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# THE LOOKOUT



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April 2024

## Grand Knight's Message

*James "Jim" Beauchamp, Grand Knight*



Brother Knights,

**Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!** A Happy Easter to all of you and your families.

During this Easter season, I am so thankful for what the **Risen Lord** has done in my life. I am also edified by how many fellow Knights and parishioners give their time and talents for the service of others. Especially those in need. Thanks so much to all the Knights who contributed items (such as toiletries) for the **Easter Basket** delivery. There was quite a haul. Special thanks to **Pat McGuire** for coordinating this with the parish Social Ministry. For the first time our Council coordinated the Lenten Soup Suppers held every Friday evening during Lent. I think that it was a big success. I was thrilled to see so many parishioners from different ministries step forward and bring in delicious soups and help serve. And of course, for the final soup supper, our Knights brought in the best soups. A special thanks to the special needs youth from Woodson High School for stuffing Easter eggs with jelly beans and everyone who helped out with our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. And let's not forget **Thelma and George Billy** for preparing meals at Eastertime for the homeless in DC. This was the 30-year anniversary of when they started this remarkable service. And kudos to everyone who helped them.

There is a line that I have been hearing at the State meetings this year: "If Not for the Knights – Then Who?" I think this line well describes the Knights willingness to pitch in and help when the need arises. Sometimes it may come with a bit of sacrifice, but nevertheless we go where we are needed. In the coming weeks our **Nominating Committee**, composed of **Mark Woznak, Don Kehoe, and Tim Hogan** will be interviewing potential officers for the next Fraternal Year (2024-25). Please consider getting more involved. Your talents and fresh ideas can greatly benefit the Council. If you have any questions, please contact one of these brother Knights.

Looking far ahead, don't forget to 'Save the Date' for the **Grand Knight's Ball** which will be held on Saturday, June 1 at the Army/Navy Country Club in Fairfax. Additional details we be provided In the coming weeks/months, but please remember to save this date. Finally, let me mention the **All Saints Car Raffle** and the **KOVAR collection**. We will be selling raffle tickets the first weekend after Easter, April 6 – 7, outside of church after all Sunday Masses. And the following weekend, April 12 -14, we will be collecting for KOVAR outside of Church and at several designated locations throughout Fairfax City. These are both very important fundraisers so please consider giving up a little of your time to help.

*Why do you look  
for the living  
among the dead?  
He is not here;  
he has risen!*  
*Luke 24:5-6*



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

*James Hogan, Deputy Grand Knight*

Brothers,

**Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!** With April here we are almost at the end of our fraternal year.

To start off the month we have our staple events; Eucharistic Adoration 4/6, Rosary to End Abortion 4/13, Officers Meeting 4/2, and Business Meetings on 4/9 and 4/23 with dinner for us at 6:45PM only after the 2nd meeting.

A significant event that we do every April is our KOVAR collections at several locations starting 4/12; as well as after the Masses on 4/13-14 Also we are collecting the All Saints Car Raffle Tickets after all the Masses on 4/6-7.

As an appreciation for all our hard work for the church, the parish is hosting an dinner for all groups of the parish at 6:30PM on April 20.

The annual State Meeting is in Herndon this year the weekend of 26-28 April. You must be a 3rd degree knight to attend but they will be having several fraternal events such as a golfing outing, a casino night, as well as a couple others. More to come on this.

We are also have a \$100 rebate program for anyone getting the 4th degree suit for anyone interested please contact me, hoganjames105@gmail.com or our GK, jgb5806@verizon.net.

June 1st Grand Knights Ball, 6pm. It will be held at The Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax. This is a time to celebrate our councils' achievements over this Past Fraternal Year, More information to follow.



Easter Feeding The Homeless 2024

## Treasurer's Report – 2/1-29/2024

INCOME for Feb \$ **6,680.33**

EXPENSES for Feb \$ **8,205.12**

Operating Fund Net \$ **(1,524.79)**

United Checking	\$41,576.51
United Checking (2)	\$ 1,992.31
Investment Fund	\$43,270.27
RTL Fun	\$ 4,591.77
Building Fund	\$37,108.18
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,150.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (3,009.88)
PKD Collections	\$ (733.92)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (126.97)

**Net Assets \$129,818.07**

## Chancellor's Report

*Patrick "Pat" Murray, Chancellor*



Brothers, we continue to grow our ranks of good Catholic Men seeking to serve our Lord, Our Church, and Our Council. I thank you for all your efforts in support of this important mission. I give you some thoughts from the Easter reflection of the Exodus 90 Men's Group.

For the Christian, Easter is a season of celebration, and not merely one day! In fact, we celebrate the Easter season for 50 days, which is even longer than the 40 days of Lent.

Easter is a season for peace and also for apostolic mission. It's the time for us to encounter our Risen Lord, as he appears for us in our day as he did for the Apostles in their own.

Jesus offers us a peace that the world can never understand. He says in John's Gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

And he lavishes the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon us for our families and so that we can go about our work of renewal in the Church and the world. "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."

Please continue to pray for our Priests at St. Leo's and our Council.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH Knight of the Month – Mar.

Not only do your brother Knights do much to serve our Council, but many do much to also serve our parish, St. Leo the Great. I would like to recognize five gentlemen - **Tom Gross, Tim Holleran, Pat Murray, Alex Navarro, and Mike Tocci** who get up bright and early and serve the 6:15 AM weekday Masses. What a selfless sacrifice and service for our church. Many of us aren't even thinking about getting up that early, especially on a cold winter morning. In addition to this service, these gentlemen are also very much involved lecturing, Date Night, Eucharistic Ministers, and Scouting just to name a few other ministries. And also let's not forget all they have done and continue to do for our Council. For all their service to St. Leo's, I name them **Knights of the Month for March 2024**.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

## Family of the Month—Mar.

**Al and Linda Leightley** have been selected for last month's Family of the Month. The Leightley's have been members of St. Leo's parish for many years and have been very active in the parish, Council, and local community. Al coordinates the monthly Gray Gost luncheons. These are very popular get togethers for our retired Knights. He has also been responsible for getting monthly newsletters printed and sent out for those who prefer a paper copy of their newsletter. Al normally organizes the money counters in Providence Hall after the March for Life. Last year, Al took the initiative of having new Knights of Columbus signs made for the three main entry points into Fairfax City. The old signs were looking old and faded. Al is also busy in the community, taking a very active role in the Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC) of Fairfax City. Not to be outdone, Al's wife Linda has served as a sacristan for many years at St. Leo's. For all these reasons and more, they are our **Family of the Month for March 2024**.

### April Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Bob S Ratay	2	Nicholas Fehrer	10	Rev. Fr Tuan V Nguyen	12	Philip E Coletti	21
John H Grimes	4	David Nava	11	Jeffrey A Stevens	12	Tim D Ku-Dipietro	21
Allan K Rush	5	Dean Storm	11	Thomas P Heinz	15	John F Weinheimer	27
Nilson Herrera	9	Francis J Cuccias	12	Thomas P Feehan	20	Kevin M Mc Guire	29
Rev Jun Hee Lee	9						

Gray Gost March Luncheon





## Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

Jesus Christ is Risen! He is risen, Indeed!! On behalf of Father Juan, Father Thomas, and all our St. Leo the Great Clergy, I wish to you and your families a most Blessed Easter season as we celebrate the greatest event in History, the mystery of our salvation. Remember as Catholics, that we know how to fast... and how to FEAST! It was a joy to be present at the last general Counsel Meeting on Holy Tuesday! Thank you for your welcome and I do hope to be at meetings more often, when I

can.

For your spiritual edification I leave you with my reflection on Jesus' words from the Cross, "**Son behold your Mother.**" It was such a joy to pray Our Lady's rosary with you all. May Mary give strength and encouragement to our Beloved Father Diamond Counsel.

**"Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother'"** In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, We find midway through the story, that the older son is bitter about welcome home party thrown for his prodigal younger brother. The Merciful Father tells the resentful older son something amazing. The Father points out to the older son... **"Everything I have is yours."**

My friends, God our Father says to each of us: **"Everything I have is yours."** And His everything is hanging on the cross, Jesus Christ. And Jesus Himself reminds us by His word and by His action, that God holds nothing back on this day, and at His hour. Jesus is the revelation of the merciful Father from the parable of the prodigal son. At the last supper, Jesus told His apostles: **"He who has seen me has seen the Father."**

And where does the Father give his inheritance to us if not on the cross of Christ? On the cross, the very treasures of heaven, the entire Kingdom of God, spills out of the heart of God on his people. **"Everything I have is yours."**

Do you still doubt that the God loves you? Do you still mistrust that He has given you **everything**, that he has **"told you everything he has heard from His Father?"** On this hill of calvary, Jesus gives to you what is most precious to Him in this life: **"Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother'"** On Calvary Jesus not only gives to you His Heavenly Father; He also gives to you His earthly Mother. On Calvary, Mary will become the Mother of all God's children in the order of Grace. After all, without Mary's yes, her FIAT, to become God's mother at the annunciation, we could never give our Fiat our yes to God at our Baptism.

God does indeed say to us, **"everything I have is yours,"** and he saves the best for last on calvary with these words: **"Behold your mother."** And we in return receive everything from God through Mary's motherly intercession. So, we stand today on calvary hill in the person of the beloved disciple, and we hear these wonderful words spoken to us anew: **"Son, behold your mother... everything I have is yours"**

Your Brother Knight and Chaplain,

## Work Camp 2024

The St. Leo's Youth Ministry, under the direction of Katherin Piraino, will be having a work camp at St. Leo's entitled "SERVE 2024" on July 7 -10, 2024. Our youth will have an opportunity to learn more about the works of mercy. The tentative schedule is June 27 (6:30 – 8:00 PM), July 7 (5:30 – 8:00 PM), July 8 (8 AM – 6 PM), July 9 (8 AM – 6 PM), and July 10 (8 AM – 7 PM). If anyone is interested in working with our youth (grades 6, 7, and 8), especially some of our retired brother Knights, please contact Katherine at [yndirector@stleofairfax.com](mailto:yndirector@stleofairfax.com). VIRTUS training is strongly recommended.



Easter Egg Hunt 2024 9am crew. Tim, Chris, Bill, Phil, Charlie, and Tim (left to right)

## KOVAR Collections

The Knights of Columbus 6292 will be doing their annual Spring collection on Friday April 12 thru Sunday April 14, 2024 at the following ABC stores:

Store 368  
Courthouse Plaza  
10308 Williard Way  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Store 90  
12965 Fairlakes Shopping Center  
Fairlakes Shopping Center  
Fairfax, VA 22033

Store 241  
11725 Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Times collecting 2 hour shifts 12:00pm – 6:00pm. Time slots are still open.

We will also be collecting at the IHOP on Blake Lane Saturday April 13 & Sunday April 14, 2024 from 8:00am – 4:00pm, 2 hour shifts. Time slots are still open.

Volunteers are needed to collect after all masses starting at 5:00pm Saturday thru 5:00pm Sunday.

If you can assist, please contact Gib Flodine (phone 703-201-0477 or e-mail [giblbkim@yahoo.com](mailto:giblbkim@yahoo.com)).

## CAR RAFFLE

St. Leo parishioners have been invited to participate in the **2024 All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle!** Tickets are being mailed out this first week of February, 10 tickets per registered address. Please consider purchasing and/or selling the tickets you receive, as this represents an important fundraiser through which All Saints supports our parish and many other parishes in the diocese. Each **\$5 ticket** gives the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles (**2024 models of the Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger pickup, and Bronco Sport**) plus **\$40,000 in cash drawings** (including one for \$20,000)! Anyone needing additional tickets can contact Mark Walther ([markwalther7@yahoo.com](mailto:markwalther7@yahoo.com), 703-766-5054). Please also save the dates of March 15-16 and April 6-7 when volunteers will be needed after all Masses to man our ticket table in the church vestibule, offering tickets for purchase, collecting unsold returns, and providing additional tickets to parishioners who wish to sell them.

## Spaghetti Take-Home Dinner

**A Fundraiser for the Heroes Mass**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2024, 3PM to 7PM**  
**Providence Hall (Knights Hall behind St. Leo**  
**the Great Catholic Church)**

**Spaghetti with Marinara (no meat):**  
**\$5.00(2 servings; includes salad & garlic bread)**  
**Spaghetti with Meat Sauce: \$7.00(2 servings,**  
**includes salad & garlic bread)**  
**Meatballs:\$3.00(5 meatballs per order)**

**Orders will be HOT!!!**

**Order by emailing [Heroes.Mass@gmail.com](mailto:Heroes.Mass@gmail.com)**  
**Please let us know which items you would like**  
**to order, and how many orders of each.**  
**Deadline for all orders is Wednesday, May 15,**  
**2024.**

## Warden Report

**My Brother Knights,**  
**Welcome To Spring!** I pray that all of you and your Families had a very Blessed and Happy Easter, We are down to our last three Months if this Fraternal Year. If you haven't come out for a meeting yet this year, Please join us for one. Our meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8pm. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday a home cooked meal is served at 6:45 pm. This month we will have **A Fresh Garden Salad, Beef Stroganoff and Dessert.** A Rosary will be said at 7:30 and a Meeting at 8pm. Please come and Join us!!



## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b> EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM, and 1PM Masses	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM Car Raffle Ticket Sale
<b>7</b> Car Raffle Ticket Sale	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> KOVAR Collection	<b>13</b> 8:30 AM Rosary to End Abortion KOVAR Collection
<b>14</b> KOVAR collection	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM 4th De- gree Mtg	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Volunteer dinner, 6:30 PM
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Annual State Meeting, Herndon	<b>27</b> Annual State Meeting, Herndon
<b>28</b> Annual State Meeting, Herndon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

## May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b> Annual State Meeting, Herndon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Rosary to End Abortion
<b>12</b> Mother's Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	<b>15</b> 7:30 PM 4th Degree Mtg	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Spaghetti meal prep and pickup Fairfax Antique Car Show
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b> 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg Election of Offic- ers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM Grand Knight's Ball

### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2023-24

**Officers**

Grand Knight	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
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Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	
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1yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

**Program Directors**

Programs	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516

**Committee Chairmen**

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Admissions		
Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Budget & Finance	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Ins. Promotion	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

**Project Chairmen**

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	George Billy	
Fraternal Prayer		
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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- quarterly newsletter (updates on the canonization cause)
- a weekly Mass offered



**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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