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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:

Now that the dog days of summer have turned to cooler September days and we are finally able to open the windows and enjoy the weather. With the cooler air the council's calendar becomes busier and the need for help putting together the activities increases. Please consider helping out with a few events by volunteering to work or to participate. Also, please try and attend one meeting a month on either the second or fourth Tuesday.

Earlier this month the council along with the help of the rectory put on the annual Parish Picnic. Despite Tropical Storm Hannah threatening to cause havoc with all the detailed plans the day turned out fabulous and the event was a success. I would like to thank Tim Tilson for heading up this enormous task. I would also like to thank Hank Urban, George Schuld, Gerry Pepin, and everyone else who pitched in and worked a shift or two to show the parish community the Unity and Fraternalism the Knights of Columbus have and display.

Some of you may be wondering what is going on with the hall renovations as they have been talked about for years.

Al Botticelli is heading up the renovation committee and has started the process of working with the rectory and the City of Fairfax to determine what can be done to the hall. When that is complete we will start the process of working with the Diocese to



get the project rolling. We have to remember that the hall is a parish facility and we are able to use the hall as the Pastor seems fit. In talking with Fr. Whitestone is happy the Knights are very active in the Parish community and has said we can continue to use the hall. As we move along in the process I will keep you updated.

The Fall Festival is coming up on October 11th here in the City of Fairfax. The Knights will once again be doing a food stand and help is greatly needed. Please see the article in the newsletter for more information. This is a good fundraiser for the

council so we can continue to help the various charitable organizations we support. Tim Hogan can use your help.

The Knight of the Month for August is Greg Hartley for all the work he has done and continues to do for this council whether it is a small detail or by running an event. The Family of the Month for August is Bill and Kathy Weich for all the work they do as a couple to help this council. They are always willing to lend a helping hand when one is needed.

If you have any new ideas or suggestions for new activities or fundraising to support our charitable cause please pass them along to myself or Mike Purtil (Deputy Grand Knight). I can be reached at 703-591-6813 or via e-mail at steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

October has some events which require quite a bit of manpower help so please read the remainder of this newsletter for more information and contact the person running the event to offer your assistance.

Steve Kehoe
Grand Knight

Changes Coming to
The Lookout
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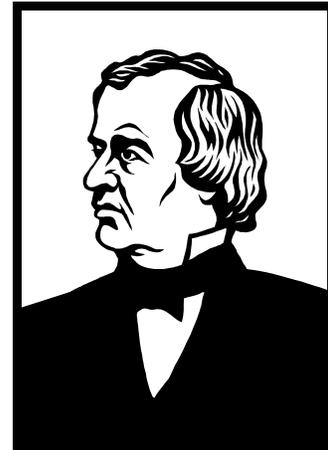
With October quickly approaching, Fr. Diamond council is getting revved up for the fraternal year. We have several events and programs coming up that are of interest.

October 11th is the annual Fairfax Fall Festival. As always, our council will have a booth at the event to sell food and beverages. This event can always use help setting up or selling food for a few hours. This event needs a good deal of manpower, so if you can help please contact Tim Hogan at tim1hogan@yahoo.com.

We also have our district soccer chal-

lenge scheduled for October 25th. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact John Leonard at leonard.jw@gmail.com. Also, our parish breakfast program is in full swing once again. If you are interested in helping provide this valuable service to the parish, please contact me at mvpurtill@gmail.com and we can discuss how you can help.

I hope everyone has a great month and a happy Halloween. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or suggestions.



Mike Purtill
Deputy Grand Knight
202-251-8424

Knight of the Month August



Family of the Month August



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (KCIC) Christmas Cards

The KCIC Christmas Cards are now available. Remember to send cards with a religious theme. These cards are all religious (Christ based) and are reasonable priced.

For more information please contact David Todd at 703-352-2724 or datodd@verizon.net

Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Wine & Cheese event on Tuesday October 21 at 7:30 pm. This is in place of our regularly scheduled business meeting. All Knights and their significant others are invited to attend. We hope to see you at this fun social event.



gram the Knights support. There will be a sign up sheet at the Wine & Cheese social, but if you cannot make it and would like to contribute some non-perishable food please contact Linda Baringhaus at lin-damb3510@yahoo.com, Betty Jaramillo at cdjaramillo@hotmail.com, or Kathy Weich at kmweich@yahoo.com.

Looking forward, we will be collecting food for the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas basket pro-

Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo



Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday October 13, 2008 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the resi-

dents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

Rosary at the Abortion Facility



On the third Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, October 18th. 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.

2009 Entertainment Books

The 2009 entertainment Books have arrived and may be used immediately. The price is still \$25.00 each for Northern Virginia and the Maryland Suburbs books. Books for other areas (i.e. great gifts for families, etc.) vary by location, but may be purchased with the Council getting credit and the profits. Use our group identification number: 760214. For more information please contact David Todd at 703-352-2724 or (datodd@verizon.net)

Sponsor PGK Bill Ward in the Marine Corps Marathon (for KOVAR)

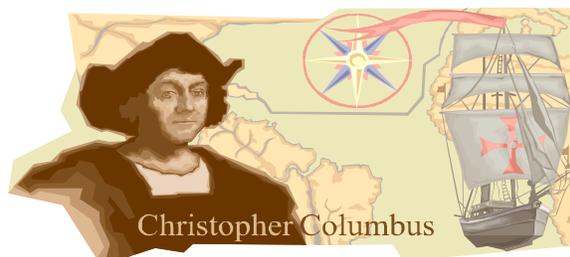
Here is another great way to support KOVAR. Bill Ward, PGK is running the Marine Corps Marathon again this year in support of KOVAR.

If he reaches \$3,500 in pledges, Bill will shave his

head completely (stretch goal of \$5,000)! Now that is worth the donation. For more information, see the following web page:

<http://members.cox.net/billyjoe/2008-Marathon-index.htm>

Columbus Day Ceremony



Washington, DC honors and celebrates the achievements of Christopher Columbus with a national wreath laying ceremony on Columbus Day, on October 13, 2008 at 11 a.m. with music prelude by the US Marine Corps Band. Embassies of Italy and Spain and the general public will lay wreaths at the base of the Columbus Memorial Statue located at Union Station at Massachusetts Ave. & 1st St.

The memorial is a large fountain with carvings of a native American, an elderly European, the figure of "Discovery" on the prow of a ship, and a globe. It's quite a colorful ceremony.

Fall Festival

Again this year, Father Diamond Council will be participating in the City of Fairfax's Fall Festival held in historic downtown Fairfax on the second Saturday in October. Our council will have a booth at the event to sell food and beverages. This popular event begins at 10 a.m. and includes arts and crafts, ethnic foods, children's corner, rides and musical entertainment. Attendance is about 35,000-45,000. We can use help setting up or selling food for a few hours. This event needs a good deal of manpower, so if you can help please contact Tim Hogan at tim1hogan@yahoo.com.

Did You Know . .

McGivney Hall Dedicated at CUA

The Catholic University of America rededicated one of its prominent academic buildings Sept. 8 after a major renovation funded by the Knights of Columbus. The building was renamed McGivney Hall in honor of the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, who founded the Knights in 1882.



The Knights of Columbus has a long tradition of providing support for Catholic University. Beginning with a \$55,000 contribution in 1904 to endow a Chair in American History, the fraternal order has provided the university with more than a century of financial support. In 1914 the K of C provided CUA a \$500,000 endowment for fellowships and operating costs. In 1965, the organization established the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Program to provide tuition assistance to Knights and their family members attending the university. In 1989, the K of C created the \$2 million Bicentennial of the U.S. Hierarchy Fund to benefit CUA, proceeds of which helped finance construction of the law school building.

McGivney Hall will serve as the new home for the North American session of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, a graduate school of theology affiliated with the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, as well as CUA. The Knights of Columbus provides major financial support for the Institute. It had previously occupied administrative and classroom space at CUA's national seminary, Theological College, across Michigan Avenue from the main campus.

Statement by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson on Financial Services Markets and the Knights of Columbus

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception. But I report to you today that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance.

Because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has not been material, in other words, it has been minimal – far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole. We have purposefully avoided investing in the highly complex and speculative investments that have brought disaster to some of America's most well known companies.

What Standard & Poor's said of us just one month ago when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year remains true today. Our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." S&P also stated that our "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality" and our capital adequacy is "among the strongest in the industry." This is the case today. Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong." Our surplus stood at more than \$1.7 billion on June 30 of this year, providing an unusually large cushion of protection against turmoil of the sort we have seen in recent weeks.

One crucial area continues to set us completely apart from those firms which have incurred enormous debt. We have no debt on our balance sheet. Our strong cash flows and extremely strong financial position makes it unnecessary for us to borrow funds at all.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can be certain that you are fully protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the entire industry.

Redskins At The Hall

All 1:00 PM and 4:15 PM

Games

FREE:--Hot Nacho Cheese Pump and Nacho Chips, Salted Peanuts, Fresh Popcorn with melted Butter. Other Munchies and Coffee

1:00 PM Games

\$3.00—All you can eat Adults.

\$1.50—All you can eat Children
Gourmet Hot Dogs will all the trimmings including, sautéed onions, sauerkraut, raw onions, (Sometimes) Chili and raw onions

Hamburgers—with above trimmings

4:15 PM Games

All of above plus a dinner for Adults.

Children can eat everything

Night Games

Munchies , Salted peanuts and Popcorn Only

Direct all comments, praise, donations, offers to help, constructive or destructive suggestions to John Judge at poppy-judge@verizon.net (Cowboy and Giant fans may be ignored—Eagle fans WILL be ignored.)



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

In a continuing effort to offer its members and their families convenient, reliable, and stable ways to enhance their financial security, the Knights of Columbus has introduced a new annuity product: the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity.

Vantage is designed to provide Knights with a safe and simple way to save for retirement. It features a lifetime minimum rate of return as well as a five-year guaranteed interest rate from date of issue. Additionally, after the first year of the contract, Vantage owners may withdraw up to 10 percent of the policy value annually without penalty.

“Vantage combines the advantages of fixed-rate guarantees with the security of principal that only a top-rated life insurer like the Knights of Columbus can provide,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “What’s more, with Vantage, our members can provide themselves an income stream that they cannot outlive.”

The Vantage annuity will appeal to members who seek to defer taxes on their retirement savings, or to preserve the tax-favored status of IRA and RRSP proceeds. Unlike many savings plans provided by commercial banks, a Vantage annuity offers a guaranteed lifetime minimum interest rate.

Vantage is just one of many products offered by the Knights of Columbus, which has consistently achieved the highest ratings for financial stability from both Standard & Poor’s (AAA) and A.M. Best Co. (A++), as well as certification from the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association for ethical business practices.

To learn more about the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity, or any of the other Knights of Columbus life insurance, long-term care, or annuity products, you may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley



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October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:30pm Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 Fall Festival Food Drive
12 Food Drive	13 Columbus Day 6:45pm Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	14 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm Business Meeting	15 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting	16	17	18 8:00am Rosary at Abortion
19 Family Breakfast - Gold Team	20	21 11:00am Gray Gosts 7:30pm Columbiettes Wine & Cheese Social	22	23 7:30pm Admissions Committee	24	25 1:00pm Soccer Challenge Food Drive
26 Food Drive	27	28 7:30pm Mass 8:00pm 1st Degree Social Meeting- Oktoberfest	29	30	31	

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints Day
2 8:00am Blood Drive	3	4 7:30pm Officer's Meeting	5	6	7	8 8:00am Rosary at Abortion Food Drive
9 Food Drive Family Breakfast - Blue Team	10 6:45pm Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	11 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm Business Meeting Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16 9:00am Corporate Communion Mas Reception in hall	17	18 11:00am Gray Gosts 7:30pm Columbiettes Meeting	19 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22 10:00am Food Basket Assembly 11:30am Feed the Homeless Food Drive
23 10:00am Food Basket Delivery Food Drive	24	25 7:30pm Mass 8:30pm Business Meeting	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 10:00am Christmas Tree lot setup	29 7:00am Christmas Tree Delivery 10:00am Creche Set-up 6:00pm Creche Lighting 6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner
30 9:00am Christmas Tree Sales Begin						

Officers and Program Chairmen

Officers			Retention		
Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813	Vocations	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369	Budget & Fin.	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
D Grand Knight	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424	Hall Mgt	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chancellor	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Frat. Bene.	John Judge	703-385-3804
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Insurance	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Lecturer	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124		Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379	Project Chairmen		
Recorder	John Eldred	703-631-6480	1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
Advocate	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436	2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948	Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Inside Guard	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger	703-281-6563	Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
			Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163	Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Bill Ward	703-273-6289	Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
1yr Trustee	Dave Miller	703-517-3430	Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
			Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Program Directors			KCIC	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Programs	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424	KOVAR	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Church	Chris Duda	703-352-5434	Newsletter	Matt West	703-359-4652
Community	Jac Cerney	703-255-9484	Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Council	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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Charity	George Schuld	703-255-0362			
Admissions	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146			

Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at mtwest1@verizon.net

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 or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

The Lookout is Going Electronic !!!

Tired of waiting until the month has already began before you know what is going on in the Council?

Beginning in November, your copy of The Lookout will be published and distributed to you by email, ensuring you get personal notice of the most important events in the Council.

If you would still like to receive a paper copy mailed to your address, please email The Lookout at knowyourvp@gmail.com. Please give your name and the address to where you would like your copy mailed. Or, send a letter to The Lookout Editor, Matt West, at Providence Hall.

If you need to update your email address, please contact Hank Urban at hurban3518@verizon.net.

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Remember Fellowship with Your Brother Knights in October . . .

October 14 Rosary & Council Business Meeting

October 21 Grey GOSTS

**October 28 Mass, 1st Degree & Social Meeting
(Oktoberfest)**

***See the Monthly Calendar Inside for Additional
Opportunities***

