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Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights and Families,

One could say that meteorological spring was heralded this year by the arrival of brother Knights from all corners of the Commonwealth for the purpose of attending the Virginia State Council Spring Quarterly Meeting here on the St. Leo the Great Church campus on March 5th. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our members – most notably Chairman David Todd, Jr. who orchestrated everything – as well members of the other District 16 councils and the Fr. Malloy Assembly, who contributed their time and energy to our council's successful hosting of this important event. You all earned the praises of State Deputy Mark Janda and State Warden Carl Kregiel, and deservedly so!

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**

Early in this Season of Lent, our council was blessed with the opportunity to coordinate with Fr. Juan, Fr. Nguyen, and Fr. Jonathan to offer the latest installment of our annual Men's Retreat and Day of Reflection on the Eucharist. Thanks also to the efforts of Retreat Chairman James Beauchamp, Herb Zimmerman, and the rest of their committee, more than 40 men from St. Leo Church and other parishes came together to prepare themselves spiritually for the season through prayer and by absorbing the inspirational presentations of our priests.

A week later and for the first time since March 2019, we were able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in our "normal" fashion – a traditional Irish sit-down meal served up with Irish music and step dancing performed live in Providence Hall. Owing to the leadership of Pat Murray and his family, with key assistance in planning and execution from Gerard Maguire, in meal preparation from Tony Pierno and Pat McGuire, in dessert preparation from Julie Clinch, and in serving the guests from the youth of the parish, the event was a runaway success in more ways than one!

This month, please take note we are seeking at least one or two of our members to accept the invitation of our parish priests to participate in an All-Night Adoration on Good Friday, April 15 during the hour of 3:00 AM – 4:00 AM. Interested members please let me know by email to markwalther7@yahoo.com, and I will in turn inform our priests that we have coverage. As Fr. Jonathan puts it, this is a beautiful way for us to "Watch and Pray" with Jesus on a most Holy Night, and to come together to pray as St. Leo the Great!

Wishing you all a most blessed Holy Week and Easter Triduum!
Vivat Jesus, Mark

Chancellor's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor



Brother Knights,
Let us welcome our newest members Scott McCredy and Paul Gianoli (both transfers) to our council. Please contact me if you know any men who might be interested in joining our council and I will reach out to them. There will be another virtual Combined Degree on Thursday April 7 at 7 PM. I will email a reminder with the link. Please let me know if you are interested.

On the weekend of April 30/May 1, there will membership recruitment drive at all St. Leo's Sunday Masses. We are borrowing the large Knights of Columbus banner (about 7 feet tall) for this. This will be a great opportunity for our council to attract new members. If you would be willing to meet prospective members after Mass, please let me know. Your help would be much appreciated.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight



Hello, and Happy Spring!

I will jump right in and note that we kick April off with a bang with our annual KOVAR Drive. This drive is key to providing funds for people with disabilities throughout the state. The council is regularly among the leading councils in collecting funds for this effort. The drive starts Thursday, March 31 and runs through April 3. Many thanks to PGK Gib Flodine for heading up this effort. Please contact Gib at gib1bkim@yahoo.com to offer assistance for any available shifts collecting.

We continue the following weekend by praying the rosary for an end to abortion at 8 AM April 9. The weather will likely decide whether we are indoors or out, but please join us in prayer.

Holy week kicks off with Palm Sunday on the 13th and begins the last week of Lent, when many events take place at Catholic churches around the country, including at St. Leo the Great Church. Help will be needed at various services throughout the week. IN PARTICULAR, the Grand Knight and I have been asked if we could recruit Knights to serve as ushers throughout Holy week. Please contact Keith Morrison at mwcrkm@aol.com or by calling 703-304-8540 if you can assist at any of the services. This year's schedule, for which * 8 * ushers per service have been requested is as follows: Palm Sunday – regular weekend masses, Holy Thursday – 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday – 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Holy Saturday – 8:30 PM Easter Vigil (instead of a 5 PM mass), Easter Sunday – 6 AM, 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM. NOTE: there is a 6 AM mass for Easter INSTEAD of a 5 PM mass Sunday. ALSO: those who are NOT currently ushers at mass are encouraged to volunteer, even if it's only for this period of Holy Week. The other ushers at the services can fill you in on duties, or you may attend a rehearsal (see the Grand Knight's e-mail from 3/26). We Knights do our best to support the Church, and this is an opportunity to demonstrate that support. Please prayerfully consider any and all services you or a family member can help, and please reach out to friends and neighbors for additional assistance.

For Easter, bring the whole family to mass and let the kids enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt after the 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM masses at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Knights are requested to set up for and organize these hunts.

After Easter, the Council plans to participate in Fairfax History Day at the Historic Blenheim on Old Lee Highway just north of the St. Leo the Great campus on April 23. Please contact me at a meeting, by e-mail at clinch5va@yahoo.com, or by calling or texting 703-209-8505 to volunteer or find out more. We will be selling concessions at the event.

Looking ahead, the Antique Car Show at Fairfax City Hall is scheduled for May 14. At this point, we are in need of both a chairman and volunteers for the event. Please let me know if God has inspired you to offer assistance.

Have a Happy Easter!
Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

Treasurer's Report – 02/28/2022

INCOME for **\$4,489.12**(KOVAR, Dues, VKCCI, etc.)

EXPENSES for **\$6,120.19** (State Mtg Adv, Scrip, etc.)

United Checking	\$51,782.56
United Checking (2)	\$ 2,289.22
Invest Fund	\$46,332.06
RTL Fun	\$ 4,539.16
Building Fund	\$45,567.90
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 3,700.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (3,787.00)
PKD Collections	\$ (869.71)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (542.84)

Net Assets \$150,011.35



All Saints Car Raffle



All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2022 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call Dan O'Malley at 571 294-2636.

April Birthday Wishes

Thomas Kearney	2	Jun Hee Lee	9	Thomas Heinz	15	Philip Coletti	21
Bob Ratay	2	David Nava	11	Paul Quast	19	Tim Ku-Dipietro	21
John Cotner	4	Dean Storm	11	Gustavo Solares	19	John Berg	24
John Grimes	4	Francis Cuccias	12	Andrew Wankum	19	William Fowler	26
Allan Rush	5	Fr Tuan Nguyen	12	Paul Besson	20	John Weinheimer	27
Nilson Herrera	9	Jeffrey Stevens	12	Thomas Feehan	20	Kevin Mc Guire	29

March Grey Gosts Group



FAMILY of the MONTH

Family of The Month—March

The Murrays are a loving family who continue to be a prime example of the domestic church. They worship together and volunteer together for the good of the parish, council, and community. They were the driving force behind the success of this year's resumption (after 2 years off) of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Providence Hall on March 19th. Pat, his wife Janice, and their children Kathleen, Siobhan, and Kevin, were all involved in this event, from the set-up and decorating (the Hall was transformed and seemed to capture the spirit of the occasion!), food preparation (traditional corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, and soda bread baked by Pat himself) and serving (family style, of course), to arranging for the live performance of Irish music and step dancers (son Kevin among them). This family-friendly event was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd, which by turns included our parish priests. Fr. Juan graciously delivered opening remarks and the blessing before the meal. Energetic emcee work by Pat along with all the good food, entertainment, and prize drawings made for a memorable evening! The wider parish and community have also benefitted from the Murrays' fervent volunteerism and spirit of service. While the St. Patrick's Day meal preparations were underway, Pat shifted gears for a couple hours to help with the Day of Reflection for Fall 2022 Confirmandi in the school gym. He has also leads an ongoing Saturday morning men's prayer group who meet in Providence Hall and count among their members parishioners from other area Catholic churches. Based on all the Murray family packed into the past 31 days with regard to the church, the council, and the community, we find it most fitting to name them Family of the Month for March.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of The Month—March

In need of an experienced and well-connected (with respect to our order and St. Leo Church) organizer, our council turned once again to this brother Knight to orchestrate our collective role as the host of the March Virginia State Council Quarterly Meeting and related activities, which took place the first weekend of March among three different buildings on the St. Leo Church campus. Months in advance, we were already secure in the knowledge that David Todd, Jr. had the planning well in hand. He wasted no time in reaching out to State Council officers, posing questions and floating ideas about all aspects of the event to come. Throughout the process, David's dual abilities to see the big picture and attend to all the details that go into painting it were evident. In face-to-face meetings, phone calls, and emails transmitting progress reports, he skillfully and methodically hammered out an approach that balanced the State Council's needs with our parish's and council's capabilities. In addition to the volunteers he raised from among our members, he enlisted the support of fellow District 16 councils and the Fr. Malloy Assembly to satisfy the manpower needs for the many task areas he identified. He even single-handedly cleaned and set up the main floor of the Hall for the Ladies of Virginia meeting. Due in no small part to David's efforts, our council's hosting earned the praise of State Deputy Mark Janda and State Warden Carl Kregiel. Thus, we are most grateful to David Todd, Jr., Knight of the Month for March, for all the work he put into planning and overseeing the Quarterly Meeting.

KOVAR 2022

KOVAR collections will be taking place Thursday March 31, 2022 through Sunday April 3, 2022.
We will be collecting at 3 ABC Stores:

Store 90
12965 Fairfax Lakes Shopping Center
Fairfax, VA 22030

Store 241
11725 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22030

Store 368
Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center
10308 Willard Way
Fairfax, VA 22030

Shifts at these stores will be noon-2:00PM, 2:00PM-4:00PM, 4:00-6:00PM and 6:00-8:00P

We will be also collecting at IHOP Picket Street on Saturday and Sunday. Shifts will be 8:00-10:00AM, 10:00-noon, noon-2:00PM and 2:00PM-4:00PM

Volunteers are needed as Road Runners at the intersection of Route 50 and Picket Street on Thursday and Friday from 7:00-8:30AM.

Finally, we will be collecting after Saturday evening mass and all Sunday masses.

If you can volunteer for any of the times, please contact Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman (703-201-0477 email gib1bkim@yahoo.com (gee-eye-bee-one-bee-kay-eye-em))

2022 Men's Retreat and Day of Reflection a Great Success

On snowy Saturday, March 12, the Father Diamond Council and St. Leo the Great parish held a very successful Men's Retreat and Day of Reflection. For this our fourth annual retreat, the theme was "Do This in Remembrance of Me" – a reflection on the Eucharist. About 45 men from the parish and K of C community braved the wintry day to listen to talks about the Eucharist: "The Eucharist in Scripture and History" by Fr. Nguyen, "The Eucharist and Our Church Today" by Fr. Fioramonti, and "The Eucharist, Our Life in Holiness" by Fr. Puigbo. Each talk was followed by insightful questions and answers. Most appropriately, our day ended in church by spending an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

This outstanding event was co-chaired by James Beauchamp and Herb Zimmerman with Fr. Fioramonti (our chaplain) as spiritual advisor. Other committee members were Tony Pierno, Mark Woznak, Nelson Clinch, Pat McGuire, Charlie Kraiger, and Scott Gaboury. They all did a great job – things ran quite smoothly. Finally, many thanks to Chick-Fil-A at Fairfax Circle for a great lunch. What a Breakfast!!



Get in the Picture



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31 KOVAR Collec- tions	1 KOVAR Collec- tions	2 KOVAR Collec- tions
3 KOVAR Collec- tions	4	5 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	6	7	8	9 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
10 Palm Sunday	11 Bingo@Ffx Nurs- ing Ctr?	12 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16 Holy Saturday
17 Easter Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM and 1PM Masses	18	19	20 7:30PM 4th De- gree Mtg	21	22	23 Fairfax Historical Day
24	25	26	27	28	29 State Convention - VA Beach	30 State Convention VA Beach Council Recruit- ing after mass

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 State Convention VA Beach after mass Council Recruit-	2	3 7:30PM Hybrid Offic- ers' Mtg	4	5	6	7
8	9 Bingo@Ffx Nursing Ctr	10 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Busi- ness Meeting	11	12	13	14 8AM Rosary to End Abor- tion Antique Car Show
15 Family Breakfast after	16	17 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	18 7:30PM 4th De- gree Mtg	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Busi- ness Meeting Election of Officers	25 7:30PM Com- bined Degree?	26	27	28
29	30 Federal Holiday Me- morial Day	31	1	2	3	4

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2021-22

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Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
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2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

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Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
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Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
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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.

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