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COUNCIL #6292



The Lookout



2009-10 Fraternal Year, Issue 5

December 2009

Grand Knight's Message:



It's hard to believe that the council is entering December and the Christmas season. How quickly the year has gone by! We should all take a moment to reflect on this past year and remember that we are celebrating the birth of Jesus in this joyous season. I hope that each of you enjoys the time you will spend with loved ones during the holidays, and strive to help those less fortunate than yourself so that their holidays may be more enjoyable.

The council will be offering several ways to help by participating in the Christmas food basket program or by helping feed the homeless downtown. Help is always needed at the Family Breakfast, especially this month at the Santa visit on December 20th. Please consider coming out and helping at a few of the events. Also, try to attend the one meeting we have this month on the second Tuesday.

Please remember that December also brings with it our council's biggest fundraising effort of the year, Christmas tree sales! This program is the main way we are able to generate the funds needed to help the community. Last year we generated over \$10,000 for our programs. Your Christmas Tree Team captain will be contacting you shortly to discuss your availability to help out. Please help out as much as you can.

Finally, please come out and join your fellow council members at our annual Christmas party on December 19th in the

PAC center. There will be great music, great food, dancing, and raffles. Further information can be found later in the newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the party, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Nelson Clinch.

The **Family of the Month** for October is **Dave and Ann Todd** for all the work they have done on the Keep Christ in Christmas program, the Columbiette Wine and Cheese, Amish trip, craft show, and more.

The **Knight of the Month** for October is **Tim Hogan** for all the work he did in organizing and running the food booth at the Fairfax Fall Festival as well as helping out whenever needed.

If you have any new ideas or suggestions for new activities or fundraising ideas please feel free to contact me or Nelson Clinch any time.

I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!

Mike Purtil, Grand Knight
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Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's 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 at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Where were you twenty years ago this month? One night in December 1989, I was taking my first degree. Though I did not become active

with the Knights until I transferred to Father Diamond Council early in 1995, I consider the Knights' activities an important part of my life. Not surprisingly, the month of December is filled with Knights' events. Please help where you can during this busy season.

Charity Events

The council will be preparing Christmas baskets for the needy on December 19 beginning at 4 PM with food transfer from the St. Vincent de Paul Society's supplies, assembly around 6 PM, and delivery December 20 at 10 AM. Please contact Greg Skorupski at gregskisr@aol.com to help with this charity event.

George and Thelma Billy are leading an effort to provide Christmas Dinner for the Feed the Homeless program at the Center for Creative Nonviolence in DC on December 19. The event is scheduled to leave Fairfax at 11:30 and return about 2:30. Contact George at GeoBilly@aol.com to offer assistance with the program.

As always, we knights will help the St. Vincent de Paul Society with their twice-monthly food drives, which are at all masses the weekends of December 12-13 and 26-27. Help in transferring the collections to St. Vincent de Paul's storage area is always appreciated.

Church Events

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church will be confirming numerous candidates on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30 PM. We knights have been asked to provide ushers that night. If you are able to help, please contact Keith Morrison at mwcrkm@aol.com.

Thanks to those who prayed the rosary for an end to abortion on November 14. Despite the rain, about a dozen individuals (10 knights) prayed to end this

scourge on Life. Please join us on November 14 at 8 AM near the corner of Chain Bridge Road (123) and Eaton to continue our prayers.

Council Events

Christmas tree sales are one of the Council's biggest fundraisers. The team schedule is posted in Providence Hall. If you are unsure of your team's schedule, please contact your team captain. If you are unsure which team you are on, please contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@msn.com.

Please note that the Council's only meeting this month is on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please join us for mass for the Holy Day, and for the meeting afterward.

The monthly Grey Ghosts social event is December 15 at 11 AM. That same night at 7 PM, the Columbiettes meet in Providence Hall. I hope my wife will see several other members' wives there.

The Council **Christmas Party** (open to the Parish and friends) is on **December 19**, beginning at 6 PM in the Parish Activity Center. See the flyer in this newsletter for

more information. This is a great opportunity to have a nice evening with dinner and dancing at a reasonable price.

Family Activities

A family breakfast is scheduled for December 20 after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses. This breakfast includes the annual visit from Santa! Please join us for a hot, made-to-order breakfast that costs you only a donation to help us cover costs. The Gold breakfast team will be cooking that day.

Community Activities

The quarterly adopt-a-spot is scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at 10 AM. Please come help keep a small segment of Fairfax City clean. Please contact Bob Bilko at rabilko@hotmail.com for further details or to volunteer.

May the Spirit of Christmas live within each of us all month and throughout every year. Merry Christmas!

Nelson Clinch

Deputy Grand Knight

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Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes had to postpone the cooking demonstration by Thelma Billy that was originally planned to happen at our November meeting until sometime in the New Year. Once we pick a date, we'll be sure to let everyone know.

We are busy making plans and preparations for our Christmas activity. This year we have chosen to focus our attention on Paul Stefan Home. We will be providing necessities to the new moms and babies at the home so they can feel a bit of the Christmas spirit. We will be wrapping these items at our December meeting, which is actually a social meeting: a cookie exchange. If you plan to attend the "meeting" please bring 3 dozen cookies (all the same kind) wrapped in 6 packages of 6 cookies each. Please include your recipe with each package. You will go home with 3 dozen cookies – 6 different kinds.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2009. This will be a social meeting to include the cookie exchange and our Paul Stefan Home project.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.



Council News & Events

Thanksgiving Baskets a Success



Our Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's Parish, collected food and/or cash to provide underprivileged families with a food baskets for Thanksgiving. The council donated 45 baskets of food, turkeys and a gift certificates for purchase of perishables to go with the baskets. Greg Skorupski coordinated this year's event. Brother Knights assembled at the Hall and helped arrange the baskets. On Saturday, November 21 we helped deliver over 75 baskets to needy families in our area .

Christmas Food Baskets and Gift Delivery—December 18 & 19

Brother Skorupski will be coordinating with SVDP, again this year, to deliver food baskets and the "Giving Tree" gifts to needy families for Christmas. We will need brother knights to help move the food from the SVDP Food Pantry over to the hall and divide the food into boxes for delivery. It is always fun to deliver the food baskets, hams, food gift certificates, and the presents from the "Giving Tree". The smiles and expressions of gratitude are a great reward. Contact Greg at gregskisr@aol.com or phone **703-978-8280** if you want to part of the fun.

Nursing Home Bingo— **Still Need a new Chairman**

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday December 14 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 or wish to volunteer to be the new chairman.



Rosary at the Abortion Facility— IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!



On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion

clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). 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.

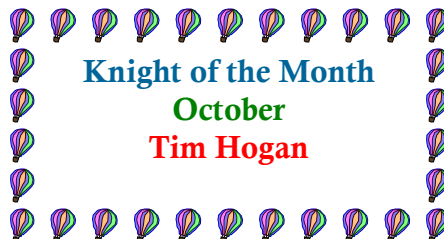
Christmas Tree Sales — **START—Sunday, November 29 and run through**

Christmas trees arrive on Saturday, November 28 and the Lot opens the following day. All Christmas Tree Teams have received their schedules and Tree Team captains will be calling you to volunteer for a shift or two.

Tim Tilson [703-273-9436] and Jac Cerney [703-255-9484] are co-chairmen this year. Anyone interested in helping set up the lot, please show up at the school at 0800 (8:00 AM) on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Work off that fattening Thanksgiving dinner. It only takes a couple hours when there are a lot of hands to help.



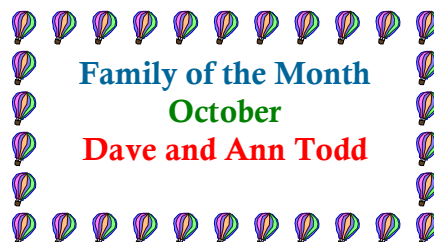
Knights and Knight Families Honored



Knight of the Month

October

Tim Hogan



Family of the Month

October

Dave and Ann Todd



Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15^h of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send

REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL



SPECIAL DINNER GAME

Sunday, December 13

The first scheduled 4:00 Redskin game is with the Oakland Raiders on Dec. 13. That will be the date for the Annual Cerney Smoked Turkey Dinner slated for **half-time--about 6:00 PM.**

Menu:

Two Cerney smoked turkeys

Rosemary's Grecian salad

Stuffing

Nacho cheese/sweet peppers potatoes au gratin

There will, of course, be the usual snacks and hot dogs for the kids.

Cost: only **\$3.00/person all-you-can-eat** event with beverages at Warden's Prices.

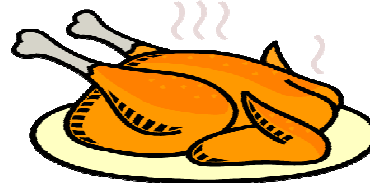


Christmas Meal

We are a group from the Fairfax area that have been preparing and serving hot meals to the homeless at the large CCNV shelter at 2nd and D St. NW Washington, D.C. for the past 14 years. Special meals are prepared before the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Our next meal is Saturday, December 19th. This is a good opportunity to help the less fortunate and for youth service hours. Donations of food items are always appreciated. If you would like to help, or have any questions please call Thelma Billy at 703-323-6470. We leave from Thelma's house in Fairfax at 11:30 a.m. and return about 2:30 p.m.

Food items needed: Turkey, chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, canned vegetables, yams, soft drinks, plates, cups, knives/forks

Donations appreciated, Thank You!



Help Feed the Homeless



Use Food Cards to Buy Your Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas Presents (Gift Cards)— A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—ZLRN01@aol.com for information. Available at **Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for 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.

How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?

Safeway sells gift cards for many stores (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-U's, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**

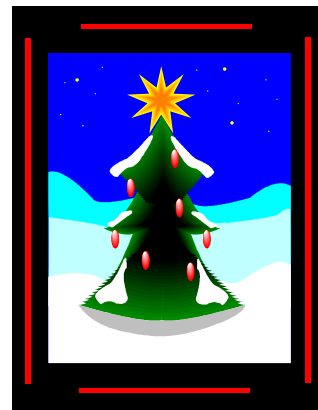


Christmas Party

Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM

St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gymnasium

\$15 per person

Council Provides:**Main Dishes, Potatoes, Vegetable,****Beverages:****Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Juice (for mixing, if desired).****Please bring an item to share (your choice):****Dessert,****Appetizers, or****A bottle of holiday spirits****Music Provided by DJ John Eldred****Please RSVP to Nelson Clinch at:****(703) 385-2146, or at clinch5va@yahoo.com**

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Insurance check-up for 2010

Can you believe it will soon be 2010? I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want

to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field Agent



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a Difference for Life

Prev Month	December 2009						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 2000 Officer's Meeting	2 St. Leo's Confirmation 7:30 PM	3	4	5 1000 Adopt-a-Spot	
6	7	8 1930 Immac. Conception mass 2030 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Feast - Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Drive	
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	15 1100 Grey Gosts 1930 Columbiettes	16 7:30pm Rosary 8:00pm 4th Degree Meeting	17	18 1600 Food Basket Transfer 1800 Food Basket Assembly	19 1800 Christmas Party 1000 Food Basket Delivery 1130 Feed the Homeless	
20 Family Breakfast-Santa visit Gold Team Tree Lot Cleanup??	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Food Drive	
27 Food Drive	28	29	30	31			

Prev Month	January 2010						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 Solemnity of Mary	2	
3 1800 Bowling Season Starts	4	5 1930 Officer's Meeting	6	7	8	9 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive State Meeting@VA Beach	
10 Food Drive	11 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	13	14	15 1900 Fraternalism Night 1930 District 16 Meeting	16	
17 Family Breakfast-Blue Team	18	19 1100 Grey Gosts 1930 Columbiettes	20 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	21 1930 Admissions Committee	22 1000 March for Life	23 Food Drive	
24 Food Drive	25	26 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree	27	28 2000 2nd Degree	29	30 1130 3rd Degree	
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Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2009-10

Officers

Grand Knight	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
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Advocate	Paul "Greg" Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Inside Guard	Matt West	703-359-4652
Outside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	John Berg	703-219-2096
3yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
2yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban	703 591 9244

Program Directors

Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Church	John Berg	703-219-2096
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Charles "Scott" Buchannon	703-978-0045
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	John Leonard	303-808-1245

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Admissions	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838

Retention	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
Vocations	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Steve Kehoe	703-591-6813
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	703-855-8547
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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If you see a fat man ...
Who's jolly and cute,
wearing a beard
and a red flannel suit,
and if he is chuckling
and laughing away,
while flying around
in a miniature sleigh
with eight tiny reindeer
to pull him along,
then lets face it...

Your eggnog's too strong!



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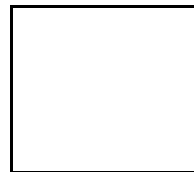
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****Meetings—every 2nd and 4th Tuesday—8:00 PM****

Tree Lot Sales—November 28—December 21

Special Redskins Games at the Hall— Sunday December 13

Food Basket Delivery—December 19

Christmas Dinner & Dance—December 19

