

# The Lookout

October 2002



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



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### ***Grand Knight's Message:***

We are heading into one of the busiest times of the year these next few months. It seems that September just flew by and Christmas trees will be right around the corner.

There are some thanks to be given out to Tim Tilson for his organization of the Parish Picnic and the Refugee Family Support. A lot of work has gone into each of these events and he, along with his volunteers, should be commended.

We also found out this month that our Chaplain, Father Rooney, has been transferred to St. Mary's in Fredericksburg. His time here has been wonderful and we wish him the best in his new assignment. As with all our Chaplains in the past, he will have a special place in the hearts of all in our council.

Chair set-up has now moved into the Church. For those of you whose team has not had the Chair Duty in the church...be sure not to wear your Sunday Best for the set-up. It's still fairly dusty in there, but everything looks like it's coming together. Hopefully we will still be on track for completing the entire job by Christmas.

The next few months bring a lot of activities our way for you to get involved in. October has the Fall Festival, which we always need a lot of help at. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we have the Wine & Cheese party put on by the Columbiettes. Please be sure to bring your wife over to hall and enjoy this nice evening. There's a Second Degree to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. For all you First Degree Knights, I'd love to see you take that next step and take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. We had scheduled a Health Fair for the 27<sup>th</sup>, but that's not going to be able to occur this month. Instead, there will be a Blood Drive at the Parish Activity Center in conjunction with the administration of Flu Shots. Please be sure to come and take part in each of these events. Winter is always a hard time for blood banks and everything you can do to help would be appreciated. Of course, breakfast will be provided for all the donors.

Things don't get any slower in November. Just to put things in your head that are coming up quickly are the Fourth Degree Exemplification, which will be held in Northern Virginia this year; the Thanksgiving Baskets; Feed the Homeless; Christmas Tree

Sales begin; and the Memorial Mass. All this begins in 4 to 8 weeks. Amazing how time flies so quickly.

As we move into this busy time of the year...not only for the Knights, but in our personal lives as well, I'd ask you to put aside some time for the Knights. I ask this in every Newsletter, and I'm getting a good response. I see new faces at the meetings and events and I'm glad to see you there. New people, new ideas, and new faces bring livelihood to the council. I look forward to seeing more of you at our various events!!

I wish the very best for you and your family this month and every month.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Cooke

### **FALL FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA**

**SATURDAY 19 OCT**

**On Jennifer-Ann out of Solumons**

**Cost \$40**

**Reservations Contact:**

**Herb Zimmerman 703-623-7180**

**Or e-mail**

**Herb2777@yahoo.com**



# Program Director's Report

## Council Chaplain

Many of you may be aware but others may not. Father Rooney received an emergency reassignment from St Leo the Great to St Marys in Fredericksburg. He is assigned as administrator (Pastor) which is a promotion. Father Rooney will be deeply missed both by the Council as well as the parish for all he did for us. The council was planning a farewell for Father Rooney at the time of publishing this edition of Outlook. We all wish him well in his new assignment.

## 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. The chair set up for the church during its renovation is still in effect and progressing very well. There will be a few more major moves to and from the church and the gym for Holy Days and when the floor and pews are being installed in the church. These are manpower intensive; so all Knights that can make it are appreciated. We set up chairs on Saturday at 3 PM and take down at 7 PM on Sunday. The more that show up the easier it makes the task. So far, the Grey GOST and Tim Cooke's team have had the most Knights show up. If you are free on Sat. or Sun. your help is very much appreciated. And when called by your team Captain, please try to attend. The December dates are contingencies.

Teams for the October, November, and December:

- October 5/6 Jayne Team #3
- October 12/13 Whitcomb Team #4
- October 19/20 Tilson Team #5
- October 26/27 Drozd Team #6
- November 2/3 Cooke Team #7
- November 9/10 Kuhlman Team #8
- November 16/17 Woznak Team #9
- November 23/24 Hogan Team #10
- Nov 30/Dec 1 Grey Ghosts
- December 8/9 Smith Team #1
- December 15/16 Mahoney/Todd Team #2

## 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 prices. Hot dinner at half-time at 4:00PM games. Munchies at Night Games but will cook snacks to order as needed. All prices designed to cover cost of food.

## Rosary at Abortion Clinic

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

## Knights Fall Fishing Extravaganza

Trip is being planned for Saturday, October 19. The trip is scheduled out on Jennifer-Ann out of Solomons. Jennifer-Ann is a brand new 53 foot fiberglass Chesapeake Bay Boat and capable of cruising at 21 knots. The boat has a large open space, a heated/air-conditioned dinette/cabin capable of seating 10-12, a full-size toilet and fresh water. Cost is \$60 per person and includes all bait, tackle and licenses. Need reservations by September 15 and money by September 30. First 20 guys get on...will take alternate reservations... if we get enough a second boat possible. Everyone is welcome to bring coolers to keep their favorite refreshments cold and to carry home the fish they catch. The captain says this is a good time of the year because the fish are schooling up to migrate south. Lots of action. Contact- Herb Zimmerman at: (W)703-385-9455, (H)202-728-4191, (cell) 703-623-7180 or (e-mail) - herb2777@yahoo.com.

## Fall Festival

Help is needed to support the Council's annual concession at the Fairfax City Fall Festival on October 12. We will be selling kielbasa, hot dogs, sodas and beer. 13 to 15 people will be needed for the two later shifts, so please consider volunteering for one or more of the following time slots:

~06:30 to 10:30 AM Meet at hall and convoy to festival site. Setup lot. Exact meeting time will be announced.

10:30 to 14:30 Sales

14:30 to 18:30 Sales, teardown and loading of truck

Please bring a hat with you to satisfy the health department and pray for good weather. Should it rain, the festival will be held the following day, Sunday, October 13. This is a very important fund raiser for our council. Help is needed. Please call Mark Woznak at 703- 280-4124.

## KOVAR contributions via United Way and Combined Federal Campaign

You can contribute to KOVAR via the CFC or United Way. Just make your donation slip out and write in the appropriate code number. If there is no coded number enter: KOVAR, c/o 10806 Moore Drive, Manassas, VA 20111-2926. Please provide a copy of your donation slip to Hank Urban, the Treasurer so it can be properly accounted. For more information contact Tim Tilson, KOVAR Chairman.

## Server Trip to Mount St Mary's

We will be hosting our annual trip to Mount St Mar's Seminary for Altar Servers on Saturday, October 26. Anyone who would like to help out is asked to contact Dave Todd Jr. at 703-385-2195 or at dtoddjr@erols.com

## Charity Budget

Below is the charity budget that had a first reading at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This year's budget is significantly below prior years due to budget deficit. The budget funds our basic charity needs. Additional funds will be requested during the Fraternal Year as funds.

September	Chaplain's Burse	\$ 250
November	Feed the Homeless	200
November	Thanksgiving Baskets	900
December	Feed the Homeless	200
December	Christmas Baskets	1,200
March	Bishop's Lenten Appeal	400
March	Feed the Homeless	200
April	Easter Baskets	600
April	Father Veger Scholarship	200
Total amount of proposed expenditures		\$4,150

## Blood Drive and Flu Shots

The council will be sponsoring the quarterly blood drive on Sunday 27 October after all the Masses. Blood is always in short supply. Please consider donating the valuable cause. Also flu shots will be given after giving blood. We urge all to participate.

## Grey Ghosts

What is a Grey GOST? This is a group of retired Knights that meet on the third Tuesday of the month for lunch and socializing. It's a time for good stories, past adventures, companionship, and a great meal. In the past we've had Italian, German, Polish, Mexican, and Christmas meals. Each month we have different themed lunches. At Christmas wives are invited for a special Christmas lunch. So have we misspelled GOST? No. It stands for God's Old Sacred Trust . . . these Knights have survived the trials of life and maintain the Catholic traditions. They are an example to the younger Knights and exemplify the values of our faith. Come and join us for an enjoyable time, reservations are not necessary. So, where is the 'H'? Since, the 'H' signifies an area we do not desire to travel, it was subtracted.

## The Scrip Program

The Script Program is still alive and well. In less than two years we have sold over \$72,000 with a gross profit of \$3,700. We sell Giant, Food Lion, Shoppers Food Warehouse, and Safeway. They are used exactly like money and can be used in conjunction with all store discounts. By using the applicable store savings program, you can designate a school to receive points toward purchase of various school items. This can be a three way benefit . . . one for yourself, one for the school, and for the council by gaining profits for council activities. We sell them at all council events, meeting nights and the first weekend of the month in front of the church and at the breakfast.

## Scrapbook Workshops

Scrapbook workshops benefiting Council Charities are being held on the third Saturday of each month at Providence Hall. They are being conducted by Tamera Drozd. Pre-registration is a must.. If you, your wives or other family members are interested in the workshops please contact Tamera at 703-255-1628 or at drozdtjt@erols.com

## A Brother In Need

As most of you know, Brother Nelson Clinch has had a serious illness over the last 10 months. He is still not able to go to work although he is making wonderful progress. He has used his leave and many hours of "use it or lose it leave" that have been donated by Brother Knights or fellow employees. He has run out of this leave and is in serious need of additional leave. Any Brother who is a Federal Employee or knows a Federal Employee is asked to consider donating annual leave (perhaps if you have "use-or-lose" hours, etc.). For those who can help or know someone that can help please go to the Council Website ([www.6292.kofcva.org](http://www.6292.kofcva.org)) for more detailed description of the procedures. The site has a PDF form with the procedure that can be filled out and mailed to the address indicated. Also, please keep Nelson and his family in your prayers.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

The council will once again provide food baskets for needy families this Thanksgiving. This effort will be in concert with the St. Vincent DePaul Society. 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. Please contact Greg Skoruski for the suggested list of food for the Thanksgiving Basket. 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](mailto:gjsburke1@aol.com)), 703-978-8280.

## Forth Degree

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the Fairview Park Marriott here in Fairfax. Anyone interested in taking the Fourth Degree should contact Dave Todd Jr. at 703-385-2195 or at [djtoddjr@erols.com](mailto:djtoddjr@erols.com)

## Did You Know

The council by-laws Article VII states that no money in excess of \$200 shall be paid or transferred from the treasury unless two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing . . . shall been given and regularly read. "A quarterly itemized list of all such expenditures shall be published by the Council Treasurer at the last business meeting of each calendar quarter." This is one of the reasons for members to attend as many meetings as they are able to.



## October Birthdays

Alvin Lion	10/1
John Analone	10/2
Eldon Hughes	10/3
Mike Collins	10/3
Mike Trentacoste	10/3
John Jenkins	10/4
John Downey	10/5
Jay Gruendl	10/5
Frank Nava	10/5
Francis Harrison	10/7
Barrington Jefferson	10/9
Fr. Heet	10/9
Adam Gruendl	10/10
Cristobal Salas	10/13
Malcom Harris	10/13
Daniel Boyce	10/15
Mike Purtill	10/15
Tim Tilson PGK	10/18
Robert LeBlanc	10/18
Donald Conway	10/19
Dr. Edward Pisani	10/21
James O'Mara	10/21
Jose Ramos	10/21
John Ouellete	10/21
Brian Hogan	10/22
John Allen	10/23
Bill Tuohy	10/23
John Hogan Jr	10/25
John Trujillo	10/25
Fr. Wilson	10/27
Pat Lacour	10/27
Fr. Weston	10/28
Victor Young	10/29
Gab Migala	10/31

## October Wedding Anniversaries

	Years Married
Paul & Louise Desbiens	23
Matthias & Joan Joyce	5
Russ & Kathy Harrison	4
Scott & Susan Smullen	8
Tom & Ann Heinz	15
Tim & Martha Malloy	24
Pat & Carol Lacour	7
Bem & Dorothy Schaefer	48
Mike & Li Plumstead	2

## FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

### Roth IRAs: A Less Taxing Way to Save

Did you know that you can establish a Roth IRA through the Knights of Columbus? If you haven't set up a Roth IRA for this year, there's still time to take advantage of this great way to save for retirement.

You can now save up to \$3,000 per year, minus the amounts contributed to other IRAs. The limit is \$3,500 for people over 50. The total you can contribute also depends on your income, but you can do so regardless of whether you participate in a pension plan.

Although your contributions aren't deductible, the long-range benefits of a Roth IRA should be compared to those of a traditional IRA. For starters, many people earn too much for a traditional IRA to be a tax deduction. And with a Roth IRA you avoid the age-70 ½ minimum distribution requirements that come with a traditional IRA.

You can establish a Roth IRA, and make your yearly contribution, up to the date you file your tax return for that year (excluding extensions). But annual contributions to a Roth IRA aren't required. All interest you earn is federal income tax-free, provided you withdraw your funds under certain "qualified distribution" rules.

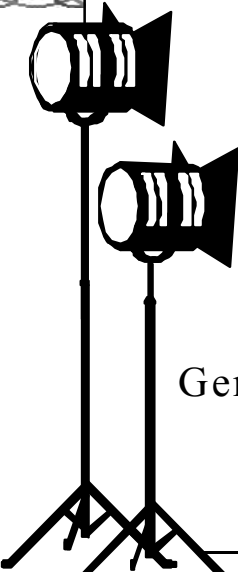
If you'd like more information about Roth IRAs – or traditional IRAs - I can help. But do it soon. Saving as much as you can for retirement is always a wise move, and the earlier you start, the better. Call me today at 703-450-6100.

Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



**Officers**

Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chaplain	Rev. Don Rooney	273-5369
D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chancellor	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
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



Family of  
Month

Aug '02

Gerry and Elaine Pepin

**Program Directors**

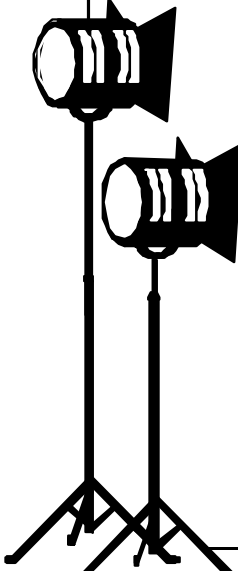
Programs	Dave Todd Jr	385-2195
Church	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Community	Dan Purtill	641-8945
Council	Pete Smith	503-1082
Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

**Committee Chairman**

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	George Billy	323-6470
Retention	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
Vocations	Greg Hartley	352-2797
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



Knight of  
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Jack Cotner



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## Dates to Remember in October

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| Oct 1     | Officers Meeting           |
| Oct 7     | Death of Father Diamond    |
| Oct 8     | Rosary/Business Meeting    |
| Oct 12    | Fall Festival              |
| Oct 12/13 | Food Drive                 |
| Oct 15    | Grey Ghosts                |
| Oct 15    | Columbiettes Wine & Cheese |
| Oct 19    | Rosary at Abortion Clinic  |
| Oct 19    | Adopt-A-Spot               |
| Oct 20    | Breakfast (Gold Team)      |
| Oct 22    | Mass/ 2ndDegree / Social   |
| Oct 26/27 | Food Drive                 |
| Oct 27    | Blood Drive/ Flu Shots     |



