on April 25th which is above and beyond. Dennis is donating a kidney to a 17 year old young woman, a parishioner at his church, St. Catherine of Siena, whose own kidneys have failed. We wish them both well through the

ordeal ahead. And, Dennis, we are very, very proud of you; by your example, you have certainly raised the standard for all your brother Knights to follow.

Thanks to Tim Tilson and all who helped with the KOVAR collections. We had another very successful campaign with a collection of \$26,000 plus.

Thanks to Al Leightley and all who helped with the Easter baskets and a very successful Easter egg hunt. We also appreciate the work of Ed Cuccias and the Scholarship committee; they selected Kimberly A. Dear as the winner.

The Knights who missed the George Brent Council's presentation of the living last supper at St. Leo's on April 10 missed a very moving performance. Everything connected with the play was very well done; the actors and musicians were very professional. I had no idea there was so much talent among our brother Knights.

Make sure you check the enclosed calendar for upcoming events and contact David Todd, Jr. to make reservations for the Grand Knight's Ball May 18. We will be announcing the Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and the Grand Knight Award during the festivities that evening.

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## The Pledge of Allegiance

*by Senator John McCain*

As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a POW during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17 he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country—and our military—provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

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**"do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." ..Revelation**

As always, please continue to remember the sick of our Council, family and friends in your prayers, particularly, Dick Chapman, Dennis Riley, and the young woman to whom Dennis donated one of his kidneys.

Fraternally,

**Marion W. Kuhlman**  
**Grand Knight**

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As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a

period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed it on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now. But I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and they discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could. The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could.

After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world. You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country. "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Remember to fly your flag proudly.....

**May God Bless You & Happy Memorial Day!**

## Council Activities

## Past Events

### Easter Baskets 4/6 & 4/7

Father Diamond Council in conjunction with Saint Vincent DePaul (SVDP) distributed food baskets again this Easter. Baskets were provided to 25 families. SVDP provided the food and the council provided hams and gift certificates. Special thanks to all who helped in moving the food from SVDP to the hall, assembling, and delivering the food baskets.

### KOVAR 4/19-22

#### The Council Earns the Bronze for KOVAR 2001!!!

1. Our goal this year was \$24,470, and we achieved \$26,066.15 which is the Bronze level of achievement. That breaks down to:

- a. Payroll Pledges \$1668
- b. Cash/Checks \$24,398



2. This weekend we raised over \$22,000 in four days. Our collections for Thursday through Sat were behind last year's. However our Sunday collections was above and we finished comfortably ahead of our goal and at the bronze level.

3. Many thanks to all those who took the time to work a shift. For many it was a sacrifice of time as they were busy with home projects, children's activities or work requirements. We had around 80-100 council members. this represents almost a 33% turn out rate. We even got Brother Lou Cironi back from the Sterling Council to work KMart Thursday evening.

4. I would like to recognize those who contributed a bit more. The one problem with this, I may have overlooked some one. My apologies if your name is missed.

#### a. Those who worked two shifts or two Masses:

Al Leightley, Bill Jayne, Pat Leffas, Ed Janiszewski, Frank Bohan, Sam Stafford, Bernie Garlock, Dave Todd Jr, Dave Todd Sr, Tim Hogan, Brian Hogan, Greg Hartley, Jim Chapman, Dave Pacia, George Rosenkranz,

#### b. Those who worked multiple shifts or Masses:

Rick Kotzenmacker, Larry Gottschalk, Matt Travers Jr., Mark Woznak, Jack Cotner, Marion Kuhlman, John Anzalone

#### c. Special thanks to the ladies who worked:

Flo Hogan, Thelma Billy, Frances Hannam, Pat Davis, Beth Chapman, Maria Flotz, Georgie O'Shea, Elaine Pepin and Ann Todd, the last two worked multiple Masses.

#### d. Special thanks to all the kids who were out this weekend:

Anastasia Warzinski; Himashi Abeysinghe; Ryan Whitcomb; Brendan Flattery; Kenneth Hansen; Erin and Christin Kohler; Conner and Alanna Furey; Paul and Joey McGiffen; Jennifer, Kelly and Katherine Morrison; James, Miguel and Maria Tulley; Dennis and Sara Mahoney; Collen Duda,

#### e. Special Thanks to John Judge for the fine food available. This year...we even had salads!

#### f. Final Special thanks to Hank Urban and Larry Novak for their help in administrative, support and advice.

*Tim Tilson- KOVAR Chairman*

## Current Events

### Grand Knight's Ball 5/18

The Grand Knight's Ball will be held on Friday, May 18, 2001, and once again, we have secured Chantilly Country Club for this event. For the benefit of our newer members, the Grand Knight's Ball is a formal occasion to commemorate the accomplishments of our Fraternal Year. It is during this dinner that the Grand Knight announces the Knight of the



Year and the Family of the Year for our Council. We hope to see you there!

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### End of Fraternal Year Elections 5/22

#### Father Diamond Council Announces It's End of the Year Elections

Here are the slate of Officers proposed for the next Fraternal Year at the Council Meeting last evening by the the selection Committee.

<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Larry Gottschalk</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	<b>Tim Cooke</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>David Todd, Jr.</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Hank Urban</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Al Leightley</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Dave Miller</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Greg Hartley</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Larry Lynch</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Bill Ward</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Pat Leftas</b>
<b>Grand Knight Delegate</b>	<b>Larry Gottschalk</b>
<b>Alt Grand Knight Delegate</b>	<b>Tim Cooke</b>
<b>Past Grand Delegate</b>	<b>Marion Kuhlman</b>
<b>Alt Past Grand Knight Delegate</b>	<b>George Billy</b>

*The Election for this year's officers will be held on Tuesday May 22.*

#### **Pig Roast 5/27**

Not planning on schlepping to the beach this Memorial Day weekend? Come join your fellow Knights and their families for the Annual Pig Roast Sunday May 27 at 3pm. Different from years past...there will be a per person nominal fee to offset the cost of the little piggies and set-ups. Come out, enjoy the day, and enjoy a delicious pork meal slow roasted buy our very own Cajun chef, Patrick Lacour....mmm!!!

#### *Upcoming Events*

#### **Fishing Trip 6/23 & 9/15**



Two dates have been reserved: June 23 and September 15. Both days are Saturday and we are guaranteed to have calm waters, beautiful weather and plenty of fish! The trips will leave from Scheibles Fishing Center in Ridge, MD at 8 AM and will return to Ridge around 3 PM or earlier if we catch too many! Blues, Rock and various and sundry other sporting fish should be the catch of the day. Each boat will be limited to 15 persons and are usually sold out. Please make your reservations early call Tom Kelley 703 385-2819.

#### **Steak Night 6/26**

The Council meeting for Tuesday June 26 will be a social event with our Annual end of the Fraternal year Steak Night! Come out and enjoy a great meal and fellowship with your Brother Knights.

#### **Church Activities**

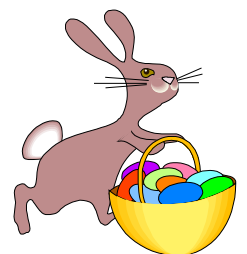
##### *Past Events*

#### **Easter Feed the Homeless 4/14**

Thelma & George Billy would like to express their sincere thanks to all (too many to name) who helped buy, pick up, cook, and serve food to the homeless at the Center for Creative non-violence on Saturday April 14th. It was greatly appreciated that you took time out from your family activities or just gave of your time to help in this worthy cause. Well over 700 people were given a great Easter Meal and a treat too! Thanks also to all the kids and moms who helped dye eggs and stuff Easter goody bags and baskets!

#### **Easter Sunday Egg Hunt 4/15**

The Easter Bunny was really "eggcited" and "hoppy" to see the big turnout of kids for the annual K of C Eater Egg Hunt! Thanks to To Ed Cuccias, Al & Linda Leightley, and of course Bill Ward for all your hard work arranging this activity, stuffing eggs, and bringing many smiles to the little ones...Thanks Easter Bunny!



## Current Events

### Corporate Communion Mass 5/20

The Quarterly Corporate Communion Mass will be Sunday May 20 at the 9:30am Mass. Please join in support of your fellow Knights, wear your name tags, and sit in the reserved area of the church.

### Family Breakfast 5/20

The Family Breakfast will be held on Sunday May 20 After 8 AM and 9:30 AM Masses - Blue Team has the honors. Come out and enjoy a great meal with Knight's and fellow parishioners. If you would like to help with this monthly event, please call Don Hansen at 703 573-9015, or just show up and put on an apron...we can always use a hand for an hour or two!

**Bon  
Appetite!**



### Rosary at the Abortion Clinic 5/19

The next Rosary at the abortion clinic will be May 19 at 8am. We meet outside on the corner Eaton Place (next to the Best Western just off Rte 123 near I-66). Call Dave Miller at 703.319.8832 for info.



## Upcoming Events

### Ordination

Saturday June 2 11am- Keith O'Hare, a Council Member and a Seminarian, whom we have supported through the RSVP program, will be ordained as a Deacon at the Cathedral in Arlington. On Sunday June 3rd at the 11:30 Mass at St Leo's he will deliver his first Homily. Please attend that Mass if you can and wear your badge to show your support for him.

## K of C Family Breakfast Sunday May 20 Parish Activity Center Menu

eggs-cooked to order cheese, ham  
, onion, green pepper Omlets  
fruit Juice-potatoes-bacon-sausage  
pancakes-french toast sticks

All the coffee you want!

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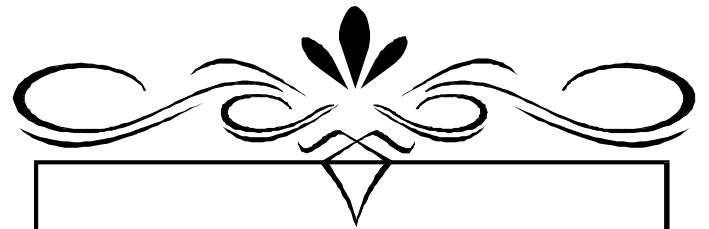
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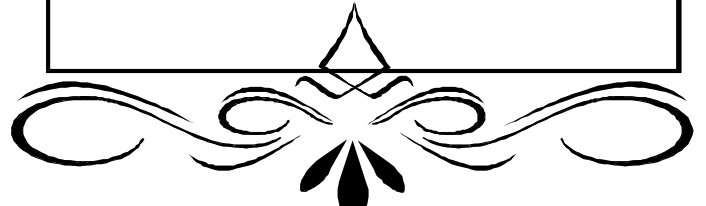
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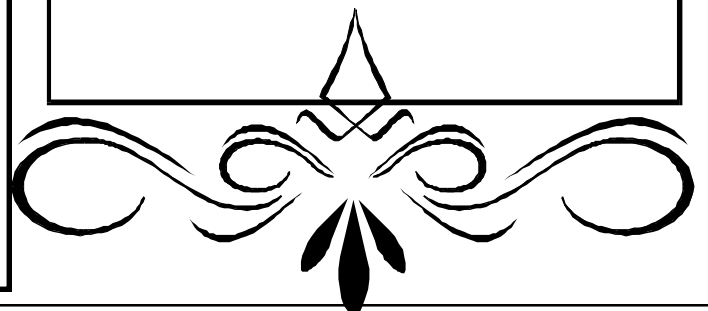
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***Knight of The  
Month  
March  
Ben Stack***



***Family of the  
Month  
March  
Dave & Ann  
Todd Sr.***





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## May Birthdays

5/01 Tom O'Donovan  
5/02 Roger Rosenberger  
5/02 Ricky Smith  
5/03 Rick Prado  
5/05 John Curtin  
5/05 Brian Gormley  
5/05 Tony Simon  
5/07 John Cavadine  
5/09 Hugh Cannon  
5/11 Fr. Robert Avella  
5/11 John Markus  
5/15 John Pivik  
5/22 John Brosnan  
5/22 Vic Kuchar  
5/23 Don Hansen  
5/24 Earl Chester  
5/25 Kevin O'Malley



## May Anniversaries

Happy  
  
Anniversary



5/01	John & Kathleen Stone	31 years
5/11	Tom & Austina Kelley	38
5/14	Earl & Rita Chester	35
5/16	John & Carlolyn Cavadine	60
5/23	John & Bernie Judge	42
5/28	Dick & Marjorie Harding	52
5/30	Greg & Helen Skorupski	42

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# NEWS & Views

## **Knight of the Month:**

### **Ben Stack:**

Ben has hit the ground running. As a new Knight to the Council he has quickly assumed a position on the Monthly Parish Breakfast Team. He can be found helping with whatever needs to be done in providing the exceptional service the Council is known. This includes the clean up after the breakfast as well as the set up prior to and after the first wave of parishers. Additionally, he attends as many meetings and events as his busy schedule permits.

**MANY THANKS!** 



## **Family of the Month:**

### **Dave and Ann Todd, Sr.:**

Dave and Ann espouse the mission of the Knights of Columbus by their untiring support and commitment of council and state activities. Dave willingly stepped in and helped with the Council Breakfast when needed and can be found at most of the Council Activities. He assists with any task required to ensure the success of council events. Ann is active as the President of the Columbiettes, a vital arm of the Knights. She helped arrange a trip to Atlantic City for the parish and all had an enjoyable time. As the coordinators for the Parish Eucharistic Ministers, Dave and Ann manage their scheduling for all the Parish Masses. Dave is active at the state level as an activity program chairman. Dependable and with a cheerful attitude they can be found at as many activities as possible.

## **Selfless Act of Kindness**

Our Fraternal Benefits Counselor Brother Dennis Riley donated one of his kidneys to a fellow parishioner at St Catherine of Siena (a 17 year old girl) whose own kidneys had failed. On Wednesday April 25 at Inova Fairfax Hospital he went in for surgery. The transplant went well and was successful, Dennis is doing fine and best of all the recipient of his kidney is doing well! What a wonderful gesture, and a magnificent act of Columbianism and human compassion. Our prayers for a complete recovery for the kidney recipient and you Dennis!



## **Father Diamond Council Website/ Fax and e.mail Addresses**

Snail mail of The Lookout may be the way that some of you keep up with Council activities but in recent months things have drastically changed! E-mail gives everyone greater access to a wealth of information and keeps us all updated with last minute changes. Hank will continue sending the Council schedule updates from his e.mail address at home, if you have any urgent information, questions, or would like to get your e-mail address included, please send them to him at [hurban@erols.com](mailto:hurban@erols.com). or call him at 703 591-9244.

Also for those who still have not done so.... Visit our Council website at [www.6292.kofcva.org](http://www.6292.kofcva.org) always new and updated with the latest information, and the latest edition of The Lookout is posted!. It is a very complete and neat site for Knight's and...Columbiettes. Kevin McGrail has done and continues to do an outstanding job of putting together this site! The Father Diamond Fax number is 703-385-8007 and e.mail address is [KofC6292@juno.com](mailto:KofC6292@juno.com).

*Last words of life to your  
apostles you commend, Oer Forty  
days and then to Father's side as-  
cend. So we, new men with you  
abide, tho' still on earth, in spirit at  
the Father's side.*

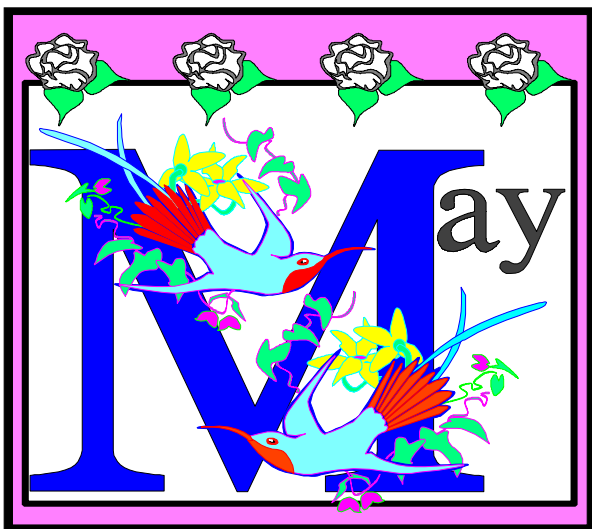
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## Dates to Remember



- 8pm Officers' Mtg.....May 1**
- State Convention.....May 5-6**
- 7:30 Rosary/Fraternal Benefits .... May 8**
- Mother's Day.....May 13
- Food Drive.....May 13**
- 8pm 4th Degree Mtg.....May 16
- Grand Knight's Ball.....May 18**
- 8am Abortion Clinic Rosary.....May 19
- Breakfast Blue Team.....May 20**
- Corp Comm Mass 9:30.....May 20**
- 7:30 Mass Spm Elections.....May 22**
- Ascension Day HDO.....May 24**
- Food Drive.....May 27**
- 3pm Pig Roast.....May 27
- Memorial Day.....May 28**