

# The Lookout

October 2004



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



**Web page: <http://www.6292.kofcva.org/>**  
**Providence Hall 703-385-8007**  
**3702 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030**

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

My Brother Knights,

October is the celebration of our Patron, Christopher Columbus. As Knights we are bound together by the ideal of Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one who brought Christianity to the New World. Christianity in our time is being assailed from every corner. As Knights we are called to stand up and be counted to defend our faith and Christian way of life. As President Bush stated at the Supreme Convention, "This strong organization believes in family and faith, and compassion for those in need." We need to live up to this in our daily lives. There is no better way to do this than by bringing new members to our Order.

Councils throughout the Order will be holding a Membership Blitz in October. It is a time for excitement because our council will be in a position to dramatically increase our membership. The Chancellor however can't do this job alone. Bill Ward needs EVERY Knight's help to recruit new members. I challenge all of the members of our Council (400 Knights) to make the effort to just ask one Catholic gentlemen if he would like to join the Knights of Columbus. With a 10% success rate we would have 40 new members and easily meet our recruitment goal. Ask the friend you've asked 20 times before, you may be surprised with a yes.

We will be trying a new fund raiser this month, a Yard Sale. We are asking Knights to donate items, (like in my case, all the stuff in my garage that I really do not need) to the council. We will be holding the Yard Sale on Saturday 16 October at Providence Hall, it will be open to the public. The proceeds are earmarked to support the Dominican Sisters hospital in Iraq.

Speaking of Iraq, I would like to thank Brother Sam Stafford for taking the time during his short leave back here in the States to provide us a Lecturer program on his experiences in Iraq. To all of the members and their families who supported the Parish Picnic and especially Brother Tim Tilson, thanks for all the hard work. Everyone had a great day!

Fraternally Yours  
Greg Hartley  
Grand Knight

### **Combined Federal Campaign**

#### **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 Al Leightley, the Treasurer so it can be properly accounted. For more information contact Tim Cooke, KOVAR Chairman.

# Program Director's Report

## Fairfax Fall Festival

Gentleman of Fr. Diamond council are requested to help out on Saturday October 9, 2003 at the annual Fall Festival in downtown Fairfax City. This is a major fun raiser for the council. We will be located in the parking lot on Main Street behind Subway. Help is needed beginning Friday at 7pm till 8pm loading the truck at the hall. On Saturday, help is needed for 3 to 4 Hour shifts as follows: 6am till 1000am setting up in the parking lot; 10:00am till 2pm cooking food, selling and pouring beer; and 2pm till 6pm doing the same, cleaning up and returning to the hall. If you, your spouse or older children can spare a little of Smoothly. Please contact Tim Hogan at (703) 385-1292. This is a great way to get to know others in the council and help raise money for are many charities. Thank you for your assistance.

## The New 2005 Entertainment Books Are Now Available.

The price this year is \$25.00 and the books contain four (4) Safeway coupons worth \$5.00 each. The council earns a profit based on a percentage of the sales. All members are encouraged to market these books and help the council. Out of town books may be ordered on line. Please use our account number (760214-7) to give us credit for the sale. For more information contact David Todd at 703-352-2724 or [datodd@erols.com](mailto:datodd@erols.com).

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Council Yard Sale

October 16, 2004, 10:00 am, field behind Providence Hall: Our first annual Council Yard Sale is a fundraiser for a Baghdad hospital. Virginia State Council is looking for 100% of councils to participate in this fundraiser! Your items are a donation to the council - the council will provide a tax receipt similar to the Salvation Army's so you can take the tax deduction. Please drop off your items at Providence Hall starting on Wednesday 10/13, on up to when the sale starts on Saturday morning. Please contact David Miller at (703) 517-3430 if you'd like to be part of the sales staff!

## RTL Memorial Dedication

Bishop Paul Loverde will dedicate the Right -to-Life Memorial on Sunday, October 10 after the 11:00 AM Mass. Members of Fr. Malloy Assembly will provide the Color Corps for the Mass and and Dedication. Please come out to attend this exciting event!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification

The Virginia District of the Fourth Degree will be conducting an Exemplification for those who seek to receive the fullness of Knighthood in our Order on Saturday, November 13, at the Fairview Park Marriott. All members who have taken the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree prior to November 13 and have a minimum of six months membership in the Order is eligible to take the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Cost is \$65 per candidate, and each candidate must wear a black tuxedo with a white pleated shirt (no wing-tip collars), black bowtie & cummerbund, and white gloves. For additional information, contact Faithful Comptroller, Sir Knight Larry Novack at [zlrn01@aol.com](mailto:zlrn01@aol.com).

## Hawaiian Luau

We will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, October 23, in the school gym. Doors will open at 6PM (right after the 5PM Mass). We will have roast pig, an assortment of side dishes, ice cream, and some finger poi! We are also working to provide some entertainment (Filipino dancers). Cost is \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (under 14 years), with a maximum of \$50 per family. Net profit will be directed toward the expenses of the Pro-Life Memorial. Reservations can be made thru Grand Knight Greg Hartley at (703) 352-2797.

## Council Web Site

Visit the council web site at [www.6292.kofc.org](http://www.6292.kofc.org). It has been upgraded and now includes the ability down load the fraternal year calendar for the entire year or month by month. There are also news announcements on future events. Stay current by visiting the site.

### Submissions for Newsletter

**Do have some news for the Council? Do you have an upcoming event for the Council? Do you have some feedback for the newsletter editor? All are welcome and encouraged. Please submit to Bill Weich, Lookout Editor at [Bweich@verizon.net](mailto:Bweich@verizon.net) no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next issue.**

## October Birthdays

Alvin Lion	10/01
Michael Webb	10/01
John Analone	10/02
Eldon Hughes	10/03
Mike Collins	10/03
Mike Trentacoste	10/03
John Jenkins	10/04
John Downey	10/05
Jay Gruendl	10/05
Francis Harrison	10/07
Barrington Jefferson	10/09
Fr. Don Heet	10/09
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 PGK	10/23
John Hogan Jr	10/25
John Trujillo	10/25
Louis Quinonez	10/26
Fr. Cedric Wilson	10/27
Pat Lacour	10/27
Victor Young	10/29
Gab Migala	10/31

## October Wedding Anniversaries

	<b>Years Married</b>
Paul & Louise Desbiens	25
Matthias & Joan Joyce	7
Tim & Vicki Holleran	15
Scott & Susan Smullen	10
Brian & Lisa Sharkey	6
Tom & Ann Heinz	17
Steve & Wendy Kehoe	7
Tim & Martha Malloy	26
Michael & Kathy Webb	3
Pat & Carol Lacour	9
Bem & Dorothy Schaefer	50
Mike & Li Plumstead	4

## 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. Contact me today at 703-450-6100 or [DRileyKofC@comcast.net](mailto:DRileyKofC@comcast.net).

Fraternally,

Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



**Officers**

Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chancellor	Bill Ward	273-6289
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
Recorder	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Warden	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Inside Guard	Bill Weich	307-9163
Outside Guard	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Outside Guard	Dave Mann	691-9160
3yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
2yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
1yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137

**Program Directors**

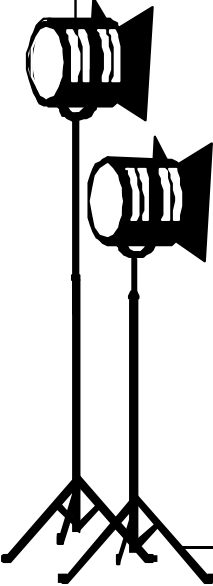
Programs	Dave Miller	517-3430
Church	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Community	Dave Mann	691-9160
Council	John Eldred	631-6480
Family	Keith Morrison	691-8838
Youth	Martin Burke	501-0351
Membership	Bill Ward	273-6289

**Committee Chairman**

Charity	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Hank Urban	978-6137
Vocations	Bill Ward	273-6289
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

**Project Chairmen**

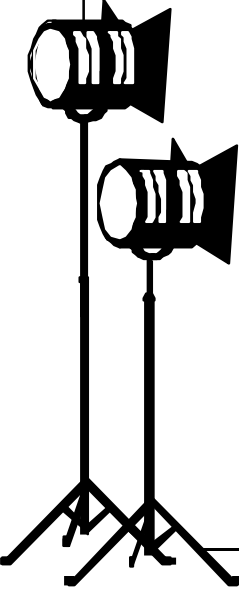
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Mike & Li Plumstead	352-0848
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Bill Weich	307-9163
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



Family of  
Month

Aug 04

John & Pat  
Brophy



Knight of  
Month

Aug 04

Al Leightley



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## Dates to Remember in October

Oct 3	Family Day – Kings Dominion
Oct 5	Officer's Meeting
Oct 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree
Oct 9	Fairfax Fall Festival/Open House
Oct 9/10	Food Drive
Oct 10	Right –to-Life Memorial Dedication
Oct 11	Columbus Day
Oct 12	Rosary/Business Meeting
Oct 16	Rosary @ abortion Facility
Oct 16	Yard Sale
Oct 16	Fishing Trip
Oct 17	Family Breakfast – Gold Team
Oct 19	Gray GOSTS
Oct 19	Wine & Cheese Social
Oct 20	Rosary/4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting
Oct 23/24	Food Drive
Oct 23	Hawaiian Luau
Oct 25	Mass/Social Meeting
Oct 30	Altar Server Trip



# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
October is Pastor Appreciation Month					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> State Quarterly Meeting
<b>3</b> Family Day Kings Dominion 1300 Redskins @ Browns	<b>4</b> VS #2	<b>5</b> 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2000 Second Degree	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Food Drive Fairfax Fall Festival Open House
<b>10</b> Clergy Appreciation Day Open House/Food Drive RTL Dedication 2030 Redskins vs. Ravens	<b>11</b> Columbus Day VS #3	<b>12</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Fishing Trip 0800 Abortion Facility 0900 Yard Sale
<b>17</b> Family Breakfast Gold Team 1300 Redskins @ Bears	<b>18</b> VS #4	<b>19</b> 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Wine & Cheese Social	<b>20</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Food Drive 1800 Hawaiian Luau
<b>24</b> Food Drive	<b>25</b> VS #5	<b>26</b> 1930 Mass 2000 Social Meeting Oktoberfest	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Altar Server Trip Fishing Trip
<b>31</b> Halloween Daylight Savings Time Ends 1300 Redskins vs. Packers						

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	<b>1</b> All Saints Day VS #6	<b>2</b> Election Day All Souls Day 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1930 Admissions Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Diocesan Youth Rally
<b>7</b> Blood Drive Health Screening Flu Shots 1300 Redskins @ Lions	<b>8</b> VS #7	<b>9</b> 1930 Mass 2000 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree 2100 Business Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Food Drive 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Fairview Park Marriott
<b>14</b> Food Drive 1605 Redskins vs. Bengals	<b>15</b> VS #8	<b>16</b> 1100 Gray GOSTS	<b>17</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Dinner	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1900 Food Transfer	<b>20</b> 0800 Abortion Facility 0900 Food Basket Assembly 1100 Feed the Homeless
<b>21</b> Family Breakfast Blue Team 0900 Food Basket Delivery 1615 Redskins @ Eagles	<b>22</b> VS #9	<b>23</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving	<b>26</b> 1000 Tree Lot Setup	<b>27</b> Food Drive 0700 Tree Delivery 1000 Crèche Setup 1800 Crèche Lighting
<b>28</b> Food Drive Christmas Trees Sales Begin 0900 Memorial Mass 1300 Redskins @ Steelers	<b>29</b> VS #10	<b>30</b>				

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## **Knights of Columbus Candy Drive History**

Turning rolls of chewy chocolates into a financial boom for organizations that serve the mentally retarded is a wonder Story. These treats bring in nearly \$2 million profit annually in Illinois – the home base for the creation of this giant fund raising process run by the Knights of Columbus.

Thirty years have passed since a group of three Knights from a Council in the Chicago area saw a need that was two way: organizations that served people with mental retardation needed money and the Knights of Columbus in Illinois needed a charitable mission to offer their members. The Knights knew that the Lions, the Shriners, the Elks and other fraternal organizations had members who reached out to the community with a determined focused project.

The men had no difficulty determining the target of their fund raising – the money would go to the mentally retarded because one of the group had a daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. The process that they planned to use was not too difficult either: they would stand in public places with a receptacle and solicit donations for a token product.

However, the product took some thought. One idea was to distribute seed packets of Forget-Me-Not flowers which provided a good marketing slogan “For the retarded-forget me not”. There were concerns however, that many people would not want seeds, would not use them and say no. The next thought was a Tootsie Roll, a well-established candy from a Chicago based company.

The three decided that the Tootsie Roll would be a good item to use because it was a well recognized item with a good shelf life. The next step was to pilot the program in their own K of C Council in Tinley Park. IL.

They picked a weekend, got men from their Council and got the candy from the Tootsie Roll Company. The men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. They asked for a small donation from the shoppers and passer-bys, for each contribution handed out the candy. The first time collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day effort.

With that encouragement the council submitted a resolution to the state K of C convention to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970 with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their annual profit to nearly two million annually.

The campaign has spread to other states when news of the success in Illinois was published in K of C magazines and newsletters. From the efforts of the one council in Tinley Park, IL the drive to raise funds for people with mental retardation has expanded to 44 states.

Our Virginia State Council in 1971 formed the state program known as KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for the retarded and the collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Seven Million dollars in Grants and Group Home Loans to over 250 ongoing organizations including the Special Olympics. KOVAR has become the largest private charity supporting the retarded in Virginia. Our Council first participated in 1975 and since then we have raised \$390,512. Last year we submitted \$23754.

One of our sources of income toward our goal is your contributions to KOVAR through the annual United Way, Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaigns. Please consider pledging some or all of your annual pledge to KOVAR. The number for KOVAR in this years CFC drive is 5746. If you can't find the proper number for KOVAR in your United Way or CVC documents please use the following:

KOVAR

12962 Dunbarton Dr.

Bristow, VA 20136

If you do make a pledge to KOVAR please give either Tim Cooke or Al Leightley a copy of you pledge so that we can have the documentation to get that credit towards our goal.