



# The Lookout



2011-12 Fraternal Year, Issue 11

May 2012

## Grand Knight's Message:



### Brother Knights and family members,

As we enter the penultimate month of the Council Year I look back and see the hard work that you loyal members of Father Diamond Council have performed. We have much

more to do in these last two months and I'm sure you can be counted on to continue your splendid efforts.

April brought us the reception for RCIA members who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday along with their families. PGK "Jack" Cotner was in charge. He had the assistance of a number of Knights their wives and even a couple of our member's children. The presence of all three St. Leo's priests was indicative of the interest in the event. Chancellor Matt West prepared letters to the new men of the parish inviting them to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. The crowd was impressed with the buffet that was available and expressed their thanks many times over.

On Easter Sunday we held our Annual Egg Hunt with PGK Mike Purtill once again serving as the Easter Bunny with the help of his Brother Knights and their families who "hid" the eggs and helped with crowd control. The special education students at Woodson High School filled eggs with candy. Sincere thanks to all those who assisted in making the event a big success.

Our Salute to Seniors Luncheon was held on Saturday, April 28th under the direction of Chairman Bob Bilko. Many of the participants were also those who helped setup the hall, prepare the food and cleanup after. We had a

social hour before lunch; bingo after and a door prize of a grocery store gift certificate.

The first event during May is the Night of Magic on Saturday the 5th at 6 pm. We had to reschedule this event from last month due to an oversight on my part when we moved the event from the second to the fourth Saturday without verifying that the PAC (Gym) was available. I was more than a little concerned that the Magicians would make me disappear if I didn't cleanup my act. We hope to have our usual crowd of families on hand for the show.

Respectfully,  
Greg Skorupski  
Grand Knight

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## 2012 Night of Magic Saturday, May 5



**Witness multiple magicians perform fantastical feats of prestidigitation!**

**St. Leo's Catholic School**  
**3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA**  
**Parish Activity Center (a.k.a. "The Gym")**  
**Doors open at 6:00 pm / Show starts at 7:00 pm**

### Cost:

- \$10 per adult
- \$5 per child
- \$30 family cap

### Price includes:

- Admission to the show
- 2 slices of pizza
- 1 drink (soda / water)

**\* Please RSVP \***

with the number of adults and children to:

Mike Purtill

[mvpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mvpurtill@gmail.com)

202-251-8424

### *Deputy Grand Knight's Report:*



Brothers,

It's May already. Only two months left in the Fraternal Year, and we have lots going on.

The Council's annual Night of Magic is Saturday, May 5th. This is a great family event that begins right after the 5:0 Mass. Please RSVP to Mike

Purtill at [mvpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mvpurtill@gmail.com) so we know how much pizza to order!

May 19th brings us to the annual Antique Car Show. We can use plenty of help setting up, selling refreshments, and bringing everything back to the Hall. Come by the Hall first thing Saturday morning to help out. Please contact Bob Bilko at [rabilko@hotmail.com](mailto:rabilko@hotmail.com) if you can lend a hand for a few hours.

We also have one of my favorite events, the Council Pig Roast on Sunday, May 27th at 6:00 pm. If you want to see the whole cooking process, come by the Hall at about 4:30 that morning to see the pigs placed in the roasting pit.

Of course, we will have our regular business meetings on the 8th and 22nd. The meeting on the 8th will also include our final First Degree of the Fraternal Year, so keep working those fine men who haven't yet joined the Order. Contact Chancellor Matt West at [mtwest1@verizon.net](mailto:mtwest1@verizon.net) for more information.

We will also pray the Rosary at the abortion facility on Saturday May 12th at 8:00 am; conduct our monthly Bingo on Monday the 14th; and, have our monthly Grey GOSTS luncheon on Tuesday the 15th at 11:00.

This is a great time of year for the Council, with plenty of opportunities to get involved and to fraternize with your brothers and their families. We hope to see you at one of our many events this month.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Purtill  
Deputy Grand Knight

### Father Diamond Scholarship Winner

Every year Father Diamond Council awards a \$2,000 scholarship (\$500 for each of four years) to an 8th grader who is either a family member of a Knight of Columbus or is a member of our parish, and who intends to go to a Catholic High School. This year's winner is:

**Emilie Razuri** who will be attending Paul VI.

### Lance Corporal Nicholas C. Kirven Scholarship Winner

Two years ago, Father Diamond Council started awarding the Lance Corporal Nicholas C Kirven Scholarship which is a \$1,000 scholarship (\$250 for each of four years). This scholarship is awarded in the name of Nicholas Kirven who died in service to his country and who was a graduate of St Leo's school. The scholarship is awarded to an 8th grader from St Leo's who intends to go to a Catholic High School. This year's winner is:

**Halie Balogh** who will be attending Paul VI.

*Columbiettes' Corner* The Columbiettes are sponsoring their annual **Bake Sale** following all the Masses the **Memorial Day Weekend**. The proceeds of the Bake Sale will be donated to a charity providing assistance to military personnel returning after overseas duty. Please help with the baking marathon on Saturday May 26 in the Parish Activity Center, assist with the actual sales following each Mass, donate bake goods (pies are a sure winner) or come to the CCD entrance of the school and BUY something. Look for further details in the Parish Bulletin.

During our May 15 meeting at Providence Hall beginning at 7:30 pm the agenda will include: finalization of plans for the Memorial Day Bake Sale, election of officers will be held and there will be a discussion of the Fall Craft Show.

Please remember that **all wives of Knights are automatically Columbiettes** and are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meetings and our events.

If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Linda Baringhaus at **703-385-9455** or [lin-damb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lin-damb3510@yahoo.com).

## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, May 14** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824** to volunteer.



### Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, May 12** at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.



### Newsletter/Bulletin Box Editor Needed

Herb Zimmerman has been assigned to a new job that will require his travel out of town to Long Island for the next two years. As Newsletter Editor he also provides the Parish Office with the Bulletin box information. We need one or two guys to step forward and help get the Newsletter out once a month and to provide the Parish with Bulletin Box information once a month. Herb is willing to work with anyone interested. Call herb at 703-623-7180 or email to [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com)



### Who was that Funny Bunny?



This year's Easter Egg Hunt was loads of fun. Our resident "Funny Bunny" made his annual appearance at St Leo's after masses. Nearly 2,000 eggs were hidden on the grass mall in front of the church (for 2 masses). Your brave and fearless brother Knights lined up along the flimsy plastic tape barrier holding back the hoards. A thin plastic tape is not enough to con-

tain hundreds of candy hungry, overly competitive kids who have just been cooped up in church for over an hour. They were already on a sugar high from sampling their Easter baskets at home before coming to church and somehow those naive Knights thought they could control them until the "right moment". The signal was given and the eggs disappeared within minutes. Some kids were very happy, some (the slower ones) were a little disappointed, but all had a great time. They even got a chance to sit on the Easter Bunny's knee for a photo op. And the scene was repeated after the 11:00 mass, too!. My hat is off to all those who helped prepare, "controlled" the kids and especially to Mike Purtill, resident Funny Bunny, for a job well done.

### Scholarships Awarded

This years scholarship committee consisting of Bill Weich, Linda Baringhaus (Columbiettes), and Nelson Clinch, Dan Purtill and Tim Tilson had a tough decision (as usual) choosing the recipients of the Father Diamond Scholarship and the Lance Corporal Nicholas C. Kirven Scholarship. These scholarships are four year scholarships awarded to young Catholic men and women who intend to go to a Catholic High School. See the article on page 2 to find out all about these scholarships and this year's winners. Thanks to the committee for making the hard decision.



### Bowling Tournament Results



This years tournament was held in Richmond, VA on April 14-15. In the team event Saturday, our team finished in 6th place (just 1 out of the money). In Sun-

day's doubles event, Brother Matt Hogan (son and grandson of PGK Tim Hogan and PSD Tom Hogan) and Columbiette Julie Clinch (wife of PGK Nelson Clinch) took 1st place! Mike Purtill won a bowling ball in one of the 50/50 raffles.



### Grand Knight Ball — June 23

#### Save the Date

This years Grand Knight Ball will be on **Saturday, June 23**. Watch the bulletin board at the hall and next month's newsletter for more information.

**Knight of the Month****April****Vincent Fetta**

Knight of the Month for April 2012 is Vincent Fetta. Vince attends every monthly Rosary at the Eaton Place Abortion Facility and tries to make every breakfast where he attends the donation basket answering questions from the newcomers.

**Family of the Month****March****Jeff and Kimberly Stevens**

Family of the Month is Warden Jeff Stevens and his wife Kimberly. They have been at all our Council family events and worked to ensure all was ready for those attending.

*Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message***Our guarantees set us apart**

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can — guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's what we offer with our Shield for Life. **We guarantee** the cash value in your whole life policies will be there. **We guarantee** the rates on your term insurance. **We guarantee** our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it. On top of those product guarantees, **I guarantee** that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization. You don't have to take my word for it. The Order consistently earns the highest ratings for strength and security from AM Best. There is no more highly rated life insurance provider in

North America. When you couple this with all the charitable and volunteer work of the Order, it's hard to beat the value of Knights of Columbus Insurance. I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Order, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. These principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Give me a call today to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA

## Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.



How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for 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.

### How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?



**Safeway sells gift cards for many stores** (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-U's, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**





**Fr. Diamond**  
**Annual Pig Roast**  
**Sunday 27 May**  
**5 PM - Providence Hall**

The Council will be celebrating its Annual Pig Roast for Knights and their guests on Sunday 27 May 2012, 5 PM at Providence Hall.

Serving: Cajun Style Roast Pig, Dirty Rice, Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will also be served.

Cost is \$15 per adult and \$5.00 per child under 12.  
 Maximum per family is \$35.

Bring the whole family for a great time!



If you can help: cook, set-up and/or clean up please contact Greg Hartley at 571-238-6273 pghartley@hotmail.com.



**Huge KofC Yard Sale—June 2**



**May 29 thru June 1 —Yard Sale Household Goods Needed.** Father Diamond Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Yard Sale on June 2. Knights and parishioners may make donations of serviceable household goods at Providence Hall from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 PM from Tuesday May 29 through Friday June 1. Thank you for your generosity.

**June 2—8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All proceeds will go to support charitable activi-

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		1 1930 Officers' Meeting	2	3 1930 Admissions Committee	4	5 1800 Night of Magic
6	7	8 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting First Degree	9	10	11	12 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive
13 Mother's Day Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes	16 1930 Malloy Assembly	17 Ascension	18 State Annual Mtg - Wmsburg	19 Antique Car Show State Annual Mtg - Wmsburg
20 Family Breakfast Blue Team	21	22 1930 Mass 2000 Election of Officers & Mtg	23	24	25	26 Food Drive Columbiette Bake Sale
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					1	2 Yard Sale
3 Blood Drive 8-1	4 St. Leo's Field Day	5 1930 Officers' Meeting St. Leo's Award Ceremony	6	7 1930 Admissions Committee	8	9 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive Open House
10 Food Drive Open House	11 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting First Degree	13	14 1800 Second Degree	15	16 1000 Adopt A Spot
17 Family Breakfast - Blue Team Father's Day	18	19 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes	20 1930 Malloy Assembly	21	22	23 1800 Grand Knight's Ball Food Drive
24 Food Drive	25	26 1900 Rosary 2000 Steak Night	27	28	29	30

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

### Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chaplain	Fr. Robert Wagner	703-273-5369
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Chancellor	Matt West	703-359-4652
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Carlos Jaramillo	703-385-0064
Advocate	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Warden	Jeff Stevens	703-868-5333
Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955
Outside Guard	Patrick Kiechlin	703-978-4028
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499

3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
2yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
1yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813

### Program Directors

Programs	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Church	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	TBD	
Family	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Youth	Bill Weich	301-527-1207

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	Matt West	703-359-4652
Retention	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Vocations	Matt West	703-359-4652

Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mile Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits Insurance	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Car Raffle	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Script	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146



**Pilot Humor .....** Mankind has a perfect record in aviation. We never left one up there!

A Navigator's Definition of Latitude & Longitude: Latitude is Where We are Lost; Longitude is How Long We've been Lost There!

### Quotes by Famous People.....

**Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.**  
- Victor Borge

**I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.**  
- Zsa Zsa Gabor

**My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.**  
- Rodney Dangerfield

**Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.**  
- Mark Twain

### Murphy's Laws of Combat

1. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
2. Incoming fire has the right of way.
3. The problem with the easy way out is that it has already been mined.
4. Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire.
5. Never draw fire, it irritates everyone around you.
6. If your attack is going well, then it's an ambush.
7. Murphy was a grunt.

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