

The Lookout

May 2006



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I write this message on April 9. March was a big month for family and food-oriented activities, with the St. Patrick's Day Party, the Night of Magic, the Columbiettes Soup Supper, and the Lenten Fish Bake. Thanks to all who made these activities so successful. This is the first year I attended the St. Patrick's Day party, and I actually enjoyed it very much, especially the Irish dancing. The Night of Magic went very well, not least because the magicians went to a one long set strategy, versus two shorter sets with an intermission as in past years; so the show lasted 75 minutes, just the right time to keep the kids' attention. I couldn't actually attend the soup supper but our Deputy Grand Knight assures me everything was delicious. I really enjoyed the cheese pizza at the Fish Bake – I'd already had fish for lunch!

March 1 was the first day of Lent this year. I write this message at the start of Holy Week. I struggled with Lent this year, especially at the start. It was very hard to orient myself towards God away from the world. But I kept attending Mass every weekday morning, and I continued my daily Bible and Catechism readings (my New Year's Resolution was to read the entire Bible and Catechism this year). And I changed part of my study at home to be a shrine to Our Lady. So far I just have a statue, icons and statues, and some fresh flowers. But having it there is a great comfort to me. I encourage all of you to take advantage of the tremendous wealth of spiritual practice and knowledge available to you! St. Leo's holds Mass twice a day on weekdays – 3 times during Lent and Advent. The Bible is available in every bookstore and for every computer, even many cell phones! If constant prayer, Mass attendance, and spiritual reading can change my life then no one is beyond reach! I want to especially call out a new resource: The "Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church". In 200 pages this book answers 598 questions

about the faith, and also contains 14 images of classic Christian artwork. By repute it is more clear and concise than the Catechism itself (and obviously does not replace the richness and depth of the full Catechism).

One of our newest Knights, Patrick Reeder, came to this area from Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. He works for a company that was able to relocate to this area. Patrick is still in contact with his old parish, "Our Lady of the Gulf" in Bay St. Louis, MS. As the name indicates the church is mere blocks from the Gulf, and was devastated by the hurricane. Check out the many pictures at <http://olgchurch.net>, and at <http://hightide.st.usm.edu/katrina/default.aspx>. I would like our council to take it upon ourselves to adopt Our Lady of the Gulf parish, and to help meet their many needs by the aid of our prayers, our financial support, and our manual labor. Our Lady of the Gulf is a small slice of the ruin brought about by Katrina, but in Patrick we have a direct personal connection to this one slice. I would like each one of you to consider how Fr. Diamond Council as a whole, and you in particular as a council member, can help in this effort. Past Grand Knight Timothy Tilson has volunteered to work with Patrick to organize our support. Please contact myself, Patrick Reeder (patrick@reeder.org), or PGK Tilson (hmslydia@msn.com).

Dave Miller
Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Message:

Here are the remaining Council Degrees for this fraternal year:

1st Degrees
May 13th
June 13th

2nd Degrees
May 25th

Question – where is your Form 100? Just checking. If you know of any one interested in joining the Knights, please contact me with their info. Also, if you have any ideas for recruiting new members, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-307-9163 or Wweich@yahoo.com. I am always interested in new ideas!

Now that we're approaching the end of our Fraternal Year and have many of our largest projects behind us, it's easy to relax and start thinking to next year. But remember, we still have months of recruitment and retention work to do. Now that the weather's getting nice, ask your neighbor if he's a Knight while you're both working in the yard. All it usually takes to recruit someone is to make the offer!

Fraternally,

Bill Weich
Worthy Chancellor

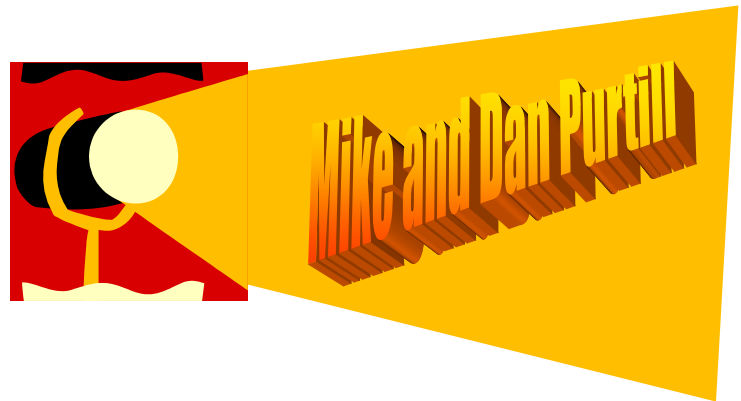


Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month
March 2006



Family of the Month
March 2006



Departing Brothers

Brother Mike Tully is leaving us for the warming climes of Atlanta, GA. We wish him well in the Peach States and will sorely miss his presence in our Council.

Also leaving us is Brother Dave Huninghake who has orders for Hawaii. While it's hard to feel sorry for a guy going to live in paradise, his absence at the family breakfasts will be noticeable.

Good luck to our Brothers wherever their paths may lead!

News & Events

Ladies Night Out

Don't forget, the monthly Ladies Night Out for your wife or girlfriend is Wednesday May 3rd at 7:30pm. This is a great chance for your special lady to get out of the house for a few hours and enjoy some sorority.

The ladies have done lots of things in the past, from playing Bunco, to doing crafts, to just hanging out and enjoying a few drinks. Encourage your lady to attend and have her call Beth Ward at 703-273-6289 for info.

State Convention 2006

The Virginia State Council will hold its annual convention on May 5th through 7th at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach. The complete convention package can be downloaded from the State website at the following address: <http://www.state.kofcva.org/StateForms/convention2006.pdf>

This years convention will include deep sea fishing, a golf tournament, and even the opportunity for the ladies to attend "Growing Up Catholic ~ The Musical" performed by the CHOIR CONNECTION, a theatrical group of the St. Edward's Musical Ministry.

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the third Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (building next to the Holiday Inn at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, May 13th.

As many of you know, our attendance is sometimes a bit spotty. It only takes about 30 minutes to pray the whole Rosary, and with the weather so nice now, there's really no excuse for not coming out and joining your Brothers in this great Pro-Life cause. Bring the whole family.

Antique Car Show

On May 20th, the Council will operate a food stand in front of City Hall. The first shift will meet at the Hall at 8 and go to set up around 9 to be ready to serve at 10. We will need about 4 bodies per shift and if anyone has a Pickup truck that that would be a big help. For more info or to volunteer contact Bill Ward billyjoe@cox.net

Council Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee has made it's recommendations for Officers for the next fraternal year. The recommendations are:

Grand Knight	Bill Ward
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Weich
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe
Treasurer	Al Leightley (Appointed by GK)
Lecturer	Dave Mann
Recorder	Dennis Makurat
Advocate	Bob Eckert
Warden	Matt West
Inside Guard	Nelson Clinch
Outside Guard	George Schuld
Outside Guard	David Miller
3 Year Trustee	Bill Ward
Grand Knight Delegate	David Miller
Past Grand Knight Delegate	Bill Weich
Alternate GK Delegate	Greg Hartley
Alternate PGK Delegate	

The above recommendations are submitted to the council for consideration. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election.

Elections will be held during the regularly scheduled business meeting on May 23, 2006. Be sure to be there to vote!

Special Thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

Nominating Committee

Tom Kelley PGK, Chairman

Greg Hartley, PGK

Bill Jayne, PGK

Family Breakfast

The monthly family breakfast will be on Sunday, May 23rd. The Blue Team has the honors. Come out and help, even if you're not on the Team. If you like it, the Team Captain will be happy to sign you up!



Anniversaries

May Birthdays

Thomas E O Donovan Jr	5/1
Jose M. Peralta	5/1
Roger N. Rosenberger	5/2
Enrique A. Prado	5/3
Gerard A. Tumelty	5/3
Terry L. Rinker	5/3
John Curtin	5/5
Brian J. Gormley	5/5
Alvaro E. Ugaz	5/5
Dale H. Allen	5/6
John O. Cavadine	5/7
Ernest Leguizamon	5/7
Hugh C Cannon	5/9
John R. Markus	5/11
Douglas L. Hazelgrove	5/11
Adelard L. Brault Jr	5/14
John T Pivik	5/15
Rev Jerry Wooton	5/15
Patrick K. Leffas	5/17
David G. Johnson	5/19
John K. Muller	5/21
John D Brosnan	5/22
Victor D. Kuchar	5/22
Donald K Hansen	5/23
Earl F Chester	5/24
Robert B. McElwee	5/26

May Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

John & Kathleen Stone	5/1	35
John & Kathy Cotner	5/3	30
Michael & Jennifer Mendrysa	5/3	2
Paul G & Mary Jo Hartley	5/10	25
Thomas & Austina Kelley	5/11	42
Earl & Rita Chester	5/14	39
John & Carolyn Cavadine	5/16	64
Tod Jennifer Rehm	5/17	6
Noel & Jennifer Montoya	5/19	15
Charles & Michelle McSoley	5/19	15
John & Bernie Judge	5/23	46
William & Eloise Davis	5/24	53
Michael & Connie Shaw	5/27	16
Richard & Marjorie Harding	5/28	56
Malcolm & Jessica Harris	5/29	29

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

The Knights of Columbus policy on replacing existing life insurance is as follows: *“The Order does not condone the practice of soliciting replacement insurance or using cash values or dividends of existing policies to finance new business. In most cases, replacement is not to the policyholder’s advantage.”*

The reasons for this are many. First, premiums usually increase on a new policy because it is issued at an older age. The older your are, the more expensive life insurance is.

Many times, options available under the older policy are lost and sometimes not offered under the new policy. In addition, a new “incontestability” period begins with the new contract. The Order, for example, maintains the right to contest a claim up to two years from the issue date of the policy. A new policy brings with it a new issue date, and a new “incontestability” period.

You purchased the life insurance you have for a reason – probably a very good reason. It is a good idea to hold onto that coverage. That doesn’t mean you have all the coverage you need or will ever need.

I’ll be happy to meet with you at your convenience and perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis for you and your family. My job is to determine any gaps in your existing coverage, and to help you to fill those gaps. It’s not to replace your existing coverage.

Give me a call.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chaplain	Fr. Augustine Tran	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Ward	273-6289
Chancellor	Bill Weich	307-9163
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Dave Mann	691-9160
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
Warden	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Inside Guard	George Schuld	255-0362
Outside Guard	Stephen Davis	591-5694
Outside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
3yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797
2yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
1yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911

Program Directors

Programs	Bill Ward	273-6289
Church	Mike Plumstead	250-2367
Community	Matt West	359-4652
Council	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Family	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Membership	Bill Weich	307-9163

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Bill Weich	307-9163
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
KOVAR	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

For Your Edification

Council Fraternal Coordinator

The Grand Knight has appointed PGK Jack Cotner as the new Council Fraternal coordinator. His duties entail staying in contact with brethren sick and in distress, and also stay in touch with the widows our departed brothers. You may contact Jack at cotnerjohn@aol.com to report a member in distress or offer your support.

From the Supreme Website...

Transcending Boundaries in Christian Charity

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivered a message urging solidarity with the poor at an interfaith conference at Georgetown University April 27. In remarks presented at the [International Prayer for Peace](http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=61397) gathering, the Supreme Knight called for an outreach to the impoverished that extends beyond national borders and personal experiences. You can read the complete text of his comments at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=61397>

Knights Work with Bishops to Defend Marriage

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Knights are joining forces in a campaign to encourage U.S. Catholics to write their senators urging a vote in favor of the Marriage Protection Amendment. The Order is printing 10 million post cards urging senators to support the amendment. Grand knights and pastors can order additional post cards by filling out and faxing the order form at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=58163>

In the May Issue of *Columbia*

In an article for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (May 7), Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston says parents, Catholic school teachers, priests, and others must use every opportunity to promote vocations among young people. Read more at <http://www.kofc.org/un/publications/columbia/index.cfm>



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Dates to Remember in May

May 2	Officers' Meeting	May 18	Admissions Committee
May 3	BUNCO/Ladies' Night Out	May 20	Antique Car Show
May 5, 6 & 7	State Convention	May 20	1 st Degree
May 6	Salute to Seniors	May 21	Blood Drive
May 8	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	May 23	Mass/Business Meeting/ Election of Officers
May 9	Rosary/Business Meeting		
May 13	Rosary at Abortion Facility	May 25	2 nd Degree
May 13 & 14	Food Drive	May 27 & 28	Food Drive
May 14	Mother's Day	May 28	Family Breakfast
May 16	Grey GOSTS	May 28	Pig Roast
May 17	4th Degree Rosary/Business Meeting/ Election of Officers	May 29	Memorial Day

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 VS #7	2 1930 Officer's Mtg	3 1930 Ladies Night Out	4	5 State Convention	6 1200 Salute to Seniors State Convention
7 State Convention	8 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #8	9 1930 Rosary/Business Mtg	10	11	12	13 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
14 Food Drive Mother's Day	15 VS #9	16 1100 Gray GOSTS	17 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting Assembly Election of Officers	18 1930 Admissions Committee	19	20 1000 Antique Car Show 1800 1 st Degree
21 Blood Drive	22 VS #10	23 1930 Mass/Business Mtg Council Election of Officers	24	25 2000 2 nd Degree	26	27 Food Drive
28 Food Drive Family B'fast/Blue Team 1600 Pig Roast 1145 Donuts & Coffee	29 VS #GG	30	31			

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June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 1700 Corporate Communion Parish Recruitment Fair 1900 Grand Knights Ball
4 Pentecost Parish Recruitment Fair	5 St. Leo's School Field Day VS #1	6 1930 Officer's Meeting	7 1930 Ladies Night Out	8 1930 Admissions Committee	9	10 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
11 Food Drive	12 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #2	13 1930 Mass/Business Mtg/First Degree	14	15	16	17 Adopt A Spot
18 Corpus Christi Father's Day Family Breakfast/Gold Team	19 VS #3	20 1100 Grey GOSTS	21 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting Steak Night	22	23	24 Food Drive
25 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	26 VS #4	27	28	29	30	

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