The Lookout



April 2007

Knights of Columbus Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292



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Grand Knight's Message:

This month, I wanted to touch upon several themes and request your active participation as we move on with this fraternal year and move on into the next year (and beyond). Some of the toughest demands that we as Knights face are the constant demands on our time. It seems that these days we have ever increasing duties and obligations — whether it be work, family/children and our other duties and volunteer commitments to our church, the Knights and so on. The number one reason that most prospective members give for not joining the order is they do not have the time.

One of the biggest challenges is facing our council is the need for leadership and a continuing dedication to community service and charitable endeavors. We have all seen the Nominating Committee's request for volunteers/candidates to become officers and get more involved. The easy road is to say that we are too busy and cannot spare the time. I urge each of you to strongly consider the needs of your community and to reconsider the priorities that each of us face in our lives. Deputy Grand Knight Bill Weich – in his challenges next year – will be counting on many of his fellow Knights to step forward and take an active part in committees and individual activities. We need to constantly be vigilant and ensure that our council stays strong. The Council is only as strong as we make it and we have a great need for new members and those younger members to help out and take on more prominent roles. The Grey Gosts have long been the strength of our council – but we cannot take these Knights and their unselfish commitment to the order for granted and get complaisant.

It is for these reasons that we need new members and to try and get those members involved. As you read this, I ask you to consider that you are one of the members we need. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, take some time out and reconnect with what the Knights are about and the basic reasons that you joined. We can live our faith on a personal basis and focus on ourselves – that is the easier route. To reach out and extend ourselves is the challenge that Father McGivney faced when he formed the Knights and the need has never been more acute than it is now. When it comes to the needs of our council

and the community, we must ask ourselves, "if not me, who?" and "if not now, when?"

Our Knight of the Month for February is Brother Mike Plumstead. As noted in last month's Grand Knight's Message, Mike was instrumental in coordinating many of our recent events in January and February – including the March for Life and our Corporate Communion and reception. Mike is also a regular fixture at our Abortion Facility Rosary. Mike and his wife Li have been extremely helpful this year and I appreciate all they do.

On a special note, while mentioning our Abortion Facility Rosary, I would request the council's prayers for the continued recovery of one of our most stalwart rosary regulars — Gerry Pepin. We hope to have Gerry on the mend and out there with us very soon.

The Family of the Month is the Purtills – Mike and Dan. As many of you know Mike and Dan have taken on extremely active roles in the council's events – including the assembling and publishing of this newsletter (Dan) and numerous activities as organizers and participants (both Mike and Dan). Mike also serves in the office of Recorder. This past weekend (in March) Mike helped to run the St. Patrick's Day party and came right back the next morning for the grill duties at the Family breakfast for March. Thanks to Mike and Dan for all their hard work.

Our State Deputy Cy Alba's motto for the year is "Be Not Afraid." To reiterate the points of this message in this context, I urge you all to be not afraid in many ways – to ask other Catholic men to join our order; to get involved and extend yourself; to live your faith every day and let it be evident in your interactions with others and be an example to others – by displaying the unselfishness to give of yourself and of your time to others. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Bill Ward

Chancellor's Message:

Hopefully we have seen the last of the winter weather and as our thoughts turn to spring we all need to be thinking about how we can bring in that new member to the Knights and grow our great council. With spring sports starting it's a good time to talk with the other parents involved with the team and don't forget to ask the coaches. I have personally been trying to get a former assistant coach for soccer to join for the past year.

Bringing in new members into the order is the responsibility of the entire council. Unfortunately we have to drop members from time to time, but in order for this council to remain strong and vibrant and a leader in the State of Virginia we need to bring in new members who will help keep the tradition of Fr. Diamond Council alive.

If you need any information or help to bring in a new member please call me at 703-591-6813 or e-mail at steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

Fraternally Steve Kehoe Chancellor





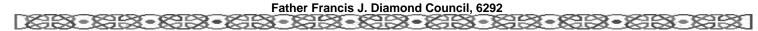
Family of the Month February 2007





Fraternal Prayer Contact

If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack Cotner at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



News & Events

Ovations

Brother John Eldred is running our Ovations program and has a schedule of the shows which we could work. Here are a few upcoming events we may decide to work:

- April 1 thru April 8 Circus
- April 26 The Killers (concert)
- April 27 Ricky Martin (concert)

These shows are generally pretty entertaining and easy to work. Come and spend a bit of time with your brother knights and raise funds for the council's many charitable efforts! If you have questions or would like to help out, John may be contacted via e-mail at: JEldred@ncst.com

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (at Route 123 and Eaton Place across from the Best Western. This month the date is Saturday, April 14th. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy Grand Knight Bill Ward runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details. This is a great family event. Please try to make time to help with this most worthy, and fulfilling, endeavor.

Tailgate at the Nationals Game

Please join your brother Knights and their families for our Tailgate as the Washington Nationals take on the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday, May 19 at RFK Stadium. Tailgate starts at 4PM and the game is at 7:05PM. Tailgate includes your ticket to the game (upper deck directly behind home plate), burgers, dogs, snacks, soda, water, and beer. All this fun for only \$30 per person. To RSVP to the game, please contact Tim Cooke at 703-766-2911 or timcooke@cox.net

KOVAR

Once again, our Council will be collecting money to assist the mentally retarded. We have included a nice history of the Tootsie Roll Campaign here in the newsletter. Our Council first participated in this effort in 1975 and since then we have raised more than \$430,000.

This years Statewide Drive is the weekend of April 21st and 22_{nd}. We will begin collecting on the 19th and will finish up on the 22nd. Please save some time that weekend to help in our Collection effort; the more sites that we can cover the better our overall result will be. Plus, this is a great opportunity to include the whole family in a fun and worthwhile event. It's particularly good for teaching the young ones the value of service to others. Contact Tim Cooke at 703-766-2911 or timcooke@cox.net for details or to sign up for a shift.

Canoe Trip Raffle to Benefit KOVAR

Father Diamond Council of the Knights of Columbus will auction off a canoe trip to support Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded (KOVAR).

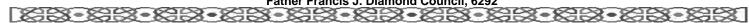
The trip will be based on river conditions and the experience of the participants. The leaders can take a mximum of four people, and the trip must be completed no later than May 1, 2008. This will be a single bid system with a minimum bid of \$150. All bids are due by no later than 6:00pm on April 13, 2007. Bids may be sent in one of two ways:

- 1. Via regular mail to Tim Tilson, 3208 Traveler St Fairfax VA 22030
- 2. Via email to hmslydia@msn.com

For further information contact Tim Tilson hmslydia@msn.com /(703-273-9436) or Dan Conway (703-591-0850)/ DanConway17@aol.com

Fraternalism Night

On Friday, April 27th starting at 7:00pm, we will be having our final fraternalism night of the year. Tentative plans are to have a speaker provide a brief talk on the status of the Pro-Life Movement in America, focusing on achievements of the past few years. Contact Dan Purtill at dpurtill@gmail.com with any questions.



April Anniversaries

April Birthdays Patrick A. Rodio 4/2 Thomas J Kearney 4/2 Robert S. Ratay 4/2 John F. White 4/3 Bryan T. Mott 4/3 John J Cotner PGK 4/4 Edmund Janiszewski 4/4 Adelard L Brault 4/6 Edward F Rodriguez 4/6 Melvyn J. Andrews 4/6 Joseph J Ruzicka 4/7 Hugh M Cannon 4/8 Joseph C. Vecchio 4/10 Harry J. Carleton 4/10 James M. Allen 4/10 Thomas A. Shaver 4/11 Domingo P. Guingab 4/12 Justin A. Torres 4/12 Thomas P. Heinz 4/15 Rolando G. Santos 4/15 Joseph C Mc Auliffe 4/16 Brian L. Hannam 4/17 Rev Phillip M. Cozzi 4/18 Michael R Shaw 4/19 Gustavo A. Solares 4/19 Mark W. Lutz 4/19 Thomas P. Feehan 4/20 James H Chapman Jr 4/23 John B. White 4/26 Armand D. Liberati 4/29 Brian C. Drummond 4/29

April Wedding Anniversaries	Years Married			
Patrick & Cindy Reeder	4/2/1988	19		
David & Ann Todd PGK	4/4/1970	37		
James & Carol Caputo	4/4/1970	37		
Benjamin & Helen Basham	4/6/1957	50		
Craig & Cynthia Radeliff	4/16/1994	13		
Conrad & Regina Donahue	4/22/1950	57		
Kevin & Shannon McGrail	4/23/1998	9		
Brian & Mary Knapp	4/27/1996	11		
Nelson & Julie Clinch	4/29/1995	12		

Editor's Note

Have you noticed an error in your birthday, anniversary, or other personal information? If so, contact our Worthy Financial Secretary Al Botticelli at apbott@cox.net and he'll be sure to get your information corrected.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor

For the past several years, your Knights of Columbus insurance program has been certified by IMSA – the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association. What does this mean to you?

Simply – it means that your trust in the Order is well-placed. IMSA promotes high ethical standards in the marketing, sale and service of individually owned life insurance, long-term care insurance and annuity products. The IMSA logo, which we use in our advertising and promotional materials, demonstrates our commitment to ethical market conduct.

To qualify for IMSA, we vow to:

- conduct business according to high standards of honesty and fairness
- provide competent and consumer-focused sales and service
- engage in active and fair competition
- provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content
- provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes
- maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with IMSA's Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net

Fraternally, Dennis Riley Fraternal Benefits Advisor

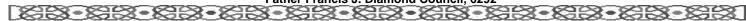


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Race Day Pickup: 5K Race Awards:	6:30-7:30 AM at Van Dyck Park ➤ Top 3 males and females over	rall			
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Knights of Columbus Candy Drive History

Turning rolls of chewy chocolates into a financial boom for organizations that serve the mentally retarded is a wonder Story. These treats bring in nearly \$2 million profit annually in Illinois – the home base for the creation of this giant fund raising process run by the Knights of Columbus.

Thirty years have passed since a group of three Knights from a Council in the Chicago area saw a need that was two way: organizations that served people with mental retardation needed money and the Knights of Columbus in Illinois needed a charitable mission to offer their members. The Knights knew that the Lions, the Shriners, the Elks and other fraternal organizations had members who reached out to the community with a determined focused project.

The men had no difficulty determining the target of their fund raising – the money would go to the mentally retarded because one of the group had a daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. The process that they planned to use was not too difficult either: they would stand in public places with a receptacle and solicit donations for a token product.

However, the product took some thought. One idea was to distribute seed packets of Forget-Me-Not flowers which provided a good marketing slogan "For the retarded-forget me not". There were concerns however, that many people would not want seeds, would not use them and say no. The next thought was a Tootsie Roll, a well-established candy from a Chicago based company.

The three decided that the Tootsie Roll would be a good item to use because it was a well recognized item with a good shelf life. The next step was to pilot the program in their own K of C Council in Tinley Park. IL.

They picked a weekend, got men from their Council and got the candy from the Tootsie Roll Company. The men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. They asked for a small donation from the shoppers and passer-bys, for each contribution handed out the candy. The first time collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day effort.

With that encouragement the council submitted a resolution to the state K of C convention to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970 with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their annual profit to nearly two million annually.

The campaign has spread to other states when news of the success in Illinois was published in K of C magazines and newsletters. From the efforts of the one council in Tinley Park, IL the drive to raise funds for people with mental retardation has expanded to 44 states.

Our Virginia State Council in 1971 formed the state program known as KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for the retarded and the collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Seven Million dollars in Grants and Group Home Loans to over 250 ongoing organizations including the Special Olympics. KOVAR has become the largest private charity supporting the retarded in Virginia. Our Council first participated in 1975 and since then we have raised \$428,947. Since KOVAR started our Council is the highest generator of funds for the program. Last year we submitted \$21,748 which was the 3rd highest in the state.

One of our sources of income toward our goal is your contributions to KOVAR through the annual United Way, Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaigns. Please consider pledging some or all of your annual pledge to KOVAR. If you can't find the proper number for KOVAR in your United Way or CVC documents please use the following:

KOVAR 12962 Dunbarton Dr.

Bristow, VA 20136

If you do make a pledge to KOVAR please give either Tim Cooke, this years KOVAR Chairman or Al Leightley a copy of you pledge so that we can have the documentation to get that credit towards our goal.

This years Statewide Drive is the 19^h through the 22rd of April. Please save some time that weekend to help in our Collection effort, the more sites that we can cover the better our overall result will be. Our established Goal for this year is \$25,333. Please call Tim Cooke at 703 766 2911 if you can help, enlist you wife and children to help, children make great collectors. If you can't help, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us achieve our goal. Make out check to KOVAR and send it to the Council or bring it in no later than April 19th.

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Officers & Chairmen

Columbiettes Corner

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Grand Knight	Bill Ward		273-6289
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi		273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Weich	301	527-1207
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813
Treasurer	Al Leightley		273-2089
Lecturer	Greg Skorupski		978-8280
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli		278-0379
Recorder	Mike Purtill	202	251-8424
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Warden	Bob Eckert		
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Outside Guard	Nelson Clinch		385-2146
Outside Guard	George Schuld		255-0362
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2yr Trustee	Greg Hartley		352-2797
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban		591-9244

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Community	Tim Hogan		385-1292
Council	Mike/Dan Purtill		641-8948
Family	Tim Tilson		273-9436
Youth	Bob Bilko		359-6824
Membership	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813

Committee Chairmen

Charity	George Schuld	255-0362
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Retention	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Vocations	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
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

1st Deg. Team	Tom Kelley	385-2819
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Dave Miller	517-3430
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
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Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd	352-2724
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

Thank you Lynne Morrison for the magnificent soup supper held March 20. There were 10 different varieties of soup and each one was delicious. Fr. Cozzi, the Chaplain for Father Diamond Council, gave an excellent Lenten Reflection on, "What is Lent". His words were eloquent and very thought provoking. Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Providence Hall. Hope to see all of you at the meeting

Remember, all wives of Knights are automatically Coumbiettes, so encourage your wife to get involved. Does she have an idea for a service project, or a social event, but doesn't know how to get started? Have her contact us and we'll see what we can do!

If you have any questions about the Columbiettes, contact Ann Todd 703-352-2724

Thanks. Ann Todd





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Dates to Remember in April

Apr 1	Palm Sunday	Apr 14	Rosary @ Abortion Facility
Apr 3	Officer's Meeting	Apr 14	Ice Cream Social
Apr 5	Holy Thursday	Apr 15	Family Breakfast-Gold Team
Apr 6	Good Friday	Apr 17	Grey GOSTS
Apr 7	Holy Saturday	Apr 17	Columbiette's Meeting
Apr 7	Feed the Homeless	Apr 18	4 th Degree Rosary/Meeting
Apr 7	RCIA Reception	Apr 19-22	KOVAR
Apr 8	EASTER SUNDAY	Apr 24	Mass/Business Meeting
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt	Apr 27	Fraternalism Night
Apr 9	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Apr 28&29	Food Drive
Apr 10	Rosary/Business Meeting	Apr 28&29	State Bowling Tournament
Apr 14&15	Food Drive	Apr 29	Coffee & Donuts

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1 Palm Sunday	2 VS #10	3 1930 Officer's Meeting	4	5 Holy Thursday	6 Good Friday	Holy Saturday Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1930 Officer's Meeting	2	3 Admissions Committee	State Convention 1800 Pre-5K Pasta Dinner	5 State Convention 0800 KofC 5K & Fun Run
6 State Convention	7 VS #5	1930 Rosary/ Business Meeting/ First Degree	9	10	11	12 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Food Drive First Communion
13 Mother's Day Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #6	15 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiette's Meeting	16 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	17	18	19 Antique Car Show 1200 Salute to Seniors First Communion
20 Ascension Special Family Breakfast Blood Drive	21 vs #7	22 1930 Mass/Business Meeting/Election of Officers	23	24	25	26 Food Drive
Pentecost 1700 Pig Roast Food Drive	28 Memorial Day VS #8	29	30	31		
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