

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL



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May 2020

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

It has been one month since we have been asked to quarantine within our homes. As much as we care for our loved ones, this definitely can lead to stressful situations.

The Knights of Columbus are your family and we are here for you. Reach out and contact a fellow brother during this time. Isolation can be a very emotional time. Knowing someone cares can be very beneficial.

During this past month, the Knights of Columbus have continued to project Faith, Hope and Charity. The Knights have reached out to:

- ◆ Assist with confession traffic control
- ◆ Donate blood
- ◆ Purchase supplies for area pantries
- ◆ Assist St Leo's Social Ministry
- ◆ Contribute sheets to assist those preparing face masks for our community
- ◆ Deliver food and medicine to those who have medical reasons not to leave their homes

- 1 Special thanks to George and Thelma Billy for 25 years of service to the homeless. This past month they delivered 250 clamshell lunches to the shelter on Saturday, April 11. Many thanks to Ken Miller who helped George; and to the Council, David Bacungan, George & Nancy Rosenkranz, Ruth West, and Lynne Morrison for food donations. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!
- 2 *Loving and Faithful God, through your prophet you assure us of your Love during this "corona-chaos" time, when fear wants to overtake us.*
- 3 *In these days of not knowing what will be, help us to trust in your presence with us always as we live into what is.*
- 4 *May we place our hope for what will be in Your unshakable covenant of Peace.*
- 4 *May our faithfulness to that covenant bring each of us to a new perspective on our life so that together we can realize your promise of Peace.*
- 5 *We ask this as we ask all things in the name of Jesus who lives and loves forever. Amen*
- 5 Vivat Jesus
- 6 Glb Flodine
- 7 Grand Knight

Online Combined Charity, Unity and Fraternal Exemplification a huge success!

In response to the current nation-wide restrictions enacted by the Federal, State and Local Governments as well as our KofC Supreme Council, our KofC Leadership held a nation-wide online Exemplification ceremony, on April 16, for all new members and those members who have reached the 1st or 2nd degree level of Knighthood.

Over 3,000 men were either inducted into membership as fully vested 3rd Degree Knights or were advanced to the 3rd Degree by participation in this exemplification.

Congratulations to the following members from Father Diamond Council #6292:

- New Member - Matthew J Rodjom , Fairfax, VA
- New Member - David H Knapp , Fairfax, VA
- 1st Degree advancing to 3rd - Robert B Wright, Fairfax, VA
- 1st Degree advancing to 3rd - Ryan P McGuire, Fairfax, VA
- 1st Degree advancing to 3rd - David M Pizzano, Fairfax, VA
- 2nd Degree advancing to 3rd - Francis J Cuccias Sr., Clifton, VA

We also had ten 3rd and 4th degree members attending the online exemplification as observers.

During this trying time, we can view mass online through St Leo the Great's website www.stfairfax.com.

TV station ETWN broadcasts a variety of religious programs on cable networks.

ETWN can be found on:

FIOS channel 285

COX channel 133



**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Blood Donors Needed

Brothers,
There is a great need for blood. As you can imagine donations are way down. If you are not sick, please consider donating. If you are feeling healthy and well, please consider visiting INOVA or the Red Cross.

You can schedule an appointment online.

Links to these organizations are listed below
Continue to be safe!

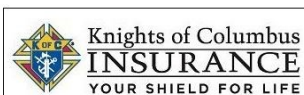
Vivat Jesus—Gib Flodine, Grand Knight

INOVA: <https://www.inovablood.org>

Red Cross: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive?code=RSG00000E017&cid=brand&med=cpc&source=google&clid=CjwKCAjwsMzzBRACEiwAx4ILG1zWUrsMeWD8ThQ2y-2hKca9_WZQrXy9qmEmLIZ_KVm2X8dt6tEJHxoCQkEQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds



Fraternal Benefits



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First and foremost, I hope and pray that you and your family are safe and well!

As we face these unprecedented times, the Knights of Columbus is in the forefront, making sure that our mem-

bers and their families are cared for. I will continue to provide you with the products and services available to you by your membership in the Knights of Columbus. The challenge is to do that in a way, mindful of our duty to preserve the health and well-being of our members and their families.

Toward that end, the Supreme Office has developed a way for us to meet virtually over the internet to be able to continue to take care of all your insurance needs. I am now able to meet with you virtually using the Skype meeting application. This platform is familiar to many consumers, and it is easy to connect to, even for those who have not used it before. It can be used with a variety of devices. In addition to being able to see each other, Skype allows me to share my screen with you so you can see forms and other graphics as needed.

While this way for us to meet may be new, my commitment to you and your family remains the same. My goal is to see Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting all Catholic families become a reality.

Knights Tied for Most Financially Strong Life Insurer in North America

In early April, S&P Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all of its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your
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2020 Car Raffle Complete

In spite of the COVID 19 challenge, the All Saints 2020 Car Raffle drawing was held this past Saturday, 25 April. St. Leo the Great Catholic Church had one family that won \$100.

We are sincerely grateful for all who participated in this year's raffle and purchased raffle tickets. Participation was low this year but, as Veronica Rollins, the All Saints Car Raffle chairperson expressed: "We should be grateful that we will still be able to help the needy, support building funds, and all of other charitable works which are possible because of all our efforts. Together, we are making a difference and together we are all winners!"

Next year's raffle will be even more successful because of your support and dedication. Thank you, all.

May Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Marques Silva	1	Gib Flodine	11
Mark La Croix	2	Gualberto Garcia Jones	11
Tony Rizzuto	2	Douglas Hazelgrove	11
Roger Rosenberger	2	Rich Markus	11
Chris Tipton	2	Rafa Velez	12
Gerard Tumelty	3	Edward Geiger	15
John Curtin	5	Pat Leffas	17
Anthony Simon	5	Jeremy Gandy	22
Al Ugaz	5	Victor Kuchar	22
Dale Allen	6	Gerald Kelso	25
Dennis Lamb	6	Ben Gomez	26
Joe Janiak	8	Howard Pierce	26
Todd Badolato	9	Wenceslao Cerezo	28
Michael Dolan	9	Joseph Lukas	29
Michael Reisz	9	Joe Monnin	29
William Schouviller	9		

Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2020

Income for March was \$ 2,347.75; expenses were \$ 2,942.56. Account balances as of March 31 were:

United Bank Checking: \$ 40,156.42
Capital One Investment Fund: \$ 47,666.50
Capital One Building Fund: \$ 43,323.06
Right to Life Memorial Fund: \$ 4,491.25
Grocery Gift Cards: \$ 5,700.00
Total Assets: \$ 141,337.23

ABC's "2020 Vision" Campaign

ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound's "2020 Vision" is our vision of saving more unborn babies and helping moms with a new mobile ultrasound vehicle in 2020!

For the past 8 years, ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound has been Northern Virginia's "***Pro-Life 911***" free mobile ultrasound clinic for unborn babies and their moms!

Our current vehicle is 20 years old and requires frequent and expensive repairs. Our vision during 2020 is to replace it with a new vehicle, reducing maintenance downtime and increasing our ability to serve pregnant women.

Your donation today will get ABC's new mobile ultrasound clinic on the road sooner!



ABC's "***2020 Vision***" Campaign goal is \$150,000 for a new vehicle refitted for clinical use, including examination table, ultrasound monitor, medical supplies, and counseling area.

We're also asking for your prayers to help make our campaign a success.

You can help ABC continue our lifesaving work by contributing online today at

<https://abestchoice.us/page/5-donate/>

or mail your check made out to "A Best Choice" to

**A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound
P.O. Box 7450, Woodbridge, VA 22195**

ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization under IRS regulations, Angela Clark, Director. Any funds received beyond the goal will be used to provide emergency assistance to mothers and babies, onsite visits to schools and colleges, education and training, and general

Nominated Slate of Officers for FY 2021

Our Nominating Committee (Pat McGuire, Keith Morrison, and Joe Gesker) has been working hard given the circumstances of the COVID-19 imposed quarantine. Elections are scheduled for our Business meeting on May 26. Our Officers are currently working on plans to hold the election virtually if we are still under COVID-19 meeting restrictions. The Committee's nominations are as follows:

Grand Knight:	Mark D. Walther	Deputy Grand Knight:	Kevin A. Kleponis
Chancellor:	John A. Johnson, IV	Recorder:	Evan T. Frejo
Treasurer:	William P. (Bill) Lane	Advocate:	Nelson R. Clinch, PGK
Warden:	Michael V. Purtill, PGK	Inside Guard:	Charles A. Kraiger
Outside Guards:	James Beauchamp	3-Year Trustee:	Gilbert J. (Gib) Flodine
	Philip C. Krebs, HLM		

Additionally, the following Slate of Delegates was announced and nominated:

Grand Knight Delegate:	Mark D. Walther	Past Grand Knight Delegate:	Gilbert J. "Gib" Flodine
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Be a Virtual KOVAR Collector

Brothers,

I invite you to Become a Virtual KOVAR Collector.

Store front and face-to-face KOVAR Collections schedule from April 16th through 19th will be postponed until further notice because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the need to support those with intellectual disabilities continues. In order to meet this need, I'm asking my fellow brothers to send out emails to friends and family and ask them to consider supporting KOVAR online.

Please spend time collecting online this year instead of face-to-face by sending out the following instructions.

Step 1: Educate Friends and Family <http://kovarva.org/learn-more/>

Step 2: Provide Link for Donation <http://kovarva.org/donate/>

Step 3: Complete the donation form And on this same page please give credit to the Father Diamond Council #6292

Step 4: If you confirm a donation, please let me know.

God Bless and Thank You for all your support!

Dan O'Malley

Council 6292 KOVAR Chairman, PGK

Omalley1017@gmail.com

571 294-2636



Attention all members of the Knights of Columbus and their family members who contributed to KOVAR through #42569 Combined Federal Campaign; 8838 United Way Campaign in the DC Area; or 50735 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees.

Please forward to Dan O'Malley your enrollment receipt with the amount donated to KOVAR. On the receipt include KofC membership number and signature.



Brothers,

Normally we do not promote specific businesses in the area. However, the Pascal Lamb is the only Catholic Religious Retail Store in Northern Va. In this time of the pandemic they are really struggling. In this time of crisis for Brick & Mortar retail stores, it would be great if the council and their spouses buy their birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and First Communion Cards as well as other religious items from The Pascal Lamb.

The store's address is:

**Jermantown Square
11214 Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia 22030**

During this trying time, it is open M-F 1:00PM - 4:00PM Call 703-273-5956 to make sure they are open.

Vivat Jesus

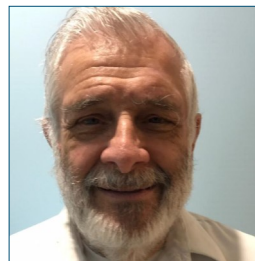
Gib Flodine

Grand Knight

COVID-19 Capers

We all take the Corona Virus very seriously, as we should, but sometimes we have to take a moment for some feel good stories that make us smile. Here are some that were submitted per our request. Let us know what you are doing.

Al Leightley—has been calling 5 seniors each week on behalf of Shepherd's Center and the Fairfax Senior Center to check on their well being. He makes calls to a number of "Grey Ghosts" to ensure they are doing OK. Helped the Electoral Board stuffing absentee ballots the 19 May City Elections and will be helping with traffic on voting day at the Sherwood Center. So its a little of this and a little of



David Todd, our resident "Santa" is getting ready for Christmas! Looking Good!



PGK Pat McGuire is helping his granddaughter refinish her great grandmother's

Herb Zimmerman— Helping at SLSM Food Bank, cleaning at the KofC Hall, hosting Zoom meetings for KofC Officers and the Knights of the Moose club. Helping with confession traffic control, working on projects in the wood shop (repairing legs for Pat McGuire's chest project) , cooking Friday meals at the Moose Lodge, and generally staying out of Linda's way while she is sewing protective face masks for donations to

VOTE on May 19th—Absentee Ballot



Below is the city alert on absentee ballots. The City Voter Registration Office is being very liberal about this. Just select reason code 2A. They are not going to allow the normal voting but for those who show-up on 19th May they bring a voter machine to the car for the voting. Recommend the absentee ballot process.

"This is an important message from the City of Fairfax Alert System"

If you are concerned about illness on Election Day May 19, apply today for your absentee ballot by mail. Select the illness reason and vote at home. If you are leaving the City for any reason on Election Day, request a ballot by mail. Use the reason that fits best. Complete an application online at www.vote.virginia.gov. OR print and complete an application and send it by mail to 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax, VA 22030. OR email a picture or scan of your application to registrar@fairfaxva.gov. All absentee ballots must be requested no later than May 12. All absentee ballots

Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee has completed their review of the applications and selected three winners:

Father Diamond Scholarship (\$500/yr)	Vincent Gude
LCpl Nicholas C Kirven Scholarship (\$250/yr)	Abigail Craig
PGK Gerald Broyles Scholarship (\$250/yr)	Emma Mont

They are 8th grade graduates who desire to attend Catholic High Schools. Their scholarship funds will be sent directly to the High School to be credited to their account. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee:

Chairman— Tim Tilson
Applicant Judges—Herb Zimmerman, Pat McGuire, Pat Murray, Charlie Kraiger, and Julie Clinch

Senior Meal Resource

Fairfax County Agencies Department of Family Services and Neighborhood and Community Services currently provides a meal delivery service for residents 60 years and older.

Weekly, participants receive 11 flash frozen meals delivered to their home. To register for meal delivery, the resident should call 703 324-5409. The Nutrition Unit with the Area Agency on Aging is overseeing this program.

There are no eligibility criteria or cost linked to this meal service, other than being a Fairfax City (or County) resident and being over 60.

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Knights of Columbus are tied for first! * The Knights is one of six companies - out of a total of 66 - that has an AA+ rating on the financial strength and a stable outlook. S&P also lists the Knights as having a "very strong" business risk profile and an "excellent" financial risk profile.

Financial strength and stability are on a lot of people's minds lately, and it's reassuring to know that the Knights stand tall among the competition. However, this unprecedented international crisis may be impacting your family. Please know that I am here to help you review your situation and discuss how the Knights may be able to help.

And - to respect social distancing protocols - we have transitioned to virtual meetings. I can meet with you over the computer whenever you'd like. So, let's chat! Let me know some times that work for you, and together we can figure out how the Knights' best-in-class financial strength can help protect you and your family.

Leo Duran
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*Ranking North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings.
April 6, 2020.

May 2020

The May calendar has been updated based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. Please watch your emails for last minute updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1 Cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA	2 Cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA
3 Cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA	4	5 7:30PM Officers Meeting Zoom Meeting for Officers	6	7	8 Cancelled ST. Leo School Gala - <u>Bleiheim</u>	9 Comedy Knight - postponed October 17
10 Happy Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon ** MAY BE CANCELLED **	20 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	27 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg	28	29 Cancelled Field Day	30 Postponed-KOVAR Play-
31	1	2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6

June 2020

The June calendar has minor updates based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. However, at this time we do not know if the stay-at-home restrictions will be lifted by that time. Revisions to the June Calendar will be

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Family Breakfast after ** MAY BE CANCELLED ** 7:30AM & 9:00AM Masses	8 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	9 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion 5PM Corporate Communion 6PM Grand Knights Dinner
14	15	16 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	17 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20 <u>ReOrganization</u> <u>Mtg ?</u>
21 Father's Day	22	23 6:30PM Rosary 7:00PM Steak Dinner	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2019-20

Officers

Grand Knight	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Chaplain	Rev. Christopher Tipton	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chancellor	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Lecturer	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
2yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
1yr Trustee	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540

Program Directors

Programs	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

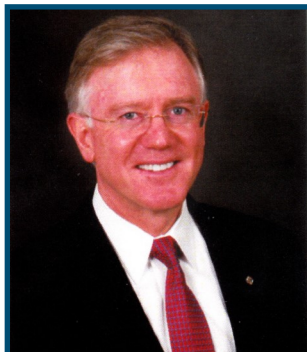
Committee Chairmen

Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Retention	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Vocations	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Budget & Finance	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Ins. Promotion	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway is sold by our council.
Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information.
Available at Providence Hall before or after meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and 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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. Win - Win

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