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FR. FRANCIS J.  
DIAMOND  
COUNCIL #6292



# The Lookout



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October 2010

## Grand Knight's Message:



Brother Knights,

Upon joining the Knights of Columbus, every member learns that **CHARITY** is the top principle of the Order. Charity comes in various forms, from helping our brother Knights in time of

need (emotional, physical, financial, etc.) to providing services to local organizations to monetary contributions locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

This last form of charity (financial contributions) cannot be offered without some form of fundraising. The last quarter of the year typically sees substantial charitable offerings as well as great efforts in fundraising. Please consider helping to increase the Council's ability to help others by offering your talents in both fundraising and charitable service.

Those recognized for their efforts in August exemplify both the fundraising side needed to support charitable activities and the charitable services as well. Our family of the month for August, Patricia and John Brophy, coordinated the efforts of collecting blood at the Blood Drive held on August 15. Their efforts for each drive start months in advance with the scheduling of each drive and continue with contacting potential donors and coordinating the events, with the help of others, the day of the drive.

Thanks to all who helped Pat and John with the Blood Drive, as well as to those who attempted to donate.

Likewise, our Knight of the Month planned ahead in an effort to maximize our profit from the Crab Feast held August 28. Thanks to Michael Purtil for all the planning, purchasing, preparing, and clean-up of this event. I also wish to thank those who assisted Mike for the event.

Other fundraising efforts are upon us. In October, we hope to raise money by selling concessions at the Fairfax Fall Festival October 9 and the Columbiette Craft Show October 24, as well as by selling Entertainment Books and Christmas cards. Please contact or Programs director, Greg Skorupski, or whomever he designates to help with these endeavors. These efforts will allow contributions to several worthy causes.

Let us continue to seek what Father McGivney and the first Knights sought - "strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith (<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/history/index.html>).” This faith empowers us to love and serve humankind through **Charity**

Fraternally yours,  
Nelson Clinch

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### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to **The Lookout** is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman** at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) or call him at 703-385-9455.

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,  
Just a few word about all the activities  
that we are involved in:

### Parish Picnic -

The major September event for Father Diamond Council was the Saint Leo's Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 12th. Despite the morning drizzle, the weather turned out to be great. Turnout of our members to work the picnic was beyond belief. Throughout the day we had enough help to grille the hamburgers and hotdogs, to dispense them and the beans, coleslaw and chips, pour the soft drinks, water, lemonade and kool-aid, man the beverage truck, take out trash and all the other jobs that made for a smooth operation. Set-up was ably handled by members, their spouses and children. Chairman of the event, PGK Tim Tilson did his usual commendable job. Behind the scene work was performed by our Chef John Judge who prepared the baked beans, Joe Monnin who was the coleslaw chef. Hank Urban directed the purchase of the multitude of items that are part of the operation. I don't have a complete list of those who worked so diligently to make the affair a success but you know who you are and you have a sincere thank you from Father White-stone and the St. Leo's staff and parishioners.

### Free Throw Contest and Soccer Challenge—

Due to the morning rain the Soccer Challenge was not conducted this year at the Parish Picnic. An alternate date will be announced.

We did have the Free Throw Competition and had five participants. The winners will participate in the District Finals, which will take place at St. Leo's gym early next year.

### Christmas Cards and Entertainment Books—

Christmas Card and Entertainment Book sales began at the Parish Picnic, this year as usual. PGK Dave Todd, Sr. and his wife Anne covered the table all day.

### KofC Membership Recruitment-

John Berg, our chancellor, kicked off this year's membership recruiting drive by having an information table at the Parish Picnic, Jac Cerny and his helpers passed out flyers and encouraged parish members to join the Kof C. The Council will also be holding an Open House on the weekend of September 25-26 (over by the time this is published), in which John Berg and many other members of the council will meet-n-greet parishioners outside the church after all masses.

### Other Parish Picnic Events -

Saint Vincent DePaul Society were recruiting participants for their September 25th 5K walk at Frying Pan Park which will raise funds for their food bank. The St. Leo's PTA sold T-shirts to support their programs.

### October Events—Coming up

Two upcoming events in October, which will require help from our members, include the Fairfax Fall Festival on Saturday, October 9th, in downtown Fairfax City. We will be selling food and drink to support our Charity Programs. Contact

event chairman, **Tim Hogan at 703-385-1292**, to volunteer some time.

Also, the Columbiettes will hold their 2nd Annual Craft Show in St. Leo's Gym on Sunday, October 24th, and the Council has been invited to man a refreshment stand. Joe Monnin has volunteered to chair the concessions for this event. He will need your help. Give **Joe Monnin a call at 703-350-3524** to help. Even if you can only spare an hour or two it will benefit the Council and you. Your family is welcome to participate as well.

### First Degree & Oktoberfest Social Meeting

Father Diamond Council will be holding a First Degree Exemplification before our Oktoberfest social meeting on Thursday, October 28th. Please try to recruit a new member to help us maintain our reputation as a top-notch council in the State of Virginia. The First Degree will be followed by some great, traditional, German Oktoberfest food and drink.

Vivat Jesus

DGK Greg Skorupski

## Columbiettes' Corner

The annual trip to Amish County was another rousing success. The trip was sold out. Thank you to all who participated and also the Ann Todd and Father Kelly who coordinated the day's events. The meal at the King farm was once again a special treat.

The Columbiettes are busy planning for the Craft Fair that will be held on Sunday, October 24 and open from 8 AM to 3 PM. If you or someone you know might be interested in renting a booth at the fair, please contact Wendy Kehoe at [stev.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:stev.wendykehoe@verizon.net) or Linda Baringhaus at [columbiettes6292@yahoo.com](mailto:columbiettes6292@yahoo.com).

A lot of help will be needed to ensure we are able to pull off a successful Craft Fair. If you can assist in any manner, whether before the event or the day of, please contact the Columbiettes who will be coordinating all of our volunteers for the event. On Monday, October 18, Flo Hogan will conduct a trip to Atlantic City with the destination being the Tropicana. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 which includes transportation, and a meal. If you are interested please contact **Flo Hogan at 703-280-2343** for availability and further information.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 7:30 PM in the St. Marks Room. We will be finalizing plans for the Craft Fair 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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the St. Mark Room in the Old Parish Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meeting and our events, please contact **Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455** or [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).



## Council News & Events

### Christmas Tree Sale—Planning Begins

This year's co-chairmen Tim Tilson and Jac Cerny have already begun the planning for the annual Christmas Tree Sale. The trees have been ordered from River Ridge Tree Farm. They will be delivered bright and early on Saturday November 27.



Christmas Tree Team lists are being reviewed and new members over the past year are being added to the teams. If you have brought in a new member and want him to be on your Christmas Tree Team, contact **Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436** or **Jac Cerny at 703-255-9484** right away, Keep watching this newsletter for Tree Team schedules and more news as we get closer

### These Men Called Knights

As a Knight of Columbus, we are a group of Catholic gentlemen dedicated to family, God, the Church and our nation. As a Catholic and a Knight, we are called to share ourselves with our brothers - assisting them in their daily mission to become closer to God, family and nation through **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. To do so requires each of us to share with others this call - the call to serve the Lord, assist our parish community and share with others. And, to do so, we are obliged to recruit and welcome others in joining us! Let's each of us recruit and "adopt" a new member to become a First Degree Knight on **October 28th**. Call me - I'll be happy to assist you! **John Berg 703-219-2096**

### St Leo's Parish Picnic—a Huge Success

Thank you **Tim Tilson** and the entire council for all the work that went into this year's event. Even though we didn't have the hall for food preparation, John Judge and his protégé, Mike Purtil cooked the bean as the PAC. Several people were curious as to what happened to the round tables. However, everyone was able to find a place to eat and drink and enjoy the spectacular day!!!

### Rosary to End Abortion —

**IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!!**

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **October 9** to pray the rosary. 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.



### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

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, October 11** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. We are looking for a new chairman for this event which involves once-a-month attendance and a few phone calls. Call **Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280** to volunteer.



### Fairfax Fall Festival—October 9

Every year our council participates in the Fairfax Fall Festival. It is one of the biggest craft fair events in the area and we have our concession trailer there with sausages, hot-dogs, cold drinks, etc. This year's Chairman, Tim Hogan would like to see all our members come out and help. Call **Tim Hogan at 703-385-1292** to offer your assistance. Bring the family along to help, too. Free admission to the Fall Festival is one "perk" of working this event. Also the funds we raise go towards funding our Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket events and other charities.

### Entertainment Books—NOW ON SALE!!

Dave Todd, Sr. now has the 2011 Entertainment Books for sale. What a bargain!! Total cost of the book is only \$30. The Council receives 50% of the selling price (\$15) if we sell enough books. We just make it every year. BUT the consequence of not selling the books is a reduction of our profit margin to only 25% per book.

Dave has books for both the Virginia/Washington DC and the Maryland/Washington, DC areas.

Coupons in the book are **good starting IMMEDIATELY** and are good through November, 2011. From personal experience, I have already used 1 coupon in the book and my cost for the book has been recovered!! See **Dave Todd** at a meeting or call him at **703-352-2724**

### Coming up — Columbus Day Celebrations

Brother Tom Hogan is very much involved with the annual Columbus Day Celebrations that will be held in front of Union Station at the Christopher Columbus statue on Monday, October 11. Talk to **Tom (703-280-2343)** if you are interested in getting involved.



## Knights and Knight Families Honored

**Knight of the Month**  
**August**  
**Mike Purtill, PGK**

**Family of the Month**  
**August**  
**John and Patricia Brophy**



**Law of Probability** -The probability of being watched is directly

### 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](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

## KOVAR Campaign Planning

KOVAR Campaign for Fraternal Year 2010-2011

It is time of the year for the annual CFC, State, and United Way Campaigns to begin.

These campaigns can provide a great source our KOVAR goal. Please consider making a donation to KOVAR as all or a part of your pledge to one of these drives. All that is needed is for you to give a copy of your KOVAR pledge to our Treasurer, Herb Zimmerman, so that our Council can get credit for your donation toward our assigned goal for this coming year.



Following are the KOVAR identifying numbers for the various Campaigns:

**Combined Federal Campaigns - CFC: #42569**

**Virginia State Campaign - State Employees - #735**

**United Way Campaigns in the Greater D.C. Area (Can include corporate and public sector campaigns) - #8838**

PGK Mike Purtill is our KOVAR Chairman. Mike is being sent to some "un-disclosed location" by his new employer for serious training in December. We always try to collect at the ABC stores for the Christmas and New Years Holidays. Mike is hoping someone will volunteer to help him get these two small KOVAR events coordinated.

**Call Mike at 202-251-8424** if you can help out.

More information for our upcoming KOVAR drive will be forth coming.

## Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — 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 Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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**



**SVDP and FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL  
HOLIDAY BASKET REVISED PLAN  
FY 2010/2011**

Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) Society, due to staff limitations and workload, has proposed a new method and process for distributing Holiday Food Baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. They are still requesting the support of Father Diamond Council in these efforts. The revised plan includes:

- SVDP would distribute all Holiday Food Baskets (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter) through the normal SVDP Pantry monthly distribution process.
- Father Diamond Council general delivery support directly to the needy would still be required for delivery of the Christmas Presents to the homes from the storage area.
- Father Diamond Council will also support on a case basis Holiday Food Basket deliveries for the elderly, those lacking transportation and handicapped on request of SVDP.
- For Thanksgiving Baskets, Knights could either provide a basket of food or provide a cash donation to SVDP. The council suggested food item list can still be used for purchasing the food for the baskets. For those providing the food baskets, the Council Charity Chairman, Al Leightley, would coordinate dates/times with SVDP for delivery of the food baskets to the SVDP Pantry.
- For those making cash contributions, in lieu of providing food baskets at Thanksgiving, Father Diamond Council brothers can provide donations (suggested between \$75 and \$100 per basket) to SVDP. The donations should be in the form of a check made out to Saint Vincent DePaul Society. The checks would be submitted to Father Diamond Council Charity Chairman, Al Leightley, who will collect the checks and turn them over to SVDP. SVDP would then provide written acknowledgement of each individual donation to the donor for purposes of a charity deduction on their tax returns. SVDP would use the checks to support the pantry and other charitable requirements.
- Father Diamond Council would provide SVDP \$20 gift certificate in lieu of a turkey/ham and the traditional \$10 per basket. The council would provide \$20 gift certificates for up to 45 baskets for each holiday. The Council Charity Chairman will coordinate this effort.

*Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

**The VANTAGE Annuity Advantage**

Concerned about a comfortable and worry-free retirement? Now, in addition to our traditional Flexible Premium Annuity, the Knights of Columbus offers the VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity, and it may be part of the answer for you.

With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, the VANTAGE allows you to lock-in a guaranteed interest rate for five years. In addition, there are several attractive renewal options once the five-year period has expired, including keeping the funds in another VANTAGE Annuity, placing them in a more traditional flexible premium annuity where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or – in the 30-day period prior to the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries – withdrawing the funds without a surrender charge.



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The VANTAGE Annuity, along with our Flexible Premium Annuity, both provide the guarantees that Knights of Columbus members have come to expect – guaranteed interest rates along with absolute safety of principal. In addition, we can easily accommodate rollovers and transfers free of charge.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience – in your home – to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve. I'm at 703-450-6100 or [Dennis.Riley@kofc.org](mailto:Dennis.Riley@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2 Quarterly State Mtg - Richmond Fall for Fairfax	
3	4	5	6	7 Guadalupe Room 1930 Officers' Meeting	8	9 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Fairfax Fall Festival Food Drive	
10 Food Drive	11 Columbus Day 1845 Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Ctr	12	13	14 Guadalupe Room 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	15	16	
17 Family Breakfast-Gold Team	18 Columbiettes Atlantic City Bus Trip—Tropicana	19 1930 Columbiettes-St. Mark Room 1100 Gray Gosts	20	21	22	23 4th Degree Exemplification Food Drive	
24 Columbiettes Craft Show Food Drive	25	26	27	28 Guadalupe Room 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree & Oktoberfest	29	30	
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Solemnity of All Saints	2	3	4 1930 Officers' Meeting	5	6	
7	8 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	9	10	11 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	12	13 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
14 0900 Corp Comm Memorial Mass Food Drive	15	16 1930 Columbiettes-St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	17 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	18 1930 Columbiettes	19 Food Basket Assembly	20 1100 Feed the Homeless 1000 Food Basket Delivery	
21 Family Breakfast-Blue Team Blood Drive 8 AM to 1 PM - GYM	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 1000 Tree lot setup	27 0700 Tree Delivery 1000 Creche Setup 1800 Creche Lighting 1830 Spaghetti Dinner Food Drive	
28 Food Drive	29	30					

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

### Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chancellor	John Berg	703-219-2096
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
Inside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

### Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	<b>TBD</b>	
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



**Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

### Donation

**Father O'Malley answers the phone.**  
**'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'**  
**'It is!'**  
**'This is the IRS. Can you help us?'**  
**'I can!'**  
**'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'**  
**'I do!'**  
**'Is he a member of your congregation?'**  
**'He is!'**  
**'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?'**  
**'He will.'**

### Famous Quote:

*I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered.  
 But I was not pleased to read the description in the  
 catalogue: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."  
 -- Eleanor Roosevelt*

### Dedicated to the Gray Ghosts:

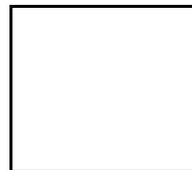
**Three Gray Ghosts are out walking.**  
**First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'**  
**Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'**  
**Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'**

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**Providence Hall is Temporarily CLOSED for Renovation**

**Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room )**

**2nd and 4th THURSDAYS**

**Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information**

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