

The Lookout

November 2002



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292**



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

We are now into the month of November and there are many changes going on. I'm not just talking about the weather getting colder or the leaves starting to change. Around our Council and our Parish there are many changes occurring. For those of you who attend St. Leo's, you'll notice that there is significant progress being made on the church. It looks very promising. Sometime during this month, Mass (and chair setup) will move back into the Gym while the final flooring is placed in the Church. It's hard to believe that the scheduled completion date is just 6 weeks away.

Another change happening to our council is in our Chaplain position. As you all know, Father Rooney has been transferred down to St. Mary's in Fredericksburg. His service to our council is much appreciated and he will be missed. I am pleased to announce, however, that our Pastor, Father Kelly, has agreed to be our Chaplain for the remainder of our Fraternal Year. Fr. Kelly has previously held the Chaplain position at EDW Council in Arlington and will be a valuable asset to our council. It will be a pleasure to have him celebrate our monthly Mass with us and to have him join us at our council meetings. When you see Fr. Kelly next, please express your thanks to him for joining us as our Chaplain.

During this time of the year, our thoughts generally turn toward the Holidays coming up, Christmas shopping, and football. In addition to those things, I'd ask each of you to remember the first and foremost principle of our Order...Charity. This is the time of year when your charity is most needed. Remember that charity doesn't necessarily have to be in the form of a monetary donation. There are many ways to serve others with just your time. This month we offer you many ways to serve. You will see blurbs in this newsletter about Thanksgiving Baskets, Feeding the Homeless, and Christmas Tree sales. The first two of those you can take an active, first-hand approach to charity. Join us in helping those less fortunate be able to have a nice meal this year at Thanksgiving. I'm sure Greg Skorupski and

the charity committee would love your help and support. As for the Christmas Tree sales, this is our biggest fundraiser for the council all year. This helps provide a majority of the financial support for our charities, excluding KOVAR. When your Christmas Tree Team Captain calls you or writes you a letter, please make an effort to make it out to a few shifts. It's very important to our council.

The State Council held their October Quarterly Meeting this past month in Fredericksburg. The State Deputy emphasized how important it is to recruit good catholic families into the Knights. Father Diamond Council has many programs throughout the year that requires thousands of hours from our members. The new blood brought in from new members helps keep those programs working smoothly and helps fund our charities. Did you know that we donated more than \$65,000 to charities last year? About \$25K to KOVAR...\$20K to the March for Life...and another \$20K to various Church, Youth, and Community activities. We couldn't have done this without the support of the many members of this council.

I beg of you to ask a Catholic friend of yours to become a member of our Council. Not only will it assist us in making our programs run easier, but new members bring in new ideas to infuse into our council. Please realize that being a Knight is not only a benefit to our council, it is a benefit to that person and their family. It is my hope that the Knights make us better husbands and fathers, better friends and co-workers, and better people in general. When you join the Knights, you're joining an organization that thrives on true catholic family values. An organization that is deeply rooted in our faith with a strong bent towards charity. An organization that supports each of their members through good times and bad. Go out and recruit. Bring in a friend, a father, a son, etc.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Cooke
Grand Knight

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Program Director's Report

Mass Chair Setup

We are continuing to use the Christmas Tree Teams to help the parish set up and tear down for Mass each week. Your Team captain will contact you regarding your date for helping set-up the chairs. Please be responsive and show up at the 3PM setup time. The more people that are there, the faster the whole thing goes. Also... don't forget to show up for tear down. Mass is currently being offered in the church but it is anticipated to be moved to the gym the end of November due to pew installation. December dates are contingencies.

Teams for the November and December:

November 2/3 Kuhlman Team #8
November 9/10 Woznak Team #9
November 16/17 Hogan Team #10
November 23/24 Grey Ghosts
Nov 30/Dec 1 Smith Team #1
December 8/9 Todd Team #2
December 15/16 Jayne Team #3

Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Council in concert with the St. Vincent DePaul Society is asking for your donations of food for Thanksgiving Baskets, which will be given to needy families within the St. Leo's parish boundaries. Sign-up sheets are posted in Providence Hall along with the listing of suggested food items for the baskets. We need your help and hope that you will share with others who are less fortunate. We have pledged as a minimum of 30 food baskets from the Brothers. The council will also provide 40 turkeys and gift certificates to supplement the food baskets. You may like to join with another brother(s) to co-sponsor a basket. Help will also be needed to assemble the baskets on 23 November and deliver the baskets on 24 November. If you like to provide a food basket and/or help with the assembly and delivery of the baskets please contact Greg Skorupski at (gjsburke1@aol.com), 703-978-8280.

Feed the Homeless – 23 November

Thelma Billy is planning another spectacular Thanksgiving meal for the people living at the Homeless Shelter on 2nd and D St. NW on Saturday, November 23rd. We will leave the house at 11:30 a.m. to caravan to DC and should return by 3 p.m. All families are invited to help with this charitable project now in its 7th year. Thelma could use any number of items such as paper plates, plastic knives/forks/spoons, and food items like Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc. If you and your family would like to participate please call Thelma at 703-323-6470.

Redskin Games at the Hall

The Hall will be open for regular season Redskin games. Menu for all games: Nacho chips, hot cheese, munchies, peanuts and free coffee. All beverages at Council posted donations. Additional menu items served include hot dogs, hamburgers, and special selections offered at cost plus.

Rosary at Abortion Clinic

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

KOVAR and CFC/UW

You may chose to donate to KOVAR through the Combine Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way Programs (UW). CFC code is 5426. For the UW, just write KOVAR, 1806 Moore drive, Mannassas VA 2011-2926. This is the KOVAR Treasurer's address. Please provide a copy of your contribution form to Hank Urban for proper accounting.

Server Trip to the Mount

Regrettably, we had to cancel the annual Altar Server trip to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary this year. We were not getting a very good response from the Servers (only one had indicated an interest in going), and there were some major renovations at the Mount (the cafeteria where we eat lunch has been gutted!). Coupled with some changes in procedures there at the Mount, and the fact that we would not be able to have a Priest join us for Mass (with only two Priests here at St Leo's, it was not even right to ask if Fr Kelly or Fr Cramer could join us), we decided it was in our best interest to cancel. We hope to resurrect this event next year with a slightly different format to the schedule.

Council Trip to the Mount:

There has been interest expressed by several Knights to visit Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and nearby Emmitsburg, Maryland. A date has not been set yet... right now we're just looking at the possibility for anyone interested. It will probably be a somewhat informal trip that may include Solemn Vespers with the Seminarians (this would require a Sunday visit). Anyone who might be interested in doing so should contact Deputy Grand Knight Dave Todd, Jr at djtoddjr@erols.com or at (703) 385-2195.

Christmas Tree Sales

One of the Council's largest income and community efforts in support of Council projects is rapidly approaching ... our Christmas Tree sales project. The order for the trees has been sent and down payment made. Lot set up will be on Friday 29 Nov at 10:00 AM... the day after Thanksgiving. Tree delivery will be on Saturday 30 Nov at 7:00 AM. This is an all-hands effort. Noting the exceptional turn out in the past this should be as painless an effort that moving 510 trees and setting up the lot can be. The team schedule is completed and the team make up remains essentially the same with the addition of new Knights. A bulletin board with the schedule and team make up will be available in the hall. As last year, Saint Vincent DePaul will be offering Christmas Wafers for a donation. A variety of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards and ornaments will be also be available for purchase at the Tree Sales trailer. Please support this vital fund raising activity.

Fundraisers

The Council is looking for ways to increase our revenue. Increased revenue will in turn improve our budget outcome (right now, we are projecting a deficit), and will allow us to contribute more to various charities. If you have any ideas, please contact Grand Knight Tim Cooke at TCooke@northropgrumman.com or at (703) 830-4018, or contact Deputy Grand Knight Dave Todd, Jr at djtoddjr@erols.com or at (703) 385-2195.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The council will again be selling Christmas Cards this holiday season. The cards went on sale Saturday 18 Oct. The cards will be available after the Saturday evening Mass and after Sunday morning and afternoon Masses. All brothers asked to support our effort to "Keep Christ in Christmas". If you can help sell after the Masses or for more information contact Larry Lynch at 703-255-1258.

Fairfax City Fall Festival Wrap-up

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Council's food and beverage concession in the Fall Festival. Attendance to the festival appeared far below normal as a result of the cool and overcast weather, perhaps also by fears caused by the recent tragic shootings. As a result, we made only about \$850 this year, down nearly \$1,000 from last year. Increased costs from a new state licensing fee as well as new ABC rules also contributed to the lower income.

On the brighter side, we were very fortunate that the landlord waived his rental fee for the second straight year. In addition, he provided a band at no cost to the Council that helped draw people into the lot. The shop owner of the "Create Your Own Pottery" shop was gracious enough to provide us access to her shop for electrical power, and McDonald's once again provided us with our ice at no charge. We added a cotton candy stand this

year at the recommendation of Greg Hartley, and chili thanks to Tim Cooke; both of which proved to be a success.

While not official yet, the income was broken down approximately as follows:

Cotton Candy:	\$167
Beer:	\$447
Food:	\$240

Special thanks to John Eldred who provided the truck again this year, and worked two shifts in addition to loading & unloading the truck, and to Herb Zimmerman who worked Friday night as well as all day Saturday. These two gentlemen split the job of running the cotton candy machine. Many other brother Knights worked beyond their assigned shift to help provide coverage for which we are very grateful.

Christmas Basket Support

As you rush from shopping mall to shopping mall searching for perfect gifts for your loved ones, please take time to remember the many unfortunate families that are struggling. During the past year thousands of area residents have lost their jobs. Many more saw their retirement funds seriously depleted by down turn in the economy.

Father Diamond Council will again provide support to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in the annual St Leo's Christmas Baskets for needy families. We will contribute 40 turkeys and gift certificates to the Christmas Baskets. Volunteers with trucks or vans are needed to transport gifts from the Giving Tree at St Leo's to the SVDP storage facility after Masses in December. Assistance also needed 20 Dec at 4 PM to transfer food from the SVDP pantry to the hall in prep for the assembly of the baskets. Assemblers and drivers are need on 21 and 22 December respectively to assemble and deliver the Christmas Baskets to the families. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted at the hall for sign up or contact Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280. You can also send your name and phone number to him at gjsburkel@aol.com.

Remember take Hearts from the Giving Tree after Masses. If you provide a generic present from other than from the Giving Tree the present should not be wrapped and can be delivered to the trailer at the Christmas Tree lot..

Christmas Party

At the time of publishing of this newsletter plans for the annual Christmas Party had not been firmed up. It is still planned for 14 Dec 02, but time and location have not been established. However reserve this date on your Holiday Calendar.

Council Membership and Degrees

Our goal for this Fraternal year is 18 new members and 9 new insurance members. Thus far we have four new members and 2 new insurance members. Here is the listing of members taking degrees as of the end of September:

1st Degree - 30 July and 24 Sep 02

Tim Holleran
David Kreider
Michael Webb
Brian Sharkey

2nd Degree - 7 Aug 02

Jack Cerny
Tony Conques
Mike DeMarco
David Hahn
Tom Huestis
Nick Lellock
Brian Patti
Brian Young

3rd Degree - 22 Sep 02

Brian Patti
Mike DeMarco

Welcome to the new First Degree members. Congratulations to all the Second and Third Degree conferees. It is imperative that each of us recruit new members to keep our council a dynamic and growing organization.

Did You Know

Article IV of the Council By-laws addresses meetings/ Section 4 states that special business meetings above the regular monthly meetings "... shall be convened as follows: By vote of the council at a preceding regular business meeting, by direction of the Grand Knight, by the Grand Knight upon written request of seven members, which request shall state the object of the meeting. " When a special meeting is called only the special business for which the meeting was called may be addressed. Section 5. of the By-laws provides the order of business for special meetings.

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF THE KNIGHTS IS CHARITY

THIS THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SEASON SUPPORT

**Thanksgiving baskets -23 & 24 Nov
Christmas Baskets -20, 21, & 22 Dec**

**Contact:
Greg Skourpski (703-978-8280)**

**Feed the Homeless
- 23 Nov & 21 Dec**

**Contact:
Thelma Billy (703-323-6470)**

**Food Collections 2nd & 4th Sundays
At all Masses**

November Birthdays

Peter Furey	11/2
Roger Azar	11/3
Bernard Garlock	11/6
Keith Morrison	11/6
Kelly Rodriguez	11/7
Joe White	11/9
Peter O'Neill	11/10
Paul Desbiens	11/10
Philip Hogan	11/13
Marion Kuhlman	11/13
Mike Mendrysa	11/14
Robert Wells	11/15
Ben Schafer	11/15
Robert Mc Culloch	11/16
Bradford LaPolla	11/16
Mike Dell	11/17
Tony Coughlan	11/19
Brian Patti	11/21
David Pacia	11/25
Joe Pepin	11/26
Carl Rich	11/26
Greg Skorupski	11/29
Bill Naehle	11/29
Jerome Allen	11/29

November Wedding Anniversaries Years Married

Bill & Randi Jayne	34
Tom & Dina Bierschenk	8
William & Joan Brocker	16
Al & Linda Leightley	36
Harry & Joan Glass	35

From the Fraternal Benefits Advisor

For Brother Knights, by Brother Knights

We all know and appreciate the good work the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and charitable causes. But did you know that our insurance program is an essential part of the Order?

Protecting families from economic adversity has been a key part of the Knights of Columbus mission since its founding in 1882. Our founders passed the hat to support the widows and children of Brother Knights who had died. We've grown into one of the largest individual life insurers in North America – with more than \$38 billion of individual life insurance in force.

Moreover, contrary to some misconceptions, our insurance program is not directed in any way by a “separate company” and never has been.

Our insurance is available exclusively to members, their wives, and their dependent children. All field agents – including me – are themselves Brother Knights. We all work full-time for the K of C, serving the needs of you and your family and answering any questions you have.

In this day and age, personal attention has become rare – but in the K of C, we specialize in it. In fact, it's our job to get to know you and your family, and to make ourselves available to you for assistance. We are different from other insurers – and that difference greatly benefits our members. Give me a call to find out more about how the K of C has been "Protecting Families for Generations." Call me today at 703-450-6100.

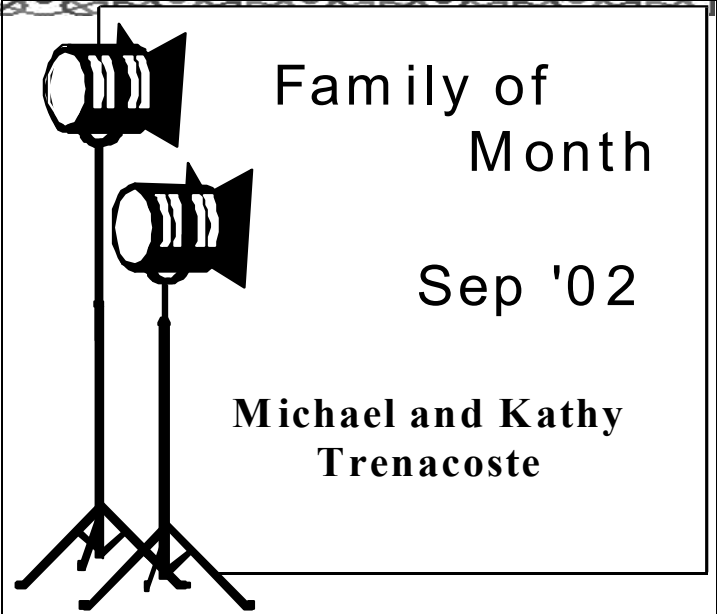
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Fraternal benefits Advisor



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D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
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Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Recorder	Pat Leffas	934-9716
Advocate	Al Leightley	273-2089
Warden	Dave Miller	319-8832
Inside Guard	Pete Smith	503-1082
Outside Guard	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Outside Guard	Dan Purtill	641-8945
3yr Trustee	Jack Cotner	323-5785
2yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
1yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470



Program Directors

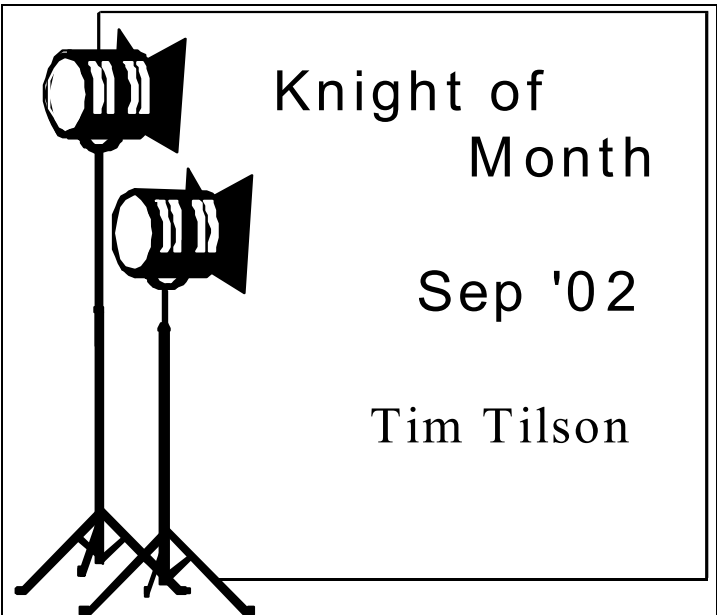
Programs	Dave Todd Jr	385-2195
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Community	Dan Purtill	641-8948
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Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Committee Chairman

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
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Budget & Fin.	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Jack Cotner	323-5785
Right-to-Life	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Christmas Trees	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Mark Woznak	280-4124
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Terry Hannam	591-4863
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Al Leightley	273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137





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Dates to Remember in November

- Nov 2 4th Degree Exemplification
- Nov 5 Officers Meeting
- Nov 9/10 Food Drive
- Nov 12 Rosary/Business Meeting
- Nov 16 Rosary at Abortion Clinic
- Nov 17 Family Breakfast (Blue Team)
- Nov 19 Grey Ghosts
- Nov 21 Admissions Committee
- Nov 23/24 Food Baskets Assemble/Deliver
- Nov 24 Memorial Mass (0800)
- Nov 26 Mass/ 1st Degree / Social
- Nov 29 Tree Lot set-up
- Nov 30 Tree Delivery



HOLIDAY SEASON PARTIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Council Christmas Party – 14 Dec
(TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Visit From Santa –15 Dec
(At the Family Breakfast)

Council New Year's Eve Party – 31 Dec
(8 PM to ??? at the Hall)

