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November 2025



Brothers,

Grand Knight's Message

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Grand Knight

As we enter November, it is becoming difficult to keep track of the significant progress we have made in the short few months of our Fraternal Year. Sincere appreciation to the Knights who joined us for our Monthly First Friday Holy hour in Adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. A hearty thank you to all of the Brother Knights lead by James Hogan under the able tutelage of the Tim Hogan for our Council Food trailer at the Fall Festival. It was a great day in sales (we ran out of food) but more importantly representing the Knights of Columbus in our community. And the momentum continued with our recruiting table at the Parish Sunday Coffee and donuts in the gym. Through our continued presence, we are demonstrating our visible commitment and support to our Church and Community, and serving as an example for Catholic Men seeking to serve in their Church in fellowship and fraternity.

As we enter into November, we have more opportunities to pray in front of our Lord at our Monthly Holy Hour. Additionally on November 23rd, we will have our Corporate Communion at the 9AM Mass. As is the tradition for our Council, we will pray for the souls of our departed brothers during this month of November and host a small reception after Mass for all Knights and their families, and especially widows of Knights who have earned their eternal reward.

Additionally, on November 23rd at 3PM, St. Leos will have the Eucharistic Procession to celebrate Christ the King through the City of Fairfax. Fourth Degree Knights of the Assembly will be leading the Procession and our help as Marshals will be needed.

We are making progress on the many Hall Management and Maintenance initiatives as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. We will have several work days coming up in November and December. Please consider supporting your Council and maintaining and improving the Hall as part of this important initiative.

Finally, we held our first COR meeting, on October 28th, focusing on the Grace of God. Grace is what is given to us by God so that we might attain eternal life; it is impossible for us to attain eternal life apart from God's grace, and it is solely due to God's grace that we can be saved and enter into Heaven. We receive his grace as a gift from God and we are Saved by His Grace through our Faith and our Work as Knights in support of our Church and Charities. We have a few more of these discussions this year to help us grow as Men of Faith. Thanks for your continued support of our Council. As always please let me know how I can continue to support you and our Council.



Fall Festival 2025

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Daniel "Dan" Perugini, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we enter the month of November, we remember the month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

Many thanks to all 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 helped with the Fall Festival. For this and other activities that we do on behalf of the Council and the Church the support and assistance appreciated by the parish and leadership.

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

November 4th – 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

November 8th – 1-2 Am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary to End Abortion 830AM

November 10th – Feast of St Leo

November 11th – 7:30PM Rosary, 8PM Business Meeting

November 13th-15th – Thanksgiving Basket collection and distribution

November 15th-16th – Recruiting Weekend at All Masses

November 18th – Fraternal Benefits Night

November 23rd – 9AM Mass Corporal Communion

November 25th – 6:45PM Dinner, 7:30PM Rosary, 8PM Business Meeting

November 27th – Thanksgiving

Christmas Trees Starts Soon!

Christmas will be here before you know it. Tree sales are our biggest fundraiser and we need the help of all the members of council. There are two pivotal events that start off tree season. Both of these we need a good-sized contingent of men to help. First on Friday 28 Nov we will assemble the tree lot starting at 930 am. Just show up at the storage area next to the parking lot entrance the school. Second on Saturday 29 Nov the tree will arrive around 930. Just show up by the tree lot then. For further information contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@man.com or Steve Rodgers stevepatty1976@gmail.com.

Chaplain's Message

Rev. Fr. James Joseph, Council Chaplain



In addition to the Church's yearly reminder of the Church Triumphant on All Saints' and the Church Suffering on All Souls', the beginning of November also brings with it a reminder of the anti-Catholicism which used to exist in the English-speaking world – and still does sadly in some quarters of our society. Catholics being looked upon with suspicion and even outright hatred by some is unfortunately not a new reality, nor is our own time the worst. Far from it.

On November 5, 1605, English authorities foiled a foolhardy conspiracy against King James I led by two men named Robert Catesby and Guy Fawkes, though others were involved. The plan was to hide 36 barrels of gunpowder beneath the English Parliament and detonate it while the king was before the House of Lords. Catesby and the others were English Catholics who had lost hope in the efforts of their fellow Catholics to secure their religious freedom. Being a Catholic in England had long been outlawed since 1559 and the accession of King James' mother, Elizabeth I, and the property and even the very life of a Catholic was forfeit to the state depending on the circumstances. Unfortunately for Catesby, Fawkes, and the others, the misguided plot was discovered by government agents. Catesby was killed in the fight which preceded their capture, and Fawkes was publicly hanged, drawn, and quartered – a brutal punishment reserved for treason. It was the more sensational Fawkes who thus became the face of the failed plot.

The 'Fifth of November' was turned into an English – and later British – national holiday, known as 'Bonfire Night.' Poems and songs were written, most beginning famously, "Remember, remember, the fifth of November, Gunpowder Treason and Plot!" Originally, the custom was to make wood and straw effigies of Guy Fawkes and even the Pope (then Pope Clement VIII, who was ironically very against any violence by Catholics in England) for public burning and parade. Much later, an English editor named Titus Oates invented a 'Popish Plot' conspiracy theory which caused huge anti-Catholic riots in London from 1678-1681, all invoking the specter of 1605.

Thus, November 5 became the most visceral symbol of English anti-Catholicism. The plot – and everything that preceded it – was the formation of a culture deeply suspicious and resentful of everything Catholic. The custom even took root in the British colonies in America, where it was known as 'Pope Night.' So popular was it that George Washington ordered that it not be observed by the soldiers of the Continental Army so as not to offend their French Catholic allies.

Bonfire Night lingers on in Britain today. Every so often, one can still spot the Pope or a modern, grotesque take on Guy Fawkes. But it has changed over time. Now, it is much more popular to burn effigies of unpopular politicians than to call up the ghost of 1605. But every year on the 'Fifth of November,' one can still hear the ghost of English bigotry stir. And it reminds us all of the ongoing threat of bigotry and ignorance.

Financial Advisor Report

Robert "Bob" Canter Jr.

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

Connect with your agent to discuss how to create an extended care plan.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you of your 2025 Annual Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven't already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at <https://survey.kofc.org>. Thank you

Chancellor Report

Daniel "Dan" Drummond, Chancellor

We are Men In Service....to our Church, our Priests, and Our Community.

November 15th and 16th – Knights of Columbus Recruiting Campaign

All Hands on Deck – Fall Recruiting Campaign after Mass.

All Brothers are requested to support the Fall Recruiting Campaign after every Mass on November 15th and 16th. Father Bresnahan has offered for us to speak after each Mass. Our Theme for this years recruiting Campaign is Men in Service. We will have information in the Bulletin, flyers sent around at the school, and hopefully a large presence of Men at each door after Mass. Recruiting is the lifeblood of our Council, and it must be our highest priority. We will be asking to support the campaign at a minimum of 2 Masses during that weekend.

Bowling League 2026

When: January 4, 2026 Will be a 14 week season (with Easter and Super Bowl off)

Price: ~\$20 a week (Price determined at the beginning of the season)

Interested?

Contact Keith Morrison (703) 304 - 8540 or Tim Hogan (703) 926 - 4347



Treasurer's Report – 9/1-30/2025

INCOME for September \$ 1,100.15

EXPENSES for September \$ 5,815.91

Operating Fund Net (\$4,925.30)

United Checking	\$32,041.67
United Checking (2)	\$773.08
Investment Fund	\$41,243.67
RTL Fun	\$4,841.82
Contingency Fund	\$43,448.21
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$3,000.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$826.00)
PKD Collections	\$ (238.91)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (13.00)

Net Assets \$ 125,270.54

November Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Peter F Furey	2	Robert B Wright	9	Bernard J Schaefer	15	John F Natolly	19
Michael A Cuccias	4	Joseph Greer	10	Mr Eric Makokha	16	Daniel L Brosnan	22
Michael Kaylor	4	Jeffrey B Murphy	10	Andrew J Piraino	16	Dr Patrick Rozmajzl	23
Robert Keith Morrison	6	Charles D Stimley	11	Peter K Mburu	17	Paul W Bobowiec	24
Mark C Lundblad	7	James H Baker Sr	13	F Michael Dell	17	Ryan Patrick Mc Guire	24
Joseph W White	9	Philip A Hogan	13	Benjamin R Ogletree	17	Matthew T West	28
		Francisco V Munoz-Rovira	15	David Mancini	19	Gregory J Skorupski Sr	29



Knight of the Month – October

Brian Sharkey

Sometimes it's the steady hand behind the scenes, advising on key matters, offering expertise based on his experience, and contributing on projects that make a difference. In the last 60 days Brian Sharkey provided advice of the best wood to be used to cook the food at the Parish Picnic, led the cabling and installation of cameras at the Hall, and engineered a solution to connect to the Parish internet saving the Council \$2400 per year. Brian is that steady hand, always ready to support the Knights when called on. A Big Thank you for all your efforts at the Father Diamond Council.



Family of the Month— October

Tony and Amy Pierno

If you saw the Knights of Columbus food trailer at the Fairfax Fall Festival, you were greeted by Amy Pierno who ably managed the cash box, credit card machine and handed out the chips and soda. Behind the trailer, Tony was working the grill serving up hot dogs, hamburgers, and kielbasa. At some points, we couldn't keep up with demand, but Tony and Amy were serving with a smile. Our Council is fortunate to have dedicated families like Tony and Amy always ready to jump in and help whether it be at fundraisers, fraternal events, or helping out at the Hall. Thanks as always for your continued support at our Council.

Providence Hall Schedule for November 2025

Date	Event
Nov. 1	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am
Nov. 3	Faith Formation Ministry/5:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 4	Council Officer's Meeting/7:30pm-9:00pm
Nov. 5	Senior Citizen Craft Event/2:00pm-4:00pm
Nov. 8	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Honor Guard Training/10:00am-12:00pm Sons & Daughters of Italy Meeting/3:00pm-9:30pm
Nov. 10	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 11	Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 12	Senior Citizen Craft Event/2:00pm-4:00pm
Nov. 13	Youth Ministry/7:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 15	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Date Night Ministry/10:00am-9:30pm
Nov. 17	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 18	Gray Ghost Luncheon/9:00am-1:00pm
Nov. 19	Senior Citizen Craft Event/2:00pm-4:00pm
Nov. 20	Feed the Homeless Food Prep/10:00am-5:00pm
Nov. 21	Feed the Homeless Food Prep/10:00am-5:00pm
Nov. 22	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Feed the Homeless Delivery & Cleanup/7:00am-2:00pm
Nov. 24	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 25	Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
Nov. 26	Senior Citizen Craft Event/2:00pm-4:00pm
Nov. 29	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am

Hall Maintenance Report November 2025

Men, in response to recurring issues with Hall maintenance and repair, a Hall Maintenance Committee has been established. Members of the Committee include, Patrick Murray, Grand Knight, Mark Woznak, Hall Scheduler, Mike Kaylor, Warden, James Hogan, Keith Morrison, George Billy, Charlie Kraiger, Tony Pierno, Pat McGuire, Gib Flodine, and Tim Hogan.

Initial activities to support camera installation has identified multiple significant issue with insulation in the ceiling across the back side of the building. Additionally, required maintenance on the floors (wax), front of building and gutters has been completed.. There will be multiple work days scheduled both during the week and on weekends (for those Men still working) to address the required maintenance. If you are interested in stepping in to lead a maintenance project, please notify the Hall Maintenance Committee.

List of Hall Projects currently being planned:

- Strip and wax Floor (completed)
- Power wash front of Hall (completed)
- Paint Doors on front of Hall (in process)
- Repair flagpole and spotlight (completed)
- Install security cameras (in process)
- Repair Ceiling grid
- Replace ceiling tiles
- Repair/ Paint walls
- Replace interior shutters with venetian blinds
- Rearrange kitchen including supply closet
- Replace and clean up landscaping outside of Hall (including Mary Statue)
- Clean out office

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 Officer's Meeting	5	6	7	8 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 Feast of St. Leo the Great	11 7:30 Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15 Recruitment Drive
16 Recruitment Drive	17	18 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon Fraternal Benefits Night	19 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Dinner <u>8PM Business Meeting</u>	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 9:30 AM Tree Lot Setup	29 9:30 AM Trees Arrive
30	1	2 Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6 1-2AM Eucharistic Adoration

December 2025

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

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2025-2026

Officers

Grand Knight	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
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Deputy GK	Dan Perugini	706-495-9095
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Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
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Warden	Michael Kaylor	703-819-1961
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3yr Trustee	James Hogan	703-731-7164
2yr Trustee	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
1yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Lecturer	Joe Gesker	

Program Directors

Programs	Dan Perugini	706-495-9095
Faith		
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community		
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516

Committee Chairmen

Charity	
Admissions	
Vocations	Dan Drummond

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
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Bowling Team	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Food Baskets	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Parish Picnic		
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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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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