



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



Brothers,

Spring is upon us and summer is close on its heels! As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, this is a time for renewal. I hope you are finding yourself more and more energized as our days become longer and warmer.

As you know, our annual spring KOVAR drive is this month. While we usually concentrate this effort in April, logistics required us to move the drive to May as one of our primary collection points would not allow collections in April due to a conflicting effort. This forced us to change our timing, but also means we benefit from the warmer weather. I hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity to contribute to the worthy cause furthered by KOVAR.

May also sees our last First Degree of the fraternal year, during our first business meeting of the month. Keep up the push to recruit! Remember, you joined for a reason and have likely maintained your membership for good reasons. Share these reasons with potential members. It is far too easy to think of recruiting as somehow intruding upon others while ignoring the benefits we have all realized from membership in the Knights. And don't worry if you miss the First Degree in May; get in touch with me or our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight or Worthy Chancellor and we'll find another degree in the area.

Additionally, we will be holding the election of officers during our first meeting in June, so come by and vote for your lead-

ership for next year. This is a bit of a change from our usual vote at the end of May, but is still in line with our bylaws. Come on out and enjoy the company of your brothers while you help posture the Council for another year of success.

Finally, I will end with a reminder that we are still in the midst of the Year of Faith. It is far too easy to become distracted by our daily responsibilities while ignoring the most important one: formulation of ourselves and those we love in the Faith. Take some time to reflect upon what you know (and don't know!) about our Faith. How would you explain our Catholic Faith to someone who knows little about us? Could you adequately explain what you profess to believe? I know I can use some education in these areas. I encourage you all to constantly seek more knowledge about the Faith. Your Parish Priest is a great resource to set you on the right path.

Vivat Jesus!
Dan Purtill



The annual pig roast was held on May 4th with almost 100 persons in attendance.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

We start May following a successful April of programming. We had such event highlights as the Night of Magic, Salute to Seniors, Fraternal Benefits Night and the Annual Pig Roast (which I know is technically a May event, but it happened before press-time). Big thanks to everyone who came out to these and all of our monthly events to help make them a success.

I also want to give a big thanks to Nelson Clinch and family for all of their work with the All-Saints Car Raffle ticket sales. For those that have not seen the backroom workings of this program, Nelson and his able-bodied assistants (most of who are related to him) did a lot of work in April to pull together the Council's ticket sales. This is a significant fundraiser for our charitable activities and we appreciate his leadership of the program this year.

For May, we have a number of opportunities to become involved in the activities of the Council.

We lead off the month charging ever forward into our KOVAR collections weekend. Father Diamond Council will conduct our annual KOVAR drive Thursday, May 9 through Sunday, May 12 outside various stores in the Fairfax area and outside the masses at St. Leo the Great. Given the number of collection locations and times, this is an event where we need your help in collecting donations to benefit people with intellectual disabilities. Contact Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280 or by e-mail at gregskisr@aol.com if you can help or need more information.

On Saturday, May 18, we will be selling concessions at the City of Fairfax's Antique Car Show on the grounds of Fairfax City Hall. Help is needed to fill various shifts, beginning with the collection of necessary materials at 7 AM in Providence Hall through initial setup and early sales (7AM to 10 AM), shifting to main cooking and sales (10 AM to 2 PM) and ending with late sales, clean-up, and transfer to Providence Hall (2 PM to 5:30 PM). If you can help at

ANY TIME throughout the day, please contact Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 or joe_monnin@yahoo.com.

The next day, Sunday May 19, we will be hosting the monthly family breakfast at Providence Hall after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM masses. Volunteers are always appreciated, but at the very least please come join your Brother Knights and St. Leo's parishioners for breakfast. We are looking to boost attendance at this event and hope we can start with our own Council.

Finally, make sure you save some room for the yummy treats that our Columbiettes will be selling at their bake

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Columbiettes' Corner

May and June are typically busy months for the Columbiettes. This month we have our meeting scheduled for May 20th, plus the bake sale (to benefit Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund) Memorial Day weekend May 25th and 26th. Please join us for our meeting, and let us know if you can help at the Bake Sale. We will be baking in the St. Leo's school kitchen attached to the gym on Saturday 5/25 from 9 AM to 5 PM. The Columbiettes organization will provide some of the supplies, but if you would like to bring utensils and bake with us, or donate either supplies (cake mixes, etc.) or baked goods, we would appreciate it.

Next month is the adjusted date for the Spring Fling: June 8th at 7 PM in Providence Hall. Please join us for this free (Adult only) event to applaud the hard work the Knights and Columbiettes have done this year!

Please remember that all spouses of Father Diamond Council Knights are automatically Columbiettes and are welcome to join in our charitable and social events. The more, the merrier! Please call me with questions: Julie Clinch, 703-209-8106, or e-mail me at clinch5va@yahoo.com.





Fr. Diamond Council once again participated in the VA State KofC Bowling Tournament held in Manassas on April 6-7. Our Men's team, consisting of Jim Turcol, Paul Cooke, Keith Morrison, Bill Weich and Nelson Clinch, came in 12th out of 30 teams in the Men's Division. Our Ladies team, consisting of Kathy Weich, Wendy Kehoe, Julie Clinch, Lynne Morrison and Beth Ward finished 2nd out of 5 teams in the Ladies Division. While neither team received any awards (aka cash), all had a great time and are looking forward to participating again next year.



Residents, volunteers, and staff of the Saint Joseph's Home for the Aged run by Little Sisters of the Poor outside of Richmond were treated by the Knights to a pilgrimage to the "Franciscan Monastery Of The Holy Land In America" and mass and a tour of the "Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception" in Washington, DC. The Knights provided lunch after the tour at the monastery. A spaghetti dinner was provided at the Knights Hall in Fairfax at the end of the day. The biggest credit needs to be given to Kevin Darr for coordinating and arranging for the tour. Kevin paid for the bus and gave everyone on the bus a gift bag with tour books. Kevin coordinated the event with the help of Sister Joseph Marie of the Little Sisters, and Carolyn Cox, Director of Tours, at the monastery. Fr. Jeremy Harrington, Guardian of the Franciscan Monastery, also greeted the residents. Other thanks to Kimmy Eldred in providing lunch at the monastery. The spaghetti dinner at the hall was cooked by Greg Skorupski



with meatballs from Mike Purtill. Dinner assistants included Thelma Billy, John Berg, Larry Novack, Jeff Wolfhope, Al Leightley, Hal Guidry, Jack Cotner, and Tim Tilson. Father Baez provided the meal blessing and spent time with the residents. Both Sister Joseph Marie and Carolyn Cox noted that this was one of the most organized trips she had ever had the pleasure of attending.

Knights and Knight Families Honored

**Knight of the Month
April**

Pat Leffas



**Family of the Month
April**

The Clinch Family

Congratulations to our newest 3rd Degree members Javier DelCastillo and Dan O'Malley.

Congratulations to Christina H. Sabat on winning the Father Diamond Scholarship! Additional congratulations to Isabella Gordon on winning the Lance Corporal Nicholas C. Kirven Scholarship! Both applicants are St. Leo's School students.

The Fr. Diamond Scholarship is an award of \$500 per year of Catholic High School education, and the Lance Corporal Nicholas C. Kirven Scholarship awards \$250 per year toward Catholic High School tuition.

Applications are typically available at <http://www.6292.kofc.com/> in December, with a submission due date in late February.

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 Novack—703-978-6137 or email—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-Us, 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**



Council News & Events



Nursing Home Bingo —

Always looking for volunteers to help out at the Fairfax Nursing Center monthly bingo game. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, May 13 at 7:15**. We should be finished by 8:30PM. Call *Matt West* at (703) 359-4652 to volunteer.

Family Breakfast — Sunday, May 19th

There will be a breakfast served in the hall after the 7:30AM & 9AM masses. This is a great event for the entire family. The price is donations only. Help is always needed at this labor intensive event. Call Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 if you can help or just show up.

Antique Car Show — Saturday, May 18th

The event takes place in front of the Fairfax Town Hall on Armstrong St. The time is from 10am-3pm. Call Julie Clinch if you can assist.

KOVAR — Kicks off on May 9th

If you gave to KOVAR through work via the Combined Federal Campaign or United Way, it is critical that you notify our Treasurer, Herb Zimmerman of the amount you pledged. Copies of your pledge can be emailed to Herb at herb2777@yahoo.com.

Night of Magic —

The event occurred in April to the delight of all kids at heart. A job well done by Pat Leffas.

Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place) on **Saturday, May 11** at 8AM usually ending by 8:45. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for an end to abortion.



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA, Field Agent

Deputy Grand Knight message (from pg 2)

bake sale Memorial Day weekend after the masses at St. Leo the Great. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to support the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund.

As you can see, we continue to have a busy event calendar. And while we have a number of members of the Council that are "power" volunteers, which I greatly thank for their service, you don't have to make all of the events the Council does in order to make a difference. If you can even help for a couple hours at one event, you will find the experience personally enriching as a Knight, and will be doing a big service for your Council and community. As it has been said, "nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Matt West
Deputy Grand Knight



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May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	8	9 <u>Ascension</u> (traditional) KOVAR	10 KOVAR	11 <u>8 AM Rosary to</u> <u>End Abortion</u> Food Drive KOVAR
12 KOVAR Food Drive	13 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	14 7:00PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8PM First Degree/Bus Mtg	15 1930 Fr. Malloy Assembly	16	17	18 Antique Car Show 10 - 3 12PM 4th Degree Exemplification
19 Family Breakfast	20 7:00PM Columbiettes	21 11:00AM Grey GOSTs	22	23	24	25 <u>Columbiette</u> <u>Bake Sale</u> Food Drive
26 <u>Columbiette</u> <u>Bake Sale</u> Food Drive	27 Memorial Day	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 St. Leo School Field Day	4 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 <u>8 AM Rosary</u> <u>to End</u> <u>Abortion</u> 7 PM Columbiette Spring Fling Food Drive Recruiting after 5:00 mass
9 Food Drive Recruiting after all masses	10 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	12	13	14	15 Grand Knight's Ball
16 Family Breakfast	17 7:00PM Columbiettes	18 11:00AM Grey GOSTs	19 <u>Fr. Malloy</u> <u>Assy Steak</u> <u>Night</u>	20	21	22 Food Drive
23 Food Drive	24	25 <u>7:00PM</u> <u>rosary</u> <u>7:30PM</u> <u>Steak Night</u>	26	27	28	29

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2012-13

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Two cannibals meet one day. The first cannibal says, "You know, I just can't seem to get a tender missionary. I've baked 'em, roasted 'em, stewed 'em, barbecued 'em, I've even tried every sort of marinade. I just cannot seem to get them tender."

The second cannibal asks, "What kind of missionary do you use?"

The other replied, "You know, the ones that hang out at that place at the bend of the river. They have those brown cloaks with a rope around the waist and they're sort of bald on top with a funny ring of hair on their heads." "Ah ha!" he replies. "No wonder... those are friars!"

A blonde goes to the vet with her goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," she tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me". The blonde says, "I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet".

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No", he shouts, "This is her husband!"

An Italian tourist asks a blonde: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" "To which the blonde replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

Why Retirement is So Attractive

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes & long pants.

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: M-F, NOTHING. Sat & Sun, I rest.

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