

The Lookout

November 2003



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

As we begin the month of November, I have just a few comments to share. First and foremost is a hearty thank you to Tim Hogan and all those who helped out with this year's Fairfax Fall Festival. Through our efforts, we were able to net about \$1,500 to assist us in our programs this year, with another \$85 for KOVAR. Thanks to all who came out and helped! Additionally, a word of thanks goes to George & Thelma Billy and all those who helped them for their efforts on the Hawaiian Luau. We had approximately 100 people attend, all who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to host a similar Luau again next year, and are already making notes as to what could make it better.

With the beginning of November comes Election Day. I want to take a moment and remind everyone to get out and perform your Patriotic duty by voting. When voting, be sure to vote for those candidates who support life in all its stages, as well as those who promote strong family ideals.

On Saturday, November 29, we will be taking delivery of the Christmas trees. A special word of thanks goes to one of our Council's newest members, Steve Smith, for agreeing to head up this program this year. I encourage all to help out with the unloading of the trees, and with their respective tree teams for the sells.

We will be gathering for our annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 30, at 9AM. Members of

Fr. Malloy Assembly will also be joining us for this Mass to remember their deceased Sir Knights. Please plan to join us that morning to pray for the peaceful repose of our deceased members and for our family members who have gone before us.

Finally, I have a challenge to all members. To date, we have had four new members take the First Degree, with the Grand Knight recruiting three of them. As such, I offer the following: I will pay for the Top Recruiter (defined as that Knight who sponsors the most candidates into our Council this year) to attend the Grand Knight's Ball in June. Additionally, if each candidate sponsored by the Top Recruiter becomes an Insurance member, I will also pay for his lady to attend the Grand Knight's Ball. This is a big opportunity for a lucky member, but requires each of you to get out and start recruiting.

The first four months have been great, and I know the next four will be even better. I wish each of you and your families a most Happy Thanksgiving, and for those of you traveling for "turkey-day", a Bon Voyage!

Fraternally,

Dave Todd, Jr
Grand Knight



Program Director's Report

Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's parish, will be collecting food and/or cash to provide underprivileged families with a meal for Thanksgiving and to fill their food pantries. The council donates a turkey and a gift certificate for purchase of perishables. The suggested food list is posted on our Website and is also available in Providence Hall. Please try to participate in this worthwhile program. We will be assembling the baskets on Saturday, November 22nd starting at 9:00 AM and deliveries will take place on Sunday, November 23rd beginning at 10:00 AM. Signup sheets for donating food, assembling baskets and delivery are also on the website and in Providence Hall. This is one of our most important charity events and we need your participation. If you have any questions, please call Gregory Skorupski on (703) 978-8280 or e-mail him at gregskisr@aol.com.

Feed the Homeless – 23 November

Fr. Diamond Council will again be supporting the Feed the Homeless project. Thelma Billy will be heading up the effort to prepare a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal to be served at the Center for Creative Non-Violence homeless shelter in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 22nd. We will be departing from George & Thelma's at 11:30 a.m. and caravan downtown to the shelter on 2nd and D St. NW. We will set up tables outside and serve approximately 800 meals. A lot of help is needed - either helping Thelma cook, donations of food (turkey, chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, etc as well as paper plates, knives/forks/spoons, and cups), or helping to serve. This is an excellent youth activity and we normally have some of St. Leo's or St. Mary's confirmation teams help serve. Thanks for your support. Please call Thelma at 703-323-6470 if you would like to help.

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, Manassas 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

We will be once again hosting a trip for the Altar Servers to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary on Saturday, November 15. The group will leave Providence Hall at 7:30AM, and should return around 6:30PM. We are looking for Knights who would be willing to either drive or just chaperone. Any Knights willing to assist should contact 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 28 Nov at 10:00 AM... the day after Thanksgiving. Tree delivery will be on Saturday 29 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 Dave Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@erols.com or (703) 385-2195 contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Hartley at PGHartley@hotmail.com or (703) 352-2797.

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 Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455.

Christmas Tree Schedule

Date		Time			
		9-12	12-3	3-6	6-9
30-Nov	Sun	2	9	6	4
01-Dec	Mon	-	Day	Day	3
02-Dec	Tue	-	Day	Day	2
03-Dec	Wed	-	Day	Day	1
04-Dec	Thr	-	Day	Day	10
05-Dec	Fri	-	Day	Day	9
06-Dec	Sat	6	2	10	8
07-Dec	Sun	3	1	5	7
08-Dec	Mon	-	Day	Day	6
09-Dec	Tue	-	Day	Day	5
10-Dec	Wed	-	Day	Day	4
11-Dec	Thr	-	Day	Day	3
12-Dec	Fri	-	Day	Day	2
13-Dec	Sat	5	3	7	1
14-Dec	Sun	8	6	4	10
15-Dec	Mon	-	Day	Day	9
16-Dec	Tue	-	Day	Day	8
17-Dec	Wed	-	Day	Day	7
18-Dec	Thr	-	Day	Day	6
19-Dec	Fri	-	Day	Day	5
20-Dec	Sat	10	8	2	4
21-Dec	Sun	9	7	1	3
22-Dec	Mon	-	Day	Day	5
23-Dec	Tue	-	Day	Day	7
24-Dec	Wed	-	Day	Day	8

Scrip Sales

Bill Ward has decided not to continue with the Scrip Sales. We thank him for his willingness to fill in for the past few months, and for all he has done. In the meantime, Tim Hogan has agreed to take charge of the program for the time being. We are asking anyone who would be willing to work with Tim please contact him as soon as possible. You can reach him at tim@hbifreight.com, or at (703) 385-1292.

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 19 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 20 and 21 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 gregskisr@aol.com.

Giving Tree Hearts

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

Right-to-Life Memorial

In 1997, Fr. Diamond Council began expressing an interest in displaying our faith and belief in the right-to-life movement. During the past few years, however, circumstances have delayed moving forward on a memorial. St. Leo's had a change in Pastors and a couple of Capital Campaigns.

The Supreme Council and Virginia State Council have expressed support for right-to-life memorials. A 5-foot statue of Our Lady of Providence would be located directly in front of the main entrance to the church. The statue would be placed on a pedestal with a plaque explaining its significance. The cost of the statue including shipping is \$7,950. Each statue is custom made so alterations or modifications would not be a problem. Our Pastor would provide the pedestal for mounting.

The funding for the memorial consists of an advance not to exceed \$12,000 from the Building Fund. The Building Fund would be replenished by funds raised from the Luau, the Cruise, and a special fundraiser to be announced later (sale of commemorative engraved bricks is a possibility).

Do We Need a Respect Life Memorial?

If some frightening evil threatened your neighborhood today, what would you do? If you were a faithful knight, your first step would be a quick prayer for deliverance from the evil. You would develop a plan to protect loved ones and pray some more for the next step. You would recruit others to fight the evil and pray some more. You would pray together for wisdom in setting a course of action and pray some more.

There is evil in our Fairfax neighborhood. It's an evil that kills over one thousand every year. It undermines the sanctity of the family and is counter to everything a Knight stands for in his country and his Church.

According to the Virginia Center for Health Statistics in the year 2001, there were 1518 deaths in Fairfax City.

Of these deaths, 1,327 resulted from abortion. For the statisticians reading along, that's 87.4% of the deaths in the city resulting from abortion. This statistic gives our neighborhood one of the highest abortion rates in the Commonwealth.

Over a thousand in the womb lost their rights to continue childhood and personhood beneath the cold fluorescent lights of the area's abortion facilities. Over a thousand mothers suffered scars on their emotional and spiritual health demanding our prayers as much as the tragedy in which they engaged.

Prayer is the most powerful weapon we can use to end the horror of abortion. Prayer advocacy comes from John Paul II as well as our national Knights of Columbus leadership. As Knights, we should not only pray individually and together, we have a responsibility to encourage our brothers and sisters who are not Knights to do the same.

Our national leadership also supports councils like ours sponsoring Respect Life memorials. A memorial to the unborn helps our chapter in that leadership objective. Its placement in front of St Leo would serve as a reminder to parishioners leaving Mass to pray for an end to abortion. Not everyone will pray. Some will look at the statue as just a part of the scenery. Others might pray a Hail Mary, but every prayer counts. Hopefully, a few others might pray a rosary in front of the memorial. Perhaps praying a mystery of the rosary before our corporate Mass in front of the memorial every quarter would call greater attention to the urgency of prayer.

It would be wonderful if a few Knights reached into their pockets and funded this project themselves. If a third of our membership contributed \$100, we'd almost be there. However, fundraisers have an important place. They call attention to what we want to carry out, and help draw in brother Knights and parishioners to build a prayer chain.

For the brothers who support this project, thank you for your effort.

For those who don't approve or are lukewarm to it, we ask you to take another look at what this means. It's worth an extra prayer.

Mike Plumstead
Pro Life Chairma

November Birthdays

Peter F. Furey	11/02
Roger A. Azar	11/03
Bernard G Garlock	11/06
Robert K Morrison	11/06
Kelly M. Rodriguez	11/07
Joseph W. White	11/09
Peter G. O Neill	11/10
Paul L Desbiens	11/10
Philip A. Hogan	11/13
Marion W. Kuhlman PGK	11/13
Michael G. Mendrysa	11/14
Robert R. Wells	11/15
Bernard J Schaefer	11/15
D. Robert Mc Culloch	11/16
Bradford W. LaPolla	11/16
F. Michael Dell	11/17
John A Coughlan	11/19
Brian M. Patti	11/21
David Pacia	11/25
Joseph M Pepin	11/26
Carl A. Rich	11/26
Gregory J Skorupski	11/29
William L Naehle	11/29
Jerome R. Allen	11/29
Christopher D. Colandene	11/30

November Wedding Anniversaries Years Married

Bill & Randi Jayne	35
Ben & Cielo Stack	9
Tom & Dina Bierschenk	7
William & Joan Brocker	17
Al & Linda Leightley	37
Harry & Joan Glass	35
Ted & Betty Ittner	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.

Dennis Riley

Fraternal benefits Advisor



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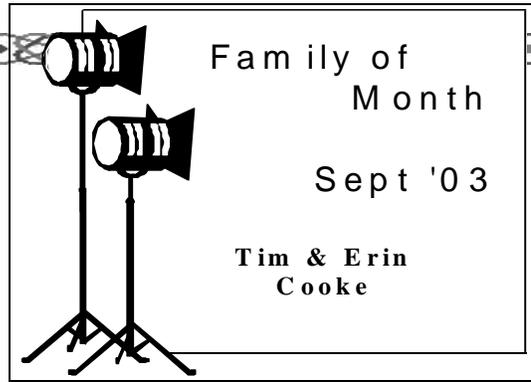
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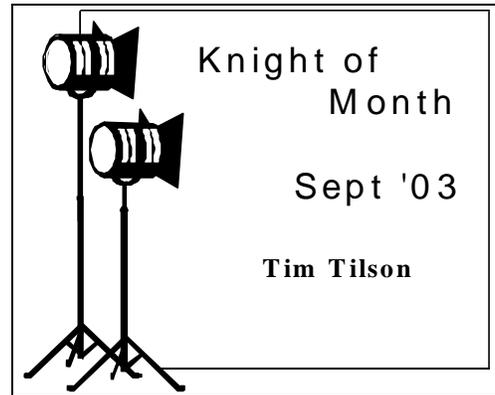
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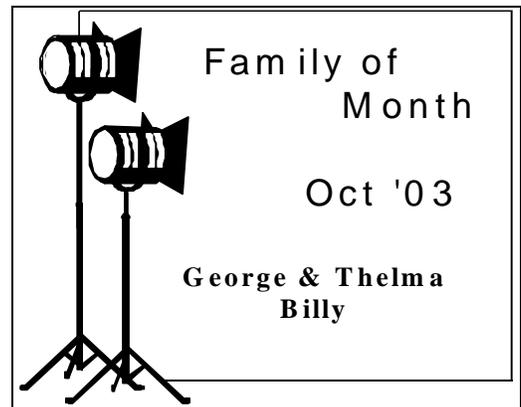
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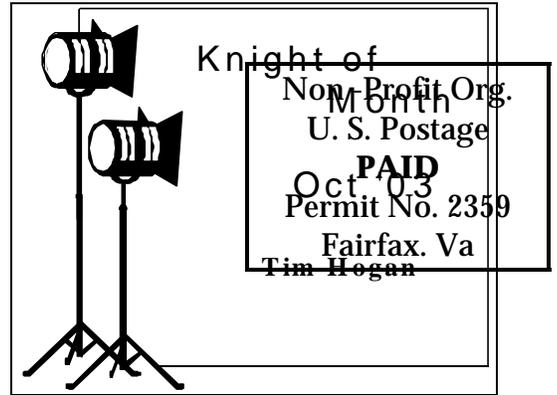




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Nov 29 Creche Lighting
Nov 30 Memorial Mass (0800)

Dates to Remember in November

- Nov 2 Blood drive
- Nov 4 Officers Meeting
- Nov 8 4th Degree Exemplification
- Nov 8/9 Food Drive
- Nov 11 Rosary/Business Meeting
- Nov 15 Rosary at Abortion Clinic
- Nov 16 Family Breakfast (Blue Team)
- Nov 18 Gray Ghosts
- Nov 20 Admissions Committee
- Nov 22 Feed the Homeless
- Nov 22/23 Food Baskets Assemble/Deliver
- Nov 22/23 Food Drive
- Nov 25 Mass/ 1st Degree / Business
- Nov 28 Tree Lot set-up
- Nov 29 Tree Delivery



HOLIDAY SEASON PARTIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Council Christmas Party – 20 Dec
(TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Visit From Santa –21 Dec
(At the Family Breakfast)

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

