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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As we struggle through one of the worst pandemics in our nation's and in our world's history, as your Grand Knight, I want you to know you are not in this alone. People look forward to an active life with their family, a successful career, many personal activities and most of all to retirement, a new phase in their life. There are so many new things to do and choices of activities to get involved with. As we face these critical times, our lives have been temporarily disrupted.

The Knights of Columbus are your family and we are here for you. Reach out and contact a fellow brother during this time. Isolation can be a very emotional time. Knowing someone cares can be very beneficial. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, please continue to pray, check on the elderly in our Council and Parish and continue to have and project Faith, Hope and Charity.

I wish to share this prayer by Daniel Darling:

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge our dependence upon you. This virus has reminded us of our frailty. We have subdued much of the earth with our innovation and creative acts, but we are reminded in this moment how frail and powerless we really are. So we repent of our self-sufficiency and hubris.

Lord, we lament the fallen nature of our world, which mars the beauty of your created order. COVID-19 comes to steal and destroy, to worm its way through human bodies and spread its vile sickness across communities and nations and the world. We, like your Son, weep and rage at sickness and death. And yet we know that it was Jesus whose death and resurrection defeated this final foe. We long for the day you resurrect our bodies and restore the world.

As we endure this new normal in our lives, we pray earnestly for the heroic medical doctors, nurses, and health care professionals who are putting their lives on the line for their neighbors. May you give them strength and physical immunity during this time, so they can help push back against this ravaging virus.

We pray for the scientists, disease experts, and epidemiologists who are working feverishly on vaccines and testing mechanisms. Lord, we thank you for gifting them with knowledge and wisdom we don't have. We pray for their endurance, for breakthroughs, and for resources.

Lord, you are the Great Physician, so we pray for healing for the victims of COVID-19. Lord, you are the Creator, with power over the creation, so we pray for COVID-19 to be destroyed. Spirit of God, you are the Comforter, so please comfort our troubled souls.

Dear God, move in the hearts of our public officials. As you have instructed us in your Word, we earnestly beseech you on behalf of our president, Congress, governors, mayors, and local officials. We pray you guide them with wisdom and strength and discernment.

We also pray for the people in our nation and the nations of the world to be humbled and turn to you in repentance and faith. We know you are the Prince of peace, Lord of lords, the King of kings. We praise you for your goodness and your mercy. And we ask this all in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus

Gib Flodine

Grand Knight

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Blood Donors Needed

Brothers,
There is a great need for blood. As you can imagine donations are way down. If you are not sick, please consider donating. If you are feeling healthy and well, please consider visiting INOVA or the Red Cross.



You can schedule an appointment online. Links to these organizations are listed below Continue to be safe!

Vivat Jesus—Gib Flodine, Grand Knight

INOVA: <https://www.inovablood.org>

Red Cross: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive?rcode=RSG00000E017&cid=brand&med=cpc&source=google&clid=CjwKCAjwsMzzBRACEiwAx4ILG1zWUrsMeWD8ThQ2y-2hKca9_WZQrXy9qmEmLIZ_KVm2X8dt6tEJHxoCQkEQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

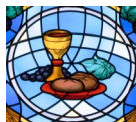
During this trying time, we can view mass online through St Leo the Great website www.stfairfax.com. TV station ETWN broadcasts a variety of religious programs on cable networks.

ETWN can be found on:

FIOS channel 285

COX channel 133

Any other cable network, check your guide.



Fraternal Benefits

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members. While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Vivat Jesus!

Leo Duran

Field Agent

2020 CAR RAFFLE

The All Saints Five Car Raffle is still scheduled for 25 April though the display of vehicles has been

cancelled until further notice. Additional tickets may be purchased by contacting Joe Gesker: cell 571- 606-3317 or via email at jgesker@verizon.net. Remember, all tickets must be returned to All Saints by 21 April.



April Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Thomas Kearney	2	Andrew Wankum	19
Bob Ratay	2	Matt Baumgartner	20
Jack Cotner	4	Paul Besson	20
Allan Rush	5	Thomas Feehan	20
Edward Rodriguez	6	Philip Coletti	21
Nilson Herrera	9	Tim Ku-Dipietro	21
James Allen	10	Ramon Matias	21
David Nava	11	James Chapman	23
Joe Cuccias	12	John Berg	24
Jeff Stevens	12	Terry Fowler	26
Thomas Heinz	15	John Weinheimer	27
Paul Quast	19	Kevin Mc Guire	29
Gus Solares	19		

Treasurer's Report – February 29, 2020

Income for February was \$ 7,918.83; expenses were \$ 9,933.16. Account balances as of February 29 were:

- United Bank Checking: \$ 40,892.55
 - Capital One Investment Fund: \$ 47,594.81
 - Capital One Building Fund: \$ 43,259.97
 - Right to Life Memorial Fund: \$ 4,484.71
 - Grocery Gift Cards: \$ 7,700.00
- Total Assets: \$ 143,932.04

FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY IS A TIMELESS WITNESS TO THE FAITH ***10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT FATHER MCGIVNEY***

Maybe you're an old pro and already knew that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn. in 1882. Maybe you already knew that he envisioned a Catholic order that would help Catholic men to remain steadfast in faith while providing insurance for their families.

But you probably didn't know *these* facts:

1. Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.

Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.



2. He was a heck of a baseball player.

We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including [these MLB legends](#).

3. More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.

At a time when, according to [Parish Priest](#), nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.

Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. They organized and participated in sports and theatrical productions. McGivney offered members a meeting space with books, magazines, newspapers and a piano. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.

Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

6. He ministered to inmates.

Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year-old Chip Smith, who — while drunk — shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged.

Father McGivney visited him daily, and, on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."

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Feed the Homeless in DC—Special Mission

After consulting with the authorities at the shelter in DC, Thelma's plan for feeding the homeless on April 11 is as follows:

1. She will have a reduced menu: chicken/ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll, and a bottle of water.
2. We will put all food in clamshells at Thelma and George's house (4773 Farndon Ct) and load into the Silverado for delivery to the shelter
3. Curbside delivery at the shelter, while maintaining proper social distancing.

Thelma could use some help (~3 people at the house) Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

George will load the clamshells into the truck. They could use 1-2 brother Knights to help with the curbside delivery at the shelter, practicing social distancing, of course.

Unfortunately, no Easter Bunny this year...

Contact George or Thelma at 703 323 6470 if you can help in any way

Be a Virtual KOVAR Collector

Brothers,

I invite you to Become a Virtual KOVAR Collector.

Store front and face-to-face KOVAR Collections schedule from April 16th through 19th will be postponed until further notice because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, the need to support those with intellectual disabilities continues. In order to meet this need, I'm asking my fellow brothers to send out emails to friends and family and ask them to consider supporting KOVAR online.

Please spend time collecting online this year instead of face-to-face by sending out the following instructions.

Step 1: Educate Friends and Family <http://kovarva.org/learn-more/>

Step 2: Provide Link for Donation <http://kovarva.org/donate/>

Step 3: Complete the donation form And on this same page please give credit to the Father Diamond Council #6292

Step 4: If you confirm a donation, please let me know.

God Bless and Thank You for all your support!

Dan O'Malley

Council 6292 KOVAR Chairman, PGK



Attention all members of the Knights of Columbus and their family members who contributed to KOVAR through #42569 Combined Federal Campaign; 8838 United Way Campaign in the DC Area; or 50735 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees.

Please forward to Dan O'Malley your enrollment receipt with the amount donated to KOVAR. On the receipt include KofC membership number and signature.

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FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY IS A TIMELESS WITNESS TO THE FAITH

7. He was only 38 years old when he died.

And that's actually not surprising — life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut in the 19th century, when the Catholic population was growing, disease was common and the priests were overworked.

8. He's on the path to sainthood.

His cause for canonization is open, and he was given the title "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy See in 2008. You can help promote devotion to this Servant of God — [click here to join the Father McGivney Guild](#).

9. His belongings were burned when he died.

When Father McGivney died of tuberculosis, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of the disease. Only a small number of his **writings** and belongings survived.

10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas (from [Columbia magazine](#)):

- **Employment and finances.** Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when "No Irish need apply" was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.
- **Substance abuse.** In Father McGivney's day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.
- **Family reconciliation.** Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.
- **Return to the faith.** Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.

[Check out this list of favors attributed to Father McGivney.](#)

*The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic lay organization in the world with more **than 1.9 million members**.*

With online membership, joining the Knights is easier than ever. [Click here to join the Knights today.](#)

To share your story, email andrew.butler@kofc.org



VOTE

VOTE on May 5th—Absentee Ballot

Below is the city alert on absentee ballots. The City Voter Registration Office is being very liberal about this. Just select reason code 2A. They are not going to allow the normal voting but for those who show-up on 5 May they bring a voter machine to the car for the voting. Recommend the absentee ballot process.

"This is an important message from the City of Fairfax Alert System

If you are concerned about illness on Election Day May 5, apply today for your absentee ballot by mail. Select the illness reason and vote at home. If you are leaving the City for any reason on Election Day, request a ballot by mail. Use the reason that fits best. Complete an application online at www.vote.virginia.gov. OR print and complete an application and send it by mail to 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax, VA 22030. OR email a picture or scan of your application to registrar@fairfaxva.gov. All absentee ballots are counted on election day just like going to the polls."

April 2020

The April calendar has been updated based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. Please watch your emails for last minute updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 3PM Degree Ceremony Car Raffle Honda Civic	30	31	1	2	3 cancelled- (KofC Sponsored) 6PM Soup Supper- Guadalupe Room	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 ** see info in LOOKOUT ** Holy Saturday Feed Homeless in DC
12 Easter	13	14	15	16 Postponed - KOVAR	17 Postponed - KOVAR	18 Postponed - KOVAR
19 Postponed - KOVAR	20	21	22 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg ** MAY BE CANCELLED **	23	24	25 Fairfax History Day CANCELLED
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary ** MAY BE CANCELLED ** 8:00PM Business Meeting	29	30	1 cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA	2 cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA

May 2020

The May calendar has minor updates based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council.

Revisions to the MAY Calendar will be distributed via the Council Membership Email server as well as the May LOOKOUT newsletter.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary ** MAY BE CANCELLED ** 8:00PM Business Meeting	29	30	1 cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA	2 cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA
3 Cancelled-State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA	4	5 7:30PM Officers Meeting	6	7	8 ST. Leo School Gala - Bleiheim	9 Comedy Knight - postponed 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
10 Mother's Day	11 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	13	14	15	16 Antique Car Show ?
17 Family Breakfast after 7:30AM & 9:00AM masses	18	19 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	20 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	27 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg	28	29 Field Day	30 KOVAR Play-"The Frenchman"
31	1	2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2019-20

Officers

Grand Knight	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Chaplain	Rev. Christopher Tipton	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chancellor	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Lecturer	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
2yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
1yr Trustee	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540

Program Directors

Programs	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

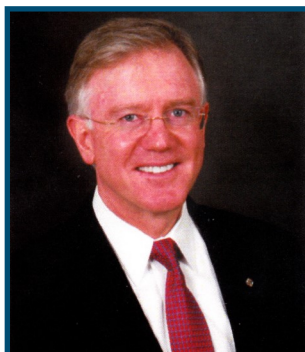
Committee Chairmen

Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Retention	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Vocations	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Budget & Finance	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Ins. Promotion	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway is sold by our council.
Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information.
Available at Providence Hall before or after meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant 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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