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April 2025

Grand Knight's Message

*James Hogan, Grand Knight
Brothers,*



Easter is almost here, marking the end of our 40 days of fasting, penance, and reflection. We now begin the joyful Easter season, a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Soup Suppers we've been supporting for the parish. On average, we've had over 100 people attend these events.

As you'll read later in the newsletter, we welcomed seven new members into our order in March! Congrats all around. Thank you all for bringing in new people, but I know there are still parishioners waiting for us to ask them.

As we approach the end of the fraternal year, I encourage everyone who hasn't yet participated in our programs (meetings, degrees, fundraisers, etc.) to join us. We are also always looking for new ideas for fundraising and fraternal events, so if you have any suggestions, please share them with us. Remember, the only bad idea is one that's never asked.

Finally, I would like to recognize our Knight of the Month (KOM) and Family of the Month (FOM). Our KOM is PGK Mark Walther, and our FOM is the McGuire Family. Please take a moment to read their respective articles on page 5.



Financial Advisor Report

Robert "Bob" Canter

Tax Day, April 15, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications?

Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus.

Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass.

Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax planning in a range of situations. In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 143 years ago this month.

I'd love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet

St. Patrick's Day Party 2025





Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,
March has been a busy month not only in our activities in support of our Parish and our Community but also in preparation for the Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

As we entered into Lent on March 5th, we began our 40 days of purification through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Our service to our Church specifically those who are supporting the Soup Suppers under the leadership of Past Grand Knight James Beauchamp is an important part of our Council's service to our Church and also our personal fasting in preparation for Easter. James Beauchamp has also been leading our KOVAR collections after Mass on March 21 and 22. Thanks for everyone's help in collecting after Mass.

We were also fortunate to have to special solemnities in March, St. Patrick on March 17th and St. Joseph on March 19th. Special thanks to those who helped with the St Patrick's celebration on March 22nd especially Mark Woznak who helped clean the Hall on Sunday. St. Joseph's Altar in the school gym was a magnificent event, celebrating the quiet humility and dignity of St. Joseph. We ask for the intercession of St. Patrick and St. Joseph for our Council, that their example of Faith and Humility may guide us as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Easter.

Looking forward to April, we have a few events where we need your support:

Friday April 4th - 6PM Soup Supper – School Gym

Saturday April 5th - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration IAM, St. Leo the Great Church

Friday April 11th - 6PM Soup Supper – School Gym

Saturday April 12th – Rosary to End Abortion 830AM - St. Leo's Church

Remember, St. Leo's has a Goal of 10,000 Rosaries through May 31st. You can submit the Rosaries prayed here.

<https://stleofairfax.com/rosary-challenge>

Treasurer's Report – 2/1-28/2025

INCOME for February **\$3,278.50**

EXPENSES for February **\$8,582.97**

Operating Fund Net **\$(5,304.47)**

United Checking	\$ 32,626.00
United Checking (2)	\$ 773.08
Investment Fund	\$ 44,681.88
RTL Fun	\$ 4748.33
Contingency Fund	\$38,373.23
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$2,850.0
KOVAR Collections	\$(19.22)
PKD Collections	\$(110.62)
VKCCI Collections	\$(30.94)

Net Assets \$ 124,891.74

District Deputy Report

Ryan Kehoe

"Building Up His Body"

This past weekend we celebrated the 143rd anniversary of the founding of our order by Blessed Michael McGivney on March 29, 1882 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Throughout our order's history, the Knights have stood true to Blessed McGivney's vision of protecting the weak and vulnerable, caring for the needy and the outcast. I cannot think of something that best sums up Blessed McGivney than the [Litany of Blessed McGivney](#). Father McGivney's vision set the tone for our work of feeding the homeless, supporting and promoting vocations, caring for the sick and the widowed, protecting the vulnerable, guiding the youth, spreading the faith, and so much more. Our founder serves as a role model, so much so that Bishop Burbidge included a statue of Blessed McGivney and a stained glass window in the newly renovated Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

In honor of Founders Day this past weekend, I want to encourage all who are not yet members to join the [Father McGivney Guild](#). Membership in the guild is free as the guild serves to promote the cause for sainthood of our Blessed Michael McGivney. In addition to furthering our founder's cause for sainthood, you can also request prayer intentions, report any favors, and receive a quarterly newsletter. While the cause for sainthood of Father McGivney is important, it is important for each of us to seek his intention as we grow closer to God and build up his Body which is the Church.

Chaplain's Message

Father James Joseph, Council Chaplain

The 'Creeping to the Cross'

We are all familiar with the yearly Good Friday liturgy. It is not a Mass of course, and Mass is in fact forbidden on this day. It is as if on the one day on which our Lord completed the institution of the Mass with His Passion and Death, we must not have the Mass, so as not to distract from what He has done. And so, instead, we have the liturgy of Good Friday.

In this liturgy, there are several parts. An opening prayer, the readings, including the solemn reading or singing of the Passion of St. John, the solemn intercessions ("Let us kneel... Let us stand."), and of course the adoration of the Cross.

St. Thomas Aquinas, in line with the tradition of the mystics, taught that the Cross was so imbued with our Lord's Precious Blood, so closely identified with Him, that we could worship the Cross itself as we worship God (ST, III.25.4). Hence, when we reverence a relic of the True Cross, we genuflect instead of bow. Originally, the ceremony of the adoration of the Cross was done with a relic of the True Cross. Over time, this changed so that we revered an image of the Cross. But in both cases, it was the wood of the Cross that was revered ("Behold the wood of the Cross...") and not the image of our Lord on it. Nowadays, there are those that reverence the image, and this is not necessarily wrong, but it is not the original intention of the action.

In medieval England, a unique variant developed of this ritual, usually called the 'Creeping to the Cross.' It was very popular in medieval English devotion. The English would remove their shoes and 'creep' to the Cross on their knees as a penance and a sign of adoration. One could only do this slowly and with difficulty, increasing the time and hence the meditative aspect of the action. During this English Reformation, this was objected to by so-called 'reformers' as a superstition or idolatry, but the people loved the devotion. It was only put to an end with the legal and physical force of the state.

The adoration of the Cross now only calls for the removal of shoes from the celebrant, and it is an optional action. But as we come to the Cross this Good Friday, let us all remember the reverence shown by our ancestors to the Cross of our salvation, and adore the wood of the Cross with full hearts and with reverence in our hearts.

Chancellor's Report

Douglas "Doug" Fehrer, Chancellor



Brother Knights:

Once again I want to say THANK YOU to all our Brother Knights who have helped with our recruiting efforts!

I'm happy to let you know we had two successful Exemplification ceremonies, bringing seven new 3rd Degree Knight's into the Order and our Council. But gentlemen we need to do better! Please keep asking guys you see at Mass or involved in other parish and school activities that you don't recognize as Knights if they would be interested in joining the Order. Also, ask you male family members and friends who are practicing, 'practical' Catholics if they are interesting in joining the Knights. (A 'practical Catholic' is someone who accepts the Catholic Church's teachings on faith and morals, lives in accordance with the Church's precepts, and is in good standing with the Church. They're also known to love their family, home, and church, and to nurture their faith there.)

Gentlemen, bottom-line, every 'practical' Catholic male, 18 years old or older in our Parish should be a member of our Knights of Columbus Council! That's the goal!

This is your Council, and you make the difference! As always, Thank You for your help and support in our recruiting efforts. - AMDG -

"Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori"

"Perseverance is a special grace from the Lord, one of vital importance for our pilgrimage of faith. Keep on believing what you have been taught, "remain rooted in the teaching of Christ"-St. John". - From a message from St. Pope John Paul the Great to the Knights of Columbus, August 7, 1985

KOVAR Collections

Thanks so much to everyone who helped collect money for **KOVAR** after Sunday Masses on March 22 – 23. Thanks to the generosity of St. Leo's parishioners and all our brother Knights giving out Tootsie rolls, nearly \$4,400 was collected. Also, kudos for the collections at Sunday night bowling. I understand that effort has been successful. We also have an additional KOVAR collection coming up on the weekend of **April 26 -27**. The IHOP at 9490 Blake Lane has again graciously allowed us to collect on their premises. We will have 2-hour shifts on both Saturday (4/26) and Sunday (4/27) from 8 AM – 2 PM. If possible, we will try for two Knights per shift. We will also try to have a 'Roadrunners' KOVAR collection that same weekend. Please see upcoming emails for details. If you are interested in collecting, please contact James Beauchamp at jgb5806@verizon.net or via text at 703-915-3504.



Enduring Love is a special one-year campaign, led by KOVAR, to raise money for group homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The goal is to raise 2 million dollars or their revolving, no-interest loan fund. There is a growing need for these homes throughout Virginia. Look for more details about the campaign later in the year. Additional information may be found at kovarva.org and then look for the tab "Enduring Love".



Congrats to Jane and Ryan on their wedding. Our FOCUS missionaries we supported this past year



Fr. Juan is always up for a photo with his parishioners

April Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Bob S Ratay	2	Nicholas Fehrer	10	Thomas P Feehan	20
John H Grimes	4	Mr Dean Storm	11	Philip E Coletti	21
Allan K Rush	5	Francis J Cuccias	12	Tim D Ku-Dipietro	21
Rev Juan A Puigbo	6	Rev. Fr Tuan V Nguyen	12	John F Weinheimer	27
Nilson Herrera	9	Jeffrey A Stevens	12	Kevin M Mc Guire	29
Rev Jun Hee Lee	9	Thomas P Heinz	15		



Knight of the Month – Mar.

PGK Mark Walther has worked tirelessly to ensure the All Saints Car Raffle runs smoothly at St. Leo's. The logistics involved in making this happen are complex and demanding, from working with the parish office to sort through their databases, to coordinating with a distributor to mail the raffle tickets, and finally collecting the tickets from parishioners who hand them in at Mass (instead of mailing them directly to All Saints).

As a Past Grand Knight who served two consecutive terms, Mark is always available to offer advice to anyone, especially the Grand Knight. For his tireless work and dedication to the council, **Mark Walther** is more than deserving of being named **March Knight of the Month**.



Family of the Month—Mar.

PGK Pat and his wife Carolyn are always ready to lend a hand at any council event, offering their help whenever and wherever it's needed. They organize wine-tasting events for the assembly, providing a fun time for all, with a portion of the proceeds going toward cancer research, a cause close to their hearts. This past month, they have also been instrumental in the Parishes Soup Suppers, generously purchasing most of the supplies needed for the event.

For their ongoing dedication to the church and community, **the McGuire Family** is well-deserving of being named **March Family of the Month**.

Brother Knights and guest

Please join us for a great night out on **Saturday, May 31st**, at **Fairfax Army Navy Country Club** for our



*Father Diamond Council
End of Year Celebration
Known as The Grand
Knight's Ball*

Grand Knight's Ball starting at 6:00pm with cocktail hour.

This evening celebrates our council's achievements over the past year under The Grand Knight James Hogan.

Cost: \$65 per person

Includes: beer, wine, and a buffet of carved roast beef, chicken piccata, grilled salmon, rice pilaf, baked potato, salad, fresh steamed vegetables + assorted desserts (white chocolate and bread pudding)

RSVP: Tim Hogan, 703-926-4347 or 703-385-1292, or email Tim1hogan@yahoo.com no later than May 30th.
There will be a 50/50 Raffle and more!

Fairfax Army Navy Country Club. 3315 Blenheim Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22030

Car Raffle 2025

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited St. Leo Church parishioners to participate in their Multi-Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2025 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas: Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid), and Bronco Sport. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes. Parishioners will receive tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. For additional tickets, please contact Mark Walther (markwalther7@yahoo.com, 703-766-5054). Feel free to stop by to say Hi and/or to assist at the ticket table in the church vestibule after Masses on Feb. 22-23 and March 1-2. The vehicles pictured here are representative of, not the actual, prize vehicles.



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	2	3	4 6PM Soup Suppers (Parish)	5 1-2 AM Adoration
6	7	8 7:30 PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	9	10	11 6PM Soup Suppers (Parish) KofC sponsored	12 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion
13	14	15 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	16 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	17	18	19
20 EASTER!	21	22 6:45 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	23	24	25	26 KOVAR IHOP
27	28	29	30	1	2 Annual Meeting and Awards	3 Annual Meeting and Awards 1-2 AM Eucharis- tic Adoration

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2 Annual Meeting and Awards	3 Annual Meeting and Awards 1-2 AM Eucharistic Ad- oration
4 Annual Meeting and Awards	5	6 7:30 PM Offic- ers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion
11	12	13 8 PM Business Meeting 7:30PM Rosary	14 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	15	16	17 Fairfax City Antique Car Show
18	19	20 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business	28	29	30	31 Grand Knights Ball 6:30PM

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2024-25

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Advocate	Sipa Sikaulu	202-550-9475
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Inside Guard	Jason Johnsrud	202-577-7100
Outside Guard	Michael Kaylor	703-819-1961
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
2yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
1yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Lecturer	Joe Gesker	571-606-3317

Program Directors

Programs	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Faith		
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community		
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516


Committee Chairmen

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Retention	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Vocations	Doug Fehrer	703-773-8261
Budget & Finance	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504

Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124
Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits	Bob Canter	571-669-4170
Ins. Promotion	Bob Canter	571-669-4170
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
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Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Food Baskets	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	Joe Gesker	
Fraternal Prayer		
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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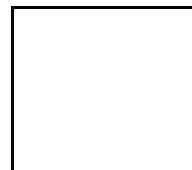
Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 Tim Hogan at 703-926-4347
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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