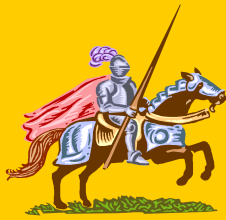


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# The Lookout



2011-12 Fraternal Year, Issue 10

April 2012

## Grand Knight's Message:



### Brother Knights and family members,

Brother Knights and family members; As expected March was a busy month for the Council. The month started with the Diocesan Men's Conference which saw a large participation thanks to the work of Tom Gross. On the 10th we hosted the Quarterly Meeting of State Councils. I extend sincere thanks to all who made the event a rousing success. The amount of work was monumental - from setting up the PAC-Gym after Friday night basketball to replacing everything after the meeting. Past Grand Knights Greg Hartley, Jack Cotner and Nelson Clinch, Al Leightley, John Cesarini, Patrick Kiechlin, Jeff Stevens, Ben Schaefer and DD Steve Kehoe did most of the manual labor. PGK Mike Purtill prepared the lunch assisted by them plus John Eldred, Bob Bilkko and several others. I probably missed someone who helped but I wasn't in the best of shape after limited sleep on Friday night. Compliments from the State Officers were not as surprising as those I received from a number of the Grand Knights and District Deputies who said they were never offered "seconds" at any other state meeting. This is a tribute to PGK Purtill who has been very busy lately with this event and processing the Car Raffle returns but he had everything working like a fine clock.

Our next event was the Saint Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by none other than PGK Purtill who took over for his brother, Deputy Grand Knight Dan. Dan's wife Yvette gave birth to their fourth daughter Harriet Rose on Tuesday the 13th at 10:37 pm. Mike's Corned Beef & Cabbage and its accompanying dishes were outstanding. Just to make sure that he wasn't slacking off, he setup the breakfast at Provi-

dence Hall on the 18th. This was our first breakfast after our move from the PAC-Gym. This month's programs have succeeded thanks to Mike's tireless efforts.

Just a reminder that the Nominating Committee for Council Year 2012-13 officers consisting of Chairman Alan Botticelli, PGK Bill Weich and PGK Jack Cotner is looking for candidates to fill our roster. Please consider volunteering for a position to maintain the council's excellent reputation. Anyone interested in chairing one of the non-officer slots can make this known to the committee. We need you.

Best wishes to all my Brother Knights and their families for a Blessed and Very Happy Easter.

Fraternally,  
Greg Skorupski



Okay, Ralph .... let me 'splain it you again. You're big. I'm little; BUT!!! you're dog, I'm cat ..... that makes me the boss. Got it ??

### Newsletter Deadline

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to The Lookout is the **15<sup>h</sup> of the month** prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) or call him at 703-385-9455.**

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### *Deputy Grand Knight's Report:*



Brothers,

It's incredible how quickly the Fraternal Year is moving along. We've just gotten through a jam-packed month, with our primary KOVAR drive being moved to March this year. That provides a little relief for April, but we still have plenty to do. As you are probably aware, the Council lost another of its most active members in March. Please keep John Judge and his family in your prayers. John will be sorely missed around the Council home; I know I have grown to depend upon his comfort food and sharp wit to keep me going through many long events at the Hall.

Besides our regular monthly activities, we have a few special events this month. The first is our Feed the Homeless effort, led by George and Thelma Billy. This effort will be on Holy Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great activity and suitable for the whole family. Contact George Billy at (703) 323-6470 for more details.

We will be hosting a Fraternalism Night on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. This is an effort to thank the members of the Council for all the work they have done and an opportunity to get together with the guys and just relax. We will start at 8:00pm, so come by and fraternize with your brothers!

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> is another busy day for us. We will be hosting our annual Salute to Seniors luncheon at Providence Hall at 1200. While this is not a difficult event, it is best to have lots of help serving lunch. We especially want some of the younger members help out so our more senior brothers can enjoy the lunch rather than work. Contact Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824 if you

can help.

Also on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual Night of Magic in the school gym. This is another event that is not difficult, but that can use some assistance. Help is needed setting up, serving pizza, and cleaning up after the event. Set-up should start about 4:00pm at the gym. Contact Bill Weich at (301) 527-1207 if you can help.

As usual, we also will be holding our regular monthly events, such as the Rosary at the abortion facility on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Center on the 9<sup>th</sup>; and our Council Business Meetings on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be conducting an Open House after the Masses on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>; it's important that we have a good showing from the membership, so stop by for a few minutes after Mass to talk to the men who show an interest in joining the Council. Recruit those new members and contact our Chancellor Matt West at (703) 359-4652 for more information.

As always, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Even if you can't stay for a whole event, an hour or two helping with set-up or clean-up is of great benefit. Please make some time in your schedule to stop by at one of our events. Happy Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

### *Columbiettes' Corner*

The upcoming Memorial Day Weekend Bake Sale, and the Fall Craft Show will be among the agenda items at our April 17 meeting.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are encouraged join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).

## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, April 9** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824** to volunteer.



### Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, April 14** at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.



### Newsletter/Bulletin Box Editor Needed

Herb Zimmerman has been assigned to a new job that will require his travel out of town to Long Island for the next two years. As Newsletter Editor he also provides the Parish Office with the Bulletin box information. We need one or two guys to step forward and help get the Newsletter out once a month and to provide the Parish with Bulletin Box information once a month. Herb is willing to work with anyone interested. Call herb at 703-623-7180 or email to [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com)



### Columbiettes Soup Supper — MMMM Good !

This year's Soup Supper event, which everyone eagerly looks forward to, was held in the K of C Hall on March 20. It was **FREE to all Knights and Columbiettes**. Lots of soup and crackers were consumed by all. Many people tried 3-4 soups (not all at once) and went away warm in the tummy!

### Easter Food Baskets

The council again supported Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) in providing food baskets to the needy this Easter Holiday. The council authorized and provided \$1,600 for gro-

cery gift cards for 80 families. The following Brothers delivered food baskets on Saturday March 24th: Pat McGuire, John Cesarini, John Eldred and his wife Kimmy, Tom Gross, Mike Mickney, and

Joe Gesker. Brother Knight Ben Schaefer and his wife, Dorothy, performed their usual many hours of service to the project in support of SVDP. The council efforts were coordinated by Al Leightley, Charity Chairman

### St Patrick's Day Party—food and Fun for All

This year's co-chairmen, the brothers Purtill put on another great feed. The corned beef was tender and tasty, the colcannon—out of this world, and they boiled all the "gas" out of the cabbage (really tender and tasty too). Lots of beer to go around with a wide selection of Irish beers and the old standby, Yuengling.



### KOVAR Weekend—Very Successful

This year's KOVAR Chairman, Nelson Clinch, along with every member of his family (Julie, Greg and ??????, Julie's mom and step-dad) and a bunch of very dedicated Knights pulled off a near miracle this weekend. It rained on Saturday and Sunday and even with that we expect to come very close to this year's goal of \$18,000. We still need the **CFC/United Way** pledges to be counted. We are expecting a few other donations from miscellaneous sources that are still to come in. Because of the availability of stores that we usually collect at, we had to move KOVAR up nearly 1 month earlier than originally planned.

The cold and damp weather was counteracted by great, soul warming, food prepared by our Hall Manager, Mike Purtill (chili, pea soup, and hot dogs) and our Grand Knight, Greg Skorupski (clam chowder on Friday). I think it was Julie Clinch who made the popcorn, always a favorite.

### CFC/United Way Pledges for KOVAR

If you gave to KOVAR through work via the Combined Federal Campaign or United Way, it is critical that you notify our Treasurer, Herb Zimmerman of the amount you pledged. Copies of your pledge can be emailed to Herb at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com).

If you don't want to email the form, please call Herb at 703-385-9455 or drop off a copy for him at the KofC Hall. Give it to anyone and ask them to put it into his box.

## *Knights and Knight Families Honored*



### Knight of the Month March

#### Al Leightley

Charity Chairman Albert Leightley has been a diligent worker at all Council events. He works with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society on the Easter Food Program by securing cartons for the food, helping to load it for the pickup and securing drivers for delivery to families who were unable to come to the Food Pantry. Al makes sure that the hall is in good shape for use by other organizations. He is always available to help. His work on the Charity Committee is most exemplary.

### Family of the Month March

#### Greg and Mary Jo Hartley

Family of the Month for March 2012 is PGK Paul "Greg" Hartley and his wife Mary Jo for their work at a multitude of Council events. They are always available to assist whether cooking for an event, cleaning up after one or just being here when needed to share the work. They are an example to all.

### Have you insured your most valuable asset?

### *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor

provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.



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*Making a difference for life.*

## Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.



How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for 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.

### How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?

**Safeway sells gift cards for many stores** (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-U's, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**



## IN MEMORY OF JOHN JUDGE

John Judge the Council's longtime Hall Manager, chef extraordinaire, and friend to many passed away on Saturday, March 17th after his final battle with medical problems. John was a council member for 32 years and always available to prepare another of his famous meals. He was named Knight of the Month numerous times, Knight of the Year, was named honoree of all three degrees, and received the John D Neary Award for lifetime service to the community and the K of C.. His sense of humor was never darkened no matter how seriously his health was affected. The members of Father Diamond will always remember him as we knew him by these pictures. What a GREAT Smile!!



Wild-Man—King of his Kitchen



Always after the "Big Ones"



Great fun in the kitchen—all the time !



Receiving the Robert D. Neary Award for Dedicated Service to Church, Community, and Family through the Knights of Columbus



Mike's "date" at the Grand Knight's Ball



Working Hard—taking a break



At the Hall Dedication



Always smiling—dresses up nice too!



Redskins Games



Big Man—Big Heart—Loved by All



Holding court at the Oktoberfest—is that water he's drinking?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Palm Sunday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Holy Thursday	<b>6</b> Good Friday	<b>7</b> Holy Saturday 1100 Feed the Homeless RCIA Reception
<b>8</b> <b>EASTER!</b>	<b>9</b> 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	<b>10</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <a href="#">0800 Rosary to end Abortion</a> Food Drive Open House State Bowling Tourney- Richmond
<b>15</b> Family Breakfast - Gold Team Food Drive Open House State Bowling Tourney- Richmond	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1100 Grey GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes	<b>18</b> <b><u>1930 Malloy Assembly</u></b>	<b>19</b> 1930 Admissions Committee	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 1100 Corporate Communion	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1800 Second Degree	<b>27</b> 2000 Fraternalism Night	<b>28</b> Food Drive Salute to Seniors <b><u>1800 Night of Magic</u></b>
<b>29</b> Food Drive	<b>30</b>					

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## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

### Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
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Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
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Advocate	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Warden	Jeff Stevens	703-868-5333
Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955
Outside Guard	Patrick Kiechlin	703-978-4028
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499

3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
2yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
1yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813

### Program Directors

Programs	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Church	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	TBD	
Family	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Youth	Bill Weich	301-527-1207

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	Matt West	703-359-4652
Retention	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Vocations	Matt West	703-359-4652

Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mile Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits Insurance	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

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2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Car Raffle	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146



**Those Kids...POLICE**—It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

### Short Jokes .....

**Birthdays** are good for you, the more you have, the longer you live.

**Support a Family**— The prospective Father-in-Law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?" The surprised groom replied, "Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

**Happy Father of the Bride**—All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

### Why Retirement is So Attractive

**Question:** How many days in a week?

**Answer:** 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

**Question:** Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

**Answer:** Tied shoes & long pants.

**Question:** Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

**Answer:** The term comes with a 10% discount & free coffee refills.

**Question:** Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

**Answer:** They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

**Question:** What do you do all week?

**Answer:** Monday through Friday, NOTHING... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

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