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Grand Knight's Message

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights,

As we move from summer to September, we are immediately confronted with the normal tasks that we may have taken a break from over the summer or during our vacation.

While our Council Business meetings were suspended in late July and early August, the Council activities in July demonstrated the collective service to our Parish does not take a break. On July 10, the Council prepared over 600 lunches for Altar Servers and seminarians from across the Diocese during the Battle of Altar Servers. Additionally, on July 26th our Council had the food service trailer at Rock the Block raising funds for the Council in support of our many charitable initiatives.

We are Men in Service. But the work never stops and our plans for the upcoming Fraternal Year call for us to continue our Council's 50+ years of service to Priests, Parish, and Community. This service offers us a chance to cultivate the virtues of Charity and Humility, and aids in our Spiritual growth. Men in Service together builds the fraternal bonds of friendship and mutual support as St. Vincent De Paul reminds us "Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another." Finally, as we accomplish great things together in Service, we are examples to other Men seeking to improve themselves and draw closer to God through service.

Our Council has important goals this year, including several required Hall improvement projects, developing a recruiting program to grow our order of men in service, introducing a quarterly spiritual program and finally to build on the relationship with our school and develop new projects or programs to support our Council charitable initiatives and efforts.

For these endeavors to be successful, I ask for three things, for your prayers for our Council, for nothing happens without the grace of God. For your time and talent, working together as Catholic Men to support our Church in building a true community, and demonstrating through our efforts the Glory of God alive in our Parish. Finally, I ask for your courage and wisdom to help identify new Men, men seeking through Service and Fraternity to grow in their own personal relationship with Christ.

The month of September, dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on the profound sufferings of the Virgin Mary and their connection to the Passion of Christ. Through this devotion, we are invited to meditate on the Seven Sorrows of Mary, to seek her intercession in our own trials, and to grow in compassion and understanding of the mystery of suffering. As we journey with Mary through her sorrows, we are drawn closer to her Son, who is the source of all hope and redemption.

Vivat Jesus.

Patrick Murray
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Daniel "Dan" Perugini, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we enter the month of September, we remember the Catholic Church has dedicated September as the Month of the Harvest. Since man is both a spiritual and physical being, the Church provides for the needs of man in his everyday life. The Church's liturgy and feasts in many areas reflect the four seasons of the year (spring, summer, fall and winter). The months of August, September, October and November are part of the harvest season, and as Christians we recall God's constant protection over his people and give thanksgiving for the year's harvest.

The September Ember Days were particularly focused on the end of the harvest season and thanksgiving to God for the season. Ember Days were three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving at the beginning of each of the four seasons of the year. The ember days fell after December 13, the feast of St. Lucy (winter), after the First Sunday of Lent (spring), after Pentecost Sunday (summer), and after September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, after the Third Sunday of September (autumn). These weeks were known as the *quattor tempora*, the "four seasons."

Since the late 5th century, the Ember Days were also the preferred dates for ordination of priests. So, during these times the Church had a threefold focus: (1) sanctifying each new season by turning to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving; (2) giving thanks to God for the various harvests of each season; and (3) praying for the newly ordained and for future vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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 Altar Server Picnic 2025 to the ideals of our order, Fraternity, Charity, and Unity.

Special thanks to those who helped with the Altar Server Picnic. Bishop Burbidge expressed much gratitude for the support we provided. For those who assisted with the Rock the Block, it was appreciated!

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

Sept. 2nd – 7:30 PM Officers Meeting
 Sept. 6th – IAM First Friday Holy Hour at St. Leo the Great
 Sept. 8th – 7:30PM Rosary, 8PM Business Meeting
 Sept. 13th – Rosary to End Abortion – 830AM
 Sept. 20th – Parish Picnic
 Sept. 23rd – 6:45PM Dinner, 7:30PM Rosary, 8PM Business Meeting



Father Diamond Council Gift to Father Juan



Our council has offered 500 decades of the Rosary and 100 Holy Hours to pray for Father Juan as he begins his discernment for the Eremetic Life. Please keep Fr. Juan in your daily prayers and offers your rosaries and Holy Hours for him. Our Parish was fortunate through the Grace of God to have him as our Pastor for the past three years and he needs our Prayers most during this time of Discernment.

Chaplain's Message

Rev. Fr. James Joseph, Council Chaplain



Every year, on September 14, we celebrate the Exultation of the Holy Cross. It commemorates not only the Crucifixion of our Lord, but also the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem by the Emperor Constantine in 327. It also marks the recapture of the True Cross by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it was stolen ten years before by the Persians' short-lived capture of Jerusalem. As a result of the fame of the True Cross which came after these events, the feast spread throughout the Christian world, and small fragments of the Cross and other pieces of wood that had been pressed to it gained great fame as relics.

Always in the background of the fame of the True Cross is the story of its rediscovery by St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. I recently had the great pleasure of reading Evelyn Waugh's wonderful novel, *Helena* (1950). Waugh was a brilliant and funny British author of the early and mid-twentieth century, who is famous mostly for other books, like *Brideshead Revisited* (1945) and *The Loved One* (1948). He was well known for his grouchy personality and also for being a Catholic convert. When someone asked him how he could be a Catholic with how biting and mean he could sometimes be, he memorably said, "Imagine how much worse I would be if I were not a Catholic!"

Helena is a novel which tells the story of the life of St. Helena amid the high drama and corruption of the late Roman Empire. It is full of biting commentary on failing empires – greed, cruelty, and cynicism. Waugh meant it to throw stones at the then-crumbling British Empire and we can learn something from it now about our own nation's threatened power. In the novel, Helena marries a powerful man, Constantius, Constantine's father, is divorced by him, and cast aside. Over time, she discovers Christianity as the only bright spot in the morass of meaningless corruption and violence which surrounds her. At the end of the book, on fire suddenly with divine inspiration and now knowing her true purpose, she discovers the True Cross, hidden under rubble in Jerusalem. *Helena* was Waugh's favorite novel and the one of which he was most proud.

I recommend the book to all. It is a beautiful way to understand better our reverence and devotion for the Cross as well as the long centuries of Christian tradition which came before us.

Financial Advisor Report

Robert 'Bob' Canter Jr., FICF, LUTCF, CSA



Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years. An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income.

Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis.

As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement.

Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks! Thank you!



Treasurer's Report – 7/1-31/2025

INCOME for July **\$223.44 (interest)**

EXPENSES for July **\$4,975.44**

Operating Fund Net **\$(4,975.44)**

United Checking	\$ 33,574.55
United Checking (2)	\$ 773.08
Investment Fund	\$ 41,043.96
RTL Fun	\$ 4,818.38
Contingency Fund	\$43,237.82
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$3,350.00
KOVAR Collections	\$(544.00)
PKD Collections	\$(127.41)
VKCCI Collections	\$(3.00)

Net Assets \$ 129,123.38

September Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Paul F Cataldo	3	Richard G Ressa	8	Matthew J Cuccias	12	Jason C Johnsrud	23
Douglas G Fehrer	3	Michael G Tocci	8	Brian J Sharkey	14	Brian D Knapp	23
Anthony Pierno	3	Adm Alfonso Munevar	9	Michael J Clifford	16	Stuart I Mc Millan	24
David D Hebert	5	Edward Townsend	9	Anthony M Coyne	16	Michael Rodrigue	24
Daniel F Drummond	6	Mark F Woznak	9	Michael Roskind	16	Jason Fullen	26
Michael Hamilton	6	Edgar L Lizarraga	10	Alec A Whittle	16	Chris A Duda	27
Raymond J Kruep	7	Kyle B Mandeville	10	Rev. Fr Daniel F Hanley	19	John J Brophy	29
Gerard J Maguire	7	Victor L Warzinski	11	Jonathon Sundet	19	Dr Nicholas D Sutingco	30

Knight of the Month – July



Steve Roger is one of those Knights that always is there quietly helping support not only the big projects such as the Christmas trees but also the other events, helping where he is needed in support of the Council and the Parish. Our Council is stronger and better with Men like Steve ready to assist, lead and serve. Congratulations to **Steve** as our **Knight of Month for July**.

Family of the Month—July



As is the case for the past several years, Roger, Lisa, Michelle, and Andrew have been instrumental in helping the Parish build the 4th of July float and participate in the parade. This year, Andrew built a frame for the Pope Leo Banner to be pulled at the front of the Parade unit and Michelle tows the float through the Parade. Roger and his family are examples for all of us as we strive to use our talents to bring the Truth of Jesus Christ into our Community through events like the 4th of July Parade. Congratulations to **The Rosenberger** as our **Family of Month for July**.

Knight of the Month – August



Mark Woznak has taken the initiative this year to stripping and waxing the floor during the month of August.

The condition of the Hall is reflective of our Council and Mark is always working to help our Hall be the best reflection of our Council. The floor waxing pales in comparison to the other efforts Mark puts in to make our Council better in small ways. Through his support of Hall scheduling, his work on the newly formed Hall Management Committee and his continued advice and counsel of key issues that need to be addressed to keep the Hall operating reflect a true Pride in the Order and his embracing of the ideals of Chai-ry, Unity, and Fraternity. Congratulations to **Mark** as our **Knight of Month for August**.

Family of the Month—August



The Council recognizes Keith and Lynne Morrison as the August Family of the Month. Keith and Lynne are always supporting the Council whether it be making extra food the events or meeting or volunteering to lead initiatives to help the Council, Keith and Lynne can be counted on wherever help is needed. Families like Lynne and Keith are models of leadership by example for all our Council. Congratulations to **The Morrison's** as our **Family of Month for August**.

Providence Hall Schedule for September 2025

Date	Time	Group	Event
9/1/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	Cursillos of Christianity	Formation class
9/2/2025	7:00pm-9:30pm	Fr. Diamond Council	Officer's meeting
9/6/2025	5:30am-7:00am	St. Ignatius	Prayer meeting & hall cleaning
9/6/2025	9:00am-9:00pm	Fr. Diamond Council	Video camera & cable installation
9/6/2025	12:00pm-9:30pm	Fr. Diamond Council	Installation of officer's (includes setup)
9/8/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	Cursillos of Christianity	Formation class
9/9/2025	7:00pm-9:30pm	Fr. Diamond Council	Business meeting
9/12/2025	3:00pm-9:00pm	Fr. Malloy Assembly	Food preparation for heroes Mass
9/13/2025	5:30am-7:00am	St. Ignatius	Prayer meeting & hall cleaning
9/13/2025	9:30am-11:30am	-	Coffee & donuts
9/13/2025	9:00am-9:00pm	Fr. Malloy Assembly	Food preparation for heroes Mass
9/14/2025	1:00pm-3:00pm	Fr. Malloy Assembly	Clean up from heroes Mass
9/15/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	Cursillos of Christianity	Formation class
9/16/2025	9:00am-2:00pm	Gray Ghosts	Luncheon & Hall clean up
9/17/2025	4:00pm-9:30pm	Fr. Malloy Assembly	Business meeting & Hall clean up
9/19/2025	Afternoon?	Fr. Diamond Council	Tent setup & food prep for parish picnic
9/20/2025	9:00am-6:00pm	Parish & Fr. Diamond Council	Parish picnic & clean up
9/21/2025	9:00am-1:00pm	Legion of Mary	Curia meeting
9/22/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	Cursillos of Christianity	Formation class
9/23/2025	7:00pm-9:30pm	Fr. Diamond Council	Business meeting
9/27/2025	5:30am-7:00am	St. Ignatius	Prayer meeting & hall cleaning
9/27/2025	9:30am-11:30am	-	Coffee & donuts
9/29/2025	7:00pm-9:00pm	Cursillos of Christianity	Formation class

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30 PM Officers Meeting 6:00pm Recruiting Event	3	4 6 PM Recruiting Event	5	6 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration
7	8	9 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion
14	15	16 I lam Gray Gosts Lunch-eon	17 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20 Parish Picnic
21	22	23 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration
5	6	7 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion
12	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	15 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21 I lam Gray Gosts Luncheon	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

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Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Food Baskets	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
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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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