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#### **Grand Knight's Message**

Nelson Clinch, Grand Knight

Salutatons to all, and Happy Spring!

The old adage is that April showers bring May flowers, but April 2023 also brings the summit of the Liturgical year: the Easter triduum (see <a href="https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/">https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/</a>

triduum). Thank God He chose to send us Jesus to be our Salvation!

I also thank God for inspiring Blessed Michael J. McGivney to start an Order that provides in so many ways. After all, the blessings that you, my brothers and your families, provide to the Church, to the Community, to the Order, and to me as Grand Knight are not only numerous, but also immeasurable (no matter how hard we try to quantify it at times).

I pray that God blesses our Council and its members, particularly the Nominating Committee, as they seek to find those to lead the Council for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, and hopefully thereafter. Any Third Degree Knight who wishes to be a part of leading their brothers in the service of the Church and the Community are asked to meet with the Nominating Committee of Mark Walther, Pat McGuire, and Tim Hogan as soon as possible. No experience is needed, only a desire to lead in exemplifying the Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Please prayerfully consider if you can help and contact any member of the Committee. Their phone numbers are on the Officers page of this newsletter.

Looking back at March, I want to thank Council members and their families for their assistance throughout the month. In particular, I thank:

To those who participated in Eucharistic Adoration in the early morning hours of March 4 (I-2 AM, specifically),

To the Ladies of Father Diamond Council for hosting the Soup Supper on March 9,

To all who attended either the Holy Hour for Men or the Rosary to End Abortion on March 11,

To the "Breakfast Crew" – volunteers who faithfully provide the family breakfast after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses, which was on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March,

To those who took part in the St. Leo the Great Parish Mission March 12 through March 15,

To all who either helped with or attended the St. Joseph's Table event March 20,

To Pat Murray and his crew for coordinating and volunteering to provide a wonderful St. Patrick's Day Party on the 25th, and

While it hasn't taken place as of this writing, families who are providing soup for the March 31 Lenten Soup Supper. As of 03/28, it seems that 12 soups are being donated. Thank you!

COMING UP: St. Leo the Great Parish is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Night for "volunteers [who are] committed to the life of the parish in a particular capacity." For example, volunteers who Serve the Parish through the Knights of Columbus are invited.

I need to send the names of Knights (and family members) who will attend by April 10, so please let me know no later than Easter Sunday, April 9 (the day after Easter, or Easter Monday) by e-mailing <a href="mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com">clinch5va@yahoo.com</a> or by calling or texting 703-209-8505.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find further information on our Family and Knight of the Month: the family of Patrick Murray and PGK **Mark Woznak**, respectively.

May the joys of Easter be upon you all!

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

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Deputy Grand Knight

Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter to all my brother Knights and to your families. What a wonderful

time of year when we can put away our winter coats, scarves, and gloves and enjoy some beautiful spring weather. This month, there are many opportunities to serve, pray, and socialize with your brother Knights. One part of the traditional Easter Triduum is the all-night **Eucharistic Adoration** after Holy Thursday evening Mass lasting until the morning of Good Friday. Consider spending one hour with Our Lord this evening. Similar to previous St. Leo First Friday Eucharistic Devotions, we have been asked to cover for 1 AM to 2 AM, but on Good Friday (April 7) morning. The St. Leo's **Holy Hour for Men**, normally scheduled on the second Saturday of the month has been pushed back one week to Saturday, April 15, 7 AM – 8 AM so that it does not fall on Easter weekend. Likewise, our Council's **Rosary to End Abortion** has also been moved to Saturday, April 15 at 8 AM, hopefully in front of the church. Please consider coming. Your prayers matter.

George and Thelma Billy could use some volunteers for Feed the Homeless at Easter on Saturday, April 8. They will be delivering and distributing meals early Saturday morning. For more information on how you can help, please contact George at <a href="mailto:geobilly@aol.com">geobilly@aol.com</a> or 703-887-8149.

Do you want to make Easter Sunday a little more memorable for the young children in our parish? Then come out to support the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday (April 9) after the 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM Masses. Please contact Tim Tilson at <a href="https://masses.com.or/">https://masses.com.or/</a> 703-273-9436 for details and to let him know that you can help.

A Corporate Communion Mass will be held on Sunday, April 16 at 11 AM. Please consider joining your brother Knights at this Mass. On this same day, April 16, our Family Breakfast will be served, piping hot, after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses. Please consider volunteering or coming out for a great, hearty breakfast. For more information about the breakfast, please contact Tim Tilson at <a href="https://msslydia@msn.com">hmslydia@msn.com</a> or 703-273-9436.

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity Serving People with Intellectual Disabilities and one our most important fundraisers. We will be handing out brand new Tootsie Rolls and collecting money between Thursday, April 20 and Sunday, April 23. Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming. Don't delay, sign up for a location and time and maybe you can take one or two Tootsie Rolls for yourself. For more information, please contact Mark Walther at 703-766-5045 or markwal-ther?@yahoo.com.

Our officer's meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 pm. Our two Rosary (7:30 PM)/Business Meetings (8:00 PM) will both be on Tuesday, April 11 and April 25. The **Gray Gosts** luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 11 AM as well as the **Ladies Meeting**, also on April 18, at 7:30 PM.



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

James Hogan, Chancellor

Brother Knights,

If you know of anyone interested in joining our organization contact me by email

ith logan3@gmail.com or by text/call 703-731-7164.

We will be holding a recruitment drive April 29-30. If you are able to help please contact me at the above information .



#### **Treasurer's Report - 1/1-31/2023**

INCOME for February \$5,972.72 EXPENSES for February \$6,611.29 Operating Fund Net \$(638.57)

United Checking	\$ 49,809.37
United Checking (2)	\$ 2,246.37
Invest Fund	\$ 42,883.37
RTL Fun	\$ 4,543.72
Building Fund	\$ 49,108.51
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 3,730.00
<b>KOVAR Collections</b>	\$ (3,140.74)
PKD Collections	\$ (929.51)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (258.17)

Net Assets \$148,992.92

The Nominating Committee consisting of PGK Mark Walther, PGK Tim Hogan, and PGK Pat McGuire is looking for new officers for the 2023-2024 year. If you are interested in becoming an officer please contact anyone of these members. Member must be a 3rd knight in good standing. They will be at the officers meeting, April 4, and before the business meeting, April 11, if you are interested. Please come arrive 15 minutes before if interested to discuss with them.

#### **April Birthday Wishes**

Name Name Name

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



#### Family of the Month -March

March's Family of the Month serves the Catholic Church and our Council in numerous ways. In

particular, Janice and Patrick Murray are, from what I can tell, doing an exemplary job teaching their children how to be productive members of society and how the Catholic faith fits in their lives and in society. Pat is also a regular attendee at the Holy Hour for Men on the second Saturday in St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, a stalwart in the St. Ignatius prayer group on Saturday mornings, an important part of the Safety Committee at the Parish, and of course,

our chairman for the council's St. Patrick's Day party. There is plenty of evidence the family supports these efforts as well as the children are often volunteering for various

Council and Parish activities. Thank you; I consider your family a true example of Christian family



## KNIGHT

March MONTH The Knight of the Month for March isn't a

Knight of the Month -

'flashy, often-visible' extrovert, but he is a valuable member of the Council. In particular, I want to thank Mark Woznak for his support of the overnight Eucharistic Adoration, often volunteering to spend time with Our

Lord from 1 to 2 AM in these monthly endeavors. Mark can also be seen at the Holy Hour for Men and various other parish events like the St. Joseph's altar, and is often part of the clean-up crew for events. Perhaps most importantly, Mark serves as the Hall scheduler, coordinating the Council's use of Providence Hall with other groups and users.

Thank you for your efforts; I appreciate your contributions and wish you the best always!



July 12-15 Fishing Trip

Members of our Council have been making this trip to Brockport NY and fishing on Lake Ontario for over 20 years now. We go out on chartered boats (4 men to a boat) two days and have a great time. Although we have several "regulars": who go every year, we want to invite anyone in the council who is interested in a fun fishing trip to join us. We have THREE spaces available. It is important that you make your decision SOON. Call Herb Zimmer-

man at 703-623-6299 right away if you are interested. These pictures give you an excellent idea of the size of the fish you can expect to catch.



#### **PSA**

If you have recently moved or had your street name changed, please notify the parish office and our Financial Secretary. The parish needs to know even if you participate in Faith Direct!

#### **Field Advisor Report**

We all knew this was coming... the failure of several banks was of no surprise for many of us who pay attention to the current financial times, especially the closure of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). SVB was consistently being singled out by large financial publications for mismanagement of funds, etc. for years.

Question: How well has the Federal Government, the supposed watch dog over these banks, been managing YOUR tax dollars? \$31,645,000,000 in US National Debt, tens of thousands becoming Social Security eligible on daily basis, and the lowest tax rates in US History. Taxes can only go one way, my friends. What is your plan for your wealth that you have spent a lifetime accumulating, or are currently trying to amass? What are you doing to protect your wealth and/or estate from unnecessary taxes? The Federal Government is going to be forced to start collecting more dollars... are they going to take from people with money, or without money?

My team and I can help provide guidance and want to work by your side. I5 minutes can change your financial life and help you find a path to protect your life's work. Do not go gently into that good night with your money, Rage, rage against the handouts.

# Saint Leo the Great Parish Volunteer Appreciation Reception

In gratitude for your great dedication to the Lord and the people of St. Leo the Great Parish Saturday, April 22

You are invited to the Saint Leo the Great Parish Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Saturday April 22, 2023 - 6:00 pm in the school gym

Come and enjoy fellowship, desserts, to all the volunteers and staff of music (maybe even dancing), and light refreshment.

Please RSVP by April 10, 2023 to your director or coordinator of your area of service.





## Fr. Diamond Council Spring Collecting April 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Volunteers needed to collect donations for KOVAR!

Please consider helping at the following locations on the dates and times specified:

- **IHOP Restaurant**, 9490 Blake Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031 Sat/Sun April 22/23 8 AM 6 PM. Shifts are 2 hours long.
- Va. ABC Store 90, 12965 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA 22030 Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, April 20-23, 10 AM 6 PM. Shifts are 2 hours long.
- Va. ABC Store 241, 11725 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030 Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, April 20-23, 10 AM 6 PM. Shifts are 2 hours long.
- Va. ABC Store 368, Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center, 10308 Willard Way, Fairfax, VA 22030 Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun, April 20-23, 10 AM 6 PM. Shifts are 2 hours long.
- Intersection of Route 50 & Pickett Road, "Roadrunners," Thurs, April 20, 7:30 AM to 9:00 9:30 AM, weather permitting.

Intersection of Route 236 & Pickett Road, "Roadrunners II," Sat, April 22, morning times TBD with Tim Hogan.

Outside St. Leo the Great Church, after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, April 22/23.

Money counters will also be needed at Providence Hall. Please contact KOVAR Chairman Mark Walther at <u>mark-walther7@yahoo.com</u> to volunteer. Thanks for your support!





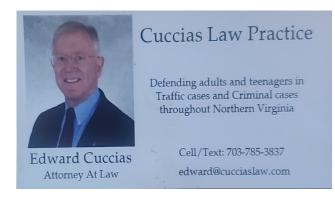
### April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
<b>2</b> Palm Sunday	3	4 7:30PM Officers Meeting	5	6 Holy Thursday	7 Adoration 1 - 2 AM Good Friday	8
9 EASTER! Egg Hunts after 9&11AM, plus 1PM masses	10	7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	7 AM Holy Hour for Men 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
16 Corporate Communion Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9 AM masses	17	18 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	20 KOVAR Collections	21 KOVAR Collections	22 KOVAR Collections
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30	1	2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	<b>3</b> Feast of St. Philip Feast of St. James the Less	4	<b>5</b> State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach	<b>6</b> 1-2AM Eucharistic Adoration State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach

### May 2023

Sun	Mo	on	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1		2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	3 Feast of St. Philip Feast of St. James the Less	4	State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach	6 1-2AM Adoration State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach
7 State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach	8		9 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	10	11 Combined Degree		7AM Holy Hour for Men 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Antique Car Show (?)
14	15			17 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	18 Ascension Thursday	19	20
Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9 AM masses	22		23 7:30 PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting Election of Officers	24	25	26	27
	<b>29</b> Memorial Da		30	31	1	2	3 Eucharistic Adoration 1 - 2 AM

#### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2022-23





#### Mackenzie R. Abbate

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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 Tim Hogan at 703–926-4347 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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