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June 2025

Grand Knight's Message

James Hogan, Grand Knight



Brothers,

As we enter the final month of this fraternal year, let's take a moment to reflect on everything we've accomplished together. If you attended the Grand Knight's Ball (summary on page 5), this may sound familiar:

- **12 Eucharistic Adorations** — including our slotted time at 1–2 AM (oof!)
- **12 Rosaries to End Abortion**
- **Over 30 local activities**
- **More than \$25,000 raised** for various charitable causes

That's no small feat—and it wouldn't have been possible without each of you. So take a moment and give yourself a well-earned pat on the back.

But we're not done yet! There's still a lot ahead in this final month. Our Deputy Grand Knight has outlined upcoming events on the next page—be sure to check it out. One of them is a council favorite, so don't miss it!

Last month, I had the honor of attending the State End-of-Year Meeting, where we elected new State Officers. Congratulations to our new State Deputy, Trey Hart! We look forward to hopefully welcoming him to our council during the 2025–2026 fraternal year.

We also participated in Fairfax City's Annual Antique Car Show, hosted by the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department and the Early Ford V-8 Club of America (Northern Virginia Regional Group). Huge thanks to PGK Tim Hogan for leading the charge. Thanks to his coordination—and some perfect weather—we raised over **\$1,000** for our council. That's news our Treasurer was very happy to hear!

Finally, congratulations to our **Knight of the Month, Phil Coletti**, and to our **Family of the Month, the Hogan Family**. Your service and dedication continue to set an inspiring example for us all.

Here's to finishing strong!

Blessed Michael McGivney Guild

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we enter the month of June, we remember the Catholic Church dedicates the month to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This tradition dates back to the 17th century when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, had visions of Jesus Christ revealing His Sacred Heart to her. This devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became popular and spread throughout the Catholic Church.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents the love and compassion that Jesus has for humanity and the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

As the Easter Season comes to a close, we also reflect on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We as Knights of Columbus, in our role as Servants of the Church and providers of Charity to our Community, pray for the graces of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Many thanks to all of the Knights who have contributed in any way to our Council this past year, through service or through simple prayers. We are so fortunate through the Grace of God to have such a strong group of Men dedicated to the ideals of our order, Fraternity, Charity, and Unity.

Special thanks to those who worked at the Antique Car Show in May especially Tim Hogan, we were able to raise much needed funds for our Charitable activities. Also special thanks to Tony Pierno and Mark Woznak for addressing some of the issues with the Hall and contributing many hours of hard work in deep cleaning the kitchen.

We have a few activities in June where we could use your support:

June 4th – Fairfax City Employee Picnic

June 7th – IAM First Friday Holy Hour at St. Leo the Great

June 14th – Rosary to End Abortion – 830AM

June 14th – Family Food Festival – Set up and Clean up 8AM & 245PM

June 22nd – Corpus Christ Procession Marshals

June 24th – Steak Night

Treasurer's Report – 4/1-30/2025

INCOME for April **\$13,131.67**

EXPENSES for April **\$6,542.58**

Operating Fund Net **\$6,374.45**

United Checking	\$ 35,446.66
United Checking (2)	\$ 773.08
Investment Fund	\$ 45,005.15
RTL Fun	\$ 4,782.68
Contingency Fund	\$38,650.86
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$3,400.00
KOVAR Collections	\$(4,025.47)
PKD Collections	\$(241.47)
VKCCI Collections	\$(39.94)

Net Assets **\$**



St. Ambrose Degree. Congrats Chris (front, 2nd from left) G. on becoming a 3rd degree knight!

Chaplain's Message

Father James Joseph, Council Chaplain

June 1 is a very special day, in that it is my 1st anniversary as a priest! Additionally of course, this year it is the feast of the Ascension. On this day, we remember when our Lord left our visible sight. When He did this, paradoxically, He became not less present to us, but *more* present. In the beginning, God created things *both visible and invisible*, as we say in the Creed. Indeed, most of Creation is unseen by us. The choirs of angels, the eternal truths, the moral law, heaven itself, all these things are invisible but nonetheless real.

Many people today are materialists, that is, they disbelieve in immaterial things, things they cannot see. Yet it is so easy to prove they exist! Where, for instance, are the things we know exist, things like truth, goodness, beauty, even numbers and concepts? Can we point to them? They are not visible or able to be located but are still as real as can be. Materialism is a false view of reality. Instead, the Christian must be an idealist in the philosophical sense, that is, one who believes things are real, even if they cannot be seen.

Faith, as the letter to the Hebrews teaches us, *is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen (11:1)*. It involves believing something not because we have seen it, but because we have come to know the Person who told us that it was true. St. Leo the Great insists that faith in God must be a light to the soul, informing us of truths which we could not otherwise know. In a sermon for the Ascension, He writes, *For such is the power of great minds, such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight. Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible (Sermo 2 de Ascensione 1-4: PL 54,397-399)*.

Because of this supernatural faith, he says, *our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments*. The seven sacraments! And so, the Church's sacraments are the true presence of Christ among us. Though they are done with visible signs and symbols, they effect an invisible, spiritual reality. Why? Because He promised that they would. And believing that is the essence of faith. May we ever trust in His promises, even when we do not see Him.

Chancellor's Report

Douglas "Doug" Fehrer, Chancellor



Brother Knights:

As we head into summer I want to share a bit of history and some 'fascinating facts' about the KofC, compliments of 'ChurchPop':

The year was 1882 and anti-Catholic sentiment was running high. Catholic immigrants faced hostility and often found themselves in dangerous work conditions which could result in early deaths. So 29-year-old Father Michael McGivney gathered the men of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, to establish a lay organization to unite men of Catholic faith and provide for the families of deceased members. Columbus was chosen as the Knights' namesake because the American public loved the famous Catholic explorer at a time of general antipathy towards Catholics. And although he was a sinner and broken in many ways (like us), today many make him out to be a villain, even though most of their claims are historically inaccurate. Today, with nearly 2 million members worldwide, the Order remains true to its founding principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Over a recent ten year period the KofC donated more than \$1.6 billion (yes, billion!) to countless charitable causes! The Knights have been a huge supporter of the Special Olympics since day one. We also have a long history with Mother Teresa. Upon receiving the Knights' 'Gaudium et Spes' (Joy & Hope) Award she said, "I accept out of sheer gratitude, for they have done so much for our congregation and for our poor."

Our founder, Fr McGivney, is a 'Blessed' and likely will be canonized a Saint. Moreover some notable Knights are already saints: St. Luis Batis, St. Rodrigo Aguilar, St. Miguel de la Mora, St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado, St. José María Robles and St. Mateo Correa were all martyred during the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in more than 100 years ago. Although not Saints, Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, and President John F. Kennedy were all members of the Knights.

Finally, every time you say the words "under God" when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, you can thank the KofC for that.

In closing, I want to say once again, Many, Many Thanks to all our Brother Knights who have helped and continue to help with our recruiting efforts! - AMDG -

'Salvation does not come about by magic but by grace and faith.' - Pope Leo XIV

Grand Knight's Ball



4th Degree Memorial Day mass with the Bishop

Slate of Officers 2025-2026

Congratulations on our newly elected officers.

Grand Knight	Patrick J. Murray
Deputy Grand Knight	Daniel C. Perugini
Chancellor	Douglas G. Fehrer
Recorder	Anthony Pierno
Treasurer	William P. Lane, Jr.
Advocate	Sipatela "Sipa" Sikaulu
Warden	Michael Kaylor
Inside Guard	Jason C. Johnsrud
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen Daniel Drummond
3 Year Trustee	James T. Hogan
Grand Knight Delegate	Patrick J. Murray
Past Grand Knight Delegate	James T. Hogan
Alternate Grand Knight Delegate	Daniel C. Perugini
Alternate Past Grand Knight Delegate	James G. Beauchamp, PGK

June Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Michael S Furey	1	Lucas Williams	9	Quinley Y Johnson	16	James F Engelhardt	25
Mr Andrew Donofrio	2	Michael A Gundling	11	Andrew J Mc Grail	16	John V Greer	25
Paul M Gianoli	2	Dennis W Mc Naughton	11	Benjamin M West	18	James Beauchamp	26
Timothy J Mc Carthy	2	Joseph D Drozd	15	Joseph F Paratore Jr	21	Isaias C Minjares	29
William J Garity	3	Antoine F Elachkar	15	Thomas J Paratore	21	Daniel P Short	29
Albert L Leightley II	3	Edward H Cummings Jr	16	Joseph A Burg	22	Edward P Crnkovich	30
Timothy J Holleran	5	Mr Jeff Danforth	16	Humberto Mercado III	22	John F Hogan III	30
Almirante C Trapal	8	Brian J Gormley	16	Mr David Mueller	24		



Knight of the Month – May.

Phil Coletti has done an outstanding job serving as our Financial Secretary this past year.

He hit the ground running—most notably by bringing our council into the modern age with the implementation of e-payment options.

In recent months, Phil has also worked diligently to clean up our membership roster, focusing especially on members who were in arrears. Thanks to his efforts, we've gone from having over 30 members behind on dues to just a handful. What an incredible turnaround!

Phil always answers the call when needed. Just this past month, when a brother knight needed to complete his degree, Phil personally accompanied him to St. Ambrose Council to make it happen.



Family of the Month—May.

The Hogan family's commitment to our council spans three generations—and their legacy of service continues to shine. Their dedication has been evident in their leadership, wisdom, and deep love for our Church and community.

PGK Tim Hogan has faithfully coordinated the Grand Knight's Ball for several years at the esteemed Army Navy Country Club. His wife, Priscilla, plays an active role in many council functions and works alongside Tim in planning these special events.

In addition to this, Tim has served as the lead organizer for the Antique Car Show for nearly as long. His enthusiasm and joyful spirit are part of what makes these events so special. This year was no different—the Car Show brought in just over \$1,000 for our council! For their unwavering service and vibrant presence in council life, we are proud to honor the Hogan family as our Family of the Month for May. We are truly grateful to have them as part of our fraternal family.

Grand Knights Ball 2025

Thank you to all who came out to the Grand Knights Ball, I am honored to have served as your Grand Knight this year.

These were the awards presented that night:

Blessed McGivney Award: Rev. Fr. James Joseph

Outstanding Young Man and Women of the year: Sean Healy and Mary Hardwick

Knight of the Year: Mark Woznak

Family of the Year: The Cameron Family

We had very brief messages from our Incoming and Outgoing State Deputies, Bob Jones and Trey Hart respectively, on the phenomenal year we had and will have. Our District Deputy summarized what our State Deputies said and urged us to get over the hurdle for recruitment by attaining our goal of 15 new knights. We are only 5 away. FIVE. So if you know of an individual who is interested in joining our council, please reach out to our Chancellor, see info on pg. 7.



June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	4 9-3 PM FFX Gov't Picnic	5	6	7 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration
8	9	10 7:30 PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion
15	16	17 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	18 8 PM 4th Degree Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24 6:45 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Rosary 8 PM Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	2	3	4 July 4th	5 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration
6	7	8 7:30 Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 8:30 AM Rosary to End Abortion
13	14	15 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	16 4th Degree Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Rock the Block 3-?	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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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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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