



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I begin my message to you this month with great news! For those of you who have not heard by now, Pope Benedict XVI has declared Fr. Michael J McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, a "Venerable Servant of God". The Holy Father declared the heroic virtue of Fr. McGivney which significantly advances the cause for Fr. McGivney's sainthood which began in December 1997 and presented to the Vatican in 2000. It is still under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. I think our prayers are being answered so we must continue to pray for Fr. McGivney's elevation to the altar. I also request that if you have not joined the Fr. McGivney Guild to please do so. And remember, persuade your family and friends to also join the Guild as it is not restricted to just Knights. The more people join the Guild and learn more about Fr. McGivney's and his life the more that are apt to pray for his canonization. April bring us to two important events on our calendar. The first is the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Washington, DC and the Papal Mass

on April 17 at the new Nationals Stadium. The Mass is sure to be a memorable event and with about 45,000 people in attendance including the Supreme Knight and Officers as well as the Board of Directors.

As you know, tickets for the Papal Mass are in high demand; however, each Parish in the Washington DC metro-



Our annual KOVAR Drive that will take place April 17-20. Last year, we surpassed our collection goal of over \$26,000. Let's see if we can meet or exceed that figure again.

politan area was allocated only a certain number of tickets to be given out via a lottery drawing. For those unable to attend, the Mass will be televised.

For those who would like to pray for the Pope during his Apostolic Journey to the United States, we have received a supply of prayer

cards that will be available to members at Providence Hall. The second event in April is our annual KOVAR Drive that will take place April 17-20.

Last year, we surpassed our collection goal of over \$26,000. Let's see if we can meet or exceed that figure again. This is a call for all hands to participate. Our KOVAR Chairman for this year's drive is Greg Skorupski. Greg will be preparing the sign up board and needs your help to fill it. Please sign up for at least one shift (more would be greatly appreciated). Don't be surprised if Greg calls on you to take a shift or two. The Hall will be open during the KOVAR Drive and John Judge will be there providing the refreshments.

Your Council Needs You! - Just a reminder that the Nominating Committee is looking for a few good Brothers to be Officers for the 2008-2009 fraternal year. All 3rd Degree members in good standing are eligible to hold office. Please consider stepping up to help your Council in the Officer ranks. My thanks to all who helped with the March events including the St. Patrick's Day

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:

I would like to thank all of my brother Knights who helped put on the numerous events in March. April is a busy month for the council as we host the Knight of Magic on the 12th, and KOVAR weekend is the 17th-20th please sign up to take a shift or two for this worthwhile endeavor. The annual Salute to Seniors luncheon is on April 26th please volunteer to help serve lunch.

Looking ahead to May, the Antique Car Show is on the 17th and we will once again have a food stand, the Pig Roast is on the 25th. The council will also be holding a yard sale on the

31st with more details to follow as we get closer. Please update your calen-

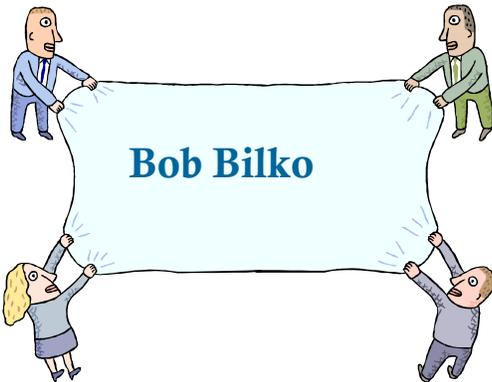


I would like to thank all the brother Knights who have already volunteered to help out at past events and to those brother Knights that will help make the events of the next couple months a great success.

Steve Kehoe
Deputy Grand Knight

dars so you can plan on attending these events.

Knight of the Month February



Family of the Month February



Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes have several activities coming up in the next couple of months. There is an Atlantic City Bus Trip scheduled for Monday April 21st. The cost is \$45 per person. Please contact Flo Hogan 703-280-2343 if you are interested in going or if you have any questions.

Our annual bake sale is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 24-25). We are hoping to once again have the use of the Parish kitchen facilities for a "baking party". More details will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 21. The Columbiettes are resurrecting their Spring Fling which they used to hold every year. This is our way of saying thank you to the Knights for a great year. This

year we are planning a Mexican Fiesta. All Knights and wives are invited. Look for details to follow soon...

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 15. We will be accepting nominations for next year's slate of officers.



All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.

Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday April 14, 2008 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at



ward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

Knight of Magic

Fr. Diamond Council will hold its annual Night of Magic on Saturday April 12th beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost: \$10 Adults; \$5 Children (with a \$30 family cap). Come and enjoy multiple magicians as they perform amazing feats for your entertainment and enjoyment. Price includes 2 slices pizza and one beverage (soda and water available). Come out and enjoy a fun night with your fellow parishioners and schoolmates. Location: Parish Activity Center (Gym)



NOTE: PLEASE RSVP!

Include number of adults and children please (so we may order pizzas accordingly). If you have questions or to RSVP, please contact Mike Torrey Phone: (703) 273-2588/ E-mail at: mike.torrey@cox.net

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, April 12th. 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.



Grand Knight's Ball

Please mark your calendar to attend the Grand Knight's Ball on Saturday, June 7, 2008, 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM Army-Navy Country Club 3315 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.



2008 Easter Baskets

Father Diamond Council teamed up with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in providing Easter food baskets to



needy families in the St. Leo's parish area. A total of 50 baskets were provided. The council provided 40 canned hams and 40 \$10 gift certificates. SVDP provided 50 food baskets, 10 \$10 gift certificates and 3 turkeys to clients who did not want hams. George Schuld coordinated the Council effort with Dorothy and Ben Schaeffer of SVDP to assemble and deliver the baskets. Thanks are given to those brothers who took time from their busy holiday schedules to help assemble the baskets on Friday night, March 15, and those who devoted their time and vehicles to deliver the baskets on Saturday, March 16. Special thanks are given to those who helped with both efforts.

YOUR EVENT LISTED HERE

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

Space Open
For May

Get maximum expose for your event - Boost your attendance
Have Volunteers Show Up to HELP
List Your event in The Lookout

Did You Know . .

The Pledge of Allegiance

Excerpt from www.kofc.org



The Knights of Columbus was the leading proponent of the 1954 addition of the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. Knights began including the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance in 1951 after the organization’s board of directors adopted a resolution mandating that the amended pledge be formally recited in each of its 750 Fourth Degree assemblies. A year later, the Supreme Council adopted a resolution that urged Congress and the White House to add the words “under God” to the Pledge. Supreme Knight Luke Hart, who was also president of the National Fraternal Congress, persuaded the other 110 fraternal societies to support the resolution as well. The Pledge of Allegiance was formally amended by Congress and signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. In a letter following the action, President Eisenhower thanked Supreme Knight Hart for the K of C’s work in making the addition of the words “under God,” to the Pledge a reality.

Today the Order is directly involved in defending the Pledge against the most recent legal challenge to its constitutionality. In 2005, atheist Michael Newdow, whose earlier lawsuit had been rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court because he lacked standing, filed a new challenge with a number of co-plaintiffs. He asked the U.S. District Court in Sacramento, CA to declare the Pledge unconstitutional because it contains the words “under God.” The Knights of Columbus and seven individual Knights and their families sought and were granted permission to join the suit as defendant-intervenors. The case, *Newdow v. Carey*, has several defendants in addition to the Knights, including the Rio Linda (California) Union School District and the U.S. federal government. In 2006, the District Court ruled against the Pledge, and the Knights immediately appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

A brief filed on behalf of the Knights of Columbus notes that, in many other cases, the U.S. Supreme Court has referred to the Pledge of Allegiance as “the standard for evaluating the permissibility of other government expression that employs religious imagery.” The brief reminds the court that one of many indications that the nation’s founders, who wrote and interpreted the Constitution, were comfortable with official references to God, including a tradition begun by former Chief Justice John Marshall, of opening Supreme Court sessions with the phrase, “God save the United States and this Honorable Court.” A complete text of the brief is posted on the Knights of Columbus Web site (www.kofc.org).

Openings for Next Year's Officers

The Grand Knight has appointed the Nominating Committee to present a slate of Council Officer's for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year. The committee consists of Greg Hartley, PGK (Chairman), Dave Miller, PGK and George Billy, PGK. Any Third Degree Knight in good standing is eligible for consideration for an Officer's position. We encourage each and every such member to consider running for an office. An active council such as Fr. Diamond needs all active and concerned members to become involved in directing the future of this council. If you are so disposed please contact Greg Hartley by e-mail (pghartley@hotmail.com) or call (571) 238-6273 as soon as possible and declare your intentions.

All current officers are asked to notify the Nominating Committee as soon as possible and advise of your intentions for the coming fraternal year. The Nominating Committee will begin interviews of current and prospective Officers before and after the Officer's meeting on March 4.

The slate of officers presented by the committee is by no means final. Any 3rd Degree Knight may, at the time of the election, "run off the floor" and challenge any of the nominees. This is your opportunity to become actively involved in the future of this council.

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Party, Easter Baskets, Feed the Homeless, and Easter Egg Hunt. All of these events, as always, involved planning and coordination of people and logistics to ensure their success. My special thanks goes to Nelson Clinch, George Schuld, George Billy, and Joe Monnin for chairing the events.

It is now time to recognize the Knight and Family of the Month for February.

The Knight of the Month goes to Bob Bilko. Bob has continued to be involved with the Youth Programs, helping out Carols Jaramillo. Bob has also helped with the cleanup at many of the events this year, including the Family Breakfasts, Blood drives, the January 3rd Degree, and many other events. Thanks so much, Bob, for your contributions.

The Family of the Month goes to Steve and Wendy Kehoe for their excellent job leading and coordinating programs. Steve has performed wonderfully as DGK for his leading and coordinating all of the Council Programs. Wendy has done a great job in leading the Columbiettes and coordinating their programs, including working in tandem with the Council and our events. Great job, Steve and Wendy!

In closing, I again thank you all, my Brothers and your fami-

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Our Commitment to You

The financial turmoil that began with the subprime mortgage crisis last summer continues to shake both the U.S. and world economies.

But Knights of Columbus and their families who are protected by our life insurance policies need not worry, because ours is an insurance program that is designed by brother Knights for brother Knights.

We put our more than \$14 billion in assets in investment-grade bonds and the highest quality equities. We avoid high-risk investments, especially the complex products involving subprime mortgages, not because we don't understand them, but because we do understand them and know the risks they entail. Standard & Poor's, which has given us its highest rating for 15 consecutive years, recently said that we have "consistently generated good investment returns, with low exposure to credit risk."

We put your interests first, and because we earn an excellent return by relying on the highest quality investments, we're able to provide you with a rock-solid foundation for building your financial future and protecting your family.

This is our commitment to you.
Carl A. Anderson
The Supreme Knight



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lies for your efforts and help in March. Let's make April a great month for KOVAR. Let us pray for Fr. McGivney, Pope Benedict XVI, and all those protecting and defending our nation.

Fraternally,

Bill

Bill Weich
Grand Knight

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1930 Officers Meeting	2	3	4	5 5K Run?? Altar Server Trip??
6	7	8 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 0800 Rosary@Abortion Facility 1800 Magic Show Food Drive
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo@FFX Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	16 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	17 KOVAR Papal Visit @ Wash DC	18 KOVAR	19 KOVAR
20 Family Breakfast - Gold Team KOVAR	21	22 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	23	24	25	26 Food Drive 1200 Salute to Seniors
27 Food Drive	28	29	30			

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ascension Mothers Day	2 VA State Convention	3 VA State Convention
4 VA State Convention	5	6 Officers Meeting	7	8 1900 Admissions Committee	9	10 0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility Food Drive 1st Communion
11 Mother's Day Food Drive Food Drive	12 1845 Bingo @FFX Nursing Center	13 1930 Rosary 2000 1st Degree Social Meeting	14	15	16	17 Antique Car Show 1st Communion
18 Trinity Sunday 0800 Blood Drive 1630 Military Archdiocese Mass @ Basilica of Natl Shrine	19	20 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	21 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting Election of Officers	22	23	24 Columbiettes Bake Sale??
25 Food Drive Bake Sale? Pig Roast	26 Memorial Day	27 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting Election of Officers	28	29	30	31

Officers and Program Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Weich	(703) 307-9163
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
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Treasurer	Herb Zimerman	
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Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
Warden	Bob Eckert	280-1140
Inside Guard	Dan Purtill	
Outside Guard	Patrick Deighan	539-8926
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger	281-6563
3yr Trustee	Bill Ward	273-6289
2yr Trustee	Dave Miller	517-3430
1yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Program Directors

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Community	Kevin Darr	849-8490
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Family	Michael Torrey	273-2588
Youth	Carlos Jaramillo	385-0064

Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at mtwest1@verizon.net



Committee Chairmen

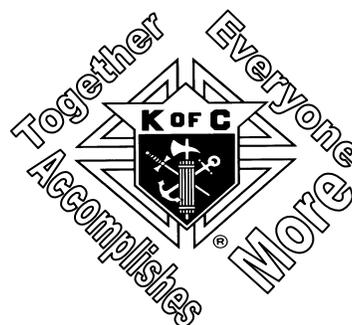
Charity	George Schuld	255-0362
Admissions	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
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Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	273-9436
	Tim Cooke	
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
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Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's 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 at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



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Dates to Remember in April

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| April 1 Officers' Meeting | April 20 Family Breakfast |
| April 6 Rosary/Business Meeting | April 22 Mass/Business Meeting |
| April 12 Rosary @ Abortion Facility | April 26 & 27 Food Drive |
| April 12 & 13 Food Drive | |
| April 14 Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center | |
| April 15 Grey GOSTS | |
| April 17-20 KOVAR Collections | |

