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March 2025

Grand Knight's Message

*James Hogan, Grand Knight
Brothers,*



Thank you for a successful recruitment month. Now, we move forward with the process of exemplifying the candidates. In March, we will have two degree ceremonies. The first will be on Thursday, the 6th, at 7 PM, and the second on the 29th (Founders Day) at 11 AM. If you have not yet attained your 3rd degree, we encourage you to join us for one of these ceremonies. For those who are full knights, please come out and support our newest members on these joyous occasions.

With only four months remaining in the fraternal year, we encourage those who haven't attended an event yet to join us—there are still several opportunities coming up! We would love to see you there.

We would also like to recognize some brother knights for their dedication this past month. Our Knight of the Month is Freddy Martinez, and the Family of the Month is the Beauchamp Family. Please read their articles on pg. 5.

We have heard from several brothers that the fraternal and unity aspect of our council has been lacking over the years, and we agree with this assessment. Therefore, we are asking brothers to reach out with ideas for events—whether sporting events, movie nights, restaurant outings, or others. We are also looking for a few brothers to form a committee and plan events for the remainder of this fraternal year, and for the next one as well. If you are interested please reach out to me.

As we approach the close of this fraternal year, we would like to inform you that the Nominating Committee has been formed. This year, it will consist of PGK Steve Kehoe, PGK Keith Morrison, and PGK Dan O'Malley. If you are interested in becoming an officer and helping to shape our council in the coming years, please reach out to them before they reach out to you.

Finally, Please come join us for Mass on Mar. 2 at the 9 am mass for our Corporate Communion!

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



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we prepare to enter Lent, let us review the words of Pope St. Leo the Great, the Patron of our Parish from his Sermon 39 on Lent. "...We too, dearly beloved, who are set in the midst of many oppositions and conflicts, may be cured by a little carefulness, if only we will use the same means... And if we can conquer them by God's grace enabling us to correct our ways, the strength of our bodily enemies also will give way before us, and by our self-amendment we shall weaken those who were rendered formidable to us, not by their own merits but by our shortcomings... with what mighty weapons, with what impregnable defenses we are armed by our Leader, ...famous for His many triumphs, the unconquered Master of the Christian warfare... He has given the shield of faith for the protection of our whole body; on our head has He set the helmet of salvation; our right hand has He furnished with a sword, that is with the word of Truth: that the spiritual warrior may not only be safe from wounds, but also may have strength to wound his assailant... And he that, aided by God's grace, shall strain every nerve after this perfection, will keep this holy fast faithfully; free from the leaven of the old wickedness, in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, he will reach the blessed Passover, and by newness of life will worthily rejoice in the mystery of man's reformation"

Thanks to the many Brothers who supported our recruitment drives after Masses and at the Ministry Fair. Our Presence as Men of Charity and Faith is important to continue the fine traditions of service to our Parish and our Community. **We cannot take this function lightly; recruitment and the growth of our Order is foundational to our roles as Catholic Men in the evangelization of our Faith.** Let us thank our Heavenly Father for the Grace and Courage for continued success in our efforts. We have a busy month of March and April. Your time and talent are critical in both prayer and action in supporting these events:

March 6th - Exemplification Ceremony

Friday March 7th - Soup Supper support (held every Friday in Lent)

Saturday March 8th - First Friday Holy Hour 1-2AM

Wednesday March 19th - St. Josephs Altar - School Gym

Saturday / Sunday March 22nd 23rd - KOVAR collection after each Mass

Saturday March 22nd - St. Patrick's Day celebration 6PM at the Hall.

March 26th - Fraternal Benefits Presentation

Thanks for your continued support of our Council.

Treasurer's Report – 1/1-31/2025

INCOME for January **\$6,044.45**

EXPENSES for January **\$6,123.92**

Operating Fund Net **\$(79.47)**

United Checking	\$ 38,129.84
United Checking (2)	\$ 773.08
Investment Fund	\$ 44,681.88
RTL Fun	\$ 4,748.33
Contingency Fund	\$38,373.23
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$3,050.00
KOVAR Collections	\$(259.51)
PKD Collections	\$(804.74)
VKCCI Collections	\$(171.56)

Net Assets \$ 129,520.55



Recruitment Drive 2025! Doug and Mark helping recruit new catholic men and sell them a new car after masses this past month.

Chaplain's Message

Father James Joseph, Council Chaplain

Crist lim. Crist remam.

Crist imm degaid. Crist innum.

Crist ísum. Crist úasam.

Crist dessum. Crist tuathum.

-The Lorica of St. Patrick, 9th century

Every Lent on March 17th, we look forward to the celebration of one of our most beloved saints, St. Patrick, the great apostle to the Irish. Many of us will be familiar with the words of St. Patrick Breastplate, or the *Lorica* of St. Patrick. Its beautiful lines have a way of staying with you: *Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.* Various translated into English in poetry and set to music for hundreds of years, it's worth another read this year.

Its Gaelic name is *Fáeth Fiada*, or the 'Deer's Cry.' According to legend reported in the early versions of the *Lorica*, when pagan bandits once lay in wait to ambush them, St. Patrick and his fellow missionaries chanted the *Lorica* for divine protection. Instantly, they miraculously appeared to the bandits like deer instead of men and they were saved. The name is also a reference to Irish mythology. The *Féth fiada*, or 'lordly mist' is the ethereal mist which surrounds and protects the gods, a legend appropriated by Irish Christians for the God's protection of the saints.

Ever since Thomas Cahill's 1995 book, *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, academics have known the immense debt western Christendom and civilization owe the Irish Church. While the light of learning in Europe went out after the fall of Rome, it continued to burn in the monasteries of Celtic Ireland. We in the Church have known this for ages. St. Patrick's Day gives us a chance to appreciate the unique genius and contributions of the Irish to our common Christian life. Through poverty, famine, and persecution, they have carried the torch of the Faith through the centuries.

Now, though many of them sadly seem to have lost the Faith, we may pray they recover it. When Catholic Ireland is strong, all of Christendom thrives.

Chancellor's Report

Douglas "Doug" Fehrer, Chancellor



Brother Knights:

First and foremost, a special THANK YOU to all our Brother Knights who helped with our February recruitment drive! We manned a recruitment table in the vestibule after every Mass in February, and had a recruitment table at the parish activities day on Sunday, February 16th. Unfortunately, because of a scheduling snafu, we were not able to do 'pulpit messages' after Masses on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd.

I'm happy to say that our efforts paid off. We already voted on bringing in several new members in February, and have a few 'transfers' to vote on as well. Moreover, we have more than a dozen prospects to follow-up with.

Looking forward, we're hoping to continue with our recruitment table in the vestibule as part of the 'Car Raffle' ticket collection and sales station. We're also hoping to set up a recruitment station at the 'Lenten Soup Suppers'. So, if you can, please plan to help us out at those times.

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

"The more ready you are to give yourself to God and to others the more you discover the authentic meaning of life!" – St. Pope John Paul the Great

KOVAR Collections

We will be collecting for KOVAR after all Sunday Masses at St. Leo's on the weekend of March 22 -23. These include the Saturday, 5 PM and Sunday, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM (Spanish). KOVAR is the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity to benefit those with Intellectual Disabilities. Our Council has a very fine reputation in KOVAR collections over the years – so let's keep up the good work for this very worthy cause. My goal is to have Knights at every church door after each Mass. If you are interested in collecting after Mass (it requires just a few minutes of your time) please call/text **James Beauchamp at 703-915-3504** or via email at jgb5806@verizon.net. There will also be an off-campus collection on the weekend of April 26 – 27.



The Knights of Columbus is hosting our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on March 22 at 630PM. This is our annual celebration of Irish Music and Culture with a traditional Corned Beef Dinner, Irish Soda Bread, live Irish music and dancing. This a great family event that always sells out. Tickets are being sold in advance at \$25 per adult and \$15 for children with only a \$65 family max. Doors open at 6PM with dinner served family style at 6:45. Please contact Pat Murray, pjmurray@att.net, (703) 447-9190 or Gerard Maguire, gimaguire@gmail.com, 410 330 9340 for tickets.



WIN A FREE TRIP TO IRELAND

St. Patrick's Day Raffle – Please support our St. Patrick's Day Raffle with a grand prize of one round trip ticket to Ireland or \$1,000 cash. Only 100 tickets sold. Grand prize drawing to take place at 8PM during the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Pat Murray, pjmurray@att.net, (703) 447-9190 or Gerard Maguire, gimaguire@gmail.com, 410 330 9340 for tickets.

Finding Jesus in Lent

On Saturday, February 22, the Father Francis Diamond Council and St. Leo the Great parish held another successful Men's Retreat. For this our seventh annual retreat, in anticipation of Lent, our theme was "Finding Jesus in Lent" Nearly 35 men were able to attend this year and be better prepared for the start of Lent. This year, Fr. John Riley, Spiritual Director of the San Damiano retreat center in White Post, VA led the retreat. Among several topics, one of the things that was discussed, is the 'Royal Priesthood' shared by all Baptized Catholics. The retreat began with donuts/bagels and coffee, recitation of the Rosary, Holy Mass, several talks, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunity for Confession in the KofC Hall, and Chick-fil-A lunch

A special thanks to Chick-Fil-A at Fairfax Circle for again providing us with a delicious lunch. Also, thanks to everyone who helped make this year's retreat run as well as it did. This includes our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph, Herb Zimmerman, Pat McGuire, Tony Pierno (bagels and donuts again), and finally James Beauchamp.

March Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Rene L Gutierrez	2	Patrick A Mc Guire	7	Donald R Kehoe	14	Christopher Yablonski	27
Joseph M Pileggi	2	David H Knapp	8	William P Lane Jr	14	Tom Coyle Jr	28
Luis A Roa	3	Edward P Cuccias	9	Jose J Lopez	14	James T Hogan	30
Matthew L Shufflebarger	3	Cesar F Pena	10	Joseph P Underwood	16	Mark D Walther	30
Mark A Marple	6	Patrick W Dunne	11	Richard D Worthington	24	Charles S Buchanan	31
Jose A Trujillo Jr	6	John Alexander Jr	13	Jason N Detten	25		



Knight of the Month – Feb.

Brother **Freddy Martinez** truly stepped up and made significant contributions to our recruitment drive this past month, especially during the 1 PM Spanish Mass. When asked by our Worthy Chancellor, Freddy enthusiastically committed to being there. He not only helped us develop ideas for recruiting our Spanish-speaking parishioners, but he also volunteered to speak at the Spanish Mass on the importance of becoming a Knight. For all his dedication and service to our council, **Freddy Martinez** is our **Knight of the Month for February**.



Family of the Month—Feb.

The **Beauchamp family** has become a strong and supportive presence for our council. PGK **James Beauchamp** has consistently stepped up to assist with events whenever possible. In recent years, he has taken on the role of Chairman for our Men's Retreat, an event designed to help the men of the parish prepare for the Lenten Season. His wife, **Germana**, worked for the parish for many years and continues to support James in his efforts for both our council and the parish. For all they do, **The Beauchamps** are our **Family of the Month for February**.

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.



Father Diamond Council Knights of Columbus St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 2024



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Recruitment Drive	24	25 8 PM Business Meeting	26	27	28	1 Spring Quaterly Meeting
2 9AM Corporate Communion	3	4 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion
9	10	11 8 PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	19 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22 KOVAR collection
23 KOVAR collection	24	25 8 PM Business Meeting	26 6:30 PM Fraternal Benefits Night	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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)	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	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2 Annual Meeting and Awards	3 Annual Meeting and

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

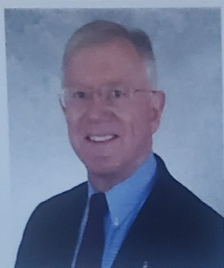
Committee Chairmen

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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