



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



Brother Knights,

In September, *America* magazine published an interview with Pope Francis conducted by the editor-in-

chief of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, the Italian Jesuit journal. In the interview, the Holy Father described his vision of the church "as a field hospital after battle" intended to "heal [a person's] wounds."

As I thought about this image of the church put forward by the pope, I considered the role that the Knights of Columbus can play in this model. What struck me was the picture of Knights as the medics or corpsmen that bring people to the field hospital that is the church. Our knighthood is not one of a warrior knight, but rather one of knight engaged in mercy. When the church is a "field hospital," it is our calling to band together to bring those in need of mercy closer to the church. This includes us, our families and our community.

Our ability to help bring people to the church stems from the conduct of our lives and acting as a witness of the church and the power of salvation offered through Jesus. The witness is visibly manifest in our Order's acts of charity.

In Father Diamond Council, we have a long tradition of providing charity, both in our acts and in our financial support. This year we continue to offer opportu-

nities for Brother Knights and their families to demonstrate the love of the church through acts of charity. So far this fraternal year, we have comforted those in the Fairfax nursing home, collected and delivered school supplies to needy students in Washington, D.C., and supported the St. Leo the Great Parish Picnic. We still have a lot of work to do this fraternal year and we are looking for you to come out and help with these acts of mercy. Programs like the Nursing Home Bingo, Feed the Homeless, Holiday Food Baskets and the monthly St. Leo's Family Breakfast offer opportunities to give of yourself to better our community. Our fundraising efforts, such as the Fall Festival and Christmas tree sales provide the revenue necessary for the Council to extend our acts of charity beyond the Council to those organizations that work to bring mercy to those most in need.

To new members who have joined in the last year, take an active role in the Council's many charitable activities. The calendar on the website lists them all out. Additional information is presented during our meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me, or any of the other more senior Knights. And, as the "new blood" in our Council, please, do not hesitate to bring up any ideas that you may have for new charitable programs.

For September I would like to recognize two brother Knights that have given of their time to promote the

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Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Vivat Jesus Brother Knights,

Our Council has just come through another busy month. With the lead of Brother Knight Tim Tilson the Parish Picnic was a success. Many thanks goes out to all the Knights who helped with the picnic. October does not get any easier. There is a State quarterly meeting on the 5th and the Fall Festival on the 12th. Please call Tim Hogan if you can help. Also on the 12th is the Rosary to end abortion at 8:00am in front of the church. For the Family breakfast on the 27th, call Tim Tilson if you can assist. The Columbiettes are also busy this month with the Atlantic City trip on the 7th, meeting on the 14th, wine & cheese on the 15th, Craft Fair on the 20th. Come out to support them especially with the set up of the Craft Fair. The Knights are a voluntary organization. The best way for you, especially the new Knights can participate is to come out and lend a hand at the events. No matter how much time you give it all help in the success of this Council.

Pat McGuire, Deputy Grand Knight

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works of charity done by Father Diamond Council. The Knight of the Month for September is Tim Tilson. Among his many activities supporting the Council, Tim generously offered his time and talents to run a very successful picnic for St. Leo the Great Parish. The Family of the Month is awarded to Kevin McGuire. Kevin's culinary skill is known by many in the Council, including at the Parish Family Breakfasts. What may not be known by all is that he brings along with him an army of family support to help serve those in attendance. It is acts of charity like these that can be a positive example to those who are looking for loving support from their church and its Knights.

As we work our way through this fraternal year, look for those charitable opportunities where you, as a Knight of Columbus, can serve as a corpsman that brings members of your community, your family and even yourself to the healing mercy of our church.

Vivat Jesus!
Matt West, Grand Knight

Columbiettes' Corner

Happy October, everyone.

Welcome to the single busiest month of the Columbiettes' year!

On Monday, October 7, 2013 the Columbiettes will be conducting their annual Atlantic City trip, where \$50 secures the bus ride, a free buffet meal coupon and \$15 in slot money from the Tropicana Casino. Call Flo Hogan at 703-280-2343 ASAP for reservations or more information.

Another event is the Barrio Fiesta Fundraiser Dinner on October 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Thelma Billy chairs this event in the St. Leo's Parish Activity Center (School Gym). It is a charitable event to help the homeless: a \$25 donation per person is appreciated. There will be dinner and live music! RSVP to Thelma Billy at 703-323-6470.

All Knights and their Ladies are also invited to the Wine and Cheese Social at 7 PM October 15, 2013. This is a free social event in Providence Hall. Thank you to Ann Todd and Flo Hogan for chairing this event.

The annual Craft Fair is from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday October 20, 2013 in the Parish Activity Center (school gym). Linda Baringhaus is the chair; please contact her for vendor information or questions at (703) 385-9455.

We will have our next business meeting on Monday, October 21, 2013. I hope to see everyone there as we plan our holiday season.

I hope to see as many of you as possible several times this month!

Happy Halloween!
Julie Clinch, Columbiettes' President



**Family of the Month
for September**

Kevin McGuire Family



Western Caribbean Sweetheart Cruise

For the benefit of
Marian Homes, Inc.

10 Nights Aboard Royal Caribbean's *Grandeur Of The Seas*

Departing from Baltimore, MD on Feb. 8, 2014

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart	Activity
Sat	Baltimore, MD		4:00 PM	Boarding
Sun/Mon/Tues	At sea			Cruising
Wed	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Docked
Thurs	George Town, Grand Cayman	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	Tendered
Fri	Falmouth, Jamaica	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Docked
Sat	Labadee, Haiti	9:30 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
Sun/Mon	At sea			Cruising
Tues	Baltimore, MD	7:00 AM		Departure

Per Person Cruise Rates

(Based Upon Double Occupancy. Taxes/Fees/Gratuities are an additional \$222.18 per person)

Type Cabin	Square Ft Rm / Balcony	1 st & 2 nd Person
Interior	146	\$859*
Ocean View	154	\$1,019
Balcony	190 / 36	\$1,599
Jr. Suite	245 / 58	\$1,749*

* Interior and Jr. Suite are subject to availability and prevailing rates at the time of booking

Deposit Requirements

Initial - \$900 per cabin due no later than July 15, 2013

Final payment due no later than Nov 15, 2013

To join the fun contact:

Jim Rannazzisi – Master Cruise Counsellor

703-303-2672

jimrazz@GroupCruisesUnlimited.com

www.MarianHomes.org/cruise

Ship's Registry: Bahamas

Thanksgiving Food Donations; Accomplishing Our Mission of Charity

Charity is a core principle of the Knights of Columbus. The K of C's mission statement includes engaging in works of charity to benefit the less fortunate. Our Council has an outstanding track record of members donating time and treasure to support a variety of charities. One of our major charitable activities each year is donation of food for those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Last year our Council members purchased 43 "baskets" of food for distribution at Thanksgiving by the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP). Your generosity also included \$1,840 in personal and corporate cash contributions, which were used by SVDP to purchase food gift certificates. This was in addition to \$1,800 donated by the Council for gift certificates at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year we have a goal to donate food for at least 45 Thanksgiving baskets. Commitments for 14 baskets were made at our September Council meeting. **If you can donate a Thanksgiving basket, or make a cash contribution for food, please call or e-mail Tom Gross.** He would like to hear from you by the end of October. His e-mail is tjgross40@cox.net; phone is 703-273-0631. When you volunteer, please provide a phone number and e-mail address. Tom will provide a suggested food list. The cost to purchase all items on the list should be about \$100.

Each year we also provide drivers for food delivery at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year we will be delivering Thanksgiving food baskets on Saturday, November 23. Delivery of food and gifts for Christmas will be on December 21. Since Tom will be out of town, he is seeking a volunteer to manage the staging of food baskets at Providence Hall, and work with SVDP staff, during the week of November 23. Please let him know (preferably by October 15) if you can help. The work to be done will require some time on November 21 and 22.

Marian Homes will present a 15 minute presentation at our next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8th



Marian Homes, Inc.

A non-profit organization providing homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Marian House and Regina House - Recognized by the State of Virginia Knights of Columbus as the Community Program of the year for 2013. <http://www.marianhomes.org>

In July of 1994, a group of St. Mary of Sorrows Knights of Columbus Council 8600 members began the initial planning to purchase a house that would enable a group of individuals to live independently because of the great need for additional community-based housing options for persons with intellectual disabilities. The Council established a non-profit organization now known as Marian Homes, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining group homes.

In partnership with Chimes Virginia, a not-for-profit human service provider, they entered into a partnership with them, under the supervision of the Fairfax County Community Service Board. The first home, called Marian House, was then purchased in the Brecon Ridge subdivision in Fairfax. The Council provides ownership support to Marian Homes through its many fundraising activities and Chimes provides the day-to-day care for the residents.

Based on the success of the first home, the Board of Directors decided in November of 2009 to purchase a second home – Regina House - in Greenbrier. KOVAR currently holds mortgages on both properties and has provided grants to help with upgrades to the houses. Marian Homes has become a model to the community in providing support to the intellectually disabled.

With the Commonwealth's decision to close the Northern Virginia Training Center there will be an increased need for additional housing facilities for intellectually disabled adults.

The Marian Homes Board of Directors is now seeking our assistance with their goal of purchasing another home.

We can support their efforts by buying a raffle ticket for their 10-night Sweetheart Cruise over Valentine's Day to the Western Caribbean.

Tickets are \$25 each and only 250 tickets are being sold. Tickets will be available at our 8 October meeting.

Or you can just sign up and go on the cruise at your own expense. <http://grouphomecruise.com/>

Council News & Events



Nursing Home Bingo —

Always looking for volunteers to come out at the Fairfax Nursing Center for the monthly bingo game. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, Oct 14 at 7:15**. We should be finished by 8:30PM. Call *Tim Tilson* at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.

Family Breakfast — Sunday, October 27

There will be a breakfast served in the hall after the 7:30AM & 9AM masses. This is a great event for the entire family. The price is donations only. Help is always needed at this labor intensive event. Call Joe Monnin at 703-266-9741 if you can help or just show up.

Redskins Games —

Come join your fellow knights and watch the game in the hall. Munchies along with drinks at warden prices. Dinner at halftime at the 4PM games.

Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary in front of the church on **Saturday, Oct 12** at 8AM usually ending by 8:45. Family members are also welcome to join us in praying for an end to abortion.



Praying the Rosary in front of the church on Sept 14, 2013

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

As life expectancy increases, the number of people in need of long-term care, in their homes or outside facilities, has grown also. Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. Since 2005, every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law.

All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest that we schedule some time together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this significant, value-added benefit.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA, Field Agent



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

**Knight of the Month
for September**

Tim Tilson

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	2	3	4	5 State Qtrly Meeting- Fred'sburg
6 Redskins' bye week	7 Columbiettes' to Atlantic City	8 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Reg Mtg w/Lecturer Pgm	9	10	11	12 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Fairfax Fall Festival
13 8:30PM Redskins@Cowboys	14 Columbus Day 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	15 11:00AM Grey GOSTs 7 PM Columbiettes' Wine&Cheese	16 7:30PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	17	18	19
20 Columbiettes' Craft Fair 8-1 1PM Bears@Redskins	21	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00 PM Business Meeting	23	24	25	26 4th Degree Exemp- VA Beach
27 Family Breakfast 4:25PM Redskins@Broncos	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day	2

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day	2
3 1PM Chargers@Redskins	4	5 7:30 PM Officers' Meeting	6	7 8:25PM Redskins@Vikings	8	9 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
10	11 7:15PM Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00 PM First Degree/Reg Mtg	13	14	15	16
17 1PM Chili Cook-off in Prov Hall 1PM Redskins@Eagles	18 7:00PM Columbiettes' Meeting	19 11AM Grey GOSTs	20 7:30 PM Fr Malloy Assy Mtg	21 Staging of Thanks- giving Baskets in Providence Hall	22 Staging of Thanks- giving Baskets in Providence Hall	23 Feed the Homeless Delivery of Thanks- giving Baskets
24 Family Breakfast	25 8:40PM 49ers@Redskins	26 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00 PM Business Meeting	27	28 Thanksgiving Grand Knight's Birthday	29 9:30AM Tree Lot Setup	30 7AM Tree Delivery 10AM Creche Setup 6PM Creche Lighting 6:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2013-14

Officers

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Outside Guard	Dan O'Malley	703-385-8007
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Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146



Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting, and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay pedestrians".

Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

FAIRFAX FALL FESTIVAL

Help is needed to work the Fairfax Fall Festival on Sat, October 12. The festival opens up at 10AM but assistance is needed on Friday night to load the trailer from 6-6:45PM at the hall. The trailer will be moved into place at 5:30AM. About 8 people are needed to be at the festival location across from the fire station on University for setup starting at 8AM Sat. The festival ends at 5PM. Breakdown takes 15-20 minutes so the trailer should be back to the hall by 6PM. Help is needed here to assist in unloading. If you can help with setup, breakdown, or work selling food and soda during the day please contact Tim Hogan at 703-385-1292.



Website
www.6292.kofcva.org/

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