## FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL







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### April 2021



# Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

The arrival of spring brings blessings of increasing coronavirus vaccinations and the promise of eventually returning to something closer to normal life. The transition will not occur overnight, we are told, and it will not mean completely reverting to the way things were before the pandemic. Nevertheless, I think we can agree that things are slowly moving in a positive direction, and for that we can be be thankful. If and when we are allowed greater latitude in conducting council activities, I will let you all know.

In March, our council continued to find ways to function in the pandemic environment. Thanks to the efforts of Pat Murray, Pat McGuire, and the other council members and their families who helped, a delicious St. Patrick's Day Take-out Dinner was prepared the weekend ahead of St. Patrick's Day. One might say the luck of the Irish was with us as many stopped by to pick up this hearty meal, turning it into a solid success. An added benefit is that these meal pickups have afforded some limited degree of social interaction as news along with food and funds are exchanged.

This month, we look ahead to our council's spring KOVAR collections campaign, set to take place Thursday, April 15 – Sunday, April 18. These will be in-person collections, and all coronavirus safety protocols will, of course, be followed. Gib Flodine has done an excellent job lining up venues where we can perform our solicitations. One hundred percent of the donations collected will be remitted to KOVAR to benefit the intellectually disabled across Virginia. Please consider volunteering to help us with this charitable cause by contacting Gib at <u>gib1b-kim@yahoo.com</u>.

Also, I wish to remind all 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members that an Exemplification of the 4th Degree for the Virginia District will be conducted on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. If your application for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree candidacy has been accepted or you wish to be an observer at this event, I encourage you to make this your priority on that day. As stated earlier, it will be conducted virtually, although the Fr. Malloy Assembly will be hosting an in-person viewing of the live-stream in the gym at St. Leo the Great Catholic School beginning at 11:30. Please contact the Faithful Navigator, David J. Todd, Jr., at <u>ditoddjr@gmail.com</u> for details.

I again want to sincerely thank you for all you do for the council, and for each other. May you have a prayerful Holy Week and a most Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus! Mark Walther Grand Knight



# Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Kevin Kleponis, Deputy Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight Kevin and his wife, Jessica, continue to experience the joys of nurturing their son, Nathaniel, who was born in January.

We look forward to Kevin's return as his parental duties allow.

# Pray the Rosary Daily



#### **Chancellor's Report**

John Johnson, Chancellor

Thank you for continuing to find new member recruiting opportunities each day as we continue to strive toward our goal of 15 new members. Please feel free to pass on my contact information to anyone you meet who is interested in learning more about becoming a knight.

Thank you for your continued efforts.





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#### **Spring KOVAR Collections**

Father Diamond Council of the Knights of Columbus will conduct its annual council KOVAR drive April 15th through 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Locations**

- IHOP 9490 Blake Lane Fairfax VA 22031 Sat/Sun April 17/18 8:00 am 6:00 pm. Shifts are 2 hours.
- Shoppers Food Warehouse 9622 Main St Fairfax VA 22031 Thurs/Sun April 15-18 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Shifts are 2 hours.
- Road runners are needed for collection at the intersection of Route 50 and Picket Road on Thursday April 15 and Friday April 16. Hours of collection for Road Runners are 7:30am to 9:00 - 9:30am max weather permitting.
- Collectors are also needed for after the masses on April 17 and April 18.

Money counters are also needed .If you are interested in volunteering for a shift or help count the contributions, please contact Gib Flodine (<u>gib1bkim@yahoo.com</u>) Any assistance would be greatly appreciated

#### Treasurer's Report – Feb. 28, 2021

INCOME for Jan **\$4,386.23** (Dues, Scrip, KOVAR Pot Pies, Xmas Tress, KOVAR, PKD, VKCCI) EXPENSES for Jan **\$2,973.49** (Insurance, Shepard's center, Feed the Homeless, A Place to Stand, St. Patrick's, Men's Retreat) ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$48,481.10
United Checking (2)	\$ 2,079.28
Invest Fund	\$46,266.05
RTL Fund	\$ 4,532.67
Building Fund	\$45,502.94
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,550.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$ 4,889.54)
PKD Collections	(\$ 1,212.39)
VKCCI Collections	(\$ 642.78)
Net Assets	\$144,667.33

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Thomas Kearney	2	Paul Quast	19
Bob Ratay	2	Gus Solares	19
Jack Cotner	4	Andrew Wankum	19
Allan Rush	5	Paul Besson	20
Nilson Herrera	9	Thomas Feehan	20
David Nava	11	Philip Coletti	21
Dean Storm	11	Tim Ku-Dipietro	21
Joe Cuccias	12	John Berg	24
Tuan Nguyen	12	Terry Fowler	26
Jeff Stevens	12	John Weinheimer	27
Thomas Heinz	15	Kevin Mc Guire	29

#### Bill Lane, Treasurer

## Knight of the Month—March 2021

This brother Knight seems to be constantly present and ready to help with whatever organized council activity is taking place. On a regular basis, he functions as an assistant hall manager, helping to monitor stock in the pantry and maintain Providence Hall in general by working to ensure the orderliness and cleanliness of the kitchen, main meeting room, and bathrooms. In addition, he regularly volunteers to be a part of project committees (e.g., Building Maintenance and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala). As had done earlier in the year helping with the preparation and sale of KOVAR potpies and council dessert pies, in March he assisted wherever needed in the operation of the St. Patrick's Day Take-out Meal. For being a blessing to us all by always being available to lend a helping hand at the Hall, we thank Charlie Kraiger, our Knight of the Month for March.

# Family of the Month—March 2021

This family is always fully engaged in parish and council activities. In March, their contributions to the St. Patrick's Day Take-out Dinner ensured a smooth-running event, resulting in many happy customers and raising funds to support our council's continued charitable works. Pat Murray, together with Pat McGuire, found the best sources for corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and other ingredients for producing a traditional Irish boiled meal and set about testing preparation and packaging methods, devising portion sizes and pricing, and created a promotional flyer. If that were not enough, on the scheduled meal pick up day, Pat Murray and his three children, Kathleen, Siobhan, and Kevin, baked traditional soda bread and shamrock-shaped sugar cookies to go with each meal, which they packaged and cheerfully handed to appreciative paying customers. Both Kathleen and Siobhan are active members of the Girl Scouts and could be seen recently selling Girl Scout cookies from the front yard of the family home, assisted by their brother Kevin who worked to collect cookie orders at the Hall. Pat also continues to be a leader in the Boy Scouts and with a men's prayer group which meets early on Saturday mornings at St. Leo's. Pat's wife, Janice, provides all-important sup-

port largely behind the scenes, allowing Pat and the kids to contribute in more visible ways; they can all be seen together at Sunday Mass. In recognition of the Pat Murray family's sustained level of devotion to the parish, council, and community, we name them our Family of the Month for March.



# Get in the Picture



Tony Perino, Pat Murray, Charlie Kraiger, and Pat

The carrot cutting team



# 4th degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification for the Virginia District of the 4th Degree will be conducted on **Saturday, April 17th,** beginning at Noon. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this Exemplification will be held virtually. Fr. Malloy Assembly will host an in-person viewing of the Exemplification in the gym of St. Leo the Great Catholic School. The benefits of attending the viewing include: coffee & donuts will be made available prior to the ceremony; Candidates will be Knighted at the conclusion of the ceremony (those attending from home will be Knighted at a later time); and lunch will be provided after the ceremony.

## Cost is \$50 per Candidate (this is set by Supreme!)

The only requirement is that a Candidate MUST be a 3rd Degree Knight prior to the Exemplification. For more details, contact Faithful Navigator SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN, at <u>ditoddjr@gmail.com</u>. If you are currently a 1st or 2nd Degree member, you would first need to spend 30 minutes participating in a virtual (on-demand or live-streamed) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (the "Combined Degree").

## **Ladies Of Virginia**

Ladies of Virginia (LOV) is a group dedicated to the spiritual growth and sociability of its members; supporting the Virginia State Knights of Columbus; and engaging in charitable and civic endeavors. Proceeds of our raffle support various women's charities within the state of Virginia, KOVAR, and Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI).

LOV, find themselves conducting their LOV Basket Raffle in a new format this year--an online raffle! There are two extraordinary baskets posted on their raffle site, along with photos. Ticket purchase is both easy and secure. Winners will be announced May 8 at 8:00am, at which time the baskets will be sent directly to the lucky winners. Please follow the link below to view a list of basket contents and to purchase tickets:

https://rafflecreator.com/pages/47351/lov-basket-raffle-2021

# <u>Quiche Fundraiser</u>



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Quiche! \$15.00 for 9-inch Quiche. When placing order please indicate number and kind of quiche. Frozen or take home and heat Ham & Swiss Spinach, Mozzarella & Chicken Broccoli, Cheddar, & Onion

> To order please fill out this Google Form https://forms.gle/CVFMdZP8sPKaP7sh6

This is an RSVP and Pick Up ONLY event, please order by Friday Wednesday April 7, 2021

Quiche will be picked up on Saturday April 10, 2021 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm or by request at the Knights Hall 3702 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax VA, 22030

Questions, email: <u>kofckitchen6292@gmail.com</u> For more information about KOVAR please visit their website at <u>http://kovarva.org/</u>

Thank you for your support – Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman

The Lookout

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	I	2	3
<b>4</b> Easter	5	<b>6</b> 7:30PM Virtual Officers Mtg	7	8	9	<b>10</b> 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
	12	<b>13</b> 7:30PM Virtual Bus. Meeting	14	<b>15</b> Kovar	16 Kovar	<b>17</b> KOVAR
18 KOVAR	19	<b>20</b> 7:00PM Virtual Ladies Mtg	<b>21</b> 7:00PM 4th Degree Meet- ing	22	23	24
25	26	<b>27</b> 7:30PM Virtual Bus. Meeting	28	29	<b>30</b> State Conven- tion-Herndon (virtual)	I State Convention- Herndon (virtual)

# May 2021

May calendar is constantly updating, Please pay attention to your emails throughout the month.

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25		26	<b>27</b> 7:30PM Virtual Bus. Meeting	28	29	<b>30</b> State Convention- Herndon (virtual)	I State Convention- Herndon (virtual)
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16		17	<b>18</b> I I:00AM Grey Ghost Luncheon 7:00PM Ladies Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:30 4th De- gree Mtg	20	21	22
23		24	25 8:00PM Mtg & Elec- tions	26	27	28	29
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Officers			Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054	Ŭ		
Chaplain	Father Nguyen	703-273-5369	Frat. Benefits	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407	Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192			
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299	Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634	Project Chairmen		
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435	Ist Deg. Team		
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540	2nd Deg. Team		
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241	Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504	Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610	Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477	Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
lyr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811	Fulling Di cultuse	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
<b>Program Directors</b>	5		Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407	Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299	Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288	Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	KCÍC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477	KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Committee Chairmen			Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Charity	loe Burg	484-883-9537	Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
, Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192	Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Retention	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811	March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192	Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
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•			St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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#### Giant and Safeway 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.

