

The Lookout

October 2005



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

Hurricane Katrina brought unparalleled devastation to our country as we saw a major city completely depopulated and tens of thousands of people uprooted from their homes. Thousands of families in California, Texas, here in Virginia, and many other states have opened their homes to many refugee families. Supreme Council has pledged at least \$2.5 million in support of the hurricane relief effort. I'm glad to report that our own council is taking its part. Fr. Diamond Council is contributing \$2,500 to the relief effort, \$1,900 of which was raised at our latest council bake sale. Thanks again to Brother Knight Nelson Clinch and his wife Julie for this great event. The last I heard, the Treasurer had received over \$1,100 in individual contributions. I will take a check for the total combined amount – the \$2,500 from the council and the sum of the individual contributions given to the Treasurer – to the Virginia state meeting on October 1. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support.

In September we completed the latest round of improvements to the Right to Life statue outside St. Leo's church. Greg Hartley, Mike Plumstead, and Steve Davis led the effort to place 100 new bricks (including bricks for Pope John Paul II and our pastor), and the bricks are now flush against the sidewalk. Please take a look at the new improved brick area and pray at this beautiful shrine to this most fundamental human right.

The Right to Life statue is a major feature in a fundraiser that I am reviving this year. The council will hold an art auction in St. Leo's school gym on Saturday, November 19th. Marlin Art (the art auction company) provided an oil painting of the statue to be part of the auction. With your participation and support, the art auction can be a major success for us this year. Even if only 80 couples participate the council stands to make about \$4,000 from this one event. I ask each and

every member and their wife or significant other to attend the event, and also to invite another couple that you would like to spend a wonderful evening with. The evening will feature music, food, door prizes, and a good time should be had by all.

Thanks to everyone who came to Bishop Loverde's Pro-Life Mass at St. Leo's on September 10, and to everyone that attended the Rosary immediately afterwards. The right to life is the fundamental human right and a centerpiece of the Church's teaching. Our monthly right-to-life Rosary on the second Saturday of each month may be the most visible sign of our support for life. Please come to our next Rosary, 8:00 AM on Saturday October 8, at the corner of Rt. 123 and Eaton Place in Fairfax City.

Also please continue your wonderful support for the many new and ongoing council activities. Here are just a few of them: Dave Todd and LaVerne McGrail (Brother Knight Larry McGrail's wife) are reviving the St. Leo's welcoming committee; Bill Weich and Bill Ward are distributing KOC folders, flyers, and pencils to St. Leo's school; Tim Tilson with help from most of the council ran another clockwork Parish Picnic. Dave Todd is about to start the KCIC Christmas Card sales. Please help with any of these, or any other council program! And come to myself or Deputy Grand Knight Bill Ward with your ideas for new programs! And new fundraisers!

Fraternally Yours

David Miller
Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Message

We are beginning the 2005-2006 Fraternal year on a high note. Brother Bill Ward, my predecessor, brought in 19 new members last year. During his time as Chancellor, 36 new members joined Fr. Diamond Council. Great job, Bill! His 19 new members earned him acclaim at the State organizational meeting in July and a nice award as well.

I have some big shoes to fill. However, one person cannot do it alone. I need your help. As Bill Ward brought in 19, the Council as a whole brought in 36. 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.

By the way, as you are reading this, do you have Form 100 on you? If so, great, put it to good use. If not, why not? We should all have one with us, either in your wallet, briefcase, etc. Talk up the Knight with your friends, people you sit around in Mass, and at work. Hand them a Knights Brochure. Invite them to some of our activities.

I will do what I can but can always use some assistance. I would like some volunteers to help with Open Houses or other membership drives. Whatever time you can donate would be very much appreciated. Also, please 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.



Here is the list of degrees for Fr. Diamond Council (I will include the other degrees in our district once I have received them.

1st Degrees

November. 8th
January 24th
March 28th
May 13th
June 13th

2nd Degrees

January 26th
March 30th
May 25th

3rd Degree

January 28th

I am looking forward to a great but challenging year of recruiting. I know we will also continue to maintain our well-known standing in the State of Virginia.

Fraternally,

Bill Weich
Worthy Chancellor

Wine & Cheese Social

Come and join your fellow Knights and their wives/significant others for a great social evening arranged by the Columbiettes. Tuesday, October 18th, 7:30pm.

Columbus Day

The annual Columbus Day ceremony at Union Station and wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on Monday, October 10th.

Yard Sale

The Council will hold it's Second (Annual?) Yard Sale at Providence Hall on Saturday, October 29th. This is a perfect opportunity to clear out all that stuff clogging up your home. Items should be delivered to Providence Hall during the week prior to the 29th.

Upcoming Events October

**State Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 1**

**Family Day @ King's Dominion
Sunday, Oct. 2**

**Fairfax Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 8**

**Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center
Monday, Oct. 10**

**Columbiette's Wine & Cheese Social
Tuesday, Oct. 18**

**Altar Server Trip to Mt. St. Mary's
Saturday, Oct. 22**

**Yard Sale
Saturday, Oct. 29**

Parking at the Hall

Some of us are still parking in such a way as to block the priest's driveway. STOP IT! This is officially the third warning, which means we can legally (OK, not legally) start cracking skulls next time.

Sponsor Bill Ward, DGK running the 2005 Marine Corp Marathon for KOVAR

Bill Ward will be running the Marine Corps Marathon this year, and asks for donations, payable to KOVAR, if he completes the marathon. Bill has said he will adopt a "high and tight" Marine crew cut if he receives pledges in excess of \$2,000. Certainly worth getting out the checkbook!

You can either call Bill or pledge through his web page:

<http://members.cox.net/billyjoe/2005-Marathon-KOVAR.htm>

If you have any questions, just give Bill a call at (703) 273-6289 and he will be glad to explain anything about the charity, etc.

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. 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.

Torres Family Update

As many of you know, Brother Knight and member of our Council Jason Torres lost his wife, Susan, this summer to cancer. She had been kept alive in the hopes of saving their unborn daughter. Susan Anne Catherine Torres was born in August, and her mom passed away the following day.

Unfortunately, after 5 weeks of struggle, little Susan also passed away on September 12th. Please keep Jason, his son Peter, and the entire Torres family in your prayers. This has been an especially trying year for them, and they need all the prayers they can get.

October Birthdays

Alvin E. Lion	10/1/1931
Michael J. Webb	10/1/1976
John A. Anzalone	10/2/1968
Eldon D. Hughes	10/3/1952
Michael Collins	10/3/1972
Michael F. Trentacoste	10/3/1950
John J Jenkins	10/4/1939
John J. Downey	10/5/2028
Jay A Gruendl	10/5/1964
Francis E Harrison	10/7/2029
Barrington O. Jefferson	10/9/1937
REV Donald J Heet	10/9/1946
Adam J. Gruendl	10/10/1960
Daryl Manning	10/11/1962
Lee Cena	10/12/1955
Cristobal E. Salas	10/13/1970
Malcolm C. Harris	10/13/1946
Daniel Boyce	10/15/1956
Michael V. Purtill	10/15/1974
Timothy T. Tilson PGK	10/18/1952
Robert B. LeBlanc	10/18/1952
Donald J. Conway	10/19/2027
Dr Edward F Pisani	10/21/1945
James P O Mara	10/21/1948
Jose A. Ramos	10/21/1962
John A. Ouellette	10/21/1945
Brian J. Hogan	10/22/1971
John T. Allen	10/23/1981
William J. Tuohy PGK	10/23/1957
John F. Hogan Jr	10/25/1931
John F. Trujillo	10/25/1984
Louis Quinonez	10/26/1964
Robert A. Berry	10/26/1954
Rev Cedric P Wilson	10/27/1952
Patrick P Lacour	10/27/1948
Stephan Smith	10/28/1978
Victor J Young	10/29/1956
Gabriel P Migala	10/31/2027

October Wedding Anniversaries

	Years Married	
Paul & Louise Desbiens	10/2	26
Matthais & Joan Joyce	10/4	8
Timothy & Vicki Holleran	10/14	16
Scott & Susan Smullen	10/15	11
Brian & Lisa Sharkey	10/16	7
Thomas & Ann Heinz	10/17	18
Stephen & Wendy Kehoe	10/18	8
Timothy & Martha Malloy	10/19	27
Michael & Kathy Webb	10/20	4
Patrick & Carol Lacour	10/21	10
Bernard & Dorothy Schaefer	10/23	51
Michael & Li Plumstead	10/28	5
Daniel & Yvette Purtill	10/31	7

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

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

In a recent lecture at Yale University, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson summed it up this way:

“Our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our ‘Marketing Code of Ethics’ is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements 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 your Knights of Columbus agent. I’ll be happy to meet with you, at your convenience, to honestly and accurately present all facts necessary for you to make an informed decision. I promise to render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

Please give me a call.

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

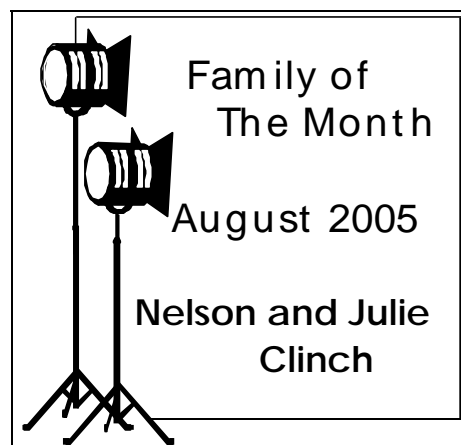
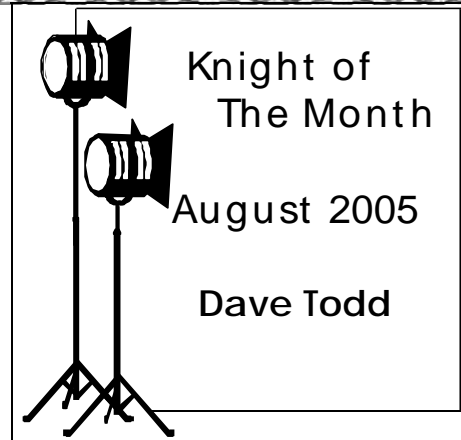
Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor

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1 st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
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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
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Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712



F.Y.E. (For Your Edification)

Scrip Program

The Scrip Program is a fund raiser for all of the general charitable programs of Father Diamond Council #6292. In addition, a percentage of the profits are given directly to St. Leo's Parish and goes to the general fund (so it benefits all of the church's programs, including the school).

Our council purchases gift cards or paper scrip from grocery stores at a set discount and we sell the scrip/cards at face value. People who purchase the scrip get their exact value at the store (i.e., \$100 gets you \$100 of groceries). These are extremely convenient to have in your wallet or purse and there is no "product" to purchase -- you can use the scrip with your cash or debit/credit card and any other coupons/discounts you have are unaffected -- they are like cash at the store. These make great gifts as well, for the holidays or those kids you just sent off to school.

This is the easiest way you can help the Council raise funds. After all, everybody's gotta eat, so why not buy your groceries with Scrip?

Contact Larry Novack at zlrn01@aol.com to order or for more info.



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Dates to Remember in October

Oct 1 & 2	State Quarterly Meeting	Oct 15	Yard Sale
Oct 2	Redskins Game in the Hall	Oct 15 & 16	Open House
Oct 2	Family Day @ King's Dominion	Oct 16	Family Breakfast
Oct 4	Officer's Meeting	Oct 16	Redskins Game in the Hall
Oct 5	Bunco - Ladies Night Out	Oct 18	Gray GOSTS
Oct 8 & 9	Food Drive	Oct 18	Wine & Cheese Social
Oct 8	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	Oct 19	Rosary/4 th Degree Business Meeting
Oct 8	Fairfax Fall Festival	Oct 22 & 23	Food Drive
Oct 9	Redskins Game in the Hall	Oct 23	Redskins Game at the Hall
Oct 9	Clergy Appreciation Day	Oct 23	Coffee & Donuts
Oct 10	Columbus Day	Oct 25	Mass/Social Meeting (Oktoberfest)
Oct 10	Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center	Oct 30	Redskins Game at the Hall
Oct 11	Rosary/Business Meeting	Oct 31	Halloween
Oct 13	2 nd Degree		