

# The Lookout

April 2005



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



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### ***Grand Knight's Message:***

My Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a chance to truly celebrate Easter with your families. Now that spring has arrived we all know what that means, "Spring Cleaning – Ugh." If you can get over the negative connotation associated with the word cleaning you may find that the onset of spring brings with it, just as with Christ's resurrection, the hope for renewed life. We are in the midst of a rebirth for the Knights of Columbus. As we approach our 1.7 millionth member we can be assured our Order is stronger than ever and growing every day.

Last month, through the good graces of Deacon Nick LaDuca, Jr., the chancellor (Bill Ward), State College Council Director (Tim Cooke), Matt Terbilcox, Grand Knight from George Mason University Council, and I, all had the opportunity to speak to the Senior Class Catholic boys at Paul the IV<sup>th</sup> High School. Our recruiting pitch was designed to show these prospective young Knights that the KofC can be a life long vocation to Church and community. The Knights can also be a great organization to join in college, rivaling any fraternity in its service work for the school and community.

Congratulations to all of our new Catholics. Our State Secretary, Larry Spallanzani wanted to remind everyone that we as a Catholic Community just welcomed a number of converts into our faith at Easter. This is a great time to invite all those in our parish RCIA program who joined the Catholic Faith and their spouses to join the Knights. What better time to welcome them and to let them know about the benefits of being a Knight. Remember... Past State Deputy "Sweet Wayne Stump" was invited to join the Knights as he left the church after his Baptism into the

faith... And, it is a known fact that converts make some of our best Knights!

KOVAR is our primary focus in April and with everyone's participation we will once again be at the top for funds collected in the State. Please come out and lend a hand to support this worthy cause. Last year KOVAR provided over \$690k for grants and group homes. This exceeded KOVAR's total income. Supreme has also committed \$1 million over the next four years to support Special Olympics in the U.S. so we need to do better to help support the retarded in Virginia and throughout the U. S.

**Greg**

Greg Hartley  
Grand Knight

### **Items for the Lookout Newsletter?**

Do you have items of interest for the newsletter? Is your birthday or anniversary date incorrect or missing from the list during your respective month? The editor welcomes any input from the membership. Please forward any items to the Newsletter editor, Bill Weich, at 703-319-3130 or email him at [Wweich@yahoo.com](mailto:Wweich@yahoo.com). Submissions for upcoming editions are needed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Program Director's Report

KOVAR Begins Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

### Baseball is Back in DC!!

Come join your brother Knights in welcoming the Washington Nationals in their Inaugural Season. We are going to see the Nats play the Chicago Cubs on Saturday, May 14. The game starts at 7PM. The cost is \$15 per person and that covers your game ticket PLUS a tailgate party before the game. Beer, Soda, Burgers, and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please contact Tim Cooke at [timcooke@cox.net](mailto:timcooke@cox.net) or 703-766-2911 to reserve your place at the game!!

### Nominating Committee

In keeping with the By-Laws of Fr. Diamond Council, the Grand Knight has named a Nominating Committee whose responsibility it is to provide a recommended slate of candidates for the elective council offices. This slate of candidates must be presented to the council no later than the last business meeting in April. A candidate for office must be a third degree Knight in good standing. The nominating committee consists of SK Larry Novack, Chairman, PGK Tim Tilson, and SK Herb Zimmerman. They will conduct interviews of prospective candidates prior to the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and April 12<sup>th</sup> meetings. Anyone interested in serving as an officer of Fr. Diamond Council should contact a member of the Committee as soon as possible. All current officers are requested to meet with the nominating committee prior to or after the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Committee members may be contacted as follows:

Larry Novack, [zlrn01@aol.com](mailto:zlrn01@aol.com) 703-978-6137

Tim Tilson, PGK, [hmslydia@msn.com](mailto:hmslydia@msn.com) 703-273-9436

Herb Zimmerman, [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) 703-385-9455

### Upcoming Events May

**Fraternalism Night**  
**Friday, May 13**

**Pig Roast**  
**Sunday, May 29**

**Grand Knight's Ball**  
**Saturday, June 11**

### Upcoming Events

The Annual Statewide KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) Drive will be held Thurs, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> We distribute specially packaged Tootsie Rolls at various stores and ask for donations to support the Retarded. All our funds go to the State KOVAR Board that distributes the funds to organizations that help the Retarded and also make loans and grants for the establishment of group homes for the Retarded. This past year KOVAR dispensed about \$840,000 - \$600,000 in direct grants and \$240,000 in loans to group homes. Brother Knight Tim Tilson is a member of the State KOVAR Board and Tim Cooke is Chairman for our Council's drive this year. Please save some time to help that weekend. Our level of success is dependent on our turnout of help. Spouses and children are encouraged to participate also, so make it a family affair. Tim Cooke has now firmed up our collection sites and is ready to sign up volunteers for those locations, sign up early and get a good spot at a time that you can work. This is, as I mentioned, very labor intensive and we are going to need lots of help if we are going to meet our assigned goal of \$26,400 for this year. If you can't physically help, a donation would be appreciated, donations to KOVAR are tax deductible. The attached flier is a history of how the use of specially wrapped Tootsie Rolls is used in this program. It also gives the background of KOVAR in Virginia and our participation in the program.

### Food Drive

Throughout the world millions of families are in need of support to meet their basic nutritional needs. Since 1990, the Members of Fr. Diamond Council have been helping to meet the needs of those less fortunate right here in our own back yard, Northern Virginia.

Since 1990, Knights have been present to receive donations at masses on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month to support the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. We collect donations of non perishable food items after all masses to provide food to the hungry on an ongoing basis throughout the year. We also collect and distribute food for the needy at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

We are in need of additional support to cover several mass times. This support requires only taking the wagon of donated food to the Saint Vincent DePaul food closet in the Old Parrish Hall. If you can help out please give Ben Schaefer a call at 703-591-3188.

## Annual St. Leo's Parish Retreat

I invite all my brother Knights to the Annual St Leo's Parish Retreat - April 29 to May 1 2005 at Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House. The end of April will be here before you know it. So don't procrastinate. Make your registration now. Escape for a spring weekend to the lovely Loyola Retreat House in southern Maryland on the Potomac. St Leo's shares this weekend with three other groups of attendees. One group is the K of C from, I think the National Capital area. So you will be able to meet some fellow Knights.

This retreat is open to both men and women. So bring a friend and / or bring your spouse. They will thank you for it. You can go to the web site and print a registration form. Or just send a letter with your *Name, Address, Phone number, the retreat dates* and tell them that you are part of the *St Leo-Fairfax group* along with a non-refundable \$75.00 (\$150.00 suggested donation for the weekend) *deposit* to: Loyola Retreat House, P.O. Box 9, Faulkner, MD 20632.

Questions? Lots of information at their web site - [www.loyolaretreat.org](http://www.loyolaretreat.org)

Call the retreat house directly at 301-870-3515 Email [reservations@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:reservations@loyolaretreat.org) or call St Leo's retreat captain, and fellow Knight, Jim Caputo, @ 703-273-1277.

## Habitat for Humanity Build.

Knights of Columbus Council # 6292 is conducting a "Team Build" in conjunction with the New River Valley Habitat for Humanity Affiliate from July 24 to July 30 in the Radford Virginia area. The build is open to Knights and their families over the age of 16. Contact Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436, or [hmslydia@msn.com](mailto:hmslydia@msn.com), or see the council website at [www.6292.kofcva.org](http://www.6292.kofcva.org) for further details.

## Softball Season

The softball team is looking for members to play this season. Games will be starting in late April and go through late June. If you're interested in playing, please contact Tim Cooke at [timcooke@cox.net](mailto:timcooke@cox.net) or 703-766-2911

## A Message From the Chancellor:

Greetings Brother Knights! I would like to ask you all for your help in recruiting new members. We have done very well so far, recruiting 25 new members this fraternal year! I would ask that each of you attempt to bring in one new member -- ask those you know and see at Mass or parents of kids who go to school with your children. The open houses and breakfasts will only get us so far -- the one-on-one recruiting is the best prospect we have to get interested members in the council. I have Form 100s for those who would like to get one (having it handy when you speak to someone will really help). I also have the tri-folds to use for talking points when you recruit someone.

## Degree Schedule as of April 2005

### First Degrees:

Tues . May 10, 2005 (6292)  
Tues . May 24, 2005 (8403)  
Wed. June 08, 2005 (6292)  
Tues. June 28, 2005 (8403)

### Second Degrees:

Tues. April 26, 2005 (8403)

\* Special note: If you know members who are still just 1st degree, encourage them to attend the 2nd and 3rd. Remind them that there is no other requirements - no more cost or testing or anything. Please contact Bill Ward at (703) 273-6289 or e-mail at [billyjoe@cox.net](mailto:billyjoe@cox.net) if you have a prospect.

Fraternally,

Bill Ward  
Chancellor/Membership Director

## April Birthdays

Patrick A. Rodio	04/02
Thomas J Kearney	04/02
Robert Ratay	04/03
John F. White	04/03
Bryan Mott	04/03
John J Cotner PGK	04/04
Edmund Janiszewski	04/04
Adelard L Brault	04/06
Edward F Rodriguez	04/06
Melvyn Andrews	04/06
Joseph J Ruzicka	04/07
Hugh M Cannon	04/08
Joseph C. Vecchio	04/10
Harry J. Carleton	04/10
James Allen	04/10
Thomas Shaver	04/11
Domingo P. Guingab	04/12
Justin Torres	04/12
Thomas P. Heinz	04/15
Rolando Santos	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
John White	04/26
Armand D. Liberati	04/29
Brian C. Drummond	04/29
William Ochs	04/30

## April Wedding Anniversaries

	Years Married	
Dave & Ann Todd PGK	4/4	34
James & Carol Caputo	4/4	34
Benjamin & Helen Basham	4/6	47
Craig & Cynthia Radcliff	4/16	11
Conrad & Regina Donahue	4/22	54
Kevin & Shannon McGrail	4/23	6
Brian & Mary Knapp	4/27	8
Nelson & Julie Clinch	4/29	10

## FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

### New Features at [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus Web site in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. We've added many new features to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told – stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are, one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to **estimate** the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator – the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!).

I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family. Give me a call – I'd like to meet with you. You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or [DRileyKofC@comcast.net](mailto:DRileyKofC@comcast.net).

Fraternally,  
Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



**Officers**

Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chancellor	Bill Ward	273-6289
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
Recorder	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Warden	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Inside Guard	Bill Weich	307-9163
Outside Guard	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Outside Guard	Dave Mann	691-9160
3yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
2yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
1yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137

**Program Directors**

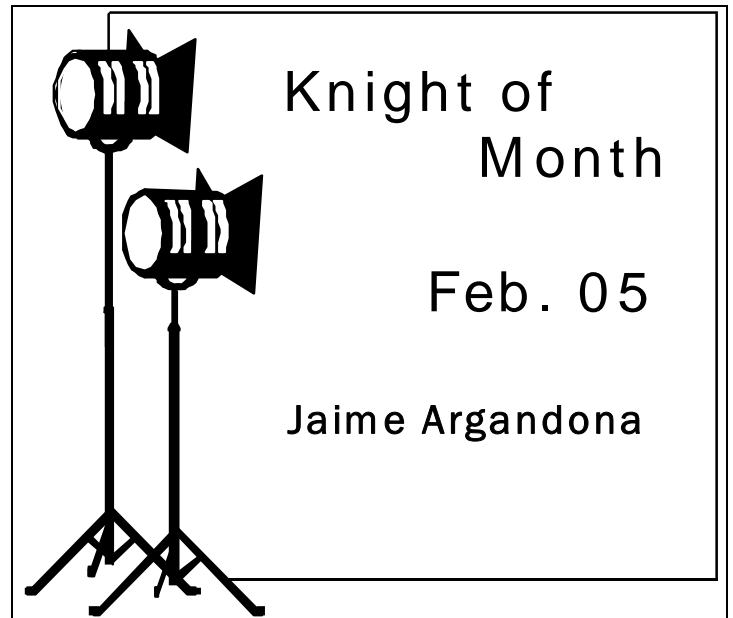
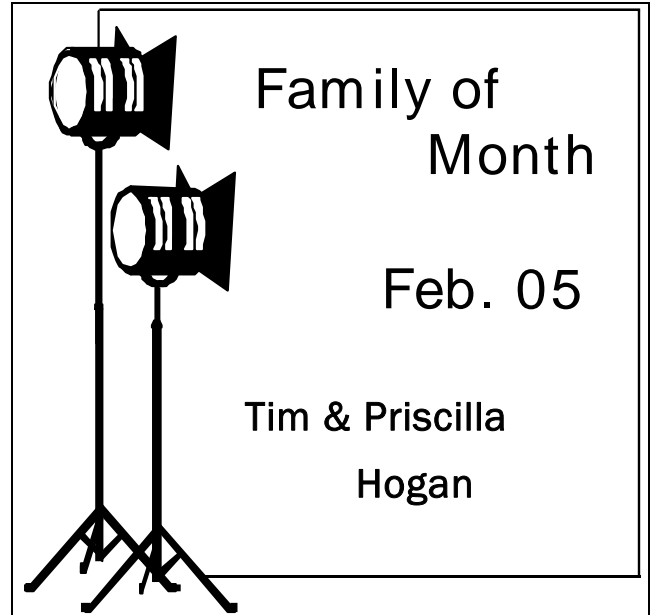
Programs	Dave Miller	517-3430
Church	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Community	Dave Mann	691-9160
Council	John Eldred	631-6480
Family	Keith Morrison	691-8838
Youth	Vacant	
Membership	Bill Ward	273-6289

**Committee Chairman**

Charity	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Hank Urban	978-6137
Vocations	Bill Ward	273-6289
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

**Project Chairmen**

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Mike & Li Plumstead	352-0848
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Bill Weich	307-9163
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137





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## Dates to Remember in April - May

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| April 2/31  | State Bowling Tournament                       |
| April 5     | Officer's Meeting                              |
| April 9/10  | Food Drive                                     |
| April 12    | Rosary/Business Meeting                        |
| April 14-17 | KOVAR  |
| April 16    | Abortion Facility                              |
| April 17    | Family Breakfast – Gold Team                   |
| April 19    | Gray GOSTS                                     |
| April 20    | Rosary/4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting |
| April 23/24 | Food Drive                                     |
| April 26    | Mass/Business Meeting                          |
| May 3       | Officer's Meeting                              |
| May 5       | Admissions Committee                           |
| May 6-8     | State Convention – VA Beach                    |
| May 7       | Salute to Seniors                              |
| May 7/8     | Food Drive                                     |

