

The Lookout

December 2003



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



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

As we begin the month of December, I'd like to take a moment and reflect on four upcoming holy days in which we remember Mary and her role in salvation history. Saint Louis de Montfort wrote about going to Jesus thru Mary, and as we consider these four feasts, we see this manifest. Beginning with December 8, we recognize the Divine plan for Mary as we celebrate her Immaculate Conception, in which God kept the human tabernacle free from the stain of sin from her beginnings. Four days later, we celebrate her appearance to San Juan Diego and the miracle of the Tilma of Tepyac. On December 25, we remember the motherhood of Mary and the virginal birth of Jesus, and a week later, we celebrate that same motherhood by remembering that as the mother of Christ, she is the mother of God! Let us keep the importance of Mary in mind as we prepare for Christmas and always pray to her for her intercession on our behalf.

The past several months have been rather busy, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our successes thus far. Looking ahead to December, our calendar becomes even busier, especially with our Christmas tree sales. I know that everyone will come out and assist with the sales as they are capable. In the meantime, I'd like to express my appreciation to Steve Smith, a recent transfer to our Council, for taking on the responsibility of heading up the sales. Steve seems to have gotten off on a good foot with help from our former sales coordinator, Larry Novack, and I trust that our sales will go well as they always do.

Looking ahead to January, we have a prime opportunity to recruit new members into the Order and get them up to the Third Degree in short time. We will be hosting a First Degree on Tuesday, January 13, a Second Degree on Thursday, January 15, and a Third Degree on Saturday, January 17. I encourage everyone to seek out and recruit at least one new member for this opportunity. To date, Dave Miller and I are tied for top recruiter with three new members a piece... everyone still has the opportunity to recruit enough new members to take the lead from both of us. Remember, the top recruiter will go to the Grand Knight's Ball at my expense, so let's get busy recruiting!

Finally, I want to once again thank everyone for all their hard work, as well as for their kind words of support. Additionally, I thank each of you who have expressed congratulations to me for recently being named the Sir Knight of the Year for the Virginia District of the Fourth Degree. While I appreciate the recognition, I have to say that everything I do with the Knights is for the love of the Order and of the Church, and as such, I have never sought awards or plaques.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas party on the 20th, as well as the New Year's party on the 31st. In the meantime, I wish each of you and your families a blessed Advent, and merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. May God bless you!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Dave Todd, Jr
Grand Knight



Program Director's Report

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Thanksgiving Baskets donated by the families of Father Diamond Council were a tremendous success. Sincere thanks to those who donated the food, helped assemble the baskets, or delivered them. In many cases, the same Knight and his family performed more than one task.

Christmas Gift Program

Now it is time to sign up for the Christmas Gift Program. This drive is different. We are asking you to donate gifts for the families who are in need of our help. The Saint Vincent DePaul Society, with the Council providing the turkey and gift certificate for perishable items, provides the food.

We ask that you donate one toy per child, one or two small gifts per adult, or one large gift for a household. Gift should not be wrapped to ensure they are suitable for the intended recipients. Please contact Greg Skorupski on (703) 978-8280 or via e-mail at gregskisr@aol.com for further details regarding family size and ages of children. You can also check the council's website for complete details.

On Friday, December 19th the food will be moved from the SVDP to Providence Hall. We will be assembling the food and gifts on Saturday, December 20th. This is a very labor-intensive job and many hands are needed to help make the task easier. Delivery of the baskets will take place on Sunday, December 21st starting at 10:00 AM. If you can spare a couple of hours from your busy Christmas schedule to move the food, assemble the baskets or make the deliveries please contact Greg at the above phone or e-mail address.

Redskin Games at the Hall

The Hall will be open for regular season Redskin games. Menu for all games: Nacho chips, hot cheese, munchies, peanuts and free coffee. All beverages at Council posted donations. Additional menu items served include hot dogs, hamburgers, and special selections offered at cost plus.

Rosary at Abortion Clinic

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

Christmas Caroling

Join your Brother Knights and their families for some old-fashioned Christmas Caroling on Monday, December 22nd at the INOVA Commonwealth Care Facility in downtown Fairfax City (4315 Chain Bridge Rd.) We will begin caroling at 6:30 pm and will finish the evening with coffee, treats/desserts for all back at Providence Hall. For more information or to participate, please contact Bill Ward at 703-273-6289 or billyjoe@cox.net.

Ushers Needed

St. Leo's Parish is looking for additional Ushers for the Masses, especially the 5 pm Mass on Sunday. We have a nice core group but we would welcome anyone who would like to assist. This would allow the core members to have a week or two off each month (or when necessary.) If you would like to help out at any of the Masses, please contact Bill Jayne at 703-352-1534 or Wjayne@erols.com

Christmas Tree Sales

One of the Council's largest income and community efforts in support of Council projects is rapidly approaching ... our Christmas Tree sales project. The order for the trees has been sent and down payment made. Lot set up will be on Friday 28 Nov at 10:00 AM... the day after Thanksgiving. Tree delivery will be on Saturday 29 Nov at 7:00 AM. This is an all-hands effort. Noting the exceptional turn out in the past this should be as painless an effort that moving 510 trees and setting up the lot can be. The team schedule is completed and the team make up remains essentially the same with the addition of new Knights. A bulletin board with the schedule and team make up will be available in the hall. As last year, Saint Vincent DePaul will be offering Christmas Wafers for a donation. A variety of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards and ornaments will be also be available for purchase at the Tree Sales trailer. Please support this vital fund raising activity.

Server Trip to the Mount

On Saturday, November 15, three members of the Council drove 15 Altar Servers from St. Leo's to Mount St. Mary's Seminary for a day of Vocational awareness and Server appreciation. Thanks to Quinley Johnson, Greg Skorupski, and Dave Todd, Jr for the time they spent with the boys, as well as to Larry Gottschalk and Larry Novack for preparing dinner for the boys upon the return.

Fundraisers

The Council is looking for ways to increase our revenue. Increased revenue will in turn improve our budget outcome (right now, we are projecting a deficit), and will allow us to contribute more to various charities. If you have any ideas, please contact Grand Knight Dave Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@erols.com or (703) 385-2195 contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Hartley at PGHartley@hotmail.com or (703) 352-2797.

Keep Christ in Christmas

The council will again be selling Christmas Cards this holiday season. The cards went on sale Saturday 18 Oct. The cards will be available after the Saturday evening Mass and after Sunday morning and afternoon Masses. All brothers asked to support our effort to "Keep Christ in Christmas". If you can help sell after the Masses or for more information contact Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455.

Scrip Sales

Bill Ward has decided not to continue with the Scrip Sales. We thank him for his willingness to fill in for the past few months, and for all he has done. In the meantime, Tim Hogan has agreed to take charge of the program for the time being. We are asking anyone who would be willing to work with Tim please contact him as soon as possible. You can reach him at tim@hbifreight.com, or at (703) 385-1292.

Giving Tree Hearts

Remember take Hearts from the Giving Tree after Masses. If you provide a generic present from other than from the Giving Tree the present should not be wrapped and can be delivered to the trailer at the Christmas Tree lot.

Different News Source

The Friday Fax reports on how the UN radicals seek to remake the world in their own radical image, how they seek to promote abortion, population control, homosexuality, brutal sex ed, and how they attack the Church and national sovereignty.

The Friday Fax is unique. It is a genuine news service. The Friday Fax is written by C-FAM staff who actually go to meetings, read reports, perform interviews with key decision makers. The Friday Fax is news! And it is news unlike other news sources. You will not find this information in the New York Times, the London Times or any of the other pro-abortion papers. The Friday Fax is a key link for 60,000+ readers so they can organize and fight back. <http://www.c-fam.org>

New Upcoming Feature

Do you like crossword puzzles, word finds or even interesting trivia? I am researching the possibility of adding one of these to the monthly newsletter. Gabriel Publications is a creator of word games for Catholic publications. I am awaiting materials from their organization and will keep you updated. If you have a preference of any of these being added to the newsletter, please contact me with your preference at 703-385-2195 or Wweich@aol.com.

Council 6292 Resolution to Delete Standing Resolution adopted April 14, 1992

WHEREAS: The 1992 Resolution to expand Providence Hall was brought to the Pastor of St. Leo the Great shortly after incorporation into our By-laws, and

WHEREAS: The Pastor denied Council 6292 permission to expand substantially Providence Hall because any further expansion of St. Leo the Great property was not allowed by City Council without substantial modification to all facilities on the property, and

WHEREAS: The standing resolution creates confusion and unnecessary burden on Each Grand Knight and the Council since the Council proposed expansion was denied,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Council 6292 Standing Resolution adopted April 14, 1992 be rescinded and deleted from further printing of the Council By-Laws

The above resolution will be voted on at the Council Meeting on December 9th or January 13th. Please plan to attend so you may cast your vote on this resolution

December Birthdays

Harry R Glass	12/01
Bryan W Flood	12/08
Norman R Lawrence	12/09
Kenneth F Trott	12/10
William W Weich	12/12
Herbert F Zimmerman	12/13
William F Broucker Jr	12/13
Kevin A McGrail	12/13
Eugene T Ransom Jr	12/14
Alexander A Navarro	12/15
Alan F Beuerlein	12/16
Gerard P O'Keefe	12/16
Stephen J Okay	12/18
John E Bogart	12/19
Frank J Bohan Jr	12/22
Pete J Smith	12/23
Timothy J Malloy	12/23
Shawn C Williams	12/24
Arthur J Davis	12/24
Peter J Coniglio	12/25
Terrence L Hannam	12/27
Timothy J Hartzell	12/27
William T Mundy	12/27
Robert L Qualkinbush	12/27
Dennis J Howley	12/28
Rafael F. Madan MD	12/28
Stephen H Mahoney	12/28
David M Whitcomb	12/29

December Wedding Anniversaries Years Married

Michael & Genny Flattery	34
Paul & Carol Cutlip	26
David & Alysia Kreider	8
Peter & Pat O'Neill	36
Hugh & Nancy Cannon	36

From the Fraternal Benefits Advisor

A Season for Giving

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with a Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

- Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?
- Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some new resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may. With a K of C life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases. Call me today at 703-450-6100 for more details.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking steps now, you protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well.

I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Dennis Riley

Fraternal benefits Advisor



Officers

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Outside Guard	Ben Stack	359-6258
Outside Guard	Scott Smullen	691-2273
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2yr Trustee	Larry Novack	978-6137
1yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860

Program Directors

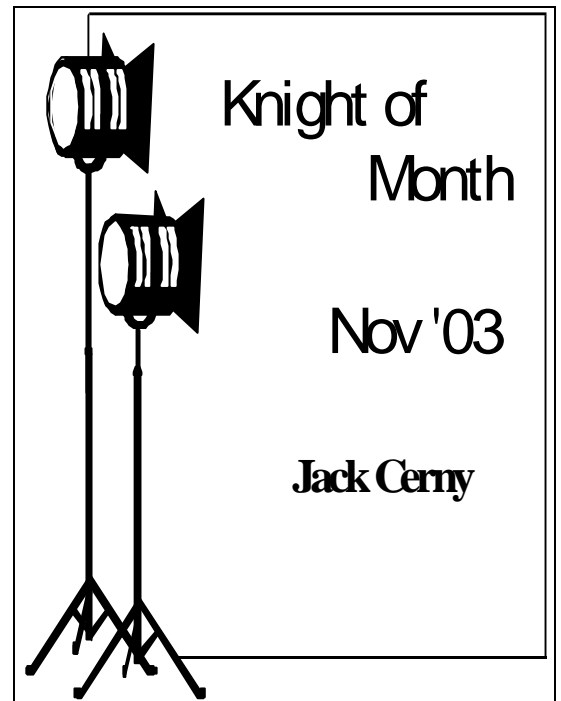
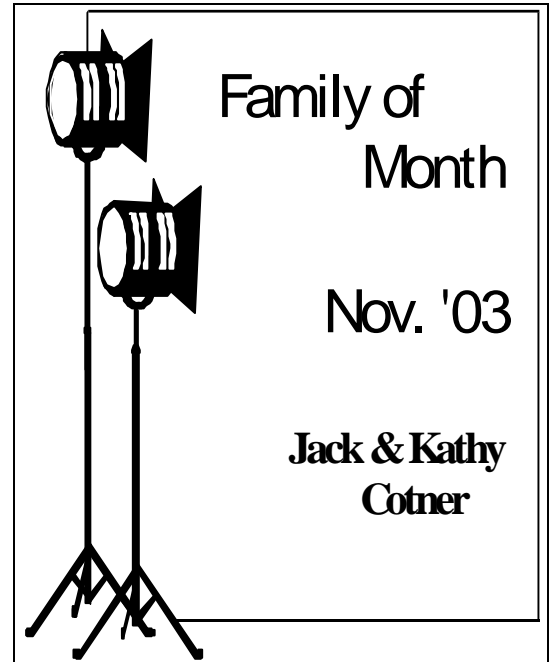
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Membership	Dave Miller	319-8832

Committee Chairman

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Retention	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Vocations	Dave Miller	319-8832
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
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Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	323-5785
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
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Dates to Remember in December

Dec 2	Officers Meeting
Dec 9	Mass/Business Meeting
Dec 13	Adopt-a-Spot
Dec 13/14	Food Drive
Dec 14	Open House
Dec 16	Gray GOSTS
Dec 17	Rosary/Assembly Meeting
Dec 19	Food Basket Moving
Dec 20	Rosary Abortion Facility
Dec 20	Food basket Assembly
Dec 20	Feed the Homeless
Dec 20	Christmas Party
Dec 21	Family Breakfast (Santa)
Dec 21	Food Basket Delivery
Dec 27/28	Food Drive
Dec 31	New Years Party



HOLIDAY SEASON PARTIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Council Christmas Party – 20 Dec
(TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Visit From Santa –21 Dec
(At the Family Breakfast)

Council New Year's Eve Party – 31 Dec
(8 PM to ??? at the Hall)

