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September 2021

Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Some of us may be reluctant to admit it around this time of year, but the lazy, hazy days of summer are fast dwindling. On a council level, we were anything but lazy, having instead a fairly busy July and August. For the first time in recent memory, we participated in the City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade, positioned immediately behind the Fourth Degree. Thanks go to Tim Hogan for leading our procession in his pickup, replete with banners attached to its sides (an initial design by Herb Zimmerman was further refined by Lynne Morrison), and the U.S. and Papal flags flying from its tail end. With the added friendly waving of our members (Tom Hogan, Jack Cotner, Keith Morrison with granddaughter Violet, Mark Woznak, Dan O'Malley, and myself) both onboard and trailing on foot, the goodwill generated was evident from the cheering of the spectators. On a picture perfect day, everyone had a good time. We may want to do this again next year!

Later in the month, on July 24th, we enjoyed a combined Officers Installation/GK's Dinner in Providence Hall. Thanks go to all those who set up and transformed the Hall with elegant table decorations and who prepared and served the bountiful meal, including Keith and Lynne Morrison, Bill and Kathy Weich, Julie and Nelson Clinch, Pat and Carolyn McGuire, Alyssa Cole (the McGuires' granddaughter), Mark Woznak, and Gib Flodine.

Soon after that, on July 27th, we reprised our support role of two years ago as St. Leo Church once again hosted the diocesan Altar Servers Picnic. Thanks to our fine crew (including Tim Tilson, Larry Cook, Mark Woznak, David Todd, Sr., Gib Flodine, Joe Gesker, Nelson Clinch, Al Leightley, Hal Guidry, and Don Kehoe) and its chief, Pat McGuire, we provided lunch to some 240 altar servers in two locations - the Hall and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room. We humbly received the praise of both Fr. Whitestone and Bishop Burbidge's office for our efforts.

We managed to get our first in-person Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity off the ground on August 17th. I was grateful to be joined by Joe Gesker, Tim Hogan, James Hogan, Gib Flodine, Pat McGuire, and James Beauchamp in filling the various roles for the ceremony. Our council is one of three comprising District 16, and each council will host an exemplification on a rotating monthly schedule. Our council will next host on Nov. 18th.

Finally, it bears mentioning that courtesy of two separate Eagle Scout service projects, some needed outdoor facilities improvements are being made or are planned. The firepit/grill is being rebuilt according to a design that makes it more robust and versatile. It appears to be largely complete as of this writing. The other project aims to construct an additional handrail for the steps leading up to Providence Hall.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**

Chancellor's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor



Brother Knights,

Please join me in welcoming our newest members John Grimes (transfer) and Benjamin West (son of PKG Matthew West). With your continued help in identifying men who might be interested in joining our council, we will be able to welcome more new members next month. The upcoming St. Leo's picnic on September 25 will be a good opportunity to speak to men who might be interested in the Knights of Columbus.

Finally, for all Knights who have not reached their Third Degree, I invite you to attend one of the upcoming Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The next three will be held on September 22 (St. Philip's), October 27 (St. Ambrose), and November 18 (St. Leo's). If interested in attending one of these, please let me know.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim



Fellow Knights,
I hope your summer went well.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

Typically the council is less active in the summer, but September sees activity levels increase. In 2020, the pandemic curtailed many events or forced us to find other ways to raise funds and fraternize. Thankfully, September 2021 appears to be bringing at least some of the events back. For example, the Shoestring Theatre is teaming up with the council to offer another play in support of KOVAR on September 11. The doors to the school gym open after the 5 PM mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, so please join us in for dinner (featuring chicken fajitas) and *The Frenchman*, which is set in Virginia many years ago, for \$20 per person.

We are also proud to again offer the Family Breakfast in Providence Hall after the first two Sunday masses on September 12. Please join us, offer assistance to the crew cooking and serving, and consider joining one of the teams on a regular basis. The service to the parish is a rewarding activity. If you're not sure how, please reach out to Pat McGuire or Tim Tilson. In addition, copious help will be needed for the St. Leo the Great parish picnic on September 25. Tim Tilson will again head this effort, but a lot of help is needed, so please pitch in when Tim reaches out to you. Unfortunately the crab feast is postponed, but stay tuned for a make-up date.

We continue various regular council events like 1) praying the rosary either outside the church or by the statue of Our Lady inside the church, depending on the weather, on 9/11 at 8 AM, 2) holding hybrid business meetings on 9/14 and 9/28 with the rosary starting at 7:30 and the meetings at 8 PM, 3) hosting the gray gots' luncheon on 9/21 with social hour starting at 11 AM, and 4) supporting ladies meetings as they begin meeting again on the 21st at 7 PM. These last three events are in Providence Hall.

We also look forward to the return of the Fall Festival. Tim Hogan will lead these efforts on October 9, and many volunteers are needed throughout the day to help raise funds at the event. I would like to thank those who helped with events over the summer, from the Independence Day parade to the Diocesan Altar Server picnic, Installation of Officers and Grand Knight's Banquet, and the Degree exemplification on 8/17.

It is the volunteer spirit of the council that keeps it vibrant as we serve our parishes and community. Thank you all!

Vivat Jesus!

Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

Council Awards for Fraternal Year 2020-21

Our **Outstanding Young Woman of the Year**, **Lourdes Navarro** and our **Outstanding Young Man of the Year**, **Sam Wallace**, were each sent a congratulatory letter from our council with a \$100 check, a framed certificate acknowledging them as Virginia State Council Finalists, and a commemorative plaque. Their nominations were made possible by Melissa Rihl, Youth Minister of St. Leo Church at the time, who provided documentation in the areas of academic performance; civic, religious, and church related activities; school and sports related extracurricular activities; special achievements/awards or other recognition received for the foregoing; and family support activities. Lourdes Navarro was a senior at Oakcrest School in Vienna; Sam Wallace was a senior at The Heights School in Potomac, MD. Both are St. Leo parishioners along with their respective families. We congratulate them both and wish them well as they take their next steps toward bright futures!

Our **Knight of the Year**, **State Knight of the Year Finalist** has been a member of our order for 46 years during which he has served with distinction both this council and the Va. State Council. He has truly exemplified our order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. He has also demonstrated deep devotion to the Catholic faith. He is both a PGK and former Financial Secretary of our council, stepping down last year from the latter position after 8 straight years(!) to concentrate more of his energies on his newly acquired position of Virginia State Vocations Chairman this year, as well as his continuing duties as Fourth Degree, Calvert Province – Virginia District Secretary. Even so, he has remained active in our council, often behind the scenes, dispensing advice as needed. He still dutifully attends all council business and officers meetings, providing guidance that flows from his wealth of experience. Most importantly, he is a prominent and active member of St. Leo Church where he and his wife, Ann, serve as Coordinators of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. He manages to accomplish all this after he and his wife moved their residence from the City of Fairfax to Springfield last year. For all he has done and continues to do for our council, the state council, and the parish, we recognize **David J. Todd, Sr., Past Grand Knight** as our **Knight of the Year**.

Family of the Year, State Family of the Year Finalist. The family we so honor has been very active in our council, the parish, and the local community throughout the past year. He is a PGK of the council, served as Advocate last fraternal year, and has stepped up to a second stint as Deputy Grand Knight this year. He also serves as lector on a regular basis at Masses here at St. Leo Church. She is a past President and an active member of the Ladies of Fr. Diamond Council, whose projects often dovetail with those of the council. One example was her participation on behalf of the Ladies as a member of the council's 50th Anniversary Gala Committee. The family (including their adult children, when in town) work well together to develop and execute plans, especially those centered on the preparation and sale of takeout meals and desserts – the Jambalaya Dinner, potpies, dessert pies, and quiche – for the benefit of both the council and KOVAR. They've also helped with stocking the Blessings Box located on the grounds between a Van Dyck Park and the city police department, and with procuring food items as well as preparing and packaging meals in support of efforts to feed the homeless in Washington, DC. Both are volunteers for a local youth soccer league; he also served as an officer of the league. A fine example of a close, loving family that embodies our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, we honor **the Family of Nelson and Julie Clinch** as our **Family of the Year**.

Grand Knight's Award. This goes to that special member who was always present to help me with anything, be it big or small. He was usually just a phone call or text away. He served as my mentor and as my sounding board for grand knight issues. I always felt better after talking with him and finding a path forward - along with some comic relief! At various times (and repeatedly, as needed) he would remind me of what I should be doing and when. Beyond dispensing advice and keeping me on track, he has always been a very active member in his own right and could often be found at Providence Hall pitching in on some project. One success in particular to his credit was his leadership of our KOVAR fundraising last fraternal year, making our council tops in the state under trying circumstances. By providing his input, both great and small, and enabling me to be a better grand knight over the course of the past fraternal year, **Gib Flodine** receives the **Grand Knight's Award**.

September Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Sean Jehu	2	Dick Ressa	8	Matthew Cuccias	12	Brian Knapp	23
Paul Cataldo	3	Michael Tocci	8	Brian Sharkey	14	Stuart Mc Millan	24
Douglas Fehrer	3	Bill Davis	9	Michael Clifford	16	Bill Ward	25
Anthony Pierno	3	Alfonso Munevar	9	Anthony Conques	18	Jason Fullen	26
Dave Hebert	5	Edward Townsend	9	Paul Grano	18	Chris Duda	27
Dan Drummond	6	Mark Woznak	9	Fr Daniel Hanley	19	John Norce	27
J Hamilton	6	Edgar Lizarraga	10	Franklin Hernandez	19	Manuel Solano	28
Raymond Kruep	7	Kyle Mandeville	10	Dennis Cate	22	John Brophy	29
Gerard Maguire	7	Victor Warzinski	11	Jason Johnsrud	23	Nick Sutingco	30

Altar Server Picnic 12 Helpers



Tim Tilson, Larry Cook, Mark Woznak, David Todd, Sr., Gib Flodine, Pat McGuire (organizer), Joe Gesker, Nelson Clinch, Al Leightley, Mark Walther, Hal Guidry, and Don Kehoe.



Knight of The Month– July

Not long after joining our council, this brother Knight responded to our need and volunteered for duty as our Treasurer. Now, after winning his second election to that position, Bill Lane continues to do an excellent job managing our bank accounts and working with the Financial Secretary to make deposits and disbursements of funds. In mid-July, Bill's thorough preparatory work enabled our Board of Trustees to conduct its semiannual audit of the council's books in an expeditious manner. Afterwards, Bill kept busy drafting a preliminary budget covering the current fraternal year for the review and discussion of the Budget and Finance Committee. The budget ends up being a roadmap for the council's activities throughout the fraternal year. Given the fine job he has done thus far, and especially this summer, Bill Lane is designated our Knight of the Month for July.

Knight of The Month– August

After becoming a member at age 18 over 8 years ago, James Hogan is still considered to be one of our "younger" members. Nevertheless, he has taken on a number of challenges and has gained experience beyond his years in that span of time. He is back in our officer corps this year, serving as Warden and diligently managing the Hall food and beverage supplies and seeing that the chambers are set up for meetings. When asked, he willingly accepted a major speaking role in our council's first Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, which was successfully conducted last month. In between all this, James has been hard at work as Editor of this very newsletter, a duty he volunteered for nearly a year ago. This September edition of the newsletter involves extra work on his part as it covers two months worth of news. There is undoubtedly much more the council will see from him in the years that lie ahead, but for the present time we will be content to simply recognize James Hogan as our Knight of the Month for August.



Family of The Month – July

This family has for decades figured prominently in the council, and for good reason. Even after all they have contributed over the years, three generations of the Hogan family continue to find ways to be of "generous service of their neighbor," assisting the church, the council, and the community through their labors of love. To greatly enhance the council's showing in the City of Fairfax Independence Day on July 3rd, Tim Hogan happily volunteered to drive his pickup truck in the procession. The truck was draped in banners celebrating Independence Day and Fr. Diamond Council's 50th year in service to the local community, and flying from the back were the Papal and K of C flags. Among those seated in the bed of the truck was his father, Tom, who waved and smiled for parade onlookers in a gesture of goodwill. Tim, who is our current Advocate, has also graciously committed to once again head up the council's food vending effort at this year's Fairfax Fall Festival, making possible one of our traditional fundraising events. Tim's wife, Priscilla, often assists Tim with council events. Their two sons, James and Tim, Jr., are also active members of our council. James serves as our Warden, Chairman of the Keep Christ in Christmas cards program, and as Editor of our newsletter. At Sunday Mass, James serves as an usher, and Tim has been quick to fill in as an usher as well when needed. Once our council-sponsored bowling league resumes play, you can bet that Tim, Priscilla, and James will be eager to sign up for a piece of the action as they have for several years. In honor of all their recent activities in support of St. Leo Church, the community, and the council, we celebrate the Hogans as our Family of the Month of July.

Family of The Month - August

This family has through their actions demonstrated their love and deep concern for the welfare of St. Leo Church, the community, and our order. Many of us are quite familiar with Gib Flodine and his contributions, but those of his wife, Kim, while no less impactful, can escape notice due to her unassuming nature. The two of them have spent the summer on a constant quest to locate and procure foodstuff in support of George and Thelma Billy's ongoing efforts to feed the hungry and homeless in our region. In doing so, Gib and Kim have helped to close a gap that had developed between the food donations received and the growing need. The two could also be found collaborating with others in the preparation of meals sold for KOVAR fundraisers. Gib was once again in the Hall kitchen to help with the food preparation for the mid-summer diocesan Altar Servers Picnic. He also stepped up to play a major speaking role in the council's first Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. This summer, he answered the call and became a regular usher for the 11:00 Sunday Mass. Apart from all these important tasks, he has been diligently working with the Shoestring Theatre Company on a stage performance to benefit KOVAR as part of his official duties as KOVAR Chairman for a second year. Gib and Kim Flodine, our Family of the Month for August, are wonderful examples of faith in action for all they do in service to the church, the community, and the K of C.



SHOESTRING THEATRE COMPANY

The names have been changed to protect the guilty
www.shoestringtheatrecompany.com

Performance profits benefit **KOVAR**
 An Original Play from Shoestring Theatre Company

The Frenchman

Saturday, September 11 | 7:00 PM

St. Leo the Great Catholic School - Gym

3704 Old Lee Hwy. Fairfax, VA 22030

Tickets \$20.00 each includes dinner

email: kofckitchen6292@gmail.com for reservations/tickets

Doors Open at 6:00PM

Dinner

Chicken Fajitas

Mexican Street Corn

Spanish Rice

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade,
Water



Dessert- served at In-
termission

Tres Leches Cake

In a remote corner of Southwest Virginia, Pierre Francois du Tubeuf staked his claim to build St. Marie on the Clinch River — a new French colony far from the threats of the French Revolution.

With letters of introduction from Lafayette and dreams of creating his coal empire in Virginia, du Tubeuf was forced to leave his wife behind in France.

He survived a deadly sea voyage only to have his servants abandon him upon arrival in Virginia.

Then he faced greater nightmares when he reached Russell County, where nothing was as he had been promised.

knights of columbus





Get in the Picture

Youth Group team photo after a hot day of repainting the railings outside Providence Hall. Pictured Youth Group, Pat Leffas and Doug Fehrer parents, Charlie Kraiger, Father Whitestone, and Father Fioramonti



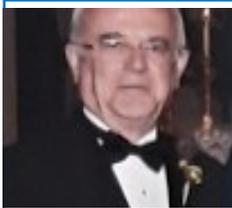
First Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Degree, went very smoothly and a good showing of fellow brother knights came in support of our new knight Benjamin West. Pictured Pat McGuire, James Hogan, Mark Walther, Benjamin West, Joe Gesker, Tim Hogan, and Gib Flodine

KOVAR play assistance

Help will be needed to set up tables in the gym on Saturday September 11 for the Shoestring Theatre Company performance of The Frenchman. Setup will occur in the gym at 3:30PM. Clean up will occur around 9:00PM. If you can assist, please contact **Gib Flodine** (giblbkim@yahoo.com)

Sunday Breakfasts

Sunday September 12 marks the return of the Family Breakfast in Providence Hall after the 7:00AM and 9:00AM masses. Volunteers are always welcome. Including Confirmation Candidates seeking to fulfill volunteer service hours. Help is also needed with various tasks including setup, cooking, serving and finally breakdown and cleanup. Setup begins around 6:00AM, cleanup starts around 10:30AM). If you can help please contact **Pat McGuire** (ffxmacman@gmail.com 703-209-5288)



Remembering our Brothers Who Have Recently Passed

Michael D. Mickney. Mike was a member of the Knights for 10 years and was best known for his involvement with the Grey GOSTs of our council. He passed away August 22nd, and his funeral was held on August 30 here at St. Leo Church.

Treasurer's Report – July 31, 2021

INCOME for July **\$1,264.84**(Scrip, Dues, KOVAR, etc)
EXPENSES for July **\$2,262.00**(Scrip, etc)

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$46,722.48
United Checking (2)	\$ 490.65
Invest Fund	\$46,305.17
RTL Fund	\$ 4,536.51
Building Fund	\$45,541.44
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 2,750.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$ 1,194.94)
PKD Collections	\$ 50.90
VKCCI Collections	\$ 1.00
Net Assets	\$145,099.41

Bill Lane, Treasurer

September 2021

The calendar is constantly updating, Please pay attention to your emails throughout the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Federal Holiday Labor Day	7 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	8	9	10	11 8AM Rosary to End Abortion 6PM KOVAR Play (gym)
12 Family Breakfast after 7 & 9AM Masses	13 Bingo@Ffx Nursing Ctr?	14 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting 7:30PM Rosary	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	16	17	18
19	20	21 7:30PM Ladies Meeting 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	22	23	24	25 Parish Picnic
26	27	28 8:00PM Hybrid Business Mtg 7:30PM Rosary	29	30	1	2 Fall Quarterly Mtg Newport News, VA

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 8:00PM Hybrid Business Mtg 7:30PM Rosary	29	30	1	2 Fall Quarterly Mtg Newport News, VA
3	4	5 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	6	7	8	9 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Fall Festival
10	11 Federal Holiday - Columbus Day Bingo@Ffx Nursing Ctr?	12 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 Family Breakfast after 7 & 9AM Masses	18	19 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Mtg	20 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	27	28	29	30

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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Deputy GK	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
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Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Anthony Pierno	516-445-3616
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Patrick J. Murray	703-447-9190
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Mark Woznak	

Program Directors

Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Committee Chairmen

Charity		
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Retention		
Vocations	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

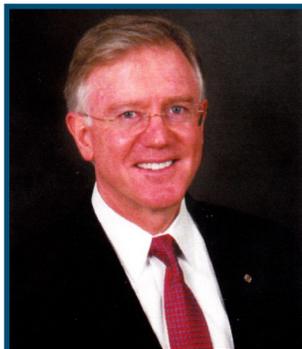
Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244

Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
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Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information. Available at Providence Hall before or after meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and 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.

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