

The Lookout

November 2005



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

We are heading into a very busy time of year with many charitable activities (two Feed the Homeless, two Food Baskets) and major fundraisers (Christmas trees, yard sale, art auction) around the corner. I look forward to working with many or most of you in this busy period!

Let me pass along some interesting things I found out at the State Quarterly Meeting on October 1. Did you know that the U.S. Government and the Knights of Columbus are the only organizations to insure active duty military and include death in combat as an insured cause of death? Councils at the state meeting turned in a total of \$37,895 for Hurricane Katrina relief, of which \$3,750 came from our Fr. Diamond Council – thanks to all of you for your contributions.

Would you like to spruce up your home with some fine art? Do you have too many bare walls in your house? Are you looking for artistic Christmas gifts? Do you have any family pictures or snapshots that would make a great painting? If so, please attend our council Art Auction on Saturday November 19th. Please come with your spouse, and invite another couple that you would like to spend the evening with. Please contact me for tickets (\$10 each) or for more information, at davidmiller@fastmail.fm by e-mail, or (703) 517-3430 by phone.

The Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act was read into the Senate (S.51) and the House (H.R.356) on January 25th of this year. The title is “To ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child”, and applies to women seeking abortion after 20 weeks. The EWTN Prolife Corner mentioned this bill on my drive home from work today – otherwise I wouldn’t know about it. Please consider expressing your support to your elected representative.

In more local right-to-life news, the Tepeyac Family Center right here in Fairfax is having a fundraising dinner on December 3. In the words of Brother Knight Pat Leffas:

Here's a quick summary of the main points (i.e., why Tepeyac is such a good thing and so important to maintain):

- "Tepeyac is a pro-life, family focused medical center."
- "Children are gifts, and therefore joys not burdens."
- "Tepeyac believes that the family is the central building block of our society."
- "NO CONTRACEPTION, ABORTIONS OR ABORTION INDUCERS WILL EVER BE DISPENSED OR RECOMMENDED"

More information on the Tepeyac Center is at <http://www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com>.

Last but certainly not least, please join me in wishing our loyal Worthy Chancellor Bill Weich the best as he and his bride embark on a new wonderful stage in their life on November 5. Bill might be distracted from recruiting during the next few weeks / months so let’s cover for him and make sure he has plenty of work when he gets back!

David Miller

Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Message

As we head into November, 7 new Brothers have joined Fr. Diamond Council. Please welcome – Brian Johnson, Francisco Semioa, James Robinson, Kevin Shook, Kevin McAlevy, Gabriel Natarelli, and Thanh “TK” Tran. Welcome Brothers!

This is a great start to the fraternal year. But we still have a long way to go. I still need your help. Our goal again during the 2005-2006 fraternal year is 19 new members. We should have no problem reaching that goal. The State Council is asking that all Council Officers bring in 1-2 new members. I think if every member brought in 1-2 members we would definitely surpass our goal, and then some! We will continue with our established recruiting activities but are also searching for new ideas to attract new members. I am welcome to any suggestions you may have. One new idea implemented was to provide each student at St. Leos’ school with a folder of Knights information to take home to their parents. Each folder shares info on the benefits of the Knights to the entire family. About 500 folders were sent home with the students the last week of September.

I will do what I can but can always use some assistance. I would like some volunteers to help with the Admissions Committee, Open Houses or other membership drives. Whatever time you can donate would be very much appreciated. Also, please try to provide a good turnout for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees would be very beneficial to the candidates/new members. The 2nd Degrees (usually held on Thursdays) really need a good showing of members. By the way, don’t forget your Form 100’s!

Here is the list of degrees for Fr. Diamond Council

1st Degrees	Council
October 25, 2005	8403
November 8, 2005	6292
January 24, 2006	6292
March 28, 2006	6292
April 25, 2005	8403
May 13, 2006	6292
June 13, 2006	6292

2nd Degrees

January 26th

March 30th

May 25th

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3rd Degree

October 25th

January 28th

Council

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Fraternally,

Bill Weich

Worthy Chancellor





Redskin Games at the Hall

Once again, our beloved Redskins are going into action and the Hall will be open for all games. Here is what goes on.

All Games:

Chips, peanuts, other munchies, nacho cheese pump, coffee and tea always available. All beverages at Warden Posted prices. These funds are turned over to the Warden for future purchases of said supplies. Food is charged separately from beverages and is used to purchase edibles for the next game.

One O'Clock Games:

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sauerkraut, fried and fresh onions and, sometimes, chili served from half-time on at reasonable prices. This in addition to snacks mentioned above.

Four O'Clock Games:

A dinner will be served at half-time for a reasonable price and hot dogs available for kids who may not like the adult fare.

Night Games:

All games menu above applies. No hot dogs etc. but can be cooked as needed.

So come on over and enjoy a game with your Brother Knights and their families. Root for your beloved 'Skins, boo and hiss at the Cowboys, or just enjoy some good company and good food.

Ladies Night Out Holiday Stamping Projects

Start your holidays early on November 2nd at 7:30pm with some crafty stamp projects. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of materials. If you are able to make it, please make sure to RSVP so that there will be enough supplies for everyone. Call Beth Ward at 703-273-6289

Christmas Trees

It's that time again. We will be setting up the Christmas Tree Lot at 10:00am on Saturday November 25th, the trees will be delivered at 7:00am on the 26th, and we will begin sales on the 27th. Come out and lend a hand over the long holiday weekend.

Not sure which Christmas Tree Team you're on? Call Jac Cerny at (703) 255-9484 and he'll point you in the right direction. Remember, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need everyone to help make it a success.

Upcoming Events November

**Fourth Degree Exemplification
Saturday, Nov. 12**

**Corporate Communion
Sunday, Nov. 13**

**Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center
Monday, Nov. 14**

**Feed the Homeless
Saturday, Nov. 19**

**Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and
Delivery
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 & Nov. 20**

**Creche Setup and Lighting
Saturday, Nov. 26**

Corporate Communion

Once per quarter, the council attends Mass as a corporate body to worship together. The Corporate Communion in November also serves as a Memorial Mass to pray for deceased brother Knights of the Council. We will attend the 7:30am Mass on Sunday the 13th. Please wear your Council nametag.

Blood Drive

On November 13th, the Council will hold our quarterly blood drive. Knights both serve breakfast and donate blood. Help is always needed to cook omelets and other food during the drive. Stop by for an hour after Mass and pitch in to help, or stay all day and eat all the eggs and sausage you could possibly want.

Contact Matt West at (703) 359-4652 if you'd like to help out.

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. Sign up sheets for donating food, assembling baskets and delivery are also on the Website. Assembly on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 AM and delivery will be on Sunday, November 20th starting at 10:00 AM. Help is particularly needed for delivery on the 20th.

Please consider taking part. This is one of our most important charity events and we need your help. If you have questions contact Greg Skorupski on (703) 978-8280 or e-mail him at gregskisr@aol.com.

And remember, even if you can't help with Thanksgiving, we still have Christmas and then Easter baskets coming up. Stay tuned!

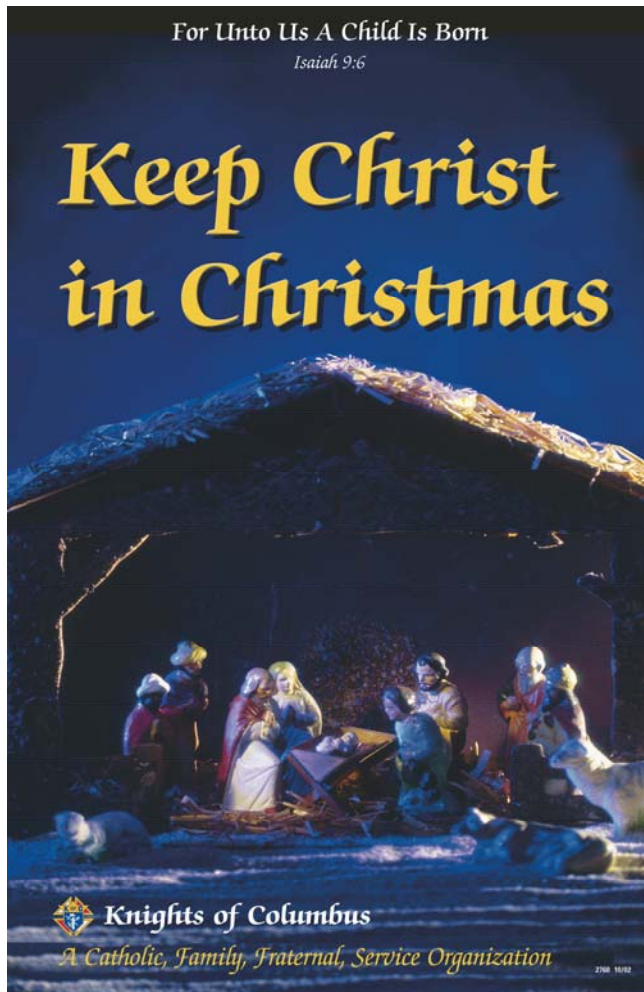
Crèche

The council erects a crèche in front of St. Leo's Church for the Christmas Season. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we host the Blessing and lighting followed by a reception in Providence Hall. Come join your fellow Knights for the lighting and reception at 6:00pm.



Christmas Cards

In keeping with the Order's "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign, the Council sells religious theme Christmas cards after masses and at our regular business meetings. These are a great way to keep in touch with your loved ones and remind everyone of the true meaning of the Holiday Season. For more information, contact Dave Todd, Sr. at (703) 352-2724.



Feed the Homeless

This project was started by Mrs. Thelma Billy in 1995 after seeing homeless foraging for food in garbage cans near Lafayette Park. The Billy family and other volunteers periodically head downtown to help at a local soup kitchen, as well as participate in various other ways to help provide food to the needy in our area. Please contact George Billy at (703) 323-6470 if you'd like to get involved.

Tepeyac Center

At the October 11th meeting, a motion was brought to donate money to the Tepeyac Family Center. After the medical insurance rates skyrocketed last year, Divine Mercy Care was established as a non-profit, and their first outreach is Tepeyac Family Center. That's how they're still in business. They plan to expand from ObGyn (via Tepeyac) into a full Catholic Health Care practice.

A fundraising gala is being planned. For more information, please visit the Tepeyac Family Center or Divine Mercy Care at the following addresses:

Links to Tepeyac and Divine Mercy Care:

<http://www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com/>
<http://www.divinemercycare.org/>

You can also view the PDF file containing info on the gala at our Council's website under News Headlines.

Upcoming Book on the KofC

By Their Works is a tribute in book form to the works of some of the Knights of Columbus who have, in the name and spirit of Father Michael J. McGivney, made a genuine difference in the lives of family, friends and communities all around them.

Rich with text and images, and featuring an introduction by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, **By Their Works** will inspire young and old with profiles of Knights of yesterday and today who in their acts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism embody the human spirit at its very best.

The Knights of Columbus is accepting pre-publication orders for **By Their Works** at a special pre-publication price of \$25. Pre-publication orders will be accepted only until Nov. 1, 2005. Visit the Supreme Council's website for ordering information:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=1959>

(This information from the Supreme Council website www.kofc.org)

November Birthdays

Peter F. Furey	11/2
Roger A. Azar	11/3
Bernard G Garlock	11/6
Robert K Morrison	11/6
Kelly M. Rodriguez	11/7
Joseph W. White	11/9
Peter G. O Neill	11/10
Paul L Desbiens	11/10
Philip A. Hogan	11/13
Marion W. Kuhlman PGK	11/13
James H. Baker	11/13
Michael G. Mendrysa	11/14
Bernard J Schaefer	11/15
D. Robert Mc Culloch	11/16
Bradford W. LaPolla	11/16
Kevin M. Crossin	11/16
F. Michael Dell	11/17
Brian M. Patti	11/21
William F. Ward	11/23
Ricardo S. Silva	11/23
Richard J. Powers	11/24
Joseph M Pepin	11/26
Carl A. Rich	11/26
Matthew T. West	11/28
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
G. William & Randy Jayne PGK	11/2	37
Robert & Lou Hartnett	11/4	27
Ben & Cielo Stack	11/5	11
Joseph & Ileana Mele	11/13	51
Justin & Katherine Torres	11/20	6
William & Joan Brocker Jr	11/21	19
Albert & Linda Leightley	11/22	39
Lee & Janice Cena	11/23	14
Douglas & Mary Hazelgrove	11/24	4
Harry & Joan Glass	11/25	38
Robert & Jo Anne Ratay	11/30	20

OOPS!

Correction: After extensive research, we have determined that Gabriel Migala was not actually born in the year 2027, as indicated in last month's newsletter. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused (and if you were actually confused by this, please call the Editor so he can explain to you the concepts of time and fallibility, and perform a quick competency test). We at the Lookout pride ourselves, not on our accuracy, but on our unflinching willingness to embrace our mistakes.

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Believe it or not, the holiday season is upon us. A popular movie, shown often this time of year, is "It's a Wonderful Life." In it the lead character, in a moment of desperation, proclaims that "it would have been better if I had never been born." His "guardian angel" then gives him the opportunity to see how much different the lives of his friends and family would have been had he, in fact, never been born.

None of us will have that opportunity. But, like George Bailey, we do have a positive impact on the lives of our friends, our families, and those in our communities. We do this through our membership in the Knights of Columbus, by volunteering in our Churches and communities and, not insignificantly, by making sure we have enough life insurance.

Life insurance will allow your family to remain in their home, and maintain their lifestyle, if something should happen to you. It will guarantee a college education for your children, or even your grandchildren. It will ensure a comfortable retirement for you and your wife. It can even help your favorite charity to continue its humanitarian work.

No doubt about it – being an insured member of the Knights of Columbus helps make this a "wonderful life."

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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Outside Guard	Stephen Davis	591-5694
Outside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
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2yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
1yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911

Program Directors

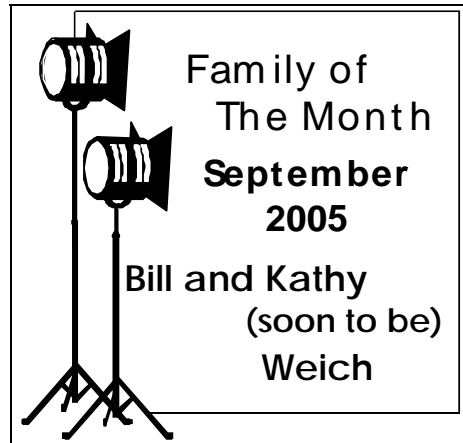
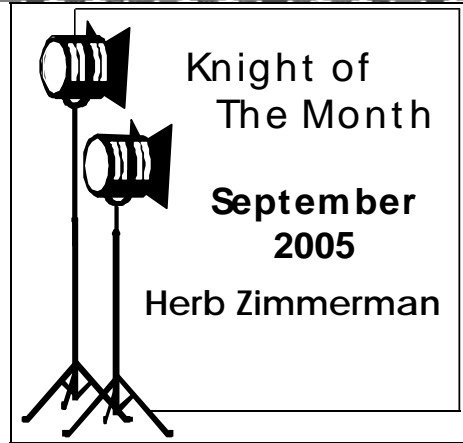
Programs	Bill Ward	273-6289
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Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Bill Weich	307-9163
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Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
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Project Chairmen

1 st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
2 nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
KOVAR	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137



F.Y.E. (For Your Edification)

Columbiettes

The Columbiettes are a ladies auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. Did you know your wife is automatically a member? It's true. This is a great opportunity for your spouse to get more involved with the Council, and to meet other like-minded women.



Encourage you wife to try attending one of the Ladies' Nights Out on the first Wednesday of each month. Also, see if she would like to participate in the annual Soup Supper, or help out with one of the upcoming Holiday Parties. She's welcome to pitch in where she can, and there's no need for her to commit to anything more than she can or is willing to do.

Think of the benefits you enjoy as a Knight, especially that of Fraternity. Our wives could use a little Fraternity (or Sorority), too, so let's encourage them to get active, and continue to support those who already do so much for our Council.



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Dates to Remember in November

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| Nov 1 | Officer's Meeting/All Saints Day | Nov 16 | Rosary/4 th Degree Business Meeting |
| Nov 2 | Stamp Crafts - Ladies Night Out | Nov 19 | Art Auction |
| Nov 3 | Admissions Committee | Nov 19 | Food Basket Assembly |
| Nov 6 | Redskins Game in the Hall | Nov 20 | Food Basket Delivery |
| Nov 8 | Rosary/Business Meeting/1 st Degree | Nov 20 | Family Breakfast |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day | Nov 20 | Redskins Game in the Hall |
| Nov 12 | Rosary at Abortion Facility | Nov 22 | Mass/Business Meeting |
| Nov 12 | 4 th Degree Exemplification | Nov 24 | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 12 & 13 | Food Drive | Nov 25 | Christmas Tree Lot Setup |
| Nov 13 | Corporate Communion | Nov 26 | Christmas Tree Delivery |
| Nov 13 | Blood Drive | Nov 26 | Creche Setup & Lighting |
| Nov 13 | Redskins Game in the Hall | Nov 27 | Donuts & Coffee |
| Nov 14 | Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center | Nov 27 | Redskins Game in the Hall |
| Nov 15 | Grey GOSTS | Nov 27 | Christmas Tree Sales Begin |

November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 All Saint's Day 1930 Officer's Meeting	2 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	3 1930 Admissions Committee	4	5
6 2030 Redskins v Philadelphia	7 VS #4	8 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg/First Degree	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 4 th Degree Exemplification
13 Food Drive 0730 Corporate Communion Blood Drive 1300 Redskins @ Tampa	14 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #5	15 1100 Gray GOSTS	16 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	17	18	19 0900 Food Basket Assembly
20 Family Breakfast - Blue Team 1000 Food Basket Delivery 1300 Redskins v Oakland Open House	21 VS #6	22 1930 Mass/2000 Business Mtg	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 1000 Christmas Tree Lot Setup	26 Food Drive 0700 Christmas Tree Delivery 1000 Creche Setup 1130 Feed the Homeless 1800 Creche Lighting 1830 Creche Reception
27 Advent Begins Food Drive 1300 Redskins v San Diego Christmas Tree Sales Begin 1145 Donuts & Coffee	28 VS #7	29	30			

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3
4 1605 Redskins @ St Louis	5 VS #8	6 1930 Officers Meeting	7 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	8 Immaculate Conception	9	10 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 1000 Adopt A Spot 1100 Our Lady of Guadalupe
11 Food Drive 1605 Redskins @ Arizona	12 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #9	13 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	14	15	16 Food Transfer	17 0900 Food Basket Assembly 1100 Feed the Homeless 1800 Christmas Dance
18 Family Breakfast - Gold Team 1000 Food Basket Delivery 1300 Redskins v Dallas	19 VS #10	20 1100 Gray GOSTS	21 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	22 1000 Christmas Tree Lot Cleanup	23	24 Food Drive 1300 Redskins v Giants
25 Food Drive Christmas	26 VS #GG	27	28	29	30	31 2100 New Year's Eve Party