



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

This was another busy month for the Knights of The Fr. Diamond Council. Those who attended the the Men's Conference stated that it was again another fantastic meeting, except for the parking.

The St. Patrick's party was held on the 14th. There was a great crowd that appreciated all the work that Dan and Mike Purtill put into this function. The entire Purtill family helped make this a wonderful annual event. (Still don't know what they put into the corn beef to make is so tender and tasty).

In one area I would like to see an increase in the Knights presence is at the Rosary to End Abortion. Our prayers for the end to abortion are working, we need to continue to pray often.

I'd like to thank all of my Brother Knights who came out to support our Chancellor, Vince Wilson during our most recent recruiting drive. This effort yielded nearly 40 cards of interest, some transfer in's and 2 new Brother Knights so far.

We recently helped the St Vincent De Paul food bank here at St Leo's deliver baskets to those in need. This reminds me that we need to think of those in need throughout the year.

Easter is now upon us. Keep in mind and pray for those who are in the RCIA class who will become Catholics on Easter. If you have never attended this program, I encourage you to attend the Easter Vigil Mass. If is a wonderful feeling to see this process. If you need any further information ask Brother Knight Jack Cotner.

Please, also, keep in your prayers the Knights of 6292 who are sick and those Knights who have gone before us.

Carolyn and I want to wish you and your families a wonderful and glorious Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Patrick A. McGuire
Grand Knight

Chancellor's Message

Please help me in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of our council, Arie Budhinata and Dennis Lamb who made their First Degree on March 24th. Our extended Membership Drive included a very productive Membership recruiting event conducted the weekend of March 21st resulting in the collection of 40 'Cards of Interest' from prospective candidates. I'd like to thank the 24 Knights who gave of their time both Saturday and Sunday to help talk with parishioners as they departed from mass. In alphabetical order they are Al Leightley, Charlie Kraiger, Dave Todd Jr., Dennis Makurat, Don Kehoe, Ed Cuccias, Fidel Rodriguez, George Billy, Greg Hartley, Herb Zimmerman, Jack Cotner, James Hogan, Joe Gesker, John Eldred, Leo Duran, Mark Walther, Pat McGuire, Sipa Sikaulu, Steve Kehoe, Tim Hogan, Tim Tilson, Tom Hogan, Tom Kelly and Tom Gross. Let's keep this great momentum going. Consider reaching out to that fellow Catholic you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks and invite him to come see what we're all about. There are tri-folds in the council hall listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Feel free to pick some up next time you're at the hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this effort. Be advised, we will be conducting a Second Degree on April 28th. If you are a First Degree member, consider advancing to the next level on your journey to full knighthood.

Vivat Jesus!
Vince Wilson
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Nominating Committee

The following Brother Knights have enthusiastically agreed to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Reach out to them and talk to them about where you can serve the Council in a leadership capacity:

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

As our worthy Grand Knight has already stated, the month of March has been a very interesting month. Besides all the events that we have been involved in, through the Knights of Columbus, we have been wrestling with the seasonal changes. Day Light Savings time has begun. Spring has sprung (we hope so). I don't know about you, but I am very happy to see sun shine and the grass on my lawn again. Every spring brings with it changes and a renewal of life. This spring our council is also experiencing some changes and yes a renewal of life.

One of the changes is the KOVAR collection dates. KOVAR was on our calendar, tentatively for April. Our KOVAR Chairman, Matt West has finalized the dates for KOVAR, based on availability of the stores who allow us to collect, for June 4 thru June 7. Plan on volunteering for this annual event where we raise funds in support of God's Special People with mental disabilities.

Our Comedy Knight is being rescheduled. Last year was the first year we ran this event and it was very successful. We had tentatively scheduled this year's event for May, however we needed to reschedule for a later date. I want to thank brother Greg Hartley for taking the chairmanship of this event and we will be working together to choose a new date. Watch this newsletter for more information.

The Grand Knight's Ball has been scheduled for Sunday, June 7 at the Army Navy Country Club. This is an awards banquet in a beautiful setting, with fine food, drinks and entertainment. Mark it on your calendar.

At the last meeting, Brother Joe Paratore volunteered to take the reigns as the editor for The Lookout (this newsletter). Joe has recently returned to the council after being out of the area for many years. Joe was the past editor of the newsletter and from what I understand, under his leadership, the newsletter won several State Awards. I am excited about Joe taking the helm as The Lookout editor. He will assume the editorship beginning with the May newsletter.

The weekend of March 21-22 was an exciting time. Thanks to Father Whitestone, a brother Knight, we were able to speak at all the masses about the Knights of Columbus. You have already read the results of that event in the Chancellor's Message on the front page.

Vivat Jesus,
Herb Zimmerman, Deputy Grand Knight

Ladies of Father Diamond Council Happy April!

Dear Ladies,

Thank you to those who attended our Soup Supper. It was wonderful that Father David Dufresne was able to lead us in a night of reflection during the Lenten season.

We had a large variety of soups to choose from. They were all so delicious! Those who attended had a lot of fun and it was amazing the talent we have in our group.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, April 20 at 7 pm. We will be selecting our charity for the annual Memorial Day Bake sale at this time.

Thank you,
Ruth West

March, 2015

**FAMILY
of the
MONTH**

The Family of the Month for March has been actively involved in the Council in many ways. This Brother Knight is a Past Grand Knight, Past Trustee of the Council, and a distinguished Public Servant working for our Federal Government. This family has been involved, this year alone, with Family Breakfasts, Car Raffle, Easter Egg Hunt, the 2015-16 Officers Nominating committee, Hall Management and the St Patrick's Dinner. You may ask yourself, "this can't be just one person,?" and you'd be right. We are proud to nominate the **Purtills as Family of the Month for March**. The brothers Purtill, Mike and Dan, are both Past Grand Knights, they both served as Trustees for the Council and, yes, they are both distinguished Public Servants. They both have been working on the Car Raffle (Dan is Chairman and Mike has helped at the table in church) and they both co-chaired the recent St Patrick's Dinner party. These two knights are true Brothers, helping one another in all their endeavors. Dan's wife Yvette and his kids (Molly, Anne, Maggie, and Harriett) are involved with helping their dad and uncle Mike with many Knight's activities. Yvette is very supportive of Dan and has assisted him with many KofC projects, the most recent being the Car raffle fund raiser. She also makes one darned good Irish soda bread which we all enjoyed at the St Patrick's Dinner in March. Their Uncle Mike is at the hall many times when no one even knows it. As the Hall Manager, Mike makes sure the hall is ready for use. Mike is often in the kitchen whipping up some chili & pea soup for KOVAR, or hash browns for family breakfasts. He is also chairman for the Easter Egg Hunt. Congratulations to the Purtills as March's Family of the Month!



March, 2015

The Knight of the Month for March has been coming to our council meetings for over three years, yet he had only been a member of our council for about a year. He is temporarily assigned to Fairfax for work. Being a Past Grand Knight of another council and a 4th Degree Knight, he sought the fraternal unity that Father Diamond Council offered. Our Knight of the month has been at nearly all our meetings and those of the Father

Malloy Assembly. He decided to transfer his membership to our council and the Father Malloy Assembly because he wanted to participate as an officer. When we needed someone to fill the vacancy of Chancellor, this brother knight stepped up. He is on our First Degree Team and participates in nearly all our events. He is very active in other civic activities including Honor Flight. In March, our Knight of the Month coordinated an outstanding Membership event that garnered nearly 40 potential, interested, Catholic men who may eventually join our ranks as brother Knights. He reached out to the Hispanic community with assistance from a Brother Knight, Leo Duran, who he met at the State Meeting and who is also the Spanish Degree Captain. Dynamic thinking like this has brought us nearly a dozen new candidates from our Hispanic community here at St Leo's. It is his hard work and dedication to the principals of the Knight's of Columbus that make us extremely proud to honor our **Knight of the Month for March, Vince Wilson**.

Upcoming Events and Recognition

Nursing Home Bingo — April 13



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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 or Nelson Clinch at (703)-385-2146 to volunteer.

Rosary to End Abortion — April 11

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout. We finish in time to attend the 9:00 mass. There is hot coffee/tea in the hall after 9:00 mass.



Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt

Once again the KofC Easter Bunny will be on hand at all masses on Easter Sunday to talk to kids and watch them hunt for Easter eggs with candy. Mike Purtill and Polo Leyendecker will be sharing the responsibility this year. Come out to 9:00 and 11:00 masses and help hide the eggs and enjoy the event with your kids.

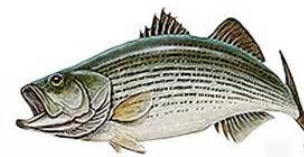


Fishing Trip on the Chesapeake—April 23

We are going after the **BIG ONE!** The granddaddy of all Striped Bass (Rock Fish).

This is trophy season!! Fishing Chairman, Jac Cerny is taking reservations for the first 12 people who sign up.

Total cost for the trip (charter boat, Rods, Tackle, bait) and tip for the Mate who will clean and bag our fish is \$125. We will car-pool. Everyone get onboard, this is a fun trip. Contact Jac at **703-255-9484** or email him at jac_cerny@hotmail.com.



St Patrick's Dinner—Lots of Food and Fun

The "Brothers Purtill" did it again. It was great turnout, wonderful food, lots of cold Irish refreshments and, of course, Irish Dancers. We had over 60 knights and their family join us at the hall on March 14 to enjoy our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's Day dinner. Mike and Dan Purtill ran the event this year as in the past. Yvette Purtill's traditional soda bread was a huge hit and I heard at least a half dozen women asking for her recipe. Only the Irish can make mashed potatoes taste soooo good with the colcannon recipe. Mike and Dan have the knack for making the most tender Corned Beef on the east coast. The beer was cold, the food great and the dancers were fun. If you've never gone to one of these events, you need to plan on being there next year. Everyone is Irish for a day.



2015 Night of Magic

Saturday, April 18th

Doors open at 6:00 pm / Show starts at 7:00 pm

St. Leo the Great Catholic School
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA
(*Magic show is in the school gym*)

~ Please RSVP ~

with the number of attendees to:

Patrick Leffas
pleffas@gmail.com
703-436-2717 (call/text)



Cost:

- \$10 per adult
- \$5 per child
- \$30 family cap

Price includes:

- Admission to the show
- Pizza and drink



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Get in the Picture—Come Join Us

March 16—Ladies Soup Supper



Enjoying soup, conversation and Fr. Dufresne's Lenten reflections

March 15—Family Breakfast



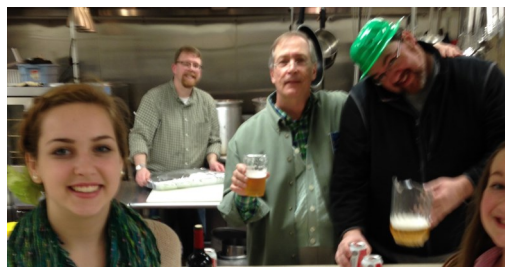
Blue Team—ready to serve breakfast to St. Leo's Parishioners

March 7—Men's Conference in Manassas



Brother Knights and one grandson at this year's Men's Conference in Manassas

March 14—St Patrick's Dinner Party



Cooking up Corned Beef, Cabbage and Colcannon

March 28 & 29—Membership Drive

24 Brother Knights volunteered at all masses to talk to Catholic men about the Knights



Priests, Brother Knights, support the Membership drive

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Founder's Day Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2	3	4 Feed the Homeless
5 EASTER! Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM and 1 PM masses	6	7 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	8	9	10	11 Knights' Open House (?) 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
12 Knights' Open House (?)	13 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	14 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	15 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	16	17	18 5 PM-Corporate Communion 6:00 Magic Night @ PAC
19 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	20 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	21 7:00- Fraternal Benefits Night * Open Event - Wives invited 11-noon - Gray Gosts Luncheon	22	23	24 	25
26	27	28 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 2nd Degree & Bus Mtg	29	30	1 State Annual Meeting	2 State Annual Meeting

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 2nd Degree & Bus Mtg	29	30	1 State Annual Meeting	2 State Annual Meeting
3 State Annual Meeting	4	5 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	6	7	8	9 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
10 Happy Mothers Day !!	11 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	12 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	13	14	15 7:30 Load up-Antique Car Show	16 8 AM - Antique Car Show
17 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	18 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	19 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	20 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmby Mtg	21	22	23
24 12 Noon - Family Picnic @ Hall	25 Memorial Day	26 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM - Business Meeting Election of Officers	27	28	29	30
31	1	2 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	3	4 KOVAR Collections	5 KOVAR Collections	6 KOVAR Collections

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

Officers

Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
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Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
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Advocate	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
2yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
1yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Program Directors

Programs	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	TBD	703-385-8007
Council	TBD	703-385-8007
Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	Mike Tocci	469-877-3285

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Admissions	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	TBD	703-385-8007
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Hall Manager	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

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1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Comedy Knight	Mike Torrey	703-273-2588
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Matt West	703-359-4652
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED—for Shepherd's Center

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax Burke serves those 50+ and who can no longer drive. Volunteer Drivers are urgently needed for trips (Monday - Friday) to medical appointments and Companion Shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area.

If you can volunteer your time, please contact **Barry Wickersham** at 703-359-2918 or **John Taylor** at 703-239-2898

Thought for the Day:

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
 If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
 He sends you flowers every spring.
 He sends you a sunrise every morning.
 Face it, friend - He is crazy about you!



Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

Buy food- Buy Gift cards—Support the Knights

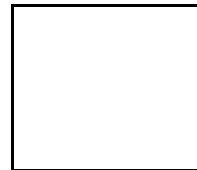
Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novack at 703-978-6137 or email — ZLRN01@AOL.COM for information. Available at Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win – Win**

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