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January 2025

## Grand Knight's Message

*James Hogan, Grand Knight*



**Brothers,**

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families are abundantly blessed in the year ahead. December was an active month for our Council, with Tree Sales, KCIC sales, our Council Christmas Party, Corporate Communion, the Creche setup, assisting with the SLSM food distribution, and Feed the Homeless in DC. Thank you to everyone who helped with one (or many!) of these events—your contributions do not go unnoticed.

I would like to recognize Jamie Argandona as our Knight of the Month, and Al and Linda Leightley as our Family of the Month. Please read their respective articles on page 5.

The State Mid-Year Meeting will be held from Jan. 10-12 in Fredericksburg at Holy Cross Academy. This is a great opportunity to learn how our State Officers conduct business and to meet new friends from councils across the state.

Looking ahead, we will hold our annual Men's Retreat on February 22. This is an excellent way to deepen your faith by spending a day in prayer and reflection with your brothers to better ourselves.

Happy  
New Year!

## District Deputy Report

My Brother Knights,

Let me start by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It was a pleasure to see so many of you last month during our inaugural "100 Man Initiative" meeting. At the meeting I challenged all brother Knights to set a resolution to engage with their fellow brother Knights monthly, whether it be via attending a meeting, helping with, or attending an event, or perhaps even over a meal or drink of choice.

As we begin this new calendar year there are bountiful opportunities to grow in the Faith together and put our Faith in Action through our pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Moving forward I plan to include a note in our council newsletter each month on how we can best expand our charitable efforts in both the parish and greater community, as well as how the Knights can best serve **YOU**, the members of the council.

On Saturday, January 18, St. Mary of Sorrows will be hosting an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for the Northern Virginia region. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are not yet 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members to obtain full Knighthood. More information to come.

Throughout this new year and beyond, let us have the courage to live out a culture of invitation and the courage to live out the vision of our Founder Father Michael McGivney



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

*Patrick "Pat" Murray, Deputy Grand Knight*

Brothers,

During this season of Joy, at Christmas, let us reflect on the word of the Patron Saint of our Parish – St. Leo the Great:

“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all”

A big thank you to all those who have helped with major events and activities during this past Advent season. As we move into the New Year, please join us for our Corporate Communion, during the Feast of the Holy Family, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.

On Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, let us pray together as Knights at our assigned Eucharistic Adoration time, 1AM. We Knights must pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on us.

Our annual Bowling League begins on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Come out and have some fun at Bowl America. The monthly Rosary to End Abortion on January 11<sup>th</sup> is at 830AM. Finally, on January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have the Annual March for Life. A bus will be leaving from St. Leo's. Join fellow Knights marching or support the collection on Constitution Avenue.

We have some major initiatives upcoming at our Council. We plan to launch a monthly COR meeting starting in February and will be launching a new website in late Spring. Finally, we will be putting together a maintenance committee to handle some recurring issues at the Hall. As always, your support is appreciated. Merry Christmas to you and our families!

### Men's Retreat, "Finding Jesus in Lent"

Our Council's annual Men's retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 22** in Providence Hall. Please save this date. We are fortunate enough to have **Fr. John Riley**, who is the Spiritual Director of the San Damiano retreat center, be our retreat master. Our theme is "Finding Jesus in Lent". Please consider coming out for a day of spiritual enrichment. There will be free light breakfast and lunch, Mass, several talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and an ample opportunity for Confession. Please look for further details in email and in the February newsletter, but please remember not to make any other plans for Saturday, February 22. James Beauchamp (PGK)

### Treasurer's Report – 11/1-30/2024

INCOME for October \$ **4,630.47**  
 EXPENSES for October \$ **9,226.63**  
 Operating Fund Net \$ **(4,596.16)**

United Checking \$ 26,844.18  
 United Checking (2) \$ 773.08  
 Investment Fund \$ 23,063.19  
 RTL Fun \$ 4,724.02  
 Contingency Fund \$ 8,176.82  
 Member Asst Fund \$ 1,000.00  
 Outstanding Scrip \$ 3,100.00  
 KOVAR Collections \$ (162.51)  
 PKD Collections \$ (440.33)  
 VKCCI Collections \$ (77.00)

**Net Assets \$97,001.45**



Creche Setup 2024

## Chaplain's Message

Father James Joseph, Council Chaplain

In addition to being the first month of the year, January is the month of the Feast of the Epiphany. It is one of the oldest feasts on the Church calendar. Though many dioceses now observe the feast on the nearest Sunday, the Epiphany is traditionally January 6. It is a celebration of three events: the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, the Baptism in the Jordan, and the Wedding Feast at Cana. At the center are the prophetic visions of Isaiah, especially Isaiah 60: *Upon you the Lord will dawn, and over you his glory will be seen. Nations shall walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning* (Is 60:2b-3).

The theme of light ties them all together. *Epiphania* means 'shining' in Greek. It is as if the people of the gentile nations, having long been in darkness, have now just glimpsed the coming of dawn. One of the greatest of God's miracles is that the prophecies of the Old Testament have come true. *All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and heralding the praises of the Lord* (6b). Consider this: all the old enemies of the Jews – Rome, Persia, Egypt, Greece – all have acknowledged the supremacy of the True God of Israel. They come to Jerusalem to worship and have abandoned their false gods. Truth scatters error like light banishes darkness. It's astounding!

Epiphany is a moment to remember just how remarkable the conversion of the pagan world was and is. The Magi are the first fruits of the kings of the nations, come to bow before the Lord. At the Baptism in the Jordan, God spoke from the heavens and publicly proclaimed the arrival of His Son. And at the Wedding Feast of Cana, the light of His miracles began to touch the lives of ordinary men. Christ the Lord has arisen like the Sun. *"Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.* (1).



## Chancellor's Report

Douglas "Doug" Fehrer, Chancellor

Brother Knights:

Happy New Year! I trust, hope, and pray you and your families are having a blessed Christmas season.

Just one quick announcement, at some point between now the first weekend of March we will have a 'recruitment drive weekend', so we'll need lots of volunteers to cover all Masses. Once we determine / get approval for a weekend we'll send out a special notice and a volunteer sign up. – More to come. –

On another note, with the celebration of Christmas, isn't it great having the 'Gloria' back as part of Mass; what a great way to move into the New Year! The Gloria is one of the oldest hymns sung by the Church. It's meant to point our hearts towards a spirit of awe. It reminds us that we are called to praise and glorify God Almighty, the very maker of our hearts and souls.

Historically, the Gloria is known as the "Angelic Hymn" because it contains the words sung from the Heavens by the angels on the night of Christ's birth. Today's Gloria can be traced back to the third century of the Church.

"We are singing now for the same reason the angels sang; namely, that God has sent his Son among us born in our same flesh. Humble and lowly he comes among us, and so, struck with awe at this unexpected shape of the divine plan, as the angels themselves were, we cry out in a hymn to God's glory," - Fr. Jeremy Driscoll O.S.B. (taken from his book *What Happens at Mass*.)

Bottom line, we sing the Gloria because it is a song of absolute joy and praise to God – and what better way to start the Mass (and the New Year) then to glorify God!

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

As always, Thank You for your help and support in our recruiting efforts! - AMDG –

*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!" – St. Pope John Paul the Great (from his address to young people of Bologna, Sept. 27, 1997)*



### 2024 -2025 KOVAR Collection

One of our biggest fundraisers is **KOVAR**, where from throughout the state of Virginia raise money to support individuals with intellectual disabilities. Throughout the years, has been a leader in this worthy cause. Let's continue the tradition – please be generous. There are several ways to contribute:

**KOVAR** is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way of the Greater DC Area and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees

**CFC - #42569**

**United Way Campaigns in the Greater  
D.C. Area - #8838**

**Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign -  
State Employees - #200467**

Checks maybe submitted:

Written to Father Diamond Council 6292. Place **KO-  
VAR** in memo field (6292 in the memo field)

Send checks to:

KOVAR  
P.O. Box 20872  
Roanoke, VA 24018-  
0088

Knights of Columbus  
St. Leo the Great  
Church  
3700 Blenheim Blvd  
Fairfax, VA 22030

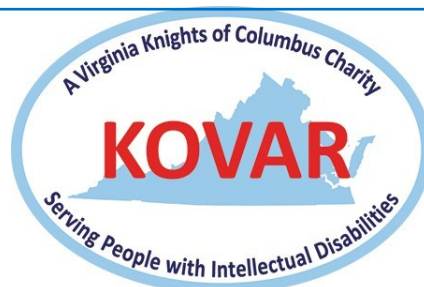
Anyone participating in contributing to KOVAR through these programs, please give a photocopy of your receipt with your signature and membership number to James Beauchamp, KOVAR Chairman.

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link:

[KOVAR Corporation \(givedirect.org\)](https://www.givedirect.org/campaign/kovar-corporation)

Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field.

The above link can be accessed through <https://vakofc.org>  
Click donations. Drop down and select KOVAR.



### January Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Dylan F Cate	1	Edward F Rodriguez Jr	5	Nicholas P Cirillo	16	David J Todd	23
Pranas V Ciziunas	1	Steven T Zust	6	Michael J De Marco	17	Sipatela Sikaulu	24
Scot R Lunsford	1	Lawrence D Lebahn	8	Thomas J Zink	17	James M Essig	25
David A Ferry	2	George P Rosenkranz	9	George H Billy	18	James M Connelly	27
Daniel C Perugini	2	Carmine C Carullo	10	John G Judge	18	Jeffrey J Neigh	27
Jeff W Schenkel	2	William F Murray	10	Ramon F Madan	19	Loren A Smith Jr	28
David J Todd Jr	2	Sean H Wilson	11	Freddy A Martinez	20	Mark E Cameron	29
Patrick D Purtill Jr	4	Rev. Fr James R Joseph	13	Carlos A Cristi	22	Christopher J Sebulnia	29
Christopher B Robertello	5						



### Knight of the Month – Dec.

**Jamie Argandona** is one of the many brothers I consider an integral member of our council. For over 20 years, Brother Jamie has tirelessly worked behind the scenes of most of our council breakfasts. He would show up early to ensure the grills were cleaned and ready for the meals. His most recent endeavor was assisting with food preparations for the Widows' Breakfast, which we host in tandem with our Winter Corporate Communion. For this and all that he does, **Jamie** is our **Knight of the Month for December**.



### Family of the Month—Dec.

If you've been with the council for a while, you will have heard of **Al Leightley**, another brother I would say is integral to our council. Over the years, Al has stepped back from actively participating in council late outings, but he and a few brother knights still get together once a month just to enjoy great conversation and food, commonly known as the Grey Ghosts Luncheon. For many years, Linda has served as a Eucharistic Minister, along with participating in a number of other activities to help around the church. For the past several Decembers, they have distributed White House ornaments to many parishioners. For this and much more, the **Leightley family** is our **Family of the Month for December**.

### Exodus 90 starts on January 20<sup>th</sup>

Brother Knights,

Exodus 90, a 90 day period of asceticism and spiritual preparation for Easter starts on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise crafted for you to help you become the man you were created to be leading up to Easter Sunday. You'll learn to pray every day, allowing you to be more honest with God. The Exodus 90 group meets at 6AM on Saturday mornings and is welcoming those interested seeking true freedom. A free man is not a perfect man but one who remembers who he is: a son of God whom God has called forth for love. And he knows how much more he can become by the power of grace unfolding in his life over time. Saint Dominic once said, "A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either rule them or be ruled by them." If we're ruled by our 'modern Pharaohs,' how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus gives you the tools to take control of your life and find deeper unity with God — and a brotherhood of men on the same path.



## January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <a href="#">11AM Corporate Communion mass</a>	30	31	1	2	3	4 1-2AM Adoration
5 <a href="#">Bowling League Begins</a>	6	7 7:30PM Officers Meeting	8	9	10 <a href="#">Mid-Year Meeting</a>	11 <a href="#">Mid-Year Meeting</a> 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion
12 <a href="#">Mid-Year Meeting</a>	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Council Business Meeting	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	16	17	18
19	20 Council Audit tentative	21 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	22	23	24 March for Life	25
26 St. Leo's Chili Cook-Off	27	28	29	30	31	1

## February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 1-2AM Adoration
2	3	4 7:30PM Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion
9	10	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Council Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22 Men's Retreat
23	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Council Business Meeting	26	27	28	1 <a href="#">Spring Quaterly Meeting</a>

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2024-25

### Officers

Grand Knight	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Chaplain	Father James Joseph	
Deputy GK	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Chancellor	Doug Fehrer	703-773-8261
Financial Sec.	Phil Coletti	703-945-2544
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Advocate	Sipa Sikaulu	202-550-9475
Warden	Dan Perugini	706-495-9095
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

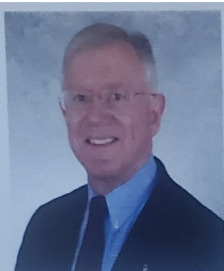
### Committee Chairmen

Charity		
Admissions	Doug Fehrer	703-773-8261
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		
Bowling Team	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
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
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
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 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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