The Lookout



December 2006

Knights of Columbus Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292



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Grand Knight's Message:

As we head into December, I want to wish you all the best the blessed season and thank you for all your help in November. As noted in the article in this newsletter we had a very successful Thanksgiving basket effort and I want to thank all involved as well as those who provided baskets – your generosity speaks well of the council as always.

Obviously, I would like to encourage all of our membership to take an active role in the many events occurring within the council and the parish and to assist in as many events as possible. We have a lot going on in December and many charity activities and family-oriented opportunities for all. It is a great time to get your kids involved and show them what the Knights believe in and how to start helping those less fortunate in our community. Just a sampling of the items in December include: Christmas caroling at a nursing home, a cookie exchange for the Columbiettes, the Crèche Lighting, the rosary at the abortion facility, the nursing home bingo, another feed the homeless and our Christmas food baskets. I would ask that we try to communicate as well as possible during this extremely busy time and help the program leaders on these various projects. Much help is needed and all volunteers are appreciated. Don't just read the council emails and the newsletter – be proactive and get involved!

Our Knight of the Month for October is Brother John Eldred. John has been doing a great job revitalizing the Ovations program and adding events. We have done very well at several of these events and even raised money for KOVAR through tips at a couple of events. John has worked very hard – as have many of our members that have volunteered to work these events. Thank you John!

The Family of the Month is that of Brother John White. John works the breakfasts and his wife Kathy is a music teacher at St. Leo's – Kathy and her daughter (a cantor at St. Leo's) were instrumental in organizing a concert to benefit the music program at Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis

Mississippi. This program was a very enjoyable evening and raised over \$700 for the program – that money and other funds we had for the parish that was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina was sent to the school to benefit the children and music program in the Parish school (total sent was actually \$900). Brother Tim Tilson was a key part of this venture and I thank him for his efforts.

I would also like to personally thank all those who supported me in the Marine Corps Marathon for KOVAR — over \$4,100 will be donated once all is collected. I could not have done it without all the generosity and support. Details and thanks are linked on the following web page: http://members.cox.net/billyjoe/2006-Marathon-index.htm. I will try to better this next year . . .

Please be sure to check the Christmas Tree Team schedule and try to work as many of your shifts as you can – the schedule is available in the last newsletter (available on line: http://6292.kofcva.org/newsletters/newsletter-Nov-2006-6292.pdf). We also have our Keep Christ in Christmas cards and many other items available (entertainment books, etc.) – many of these items are great gifts and an excellent way to support the council. Please contact Brother Dave Todd about these items and assisting him in the sales of these items during the month.

In closing, I would say that, even during the flurry of activities I just listed, let us not lose our focus on the important things in our lives. It was put forth at a State Meeting I went to last year that our priorities should be: God, Family, our Jobs and the Knights. I agree with this statement and, while I certainly hope that all of you can help in the council events listed, I hope you each take the time to have a great Christmas season with your families and that you focus on the true reason we celebrate this time of year.

Fraternally Yours, Bill Ward

Chancellor's Message:

We are now approaching the middle of the fraternal year and holiday events are ramping up and will keep all of us busy this time of year. When you go to an open house, Christmas party, etc. remember to ask that friend, co-worker, or church member if they are interested in the Knights of Columbus. The first reaction will be that they do not have enough time. Remember that the Knights are a volunteer organization, and if they can only help out once every couple of months that is perfectly acceptable. Also, explain to them the great insurance plans the Knights have and how they are one of about four insurance companies that have the A+ plus rating.

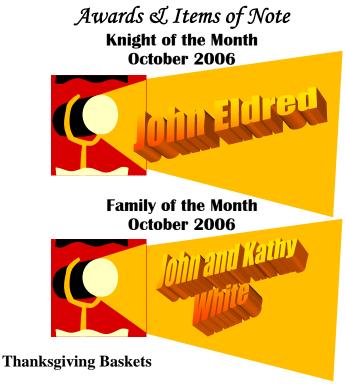
Once you have gotten them excited about the Knights you can let them know that they have the opportunity to take the first, second, and 3rd Degrees all within a week. The week of January 22, Fr. Diamond Council will be hosting all 3 degrees so nobody has to travel anywhere.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 703-591-6813 or e-mail me at steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net with any questions about recruiting new members.

Fraternally,

Steve Kehoe Chancellor





Father Diamond Council teamed up again this year with Saint Vincent DePaul in providing a total of 65 food baskets, turkeys, and \$20 gift certificates for Thanksgiving to needy families in the St Leo's Parish area. Council members and the Columbiettes donated 45 food baskets and another nine members donated \$685 in cash. The effort started in earnest on Friday 17 November with table set-up and transfer of food for 20 families from Saint Vincent DePaul to the Hall. The Grey Gosts supported the effort of the food transfer, notably: Gerry Pepin, Larry Novak, Hank Urban, Bob Eckert, and Ben Schaffer. Jack Cotner aided Al Leightley with three pick-ups of boxes from the local ABC Store. The food baskets were delivered by the Knights on Sunday 19 Nov starting at 10 AM, and everything was completed by 12 The Knights who assisted in the organizing and delivery of the food baskets were Chuck Kraiger, Jerry Broyles, George Rosencrantz, Dennis Cate, Dennis Riley, Doug Hazelgrove, John Anzalone, Tim Tilson, John Eldred, Kevin McGrail, Greg Bain, John Curtin, Ben Schaffer, Tim Hogan and son, Matthew Ram, and Bill (Kit) Cross. Several ladies of the parish, Lisa Rosenberger and Diane Griffin, also showed up to deliver. Special thanks to Bill Weich and Al Leightley for subbing for George Schuld (Charity Chairman) while he was recovering from knee surgery. Al worked getting the boxes, setting up the Hall for the baskets, and coordinated the basket deliveries on Sunday. This team completed another successful Thanksgiving food basket delivery. Thanks to all who donated baskets, assisted in the food transfer, and delivered the baskets. Well Done.



News & Events

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. This will be an all-hands effort. The team schedule included in this newsletter has remained essentially the same with the addition of new Knights. A bulletin board with the schedules and team make up will also be in available in the hall. Saint Vincent De Paul will be offering Christmas Wafers for a donation. A variety of KofC Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and ornaments are also available.

Please try to help out with as many shifts as you can. Not sure which Christmas Tree Team you're on? Contact Dave Miller at 517-3430 to find out.

Keep Christ In Christmas

The Council is once again selling religious Christmas Cards. Your help is needed to sell the cards at a profit to the Council and to remind everybody that the purpose of Christmas is the coming of Christ. The cards are reasonably priced and in the true theme of Christmas. They're available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Tagalog, Ukranian, and Polish. Brochures are available to bring the information to coworkers, etc. Please consider spending time assisting at the sales table in front of the CCD Office on Sundays.

In addition to the religious Christmas Cards we also have a great car magnet announcing Keep Christ in Christmas. The sales table is in front of the CCD Office on Sundays, and magnets are only \$3 each. Stop by and say hello, see what is available, or plan to help with the sales. Contact David Todd for more information. datodd@verizon.net or 703-352-2724

Christmas Party and Dance

The council's annual Christmas Dance will be on Saturday, December 16th starting at 6:00pm. A wonderful menu is planned, with some great Christmas music and fun for all. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Dan Purtill at dpurtill@gmail.com or (703) 641-8948 (email is preferred).

Fraternal Prayer Contact

If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack Cotner at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785.

Christmas Caroling

We will be Christmas Caroling at the Inova Commonwealth Care facility again this year. Afterwards, we will return to the hall for refreshments. We will also hopefully be distributing Christmas cards decorated by St. Leo's First- and Fourth-Graders (request to be made soon).

We will meet in the lobby at 6:30 to gather everyone together and hand out song sheets. Contact Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions and to let him know you'll be there.

Entertainment Books

The 2007 Entertainment Books are sold as a fundraiser for the council. You can to neighbors, at work, or to others just by showing the book to them. Can you spend a little time after Mass and help sell them by the CCD entrance? Contact David Todd for more information. datodd@verizon.net or 703-352-2724

Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (building next to the Holiday Inn at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, December 9th. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

Nursing Home Bingo

Each month our Worthy Grand Knight Bill Ward runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at bward@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details. This is a great family event for the holiday season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Tree Team Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Redskin Games at the Hall





The Hall will be open for all Redskin Games this season, including the four pre-season games

All 1:00 PM Games:

- Peanuts, Hot Nacho Cheese, other munchies, coffee and tea are available at no charge.
- Beverages at Warden Prices.
- There will be hot dogs, fried onions, sauerkraut, condiments etc. at a nominal charge. Special events which may include Philly Steak Sandwiches, St. Mary Stuffed Ham, Turkey Blast will be announced. There will sometimes be chili and Hamburgers.

All 4:00PM Games:

• All of above plus a dinner, again at nominal prices. Hot dogs for kids.

All Night Games:

• Munchies only—No hot foods or Nacho Cheese.

Prices charged cover expenses for food, cheese and munchies The Philly Steak Cheese Subs will be at one of the Eagle games and prepared by our own Philly street kid who comes all the way from D.C. for this.

Post Season and Superbowl (Redskins) will be covered.

Non-Redskin fans are welcome but all courtesies (silence) must be observed.





December Anniversaries

Fraternal Benefits Advisor

December Birthdays	-
Harry R. Glass	12/1
Nicholas J. LaDuca	12/1
Noel Montoya	12/6
Oliver H. Richter	12/6
Norman R Lawrence	12/9
John L. McGrail	12/10
William W Weich	12/12
Herbert F Zimmerman	12/13
William F. Brocker Jr	12/13
Kevin A. McGrail	12/13
Eugene T Ransom Jr	12/14
John F. Bruno	12/14
Richard S. Ryan	12/14
Alexander A. Navarro	12/15
John W. Keck	12/15
Gerard P. O Keefe	12/16
Stephen J. Okay	12/18
John E. Bogart	12/19
Jamie Argandona	12/20
Frank J. Bohan Jr	12/22
Pete J Smith	12/23
Timothy J Malloy	12/23
Peter J. Coniglio	12/25
Kevin Shook	12/26
Terrence L Hannam	12/27
Timothy J Hartzell	12/27
William T Mundy	12/27
Walter J. Kenneweg	12/27
Dennis J. Howley	12/28
Rafael F. Madan MD	12/28

Thomas L. Botticelli

David M Whitcomb

Matthew S. Winans

December Wedding Anniversari	ies	Years Married
Daryl & Joan Manning	12/1/1990	16
Matthew & Jill Winans	12/2/2005	1
Paul Carol Cutlip	12/10/1977	29
David Alysia Kreider	12/10/1995	11
Robert Etta Berry	12/15/1973	33
Lawrence & Mary O'Brien	12/16/1972	34
John & Patricia Brophy	12/19/1965	41
Keith & Cathy Fimian	12/26/1981	25
Patrick & Rose O'Mara	12/29/2002	4
Peter & Pat O'Neill	12/30/1967	39
Hugh & Nancy Cannon	12/30/1967	39

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12/31

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family - and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

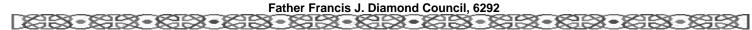
You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure that they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget. Give me a call.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net

Fraternally, Dennis Riley Fraternal Benefits Advisor



Officers	\mathcal{A}	Chairmen
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Officers			
Grand Knight	Bill Ward		273-6289
Chaplain	Fr. Phillip Cozzi		273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Weich		307-9163
Chancellor	Stephen Kehoe		591-6813
Treasurer	Al Leightley		273-2089
Lecturer	Greg Skorupski		978-8280
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli		278-0379
Recorder	Mike Purtill	202	251-8424
Advocate	Dennis Makurat		383-0233
Warden	Bob Eckert		
Inside Guard	Matt West		359-4652
Outside Guard	Nelson Clinch		385-2146
Outside Guard	George Schuld		255-0362
3yr Trustee	Dave Miller		517-3430
2yr Trustee	Greg Hartley		352-2797
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban		591-9244

Program Directors

Officers

Programs	Bill Weich	307-9163
Church	Mike Plumstead	250-2367
Community	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Council	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Family	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Membership	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813

Committee Chairmen

Charity	George Schuld	255-0362
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Vocations	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
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

1st Deg. Team Tom Kelley 385-2819 2nd Deg. Team Dave Todd 352-2724 Blood Drive John Brophy 425-7169 Bowling Team Dave Whitcomb 591-7739 Christmas Trees Dave Miller 517-3430					
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	2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724		
	Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169		
	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739		
	Christmas Trees	Dave Miller	517-3430		
	Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724		
	Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292		
	Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430		
	Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188		
	Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137		
	Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137		
	KCIC	Dave Todd	352-2724		
	KOVAR	Tim Cooke	766-2911		
	Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948		
	Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436		
	Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848		
	Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712		
	Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137		

Columbiettes Corner

The Chairwomen for the Thanksgiving Baskets, Linda Baringhaus and Denise Torrey did an awesome job. They executed the project with fine precision and all of the items were delivered Sunday November 19th.

Our next scheduled event will be the Crèche Lighting December 2nd after the 5:00pm Mass. We congregate in front of the Crèche, sing carols and Father will bless the Crèche. Refreshments will be served in the Providence Hall immediately following the blessing. Please join us for a fun evening.

Saturday December 16 we will decorate for the Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome to join us turning the Parish Activity Center into a festive dinner room. Many hands make lite work. The actual time to begin decorating has not been determined, but will be announced through emails from Hank Urban.

Our next scheduled business meeting will be January 15, 2007, 7:30pm in Providence Hall.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - CHRISTMAS CARDS - KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS

During this final month preparing for Christmas, the Entertainment Books, Religious Christmas Cards and Magnets will be on the trailor at the Christmas tree lot, as well as available at the CCD entrance each Sunday.

The books make excellent Christmas gifts that give year around. The Magnets, when displayed publicly proclaim the origins of Christmas. The Christmas cards are reasonably priced and keep the true meaning of Christmas in their messages.

PROJECT MOSES

Marble Plaques with the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes are available on the tree lot and at the CCd entrance. For more information contact David Todd 703-352-2724.

Ann Todd





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Dates to Remember in December

Dec 2	Crech Setup and Lighting	Dec 16	Christmas Dance
Dec 3	Advent Begins	Dec 16	Ovations - Sesame Street Live
Dec 3	Redskins v Atlanta (1300)	Dec 17	Family Breakfast - Gold Team - Santa
Dec 5	Officer's Meeting	Dec 17	Food Basket Delivery
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception	Dec 18	Christmas Caroling
Dec 9&10	Food Drive	Dec 19	Grey GOSTS
Dec 9	Rosary @ Abortion Facility	Dec 20	4 th Degree Rosary/Meeting
Dec 9	Adopt A Spot	Dec 23&24	Food Drive
Dec 9	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dec 23	Tree Lot Cleanup
Dec 10	Redskins v Eagles (1300)	Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 11	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Dec 24	Redskins v St Louis (1300)
Dec 12	Rosary/Business Meeting	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 15	Food Transfer	Dec 30	Redskins v New York Giants (2000)
Dec 16	Food Basket Assembly	Dec 30	Ovations - GMU Men's Basketball
Dec 16	Feed the Homeless	Dec 31	New Years Eve Party

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14 Open House	15 Martin Luther King Day VS #10	16 1100 Grey GOSTS Ladies Night Out	17 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	18	19 1900 Fraternalism Night	20
21 FamilyBfast -Blue Team	22 vs#gg	23 Social Meeting/First Degree	24 1930 Council Audit	25 2000 2 nd Degree	26	27 1100 3 rd Degree
28 1145 Donuts & Coffee	29 vs#1	30	31			
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