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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving in commemoration of those early Americans who came together for a feast

thanking God for their community and the land where they were beginning their new lives. In their giving thanks to God, they were thanking Him for the unity of their community. For me, I am also thankful for a sense of unity in my life, unity with my brothers in the Knights of Columbus.

Unified action with my brother Knights provides me with the personal opportunity to give back more, and develop my faith deeper, than I could do if I was acting alone. Whether it's praying the rosary before one of our meetings or collecting outside of Safeway in the rain for our KOVAR campaign, this unified action yields great results for the beneficiaries of our work but also for me. This togetherness, in both prayer and action doesn't just make me feel like a better person, but practically builds my faith and brings me closer to God. This is the power, and benefit, of unity. And, it is for this unity in the Knights of Columbus that I am truly thankful

Our Knight and Family of the Month for October each demonstrate the power of unity in the ways they have stepped up to lead activities to help better the Council and the Knights of Columbus as a whole. Our Knight of the Month for October is James Hogan. James, with the help of Tim Hogan, has agreed to coordinate our Christmas card sales. This is a significant project for the Council. Not only does it provide a source of revenue for the Council, but it helps us spread the message that

Christ is guite simply the reason for the season. Our Family of the Month for October is Tom and Flo Hogan. Both Tom and Flo regularly give of themselves for the better of the Council and the Order. In October. Tom played his continuing role in the National Columbus Day celebration, which is a truly unifying event for all Knights. Flo coordinated another successful trip to Atlantic City for the Columbiettes and the brother Knights. In the actions of these individuals, as well as all who helped out with our events in October, we see the power that comes from acting for and with our brother Knights and their families.

As we move into November, I encourage each of you to look at the activities we have coming up where you can join with your brother Knights and their families in service of our Council and our Church. Whether you can be at these events in person or in spirit, always remember that as a Knight of Columbus you are one with your brother Knights. And, it is this sense of unity that is something special to be thankful for this season. So on behalf of my family and me, I would like to wish each of you a happy (and meaningful) Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus! Matt West Grand Knight



November 2013

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

In an effort to reduce costs I am asking those brother knights that are getting this newsletter via hardcopy to verify whether they still need a printed copy. Almost 90% of the knights are receiving it electronically as an e-mail attachment. It can also be viewed on our website. I realize that

there will be some old school guys out there that just simply prefer hardcopy. If you are one of those please call John Eldred at 703-631-6480 and leave a message to confirm with your name. If you now have the ability to accept an electronic version you can drop him a note at "johnboyva99@verizon.net" and provide your email address. You need to reply either way so that your name isn't dropped from our distribution list.

I also wanted to congratulate those brother knights that have advanced in their degree status over the last month or two. On Sept 24 we accepted a reactivation of Ricardo Valenzuela as well as new knights—Mark Walther, Brian Wilson, Frank Munoz, Jodi Balido, Polo Leyendecker, and Scott Krushinski. On Sept 26 there was 2nd Degree that included Mark Walther, Frank Munoz, Jodi Balido, Polo Leyendecker, Scott Krushinski, Jerry Kidwell, Mike Tocci, and Marc Surette. On Sept 28, Phill Freda went on to full knighthood by taking his 3rd Degree. Three weeks later Mark Walther and Polo Leyendecker went on to get their 3rd Degree certifications. Congratulations to all of those that have advanced in their knowledge.

All new knights have heard that Christmas tree sales is or biggest fundraiser of the year. Tim Tilson has worked on putting all previously unassigned knights onto a tree team. Your team captain will contact you to see if you can work any shifts assigned to your team. The trees will arrive on November 30 and requires as much help as possible to unload the 700+ trees from the truck. The boy scouts usually assist but more hands make the task easier. Please consider coming out at 7am to help.

Patrick McGuire Deputy Grand Knight

Columbiettes' Corner

October was a big month for us with our Atlantic City trip on the 12th, our wine & cheese party on the 15th, followed by our craft fair on the 20th. We had our monthly meeting on the 21st to discuss any things we could have done to improve next year.

Our **next meeting** is scheduled for November 18 at 7:30pm in Providence Hall.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings are held in Providence Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 7:30pm. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept up to date with meetings and our events, please contact me at 703-385-2146 or drop me an email to me at clinch5va@yahoo.com.

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "what was Jesus' mother's name?"

A child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "and what was her husband's name?"

Another child answered, "The Verge." Confused, the teacher asked "where did you get that?"

teacher asked, "where did you get that?" The child replied, "You know, they are always talking about the "Verge 'n Mary." The annual Barrio Fiesta was held on October 12th in the parish activity center where the Columbiettes assisted Thelma and

George Billy to help run the event. The purpose besides having lots of fun and enjoy great food was to raise money for the homeless. The event had a Filipino theme that included great food, a show that included tinikeling (a dance with bamboo poles), and a Filipino



band that everyone danced to. Even our own grand knight kicked off the dancing with his wife Ruth.

Happy Thanksgiving Julie Clinch, Columbiettes' President



Upcoming Council Events

Rosary to End Abortion — November 9

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday in front of the church to pray the Rosary. It doesn't take more than 45 minutes for the entire 20 decants and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family. Last month we had 19 Knights and their spouses present.



Nursing Home Bingo — November 11

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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:15pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call



Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.

Council Meeting — November 12

This meeting will be a regular business meeting with a First Degree. Rosary starts at 7:30pm followed by the start of the meeting at 8pm with the degree.

Chili Cook-off — November 17

If you think you make a mean chili bring a pot to the hall for our first ever cook-off. This will take place during the Redskins/Eagles game starting at 1pm. Judges will determine the winner during halftime. Fun for the whole family.

Grey GOSTs — November 19

If you are of the older persuasion you might consider joining some of the more seasoned members for a social hour starting at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon. As Larry Novack once said you can then be home by 1:30pm for your afternoon nap.

Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries — Nov 23

At last count the Knights in our council have pledged 52 baskets to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Leo's chapter) in providing Thanksgiving food for those in need. In addition, the Knights will be providing food vouchers for perishable items such as milk, bread and turkeys. There is still time to volunteer a basket (until Nov 12) by calling Tom Gross at (703) 273-0631. Baskets are purchased using a suggested item list and can range anywhere from \$80-\$125. For those of you providing baskets they should be brought to the hall on Thursday or Friday evening between 3 and 8pm. The day of delivery will be coordinated by Al Leightley at (703) 273-2089.

Family Breakfast — November 24

As the school year gets on a normal pattern more parishioners choose to attend the family breakfast. The new waffles seem to be a big hit along with some other new menu items. Come join us with your family to either partake or assist. You can volunteer by contacting Joe Monnin at (703) 266-9741 or just show up. We can always use servers and a cleanup crew. Breakfast is served following the 7:30am and 9am masses.

Council Meeting — November 26

This will be a business meeting with new business and monetary requests being considered.

Tree Arrival — November 30

The Christmas trees will arrive at 7am near the front of the school. Anyone who can help unload the 700+ trees is encouraged to help. Coffee & donuts will be provided.



Our own Grand Knight assists the breakfast team while they prepared food on Sunday, October 27th after the 9am mass.



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Knights and Their Families Honored

Knight of the Month October James Hogan

Family of the Month October Tom & Flo Hogan



Prisoner Earn Masters in Theology With Knights' Help

A long-time "resident" of Greensville Corrections Center in Jarratt, VA has received a master's degree in Catholic Theology through Catholic Distance University, thanks in part to the help provided by Fr. Diamond Council. John ("Rick") Ballentine is a convert to the Catholic faith who began taking courses in theology a few years after his conversion. With virtually no income or assets, he has relied on the generosity of friends and acquaintances on the outside to help finance his education. Fr. Diamond Council paid for one of his courses, and also provided a dozen Catholic bibles for use by the Catholic prisoners at the facility. Brother Dennis Riley, the council field agent, was on hand to witness the awarding of the degree by Sr. Brendon Zajac, a sister of Notre Dame and an academic advisor to Catholic Distance University. Ballentine was the only prisoner to receive a purely academic degree out of over 170 prisoners who were recognized for the completion of a training or educational program.

A note from our new Financial Secretary:

As I await my appointment by Supreme, I want all of you to know that it is my intention to do the best I can for you, the council and the order. One thing I promise – As I collect information, I have an obligation to preserve its confidentiality. Therefore, as I collect information and update records, the information will be used only to the extent it is required to assist you and the order.

David J. Todd, Sr., PGK, FDD, PFN

On Sat, Nov. 30 following the 5pm mass, everyone is welcome to join Father Whitestone for the lighting of the Christmas Creche located in front of the church. The celebration usually takes 15-20 minutes. Immediately following that join your brother knights and their families in the parish activity center for our annual spaghetti dinner for a nominal fee. RSVP by November 25, 2012 to Bill Weich by calling 703-307-9163 or sending a note to wweich@yahoo.com.

Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones or Use Them To Purchase Thanksgiving Food Baskets— 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 Greg Skorupski at 703-978-8280 or email — gregskisr@aol.com for information. Available at Providence 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**



The Heart of Mary

Gold-Embossed with

Full Color Envelopes

Style #2013CC

this Christmas Day

Verse Inside:

\$11.00 (16 Cards)

May the great gift of God's love

revealed in the life of Jesus born of Mary enliven your heart with faith

and enrich your home with hope

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Keep Christ in Christmas

SEND RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Full Color Envelopes



Unto Us A Child Is Born \$7.50 (16 Cards)

Style #9013CC Verse Inside: May the joy of the shepherds and the song of Angels Lift up your joyful spirit this Christmas And throughout the New Year

Mother Teresa's **Christmas Praver** \$7.50 (15 Cards) Style #5013CC

Verse Inside:

O Child Divine, Lord Jesus Christ - As the blessed Magi Saw You In the bright Star from the East And the Shepherds Heard Your message In the Angels' song of Peace, So we come before Your Manger On this sacred Christmas morn With our eyes, our ears, our hearts in need Of Healing from Your Light - God's Love reborn.

Madonna of the Chair Gold-Embossed

\$12.00 (18 Cards) Style #1013CC

Verse Inside:

God gave His greatest gift to us on that First Christmas Day – May our Lord's coming bring life, hope, and peace to you and yours this day and always.



Madonna and Child Ornament 2 sided Gold-Embossed (3-1/4" Diameter) available separately



Saint Francis' **Praver for Peace**

Red Foil-Stamped with Full Color Envelopes and bonus 2 sided Gold-Embossed Ornament

\$11.00 (16 Cards) Style #4013CC Verse Inside:

May the Lord grant you His Peace in your heart and in your home



Full Color

Envelopes

St. Francis Gold-Embossed 2 sided Ornament available separately \$1.00 Style #CA-1043

Holy Family A Model For All Families \$8.00 (16 Cards) Style #3013CC

Verse Inside: May the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph gladden your heart and enrich your home this Christmas Day and always



Jesus Light of the World Gold-Embossed

\$10.50 (16 Cards) Style #6013CC

Verse Inside: May the newborn Child born this Christmas morn enlighten your life, with His gift of hope

brighten your spirit and warm your heart

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CHRISTMAS CARD ASSORTMENTS







Full Color Envelopes



Old Masters

Gold-Embossed with Full Color Envelopes

\$9.00 (12 Cards) Style #1369CC

Verse Inside: To wish you many blessings at Christmas Time and Throughout The coming year.

Come to Bethlehem \$7.00 (15 Cards) Style #1361CC

Sample Verse Inside: With humble hearts may we receive the good news of Christmas and rejoice in it all year long.



Christmas Peace \$6.00 (12 Cards) Style #356CC

Sample Verse Inside: May Christ's own light of love divine On all your pathways brightly shine.



Tim whose birth the Angels sing.

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(15 Cards 1 Design)

Style #8012CC Verse Inside:

As Saint Nicholas gave gifts in the spirit of the Christ Child may you give generously to all those you love and receive God's blessings in return this Christmas Day and throughout the coming New Year.



Christ is Christmas Style #CA-6028 Also available in Spanish text



Display this traditional image on the outside of your vehicle, to bring home the message: Keep Christ in Christmas!



Holy Family Magnet Style #CA-6027



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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who do not have a "long term care experience" somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, "waiting until next year" or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annuities to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 35,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies. I can help you select the plan that's right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. Let's talk today.

Dennis Riley, FICF, Field Agent

Did you know the average stay in a nursing home lasts three years and that cost could quickly surpass \$200,000? How would you pay for this? How would this affect your family? Can your family handle the responsibility and do you want to place that burden on them? Are you relying on government subsidies to take care of you? Do you want peace of mind and security? Do you want to maintain your dignity and choice of care options? Do you want to preserve your lifetime earn-ings/savings? Have you minimized the risks against your estate?

Yes, I know there a lot of questions here, and many are difficult to answer. But I can help provide some insight into one of the best options available to you and your wife through the Order. Long-term care insurance can protect you against the ever-rising costs of care. An LTC policy can keep the burden of care off of your family. This allows your wife to remain your wife and not become your caregiver (or you to remain her husband and not patient or caregiver). With an LTC policy, you remain in control of your dignity and how and where you get care.

The Knights of Columbus can serve as a valuable resource for long term care planning, providing answers to questions you might have and affordable coverage options tailored to your needs.



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November 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Family Breakfast 4:25PM Redskins@Broncos	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day	2
3 1PM Chargers@Redskins	4	5 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	6	7 8:25PM Redskins@Vikings	8	9 <u>8AM Rosary to End</u> <u>Abortion</u>
10 9AM Corporate Communion	11 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00 PM First Degree/Reg Mtg	13	14	15	16
17 1PMChili Cook-off in Prov Hall 1PM Redskins@Eagles	18 7:00PM Columbiettes' Meeting	19 11AM Grey GOSTs	20 7:30 PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg 4th Degree Welcome Dinner	21 Staging of Food Baskets	22 Staging of Food Baskets	23 10AM Delivery of Food Baskets 11:30AM Feed the Homeless
24 Family Breakfast	25 8:40PM 49ers@Redskins	26 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00 PM Business Meeting	27	28 Thanksgiving Grand Knight's Birthday	29 9:30AM Tree Lot Setup	30 7AM Tree Delivery 10AM Creche Setup 6PM Creche Lighting 6:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent Begins Tree Sales Begin 8:30PM Giants@Redskins	2	3 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Immaculate Conception 1PM Chiefs@Redskins	9 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	10 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00 PM Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 6PM Council Christmas Party 8AM Rosaru
15 Breakfast with Santa 1PM Redskins@Falcons	16 7:00PM Columbiettes	17 11AM Grey GOSTs	18 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	19	20	21 I 130AM Feed the Homeless 10AM Delivery of Food Baskets
22 1PM Cowboys@Redskins	23	24 KOVAR at ABC stores	25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28
29 1PM Redskins@Giants	30	31 KOVAR at ABC stores	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Bowling League Starts	6	7 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	8	9	10	11 State Qtrly Mtg in Richmond
12 9AM Corporate Communion	13 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	14 7:30 PM Rosary 8 PM First Degree/Reg Mtg 7:30PM Rosary	15 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	16 8PM Second Degree	17	18 11:15AM Third Degree
19	20 7:00PM Columbiettes	21 11AM Grey GOSTs	22 March For Life	23	24	25

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Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2013-14

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