

The Lookout

April 2003



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292**



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Grand Knight's Message:

Erin and I would like to wish all my Brother Knights and their families and joyous Easter and a warm welcome into Springtime.

March was a very busy month for Father Diamond Council. It started as we helped welcome Bishop Loverde to St. Leo's to consecrate the Altar in the newly renovated Church. It was great to see not only the 4th Degree Knight in regalia, but also all the other Brother Knights who showed up to show our Bishop how much we love and support the parish of St. Leo's.

Many thanks go out to the coordinators of the many events we had this past month, including the Pancake Supper, the Family Breakfast, St. Patrick's Day Party, and the Night of Magic. Special thanks to the Columbiettes and Father Cramer for their Lenten Soup Supper.

A few of members of our council went down to Newport News for the State Quarterly Meeting. There was some discussion about the State's downturn in membership over the past 3 months and a strong emphasis was placed on recruiting. We would like to bring in about 10 more Catholic gentlemen into our council. I've put together an incentive plan for people who recruit a new member. Drinks and meals are on the house at all council meetings for the rest of the year!! So go out and recruit new men and their families into the Knights!

In a few days, you will probably start receiving calls from members of the Council to assist with the Tootsie Roll drive for KOVAR. For those of you who don't know, KOVAR is our annual campaign to collect money for those citizens in Virginia with mental retardation. This year's statewide goal is \$600,000 and Father Diamond's goal is \$25,700. The money we collect truly goes to a worth cause. The main focus of the statewide KOVAR board is to open Group Homes for those who can function in society, but need some assistance in maintaining a home life. If not for Group Homes, these people would be forced to go into State institutions, where it is not uncommon for

them to die within 2 years because of the sheer desperation of the place.

The reason I'm giving you this background is so you will come out and volunteer your services to help out those who are so much less fortunate than ourselves. Please come out and volunteer for a shift or 2. It's very important that we have every single slot filled to maximize the dollars being raised for KOVAR. I strongly urge each of you to please give us 3 or 6 hours of your time with this worthy cause.

While talking about KOVAR, I can't fail to recognize John Hogan and all the employees at Hogan and Sons Goodyear. Through voluntary payroll deductions, they have raised over \$2,900 in contributions to KOVAR. This is the single highest contribution our council has received. Thanks for the help, John!

I hope each of you have a happy Easter. I look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings or events soon!

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Cooke
Grand Knight

Come Out
&
Support KOVAR

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Contact Tim Tilson
703-273-9436



Program Director's Report

Rosary at Abortion Facility

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Facility near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

Corporate Mass

Join your brother Knights, their wives and families at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, April 6 for the second quarter corporate Mass to pray for our deceased council members. There will be a reception in Providence Hall immediately after Mass.

Easter Baskets

Father Diamond Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's parish, will be assembling and delivering Easter Food Baskets to 25 needy families in the area. Help is needed on Friday April 11th at 4:00 PM to transfer the food from the SVDP Society storage room to Providence Hall. Baskets will be assembled starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 12th with delivery taking place immediately after assembly. This project is not as labor intensive as the Christmas Baskets, but the more help we get the easier the task will be. Sign-up sheets are posted in Providence Hall or please contact Greg Skorupski: e-mail GREGSKISR@aol.com or by phone (703) 978-8280.

Feed the Homeless

The Council will again be supporting the Feed the Homeless project by participating at the traditional Holy Saturday meal that will be served at the Center for Creative Non-Violence in Washington, DC. Thelma Billy and volunteers will be preparing a hot, home-cooked meal for 600 and we'll leave from the Billy's house at 11:30 a.m. and caravan down to the shelter on 2nd and D street NW. We should be back to Fairfax around 2:30 p.m. or so. Thelma can always use help cooking or any food donations (such as ham, chicken, mashed potatoes, plates, etc.) are always appreciated. People always seem to have a good time in this endeavor, and we hope to see some new faces on Saturday, April 19th! Please contact Thelma or George Billy at 703-323-6470 if you would like to help.

KOVAR WEEKEND

The council will conduct its annual KOVAR drive over the weekend of April 24-27. If you have not been contacted to work a three-hour shift, please contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436. We need every Knight to help in this our largest fundraiser. If you cannot work a shift, please assist in collecting after a Mass. Just leave bit early and join your fellow Knights outside one of the doors.

Significant KOVAR Donation. Thanks to Hogan & Sons for their great support of KOVAR. Under the leadership of PGK/FDD John Hogan, the employees raised/contributed over \$2900, our largest single contribution. Thanks so much to the employees of Hogan & Sons.

Virginia State Knights of Columbus Convention

The Convention starts with a golf tournament on Friday, May 2. The first business session is Friday evening. Bill Deal and The Rhondels will be playing their songs of the '60's beginning at 8:00 PM. All are welcome to the show and to visit the hospitality suites. Awards will be given to councils at the Saturday morning brunch. Saturday afternoon business session will see the election of the new State Officers. Mass, with Bishop Loverde presiding, will begin at 4:30 PM. Seating for the banquet starts at 7:00 PM (advanced tickets required). Attendees at the business sessions must be third degree. Attendance is encouraged. Take this opportunity to see how the State Council works. For more information, and/or tickets, contact David Todd, Sr. 703-352-2724.

Second Degree Team Competition

Congratulations to the District 13 Second Degree Team, made up mostly of members from Father Diamond Council. They competed in the State competition in early February and the team won first place. This continues the proud record of the District 13 Degree Team. New members are always welcome. Please contact David Todd, Sr. if you think you might like to take part on the team.

It's time to start thinking about the Grand Knight's Ball!!!

WHEN: Saturday, May 31

WHERE: Army Navy Country Club

TIME: 6:30PM

This is a black-tie formal event that is always a great affair. Tux or Business Suit. Please make room on your calendar for this event. More details will be coming in next month's Newsletter.

April Birthdays

Patrick A. Rodio	04/02
Thomas J Kearney	04/02
John F. White	04/03
John J Cotner PGK	04/04
Edmund Janiszewski	04/04
Adelard L Brault	04/06
Edward F. Rodrigriez	04/06
Joseph J Ruzicka	04/07
Hugh M Cannon	04/08
Joseph C. Vecchio	04/10
Harry J. Carleton	04/10
Domingo P. Guingab	04/12
Thomas P. Heinz	04/15
Joseph C Mc Auliffe	04/16
Brian L. Hannam	04/17
Michael R Shaw	04/19
Gustavo A. Solares	04/19
Mark W. Lutz	04/19
Thomas P. Feehan	04/20
James R. Otim	04/20
James H Chapman Jr	04/23
Sebastian A. Carnazzo	04/24
Armand D. Liberati	04/29
Brian C. Drummond	04/29
Gordon G. Dewhurst	04/30

April Wedding Anniversaries

Date/Years Married

Dave & Ann Todd PGK	4/4/70	33
James & Carol Caputo	4/4/70	33
Benjamin & Helen Basham	4/6/57	46
Conrad & Regina Donhue	4/22/50	53
Kevin & Shannon McGrail	4/23/98	5
Brian & Mary Knapp	4/27/96	7

Deceased Members

Date

Ernest Brault	4/1/79
Domenico Linza	4/4/00
Dr. Paul Nodarse	4/21/76
Graham Newstead	4/21/74
Andrew Carey	4/22/83
Alfred Maes	4/22/83
George Nevole	4/27/97

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR, DENNIS RILEY

How Your Dividends Can Enhance Your Coverage

There's a simple – and painless – way to increase your permanent life insurance coverage. How? By using your policy dividend to purchase paid-up additions.

When you choose this option, your dividend becomes a single premium that purchases additional insurance on your life. How much depends on your age: A \$500 dividend will buy more insurance if you're 25 than if you're 50.

Over time, the increase in your policy's face value – the amount you're insured for – can increase substantially. What's more, your paid-up additions build cash value and are eligible to receive dividends, beyond that of the base policy and with no current tax liability. (Note: dividends are not guaranteed.)

Regardless of your current health, paid-up additions are purchased at a standard rate. One final note: You aren't stuck with any particular choice. At any time while your policy is in effect, you can change the way your dividends are paid to you. The other dividend options include:

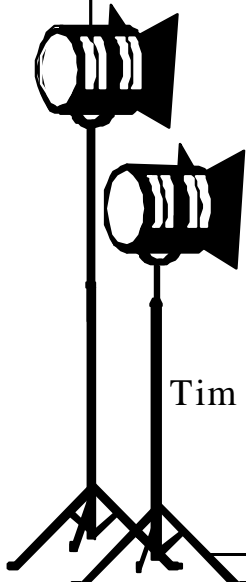
- Leaving them on deposit to accumulate interest.
- Taking them as a cash payment.
- Applying your dividend to pay all or part of your premium.

As your field agent, it's my job to help you to understand the options available to you – and to help you to make any changes in your coverage. Just give me a call at 703-450-6100.



Officers

Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chaplain	Rev. John Kelly	273-5369
D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chancellor	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Recorder	Pat Leffas	934-9716
Advocate	Al Leightley	273-2089
Warden	Dave Miller	319-8832
Inside Guard	Pete Smith	503-1082
Outside Guard	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Outside Guard	Dan Purtill	641-8945
3yr Trustee	Jack Cotner	323-5785
2yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
1yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470



Family of the Month
Feb '03
Tim & Priscilla Hogan

Program Directors

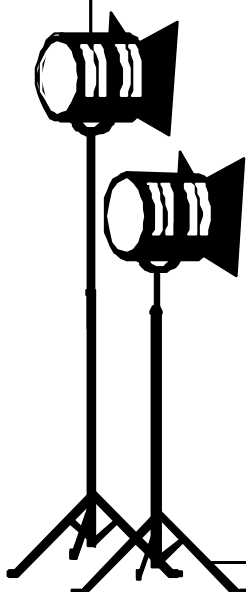
Programs	Dave Todd Jr	385-2195
Church	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Community	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Council	Pete Smith	503-1082
Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	George Billy	323-6470
Retention	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
Vocations	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Budget & Fin.	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Witcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Christmas Trees	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Mark Woznak	280-4124
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Vacant	
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Al Leightley	273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



Knight of the Month
Feb '03
John Judge



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Dates to Remember in April

- 1 April 8 PM Officers' Meeting
- 6 April Corporate Communion Mass (9 AM)
- 8 April Rosary/Business Meeting
- 11 April Easter Basket Food Transfer (4 PM)
- 12 April Easter Food Basket Set-up/Delivery
- 13 April Family Breakfast (Gold Team)
- 12/13 April Food Drive at Masses
- 15 April Grey Gosts
- 19 April 8 AM Rosary Abortion Facility
- 20 April Easter Egg Hunt (after 9/11 Masses)
- 22 April Mass/1st Degree/Business Meeting
- 24-27 April KOVAR Collections
- 26/27 April Food Drive at Masses
- 30 April 8 PM 2nd Degree

LENT AND EASTER

TIME FOR SACRIFICE & PRAYER

JOIN YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

8 April Corporate Communion Mass – 9AM

11-12 April Easter Food Baskets

19 April Rosary at the Abortion Facility 8AM

19 April Feed the Homeless

24-27 April KOVAR Drive

See the articles on the second page for more information