

The Lookout

May 2007



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

This month, I wanted to reflect a bit on the virtue of Charity and also the assumptions we can all tend to make when it comes to this primary principle of our Order. As I write this, we are in the midst of our annual KOVAR drive. I particularly enjoy KOVAR because it teaches me (and each of us) so much about human nature and people. I often tell friends and co-workers about our KOVAR drive and the lessons that I personally take from it each time I do it. I also tell them that – like waiting tables for a living – it is something everyone should have to do at least once.

It is often easy to make quick judgments about our fellow human beings and to be very mistaken in them – we are all guilty of having made those snap judgments. We might assume that a man in a tailored suit, getting out of his Mercedes or Porsche, is a very likely donor to KOVAR. Conversely, we make an assumption about the teenager we see walking our way – with his or her face pierced and sporting tattoos or shoddy clothes. “Surely,” we think, “I am not going to get even a second look from that kid!” What I love most about KOVAR is how wrong I can be about these very thoughts. I have had people walk out of a store with a fist full of money and not even look my way (avoiding eye contact studiously as many folks will). By the same token, I have seen a young person scrounge around in their pocket and produce a \$5 bill and place it in my cup with a smile and a nod. The KOVAR experience also teaches us each a great lesson about humility. It is not easy for some of us to put on a yellow smock and essentially “beg” for money – even for as noble a cause as helping those diagnosed with mental retardation. It is at these times that I think of the great Catholic examples we have in this area of humility and service – Mother Theresa and the Little Sisters of the Poor (to name a couple) – who do this sort of appeal every day as a way of life and humble themselves as they work tirelessly to help those who are less fortunate and most in need of assistance in society.

All in all, I think KOVAR is right up there with the March for Life in terms of our greatest efforts as a council. These are the events that make me proudest to be a Knight and allow us to not

only participate in a noble cause, but also to set the kind of example that we always talk about – for our children, our fellow Catholics and everyone we meet. It is also richly rewarding as many folks stop to thank you for giving of your time and making the effort. Every year I have several particularly nice moments – sometimes speaking with a person who has a child or a relative who benefits directly from our efforts. My thanks to Tim Cooke for all his work this year and to all those Knights who give of their time for this cause.

Our Knight of the Month for March is Brother Mike Purtil. As noted in last month's Grand Knight's Message, Mike has been extremely helpful and active this year. Helping to run the St. Patrick's Day Party late into the evening and then showing up early to run the grill at our Monthly Family Breakfast the very next morning – I think he may have slept in the Hall (not really)! Mike has also been active at so many functions all year and also serves as our Recorder. I thank Mike for all the help he has given to me personally and to the council this year!

The Family of the Month is that of Tim and Erin Cooke. Tim and Erin have always been real model of a Knights of Columbus family to be honest – especially as a younger couple, involving their daughters and helping with so many events I could not list them all here. Tim has been gracious enough to run our KOVAR drive this year (going on as I type this) and Erin has also been a constant fixture at our events – helping out all the time. Thanks to them for their continued involvement and service to the council and parish.

I would ask that we all also remember in our prayers this month Brother Bruno Ambrosini – who passed away recently and, of course, all the victims and families of the victims devastated by the terrible shootings at Virginia Tech. Being so close to home, many of us have some connection to the school and this terrible tragedy certainly merits our compassion and prayers. Let us continue to pray for these victims and their loved ones as they try to deal with this terrible loss of life.

Fraternally, Bill Ward

Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292 May 2007

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Deputy Grand Knight's Message:

A great big "Thank You" to my brother Knights and your families for your continued support of our Programs and Activities in March and April. Both months were busy and it seemed like there was something going on at all times. Highlights include the Night of Magic, Lenten Fish Supper, Columbiettes Soup Supper, our Easter Basket Program (assembly & delivery), Easter Egg Hunt, and of course, our annual KOVAR drive. We are not quite through though – we still have May and June and your continued help will be needed and greatly appreciated. May will be busy with the Salute to Seniors, Antique Car Show, Nationals vs. Orioles Baseball, and the Annual Pig Roast, while June is highlighted by the traditional Grand Knights Ball. Let us continue our efforts to show that Fr. Diamond Council is still the best in the State of Virginia.

Just a reminder of upcoming Degrees hosted by Fr. Diamond Council: Let's finish off the fraternal year by bringing in that new member that each of us has been working on.

May 8 – 1st Degree
June 9 – 1st Degree
June 12 – 2nd Degree

Fraternally
Bill Weich
Deputy Grand Knight



Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month March 2007



Family of the Month March 2007



Fraternal Prayer Contact

If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack Cotner at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

News & Events

Salute to Seniors Luncheon

Fr. Diamond Council will host our annual Salute to Seniors Luncheon on Saturday May 19th at Providence Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. A spaghetti lunch will be served with bingo afterwards. Help is needed to preparing and serving lunch, bingo, and cleanup. Please contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436 or hmslydia@msn.com if you help with this event.

Antique Car Show

On Saturday, May 19th, Fr. Diamond Council will operate a food stand at the annual Antique Car Show being held 10-3pm. We will be serving hotdogs, chips and soda/water. Volunteers are needed to help transport the supplies, set up, serve, and cleanup. We will meet at Providence Hall at 8am to help transport the supplies. Brother Knights with pickup trucks and or SUVs are asked to assist. Please contact Bill Weich, DGK, at 703-307-9163 or wweich@yahoo.com if you can assist.

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy Grand Knight Bill Ward runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details. This is a great family event. Please try to make time to help with this most worthy, and fulfilling, endeavor.

Tailgate at the Nationals Game

Please join your brother Knights and their families for our Tailgate as the Washington Nationals take on the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday, May 19 at RFK Stadium. Tailgate starts at 4PM and the game is at 7:05PM. Tailgate includes your ticket to the game (upper deck directly behind home plate), burgers, dogs, snacks, soda, water, and beer. All this fun for only \$30 per person. To RSVP to the game, please contact Tim Cooke at 703-766-2911 or timcooke@cox.net



KOVAR

I'd like to thank all the volunteers in our KOVAR Drive this year. Our preliminary indications are that we raised \$24,508, which is more than we've raised in each of past 4 years and our Councils second highest total since we started collecting in 1971. Special thanks go to all those people who put in extra effort of many hours and extra shifts...especially Al Leightley and Hank Urban who spearheaded the counting efforts back at the Hall and John Judge who prepared all the food for everyone to eat upon the completion of their shifts. Young Rob Clinch the son of Brother Knight Nelson Clinch deserves a big attaboy for spending the weekend in the hall helping count the collections. None of this could have happened with out the help of many Brother Knights who did the actual collection effort and especially to those who also worked double, triple and more shifts and to the Road Runners who gave us a good start by collecting \$1010 on the first morning of our drive. Also, a big thanks to those families and family members who helped make this one of the most successful events this year.

Thanks, again
Tim Cooke
KOVAR Chairman

Fraternalism Night

On Friday, May 18th starting at 7:00pm, we will be having our final fraternalism night of the year. Dr. Michael New from the University of Alabama will provide a short talk on the status of the Pro-Life Movement in America, focusing on achievements of the past few years. Cost for dinner and refreshments is \$5. Contact Dan Purtill at dpurtill@gmail.com with any questions.

2008 Entertainment Books

Start planning now. The 2008 Entertainment Books will arrive "in August" and be valid immediately through November 1, 2008. Let your friends and coworkers know. There will be incentives for sellers and buyers. This is an important fundraiser for the council and the more members who sell, the higher our profits. For more information contact David Todd 703-352-2724

May Anniversaries

May Birthdays

Jose M. Peralta	5/1
Roger N. Rosenberger	5/2
Enrique A. Prado	5/3
Gerard A. Tumelty	5/3
Terry L. Rinker Jr	5/3
Richard A. LaRose	5/4
John Curtin	5/5
Brian J. Gormley	5/5
Anthony J Simon	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
Robert B. McElwee	5/26
Kevin V. McAlevy	5/28

April Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

John & Kathleen Stone	5/1/1970	36
Thomas & Claire Botticelli	5/1/2004	2
John & Kathy Cotner PGK	5/3/1975	31
Michael & Jennifer Mendrysa	5/3/2003	3
Paul G & Mary Jo Hartley	5/10/1980	26
Thomas & Austina Kelley PGK	5/11/1963	43
John & Carolyn Cavadine	5/16/1941	65
Tod & Jennifer Rehm	5/17/1999	7
Noel & Jennifer Montoya	5/19/1990	16
Charles & Michelle McSoley	5/19/1990	16
John & Bernie Judge	5/23/1959	47
William & Eloise Davis	5/24/1952	54
Michael & Connie Shaw	5/27/1989	17
Richard & Marjorie Harding	5/28/1949	57
Malcolm & Jessica Harris	5/29/1976	30
Allan & Marianne Botticelli	5/30/1964	42

Editor's Note

Have you noticed an error in your birthday, anniversary, or other personal information? If so, contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Al Botticelli at apbott@cox.net and he'll be sure to get your information corrected.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Owners of Knights of Columbus annuities are now the recipients of a fraternal benefit called the Medical Withdrawal Option (MWO). The MWO (provided at no cost by the way) allows the annuitant to withdraw all or part of the Accumulation Value of the annuity with no surrender charge, provided that:

- 1) The annuitant has a medical condition that is expected to result in death within twelve months, or
- 2) The annuitant undergoes a major organ transplant, suffers major burns, or is diagnosed as having life-threatening cancer, heart attack, unstable angina, stroke, end-stage kidney disease, paralysis or coma, or
- 3) The annuitant is confined in a licensed skilled nursing facility for at least sixty (60) consecutive days.

The MWO is available once the accumulation value of the annuity is \$5,000 or more, and became available February 1, 2006 for both existing and newly issued annuities. To be eligible, the annuitant must have a qualifying medical condition that commenced after February 1, 2006 or the date you started your annuity, whichever is later.

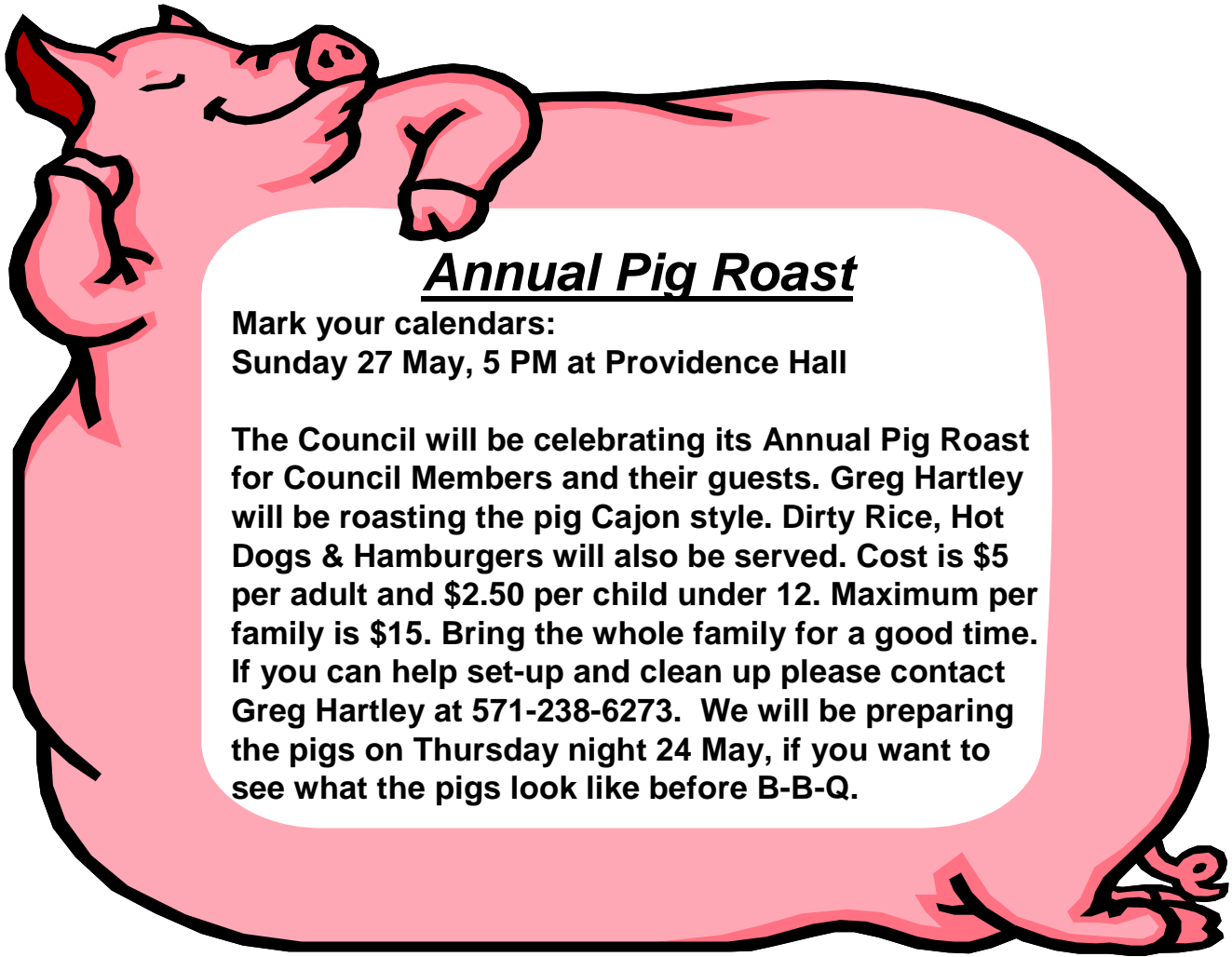
Please note that any waiver of Knights of Columbus surrender charges will have no affect on any tax reporting, tax withholding or tax penalty that may be imposed by the U.S. or Canadian governments.

There are a number of additional restrictions and conditions that apply to the MWO. I'll be happy to visit with you and your wife to fully explain this and the Order's entire portfolio of fraternal benefits. Virtually all Knights of Columbus annuities are covered under the MWO, and as a reminder, surrender charges are also waived in the event of the death of the annuitant.

The Knights of Columbus Flexible Premium Annuity Plan provides our members and their families with a safe and secure place to accumulate funds on a tax favored basis. Your Order strives to offer the most competitive interest rates possible while absolutely guaranteeing the safety of deposited funds. Don't have a Knights of Columbus Annuity Plan? You can start an annuity with a deposit of as little as \$300 – but no deposit is too large. Why not start building your nest egg by meeting with me soon?

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

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley, Fraternal Benefits Advisor



Annual Pig Roast

Mark your calendars:

Sunday 27 May, 5 PM at Providence Hall

The Council will be celebrating its Annual Pig Roast for Council Members and their guests. Greg Hartley will be roasting the pig Cajon style. Dirty Rice, Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will also be served. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child under 12. Maximum per family is \$15. Bring the whole family for a good time. If you can help set-up and clean up please contact Greg Hartley at 571-238-6273. We will be preparing the pigs on Thursday night 24 May, if you want to see what the pigs look like before B-B-Q.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has identified the following Brother Knights as willing and able to serve as Officer's for Father Diamond council for the 2007/2008 Fraternal Year. The Council will vote on these offices at the business meeting on May 22, 2007, at which time any member is welcome to make further nominations or run off the floor.

Grand Knight	William Weich
DGK	Stephen Kehoe
Chancellor	**VACANT**
Warden	Bob Eckert
Treasurer	Al Leightly
Recorder	Nelson Clinch
Advocate	Dennis Makurat
Lecturer	Appointed
Inside Guard	John Eldred
Outside Guard	Patrick Deighan
Outside Guard	Charlie Kraiger
Three Year Trustee	William Ward
Grand Knight Delegate	William Weich
Past GK Delegate	William Ward
Alternate GK Delegate	Stephen Kehoe
Alternate PGK Delegate	Greg Hartley

Then nominating committee has not been able to identify anyone willing to assume the office of Chancellor. We are leaving this position vacant in the hope that some one will step forward either before or during the election and take on the duties of the Chancellor. Please contact Tom Kelley at fairfaxtom@msn.com if you would like to step in as our Chancellor for next year.

Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Ward		273-6289
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi		273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Weich	301	527-1207
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813
Treasurer	Al Leightley		273-2089
Lecturer	Greg Skorupski		978-8280
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli		278-0379
Recorder	Mike Purtill	202	251-8424
Advocate	Dennis Makurat		383-0233
Warden	Bob Eckert		
Inside Guard	Matt West		359-4652
Outside Guard	Nelson Clinch		385-2146
Outside Guard	George Schuld		255-0362
3yr Trustee	Dave Miller		517-3430
2yr Trustee	Greg Hartley		352-2797
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban		591-9244

Program Directors

Programs	Bill Weich	301	527-1207
Church	Mike Plumstead		250-2367
Community	Tim Hogan		385-1292
Council	Mike/Dan Purtill		641-8948
Family	Tim Tilson		273-9436
Youth	Bob Bilko		359-6824
Membership	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813

Committee Chairmen

Charity	George Schuld		255-0362
Admissions	Tim Cooke		766-2911
Retention	Tim Tilson		273-9436
Vocations	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813
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	Tom Kelley		385-2819
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd		352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy		425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb		591-7739
Christmas Trees	Dave Miller		517-3430
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	Dave Todd		352-2724
KOVAR	Tim Cooke		766-2911
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

Columbiettes Corner

The Columbiettes held their meeting on April 17, 2007.

The Atlantic City trip made \$500, thanks to Flo Hogan, Priscilla Hogan and Lynne Morrison for their efforts.

We discussed the charities and several members plan to research some of the potential organizations. This will provide background information on our donations.

The Calumniates will hold another bake sale on Memorial Day weekend, May 26 and 27. We have arranged to use the Kitchen in the Parish Activity Center on Saturday May 26, for an all hands bake-a-thon. This will take place between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. Please come by at any time during that day to help. Call Wendy Kehoe for more details 703-591-6813. We will accept ALL BAKED goods.

Nominations for next year's officers were held.

President	Wendy Kehoe
Vice President	Priscilla Hogan
Secretary	Julie Clinch
Treasurer	Erin Cooke

Elections will be held May 15, at our next meeting.

All ladies of Knights of Fr. Diamond Council are automatically members of the Columbiettes. Please come join us.

Thanks.
Ann Todd





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Dates to Remember in May

May 1	Officer's Meeting	May 18	Fraternalism Night
May 3	Admissions Committee	May 19	Antique Car Show
May 4-6	State Convention	May 19	Salute to Seniors
May 4	Pre-5K Pasta Dinner	May 19	First Communion
May 5	KofC 5K and Fun Run	May 19	Orioles @ Nationals
May 8	Rosary/Business Meeting/1 st Degree	May 20	ASCENSION
May 12&13	Food Drive	May 20	Blood Drive
May 12	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	May 20	Mass/Business Meeting/Elections
May 12	First Communion	May 27	Family Breakfast – Blue Team
May 14	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	May 26&27	Food Drive
May 15	Grey GOSTS	May 27	Pig Roast
May 15	Columbiette's Meeting/Elections	May 28	Memorial Day
May 16	4 th Degree Rosary/Meeting/Elections		

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 1930 Officer's Meeting	2	3 Admissions Committee	4 State Convention 1800 Pre-5K Pasta Dinner	5 State Convention 0800 KofC 5K & Fun Run
6 State Convention	7 VS #5	8 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting/ First Degree	9	10	11	12 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Food Drive First Communion
13 Mother's Day Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #6	15 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiette's Meeting/Elections	16 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	17	18 1900 Fraternalism Night	19 Antique Car Show 1200 Salute to Seniors First Communion
20 Ascension Special Family Breakfast Blood Drive	21 VS #7	22 1930 Mass/Business Meeting/Election of Officers	23	24	25	26 Food Drive
27 Pentecost 1700 Pig Roast Food Drive	28 Memorial Day VS #8	29	30	31		

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June

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3	4 St. Leo's School Field Day VS #9	5 1930 Officer's Meeting	6	7 Admissions Committee	8	9 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Food Drive
10 Corpus Christi Food Drive	11 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #10	12 1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting/ Second Degree	13	14	15	16 1000 Adopt A Spot 1700 Corporate Communion Mass
17 Family Breakfast – Gold Team 1100 Corpus Christi Procession	18 VS #GG	19 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiette's Meeting	20 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting/ Pass in Review Dinner	21	22	23 Parish Welcoming Committee
24 1145 Coffee & Donuts Parish Welcoming Committee	25 VS #1	26 1830 Rosary/Steak Night	27	28	29	30

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