

The Lookout

April 2004



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292**



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy and Most Blessed Easter! My prayer is that the Resurrection of our Lord will fill each of you with an abundance of glory during this Easter season.

Many thanks to all who helped out with a March activities. Special thanks to Greg Hartley for heading up our efforts with the State Meeting we hosted and to Dan Purtil for chairing the Night of Magic, both of which took place on the 6th. Also, a word of thanks to Al Leightley and Greg Hartley for taking charge of the St Patrick's Day Party. Many thanks to Bill Ward for heading up our new Lenten Fish Fry... we received rave reviews and look forward to doing this again in the future. And finally (but most definitely not least!), many thanks to all who helped out with these events—your continuing support for our activities ensures our continued success.

The month of April is going to be busy one for our Council. We will need help with Food Baskets on the 2nd and 3rd, Feed The Homeless on the 10th, Easter Egg Hunt on the 11th, KOVAR on the 15th thru the 18th, and Family Breakfast on the 18th (details from the respective chairmen of these events can be found elsewhere in the newsletter). Additionally, we would like to encourage as much participation in the Meetings on the 13th and the 27th, as well as the Rosary at the Abortion Facility on the 17th.

Currently, the Nominating Committee (chaired by Tim Hogan, with Tom Kelley, Gerry Pepin, and Bill Jayne serving) is preparing a slate of officers to present to the Council at the April 27th meeting. Any Knight who is at least 3rd Degree that might be interested in running for office should contact the Committee as soon as possible. Elections are scheduled for May 25th.

As we talk about Nominations and Elections, we recognize that we are approaching the end of the Fraternal Year. To date, we are well short of meeting our goals for new members and new insurance members. I would like to take this opportunity to once again encourage all Knights to recruit Catholic friends and acquaintances to join our Order. After all, Supreme Knight Anderson has stated that it is the moral obligation of each Knight to make available to every Catholic gentleman the opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus!

Again, I hope that each of you has a most Blessed and Glorious Easter. And to those heading out on the Council-sponsored Cruise, we wish a Bon Voyage!

Fraternally,

Dave Todd, Jr
Grand Knight

Come Out
&
Support KOVAR

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Contact Tim Cooke
703-276-2911



Program Director's Report

Host Families Needed for Northern Ireland Peace Program

The Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI) is seeking local families to help with the peace and reconciliation effort in Northern Ireland. Please consider hosting a pair of Protestant and Roman Catholic teens (boys or girls ages 15-18) in your home for four weeks this summer. To be eligible, families must provide a safe-neutral setting for the teens to get to know one another, a single bedroom for them to share, and day-long adult supervision. During the teens' stay, they attend a leadership conference on Capitol Hill and other team-building and social activities, although the majority of their time is spent enjoying the host family's normal routine. CFPNI is a national, all-volunteer peace program aimed at building trust, understanding and friendship among the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland. Please consider being part of this widely praised effort which has made lasting, positive change among its participants. For more information or to obtain a host family application, contact Joe or Tamera Drozd at (703) 255-1628 or Londi Arndt at (703) 430-7143. Visit the website at www.cfpni.org. Your family can contribute to peace and healing this summer with CFPNI.

St. Patrick's Party

Over 40 members and their families attended the annual St Patrick's Day Party at the Hall on 13 Mar. It was down in attendance from last year's party but there were several competing activities this year which impacted this. John Judge, our Irish Chef, prepared an excellent meal of corn beef, cabbage and boiled potatoes. Kathy and Jack Cotner contributed an Irish Potato dish and scones. The attendees were entertained by a group very talented Irish Step Dancer's. All attendees were impressed. The party was organized by Al Leightley. Thanks to those who helped including: John Judge, Jack Cotner, Greg Sporupski, Herb Zimmerman, Bill Ward, General Larkin, and Ed Cuccias.

Grand Knight's Ball

That's right! The annual GK Ball will be held Saturday, June 5 at the Army-Navy Country Club Fairfax. Stay tuned for more details to follow in the next edition of the Lookout.

Easter Food Baskets

Father Diamond Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's parish, will be assembling and delivering Easter Food Baskets to 30 needy families in the area. Help is needed on Friday April 2nd at 7:30 PM to transfer the food from the SVDP Society storage room to Providence Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Baskets will be assembled beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 3rd with delivery taking place immediately after assembly. This project is not as labor intensive as the Christmas Baskets, but the more help the easier the task. Please contact Greg Skorupski: e-mail GREGSKISR@aol.com or phone (703) 978-8280 if you can help with either or both tasks. Sign-up sheets are also posted in Providence Hall.

Morality in the Media

My Brother Knights, a few weeks ago we assed a charitable contribution for Morality in the Media (MIM) and the question was asked, what is it for? It just so happened that the latest Supreme newsletter had a brief synopsis.

MIM was founded in 1962 to alert and inform citizens and public officials about the destructive effects of pornography and encourages the enforcement of obscenity laws. The Knights of Columbus has stood against pornography, violence, and indecency in the media for decades. The Supreme Council and our supreme knight have urged each council to support MIM by renewing its yearly organization membership or joining MIM for the first time. The yearly \$50 membership fee helps MIM in its battle to eradicate pornography. The activities that MIM get involved in include; sponsoring a clearinghouse of legal information on obscenity cases and materials for prosecutors and interested attorneys and an annual "Turn Off TV Day" as a protest against the growing number of TV programs that assault moral and family values. To find the dates and times for all of their events, as well as helpful information regarding protecting children from internet pornography, counseling for adults, and many other programs and topics, you can go to their Web site at www.moralityinmedia.org. Another site run by MIM is www.obsenitycrimes.org, which offers a link to report a web address that is being used as a hidden pornography site. From the period of June 2002 to December 2003 [obsenitycrimes.org](http://www.obsenitycrimes.org) had reported over 37,000 Web addresses that masked as pornography. Once reported, MIM will forward the names to prosecutors in the attempt to build cases against those trying to deceive our children and loved ones into "accidentally" going onto a pornographic site. For more information, write or call: Morality in Media Inc. 475 Riverside Dr. Suite 239, New York, NY 10115 (212) 870-3222

April Birthdays

Patrick A. Rodio	04/02
Thomas J Kearney	04/02
John F. White	04/03
John J Cotner PGK	04/04
Edmund Janiszewski	04/04
Adelard L Brault	04/06
Edward F Rodriguez	04/06
Joseph J Ruzicka	04/07
Hugh M Cannon	04/08
Joseph C. Vecchio	04/10
Harry J. Carleton	04/10
Domingo P. Guingab	04/12
Thomas P. Heinz	04/15
Joseph C Mc Auliffe	04/16
Brian L. Hannam	04/17
Michael R Shaw	04/19
Gustavo A. Solares	04/19
Mark W. Lutz	04/19
Thomas P. Feehan	04/20
James R. Otim	04/20
James H Chapman Jr	04/23
Sebastian A. Carnazzo	04/24
Armand D. Liberati	04/29
Brian C. Drummond	04/29
Gordon G. Dewhurst	04/30

Missing March Birthday

April Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

Dave & Ann Todd PGK	4/4	34
James & Carol Caputo	4/4	34
Benjamin & Helen Basham	4/6	47
Conrad & Regina Donahue	4/22	54
Kevin & Shannon McGrail	4/23	6
Brian & Mary Knapp	4/27	8

Deceased Members -April

Ernest Brault	4/1/79
Domenico Linza	4/4/00
Dr. Paul Nodarse	4/21/76
Graham Newstead	4/21/74
Andrew Carey	4/22/83
Alfred Maes	4/22/83
George Nevole	4/27/97

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR, DENNIS RILEY

How Your Dividends Can Enhance Your Coverage

There's a simple – and painless – way to increase your permanent life insurance coverage. How? By using your policy dividend to purchase paid-up additions.

When you choose this option, your dividend becomes a single premium that purchases additional insurance on your life. How much depends on your age: A \$500 dividend will buy more insurance if you're 25 than if you're 50.

Over time, the increase in your policy's face value – the amount you're insured for – can increase substantially. What's more, your paid-up additions build cash value and are eligible to receive dividends, beyond that of the base policy and with no current tax liability. (Note: dividends are not guaranteed.)

Regardless of your current health, paid-up additions are purchased at a standard rate. One final note: You aren't stuck with any particular choice. At any time while your policy is in effect, you can change the way your dividends are paid to you. The other dividend options include:

- Leaving them on deposit to accumulate interest.
- Taking them as a cash payment.
- Applying your dividend to pay all or part of your premium.

As your field agent, it's my job to help you to understand the options available to you – and to help you to make any changes in your coverage. Just give me a call at 703-450-6100.

Dennis Riley

Fraternal benefits Advisor



Officers

Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chaplain	Rev. Jerry Wooton	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Chancellor	Dave Miller	319-8832
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Financial Sec.	Paul Cooke	691-0825
Recorder	Dan Purtill	541-8945
Advocate	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Warden	Pete Smith	503-1082
Inside Guard	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Outside Guard	Ben Stack	359-6258
Outside Guard	Scott Smullen	691-2273
3yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911
2yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137
1yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860

Program Directors

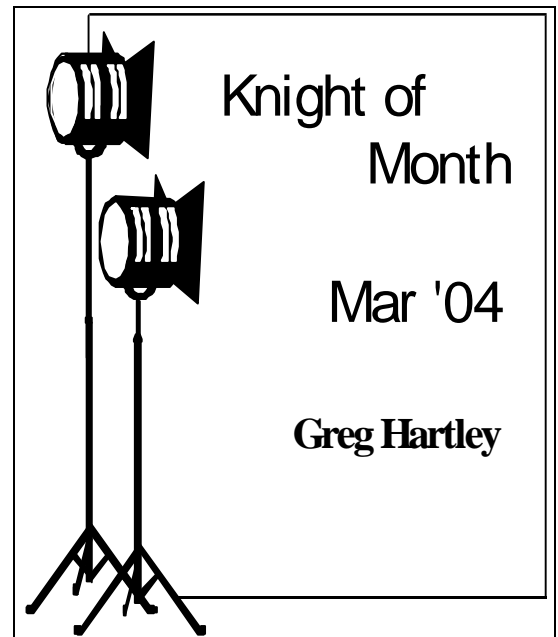
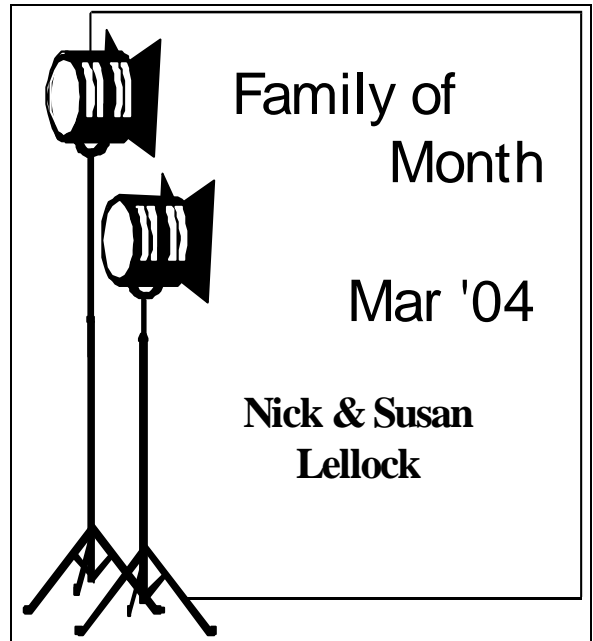
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Youth	Pat Leffas	934-9716
Membership	Dave Miller	319-8832

Committee Chairman

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Larry Novack	978-6137
Retention	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Vocations	Dave Miller	319-8832
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Mike/Li Plumstead	352-0848
Christmas Trees	Steve Smith	941-4284
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Newsletter	Bill Weich	385-2195
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137





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Dates to Remember in March

April 2	Easter food Basket – Food Transfer
April 3	Food Basket Assembly & Delivery
April 4	Palm Sunday
April 6	Officers Meeting
April 10	Feed the Homeless
April 10/11	Food Drive
April 11	Easter Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt
April 13	Rosary/Business Meeting
April 15-18	KOVAR
April 17	Rosary/Abortion Facility
April 18	Family Breakfast – Gold Team
April 20	Grey GOSTS
April 21	Rosary 4 th Degree Meeting
April 22	Admissions Committee
April 24/25	Food Drive
April 27	Mass/ 1st Degree/Business Meeting

LENT AND EASTER

TIME FOR SACRIFICE & PRAYER

JOIN YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

April 2-3 Easter Food Baskets

April 17 Rosary at the Abortion Facility

April 10 Feed the Homeless

April 15-18 KOVAR Drive

See the articles on the second page for more information

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 1600 Food Transfer	3 0900 Food Basket Assembly & Delivery
4 Palm Sunday	5 VS #6	6 1930 Officers' Meeting	7	8 Holy Thursday	9 Good Friday	10 Holy Saturday Feed the Homeless Food Drive
11 Easter Sunday Food Drive Easter Egg Hunt	12 VS #7	13 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	14	15 KOVAR	16 KOVAR	17 0800 Abortion Facility KOVAR
18 Family Breakfast -Gold Team KOVAR	19 VS #8	20 1100 Gray GOSTS	21 1930 Rosary 2000 Assembly Meeting	22 1930 Admissions Committee	23	24 Food Drive
25 Food Drive	26 VS #9	27 1930 Mass 2000 1 st Degree 2100 Business Meeting	28	29	30 State Convention in Richmond	<i>Edited: March 23, 2004</i>

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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 State Convention in Richmond
2 Blood Drive Walk for Life	3 VS #10	4 1930 Officers' Meeting	5	6	7 Golf Tournament 1900 Fraternalism Night	8 1200 Salute to Seniors Food Drive
9 Mothers' Day Food Drive	10 VS GG	11 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	12	13 2000 2 nd Degree	14	15 0800 Abortion Facility Antique Car Show
16 Council's 33 rd Anniversary Open House	17 VS #1	18 1100 Gray GOSTS	19 1930 Rosary 2000 Assembly Meeting -Elections	20 Ascension Thursday	21	22 1000 Altar Society Food Drive
23 Food Drive Family Breakfast -Blue Team	24 VS #2	25 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting -Elections	26	27	28	29 Open House
30 Open House Pig Roast	31 Memorial Day VS #3					<i>Edited: March 23, 2004</i>

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