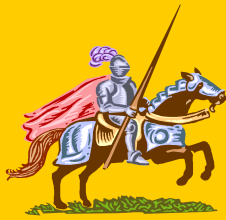


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# The Lookout



2010-11 Fraternal Year, Issue 4

November 2010

## Grand Knight's Message:



Brother Knights,

The October-November timeframe always helps me to put what is important in perspective. In late October and early November 2001, I laid in a coma in Fairfax Hospital after suffering

a brain hemorrhage that left me with permanent "hemiparesis" (the medical term for partial paralysis) on my left side. Therefore, I ask that each Knight take a moment to thank God for all the gifts He has given to each of us, and most especially, for the gift of Life.

I also give thanks for the Knights who paved the way for a successful Council and a successful Order. Please join me in showing thanks at the 9 AM mass at St. Leo the Great Church on November 14 by coming together as one brotherhood for our quarterly **Corporate Communion and annual Memorial Mass**. Those Knights who have been called to their Heavenly Reward are always in our prayers, but especially on this occasion. Please join us, and stand up to be counted as a Knight by sitting with your family in the area of the Church reserved for the Knights.

The **Family of the Month for September is Vincent Fetta and his mother, Lillian**. Vince helped out at the Parish Picnic and the Family Breakfast in September. His mother reliably brings him to pray the rosary outside the abortion facility on Eaton Place virtually every month. Thank you, Vincent and Lillian, for your

dedication to the Church, to the Council, and to Pro-Life activities!

September's **Knight of the Month is Robert "Bob" Bilko**. Bob helped with the Free Throw Contest, the Parish Picnic, Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center, Adopt-a-Spot, the Family Breakfast, and the Open House in September. He also donates his time to the community as a track coach and volunteer official at area track meets. Thank you for your unselfish efforts, Bob!

It is always difficult to single out one Knight and one Family for a given month because there are several who do so much on a regular basis. For instance, Tim Tilson has annually tackled the herculean task of coordinating our Council's support of the Parish Picnic at St. Leo's, and did a masterful job again this past September. In addition, Tom Brox helped at the Parish Picnic, sacrificing his time while his father, member Michael Brox is deployed overseas with the U.S. military. We appreciate their efforts and sacrifices, as well as the sacrifices all military families offer to provide the safety and freedom U.S. residents have come to enjoy.

The coming months are full of opportunities to exemplify the number one principle of the Order: Charity. We, as a Council, are truly blessed and therefore thankful that we can demonstrate this principle regularly.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!  
Nelson Clinch, Grand Knight

P.S. Your input on Council efforts is always welcome. Please e-mail me at [gk6292@vakofc.org](mailto:gk6292@vakofc.org) or call me at (703) 385-2146.

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### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to **The Lookout** is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) or call him at 703-385-9455.**

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

The month of November is a busy one for our Council. In addition to our usual activities we will be busy preparing for the upcoming holiday season.

Members are asked to make donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Society or purchase food baskets to help provide our unfortunate neighbors a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. The Council will be donating 45 food gift certificates to purchase Turkeys for the food baskets. We will be helping SVDP to assemble the food baskets on Friday 11/19. Since Providence Hall is not available this will be done in the Olde Parish Hall. On Saturday 11/20 we deliver to those unable to pickup the food.

Our Corporate Communion Mass to honor our deceased brother knights will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Leo's Church. At all weekend Masses we will be selling our religious Christmas Cards (Keep Christ in Christmas) as well as Entertainment Books.

Our monthly Family Breakfast is on Sunday 11/21 after the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses at the Parish Activity Center (Gym) and our Quarterly Blood Drive will be held in conjunction with the Breakfast.

On Friday 11/26 the Christmas Trees Lot will be setup and help will be needed to get ready for delivery of the trees on Saturday 11/27.

Also on 11/27 help is needed to setup the Creche in front of St. Leo's Church. There will be a tree lighting that evening after the 5 PM Mass followed by our Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

As you can see, November is a month full of opportunities to pick and chose those activities you wish to participate in as we get ready for the Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus  
Greg Skorupski  
DGK

 **Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

## Columbiettes' Corner

October was a very busy month for the Columbiettes. The semi-annual trip to Atlantic City on October 19 was sold out and reports indicate that the lunch at the Tropicana was delicious and all who took part in the trip had a good time. There was even a report of some winners. Look for another such event in the Spring.

The Second Craft Show on October 24 attracted 42 vendors and is generally being considered a success. Many of our vendors provided raffle items and the winners of the various items have been contacted and arrangements have been made for the winners to receive their prizes. The Columbiettes want to thank all those who helped with the event and there are many, Without the Knights assisting with set up, knock down and also making coffee, donuts, hotdogs, chips, soda and water, the event would not have gone as smoothly as it did. At this writing, we are still compiling the list of those who provided assistance; however, each person who assisted will receive a thank you note from the Columbiettes.

The Columbiettes next meeting is Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in the St. Mark Room in the Old Parish Hall. Among the agenda items for this meeting is a Craft Show wrap up, the Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, charity donation recommendations and upcoming events such as the annual Crèche Lighting and Spaghetti Dinner on November 27 where the Columbiettes will be providing support for the Knights.

All wives of Knights are automatically members of the Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings during the renovation period for Providence Hall will generally be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the St. Mark Room in the Old Parish Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meeting and our events, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).



## Council News & Events

### Christmas Tree Sale—Team Captain Lineup

#### Team Captain Line Up Changes:

Team 2 will be co-lead between Steve Keho and Gerry Stegmaier. Dave Whitcomb is returning to lead Team 4. Tony Elachkar is now leading Team 6. On Team 9, Roger Roseburger has agreed to be Team Captain. Tim Hogan returns to lead Team 10 while Jack Cotner will lead Team 11. Thanks to George Billy, Joe Drozd, Bill Weich, Matt West and Larry Novak for their years leading their respective teams.



**Tree Lot Set Up.** Tree Lot set will be on November 26 starting at 09:00. contact **Tim Tilton at 703-273-9436** or **Jac Cerny at 703-255-9484** Please bring hand tools.

**Tree Arrival.** The trees will arrive on November 27 at "oh dark thirty" or roughly 07:30 AM. The Scouts of Troop 1113 will be on hand to help, but many hands make light work and we can use any Knights (and sons/daughters) who wish to help.

**Zagrod Plaque.** Ron DeSantis installed the plaque honoring Frank Zagrod in the Boy Scout trailer. A bequest from Frank's estate helped pay for the trailer which we use for trees and other events. Thanks Ron.

**Tree Sales.** Sales will begin Saturday, November 27. The Tree Team Schedule will be sent to Team Captains.

### Rosary to End Abortion — IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit.

One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its

doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **November 13** to pray the rosary. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.



### Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at [cotnerjohn@aol.com](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or **(703) 323-5785**. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in

### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!



Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, November 8** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. We are

looking for a new chairman for this event which involves once-a-month attendance and a few phone calls. Call **Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280** to volunteer.

### Fairfax Fall Festival—Huge Success

Every year our council participates in the Fairfax Fall Festival. It is one of the biggest craft fair events in the area and we have our concession trailer there with sausages, hot-dogs, cold drinks, etc. This year's Chairman, Tim Hogan and his crew of volunteers had a GREAT event. The weather was perfect, the crowds were there and we had a fantastic location. Tim thanks everyone who helped out in the trailer this year. We raised over \$1,200 to support our charities.

### Entertainment Books—NOW ON SALE!!

Dave Todd, Sr. now has the 2011 Entertainment Books for sale.

What a bargain!! Total cost of the book is only \$30 (lower than list price). These books are good until November 2011. Sell them to friends, coworkers, or anybody else you know. They make excellent Christmas, birthday, or other occasion gifts.



Take a few minutes to look through one of the books and see what is included. There are not just restaurants and theaters, but shoe stores, airlines, car rentals, and much more. Is painting a wall entertainment to you? Sherman Williams is in there. Buying and selling these books brings a good profit to the council (better than raising dues). For more information and/or books: **David Todd 703-352-2724** or [datodd@verizon.net](mailto:datodd@verizon.net). Dave has books for both the Virginia/Washington DC and the Maryland/Washington, DC areas.

### Keeping Christ In Christmas...

is easy with the religious Christmas cards available through the council. Check out the prices. Use the price on top, not the price on the bottom that they would cost if you could find them in a retail store. Buyers have been very complimentary of the cards. Encourage others to buy and send religious Christmas cards. We will continue to sell them in the vestibule of the church (NO SALES DURING MASS) with the pastor's permission. For more information: David Todd 703-352-2724 or [datodd@verizon.net](mailto:datodd@verizon.net).

## Knights and Knight Families Honored

**Knight of the Month**  
**September**  
**Robert "Bob" Bilko**

**Family of the Month**  
**September**  
**Vincent Fetta**  
**and his mother, Lillian**



### 2010 Thanksgiving Basket Program

Father Diamond Council is again teaming up with St Leo's SVDP to provide Holiday Food Baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving. The new procedure for distribution of Holiday Food Baskets is described in the October Council Newsletter. The council will provide SVDP \$900 in gift cards for turkeys and perishable goods for 45 Families. The food baskets will be distributed on Saturday Nov. 20th from the SVDP Pantry directly to the recipients instead of being delivered to their residences.



Traditionally, council members, individually or in groups, have provided food baskets and/or money donations for food baskets at Thanksgiving. The Council goal is to have the membership provide at least 45 baskets. Individual members desiring to purchase a food basket can use the attached list of suggested food items as a guideline for what and how much to purchase for the baskets. These food baskets need to be delivered to SVDP Food Pantry (not Providence Hall) from 4 to 6 PM from **Monday Nov. 8th thru Friday Nov. 12.**

If members desire to make a donation by check in lieu of a food basket, the recommended donation is \$75 to \$100. The checks should be made out to the "Saint Vincent DePaul Society" and given to **Al Leightley, Charity Chairman, by Thursday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** when the checks will be turned over to SVDP who will make a written acknowledgement to the donation donors.

By **no later than Monday Nov. 8th**, please notify Al Leightley at 703-273-2089 or e-mail [leightley8@msn.com](mailto:leightley8@msn.com) your intent to donate a food basket, a check donation or a cash donation (cash donations will be converted to food gift certificates).

### 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 Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto: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**

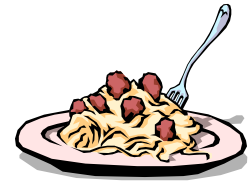




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## *Creche Lighting & Spaghetti Dinner*

**Saturday, November 27, 2010**



**Creche Lighting to follow 5:00pm Mass in front of St. Leo's Church**

**Dinner 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**St. Leo the Great Parish (Gym)**

**3700 Old Lee Hwy – Fairfax, VA**

*Menu includes:*

**Pasta, Meatballs,**

**Salad, Bread, and Dessert**

**Soft Drinks, Bottled Water, Coffee, Hot Tea**

*Cost:*

**\$7 adult, \$3 child (under 12 years of age)  
\$20 maximum per family (maximum 2 adults)**

**RSVP by November 20, 2010**

**to**

**Bill Weich**

**703-307-9163 or [wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:wweich@yahoo.com)**



### *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

#### **Our unmatched code of ethics**

There are hundreds of fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that its "AAA" rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability. We've earned this rating for 16 consecutive years!

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as "a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients" is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, "Protecting Families for Generations" by means of "life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights."

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our "Marketing Code of Ethics" is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes state-

ments such as "Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision."

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or [Dennis.Riley@kofc.org](mailto:Dennis.Riley@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent



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<a href="#">Prev Month</a>	November 2010						<a href="#">Next Month</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Solemnity of All Saints	2	3	4 1930 Officers' Meeting	5	6	
7	8 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	9	10	11 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting Veterans' Day	12	13 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
14 0900 Corp Comm Memorial Mass Food Drive	15	16 1930 Columbi-ettes-St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	17 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	18 1930 Columbi-ettes	19 Food Basket Assembly	20 1100 Feed the Homeless 1000 Food Basket Delivery	
21 Family Breakfast-Blue Team Blood Drive 8 AM to 1 PM - GYM	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 1000 Tree lot setup	27 0700 Tree Delivery 1000 Creche Setup 1800 Creche Lighting 1830 Spaghetti Dinner Food Drive	
28 Food Drive	29	30					

<a href="#">Prev Month</a>	December 2010						<a href="#">Next Month</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2 1930 Officers' Meeting	3	4 1000 Adopt-a-Spot 1800 Christmas Party	
5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
12 Food Drive	13 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	14 1800 Christmas Caroling?	15 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	16 1930 Columbi-ettes	17 Food Basket Assembly	18 1100 Feed the Homeless 1000 Food Basket Delivery	
19 Family Breakfast-Gold Team	20 1000 Tree Lot Cleanup ?	21 1930 Columbi-ettes-St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Food Drive	
26 Food Drive	27	28	29	30	31		

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

### Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chancellor	John Berg	703-219-2096
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
Inside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

### Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

### Committee Chairmen




Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	<b>TBD</b>	
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



   **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

### **The Economy is so bad....**

....McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.  
 ....Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their kids names.  
 ....My cousin had an exorcism but couldn't afford to pay for it, and they re-possessed her!  
 ....Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.  
 ....A picture is now only worth 200 words.  
 ....They renamed Wall Street "Wal-Mart Street."

### **Famous Quote:**

*We could certainly slow the ageing process down if it had to work its way through Congress.*

-- *Will Rogers*

### **Ponderings:**

- **If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?**

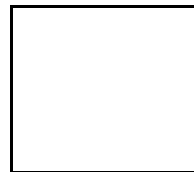
- **Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?**

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**Providence Hall is Temporarily CLOSED for Renovation**

**Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room )**

**2nd and 4th THURSDAYS**

**Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information**

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