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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



My Brother Knights,
It *seems* like it has been a LOOOONG time coming, but we are finally into the construction phase of Providence Hall renovations! Actually, I guess it *has* been a long time coming. The December 2008 *Lookout* has the following quote from then-Grand-Knight Kehoe: "The request to renovate Providence Hall submitted by Fr. Whitestone and staff to the Diocese has been approved. We are now moving into drawing up plans of what will be done with Providence Hall."

My thanks to all who have had a hand in the MANY steps getting the renovations to this point. I also appreciate those who have helped and continue to help with the numerous Council activities this time of the year. In particular, Charity was alive in November as members donated their time and efforts in providing food baskets to the needy, preparing food to feed the homeless, and serving the food at the Center for Creative Non-violence in DC. Our Unity and our appreciation of our members who paved the way for the Council's current status was evidenced in our Memorial Corporate Communion mass and the ensuing reception. Fraternal events included the Spaghetti Dinner as well as our regular gray gost social on 11/16 (which I was glad I could attend) and Patriotism was shown by individual Knights in their own Veterans' Day activities.

Amazingly, these activities represent only a subset of all the activity tackled by the Council. This level of activity is only possible with the help of our members and their families. Thank you all.

Looking back one month further, I would especially like to thank our Family of the Month for October: Priscilla, Tim, James, Matt, and Tim (Jr.) Hogan. All five members of the family were instrumental in local activities. The patriarch of the family serves as our council's Advocate, and coordinated the fundraising efforts at the Fairfax Fall Festival. The three sons all helped with the Fall Festival activities, and Mrs. Hogan serves as the Columbiettes' Secretary and works at a local Catholic school. Thank you all for all of your efforts!

Similarly, our Knight of the Month was instrumental in maintaining Council liveliness. His efforts have been evident all fraternal year, but were particularly demonstrated in late September and in October as the Open House he coordinated, plus the Admissions Committee meetings he set up brought seven new members into Father Diamond Council in October. Thank you for your efforts, John Berg! You are our Knight of the Month for October!

I would like to encourage all members, as always, to discuss Knighthood with Catholic gentlemen who are not already members. I hope all members and their families enjoy the anticipation of Jesus' coming this Advent season, have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy 2011! Or, as my maternal grandfather would have said: *Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!*

Fraternally yours,
Nelson Clinch



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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,

I hope all of you had a very good Thanksgiving Dinner and are preparing for the upcoming Holy Season of Christmas. The members have been busy preparing the Christmas Tree lot and overseeing the delivery of the

trees. They also did an excellent job in setting up the Christmas Crèche in front of St. Leo's Church on Saturday November 27th. After the 5:00 PM Mass that day Father Wagner blessed the Crèche. After singing some Christmas Carols we enjoyed our annual dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, but not until and our Chaplain, Father David Whitestone led us in a blessing. Father Biaz did his part for the vent as well. He enjoyed copious amounts of food. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Bill and Kathy Weich for chairing such a great event.



By the time you receive this newsletter we will be well on our way to sell all our trees and have funds to cover our multitude of charity programs. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and your help in selling is desperately needed and very much appreciated.

On December 11th remember to join your brother Knights to pray the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic. Also on **December 11 is the Council's Christmas Party at the Parish Activity Center (Gym)**. On the 14th we will visit the INOVA Commonwealth Center on Route 123 to sing Christmas carols, On Saturday the 18th help is needed for delivery of presents to the families selected by the Saint Vincent DePaul Society starting at 10:00 AM. Help is also needed for the Feed the Homeless on that day. Details on these events are elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

Please remember we only have one Council Meeting this Month on Thursday the 9th with a Rosary at 7:30 PM and a Business Meeting at 8:00 PM.

I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year 2011.

DGK Greg Skorupski

  **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Columbiettes' Corner

The month of October was a busy one for the Columbiettes. Flo Hogan coordinated a trip to Atlantic City on October 19th, bingo on the trip was enjoyed by all with winners and losers at the casinos. There were favorable remarks about the lunch that was part of the reservation price.

The Columbiettes Craft Fair was held on Sunday, October 24 and open from 8 AM to 3 PM and with the support of the Knights led by Joe Monin (our newly appointed honorary Columbiette) and his crew hard working crew consisting of Mike Purtill, Dan Purtill, John Judge, Greg Skorupski, Steve, Jordan, Ryan, Nathan and Kealan Kehoe, George Billy, Gerry Pepin, Jack Cotner, Dave Todd, and Bill Weich and the Columbiettes Wendy Kehoe, Lynne Morrison, Priscilla Hogan, Elaine Pepin, Kathy Weich and Ann Todd, the day was declared to be a success. The event drew 42 vendors with a wide variety of goods being offered by sale. Our vendors have reported that they were happy with our event and look forward to next year's show.

We participated in the Annual Crèche Lighting and Spaghetti Dinner at the first celebration of Advent on November 27th attended by 110 parishioners.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 PM in the St. Marks Room. A Christmas Cooke exchange is planned. Each participant is to begin 3 dozen homemade cookies in parcels of a 1/2 dozen each.

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.

If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meetings and our events, please contact **Linda Baringhaus** at

703-385-9455 or Email lindamb3510@yahoo.com.



Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to **The Lookout** is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to **Herb Zimmerman** at herb2777@yahoo.com or call him at 703-385-9455.

Council News & Events

Christmas Tree Sale—Biggest Fund Raiser of the YEAR—Your Help is Needed!!

Tree Lot Set Up. Tree Lot set up was held on November 26. Lot6s of Knights were there to help set up. The trees arrived, as Tim Tilson says "at O-dark-30". There were lots of Boy Scouts on hand to help. Thanks Everyone!! . Thanks to the Clinch's for the pastries and donuts, too. Sales will begin sharply at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 28. Rumor is that we actually sold a couple of trees on Saturday while finishing the set up. Good start, Tim!!



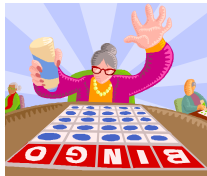
Rosary to End Abortion — IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **December 11** to pray the rosary. 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— This is Fun!

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, December 13** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love.** Call **Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280** to volunteer.



Entertainment Books STILL ON SALE - Great Christmas Presents !!

Dave Todd, Sr. now has the 2011 Entertainment Books for sale.

What a bargain!! Total cost of the book is only \$30 (lower than list price). These books are good until November 2011. Sell them to friends, coworkers, or anybody else you know. They make excellent Christmas, birthday, or other occasion gifts.

Take a few minutes to look through one of the books and see what is included. There are not just restaurants and theaters, but shoe stores, airlines, car rentals, and much more. Is painting a wall entertainment to

you? Sherman Williams is in there. Buying and selling these books brings

a good profit to the council (better than raising dues). For more information and/or books: **David Todd 703-352-2724 or datodd@verizon.net**. Dave has books for both the Virginia/Washington DC and the Maryland/Washington, DC areas.



Keeping Christ In Christmas...

Christmas Teams take turns to Sell !!

is easy with the religious Christmas cards available through the council. Check out the prices. Use the price on top, not the price on the bottom that they would cost if you could find them in a retail store. Buyers have been very complimentary of the cards. Encourage others to buy and send religious Christmas cards. We will continue to sell them in the vestibule of the church (NO SALES DURING MASS) with the pastor's permission. For more information: David Todd 703-352-2724 or datodd@verizon.net.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets—Huge Success

Father Diamond Council working with St Leo's Saint Vincent DePaul (SVDP) Society provided food baskets to a 100 families this Thanksgiving.

Our council provided \$900 in gift certificates. 42 Knights donated 12 food baskets plus \$2905 in monetary donations to the over-all effort.

Thank all the members that supported this outstanding and much needed charitable effort. SVDP did not require any support for delivering the baskets this Thanksgiving. Although 3 Knights were at the ready if needed.

Christmas Food & Gift Delivery— Dec 18

It is anticipated well over 100 families will be assisted at Christmas. Food baskets will be handled the same way Thanksgiving food baskets were handled. SVDP has requested Knights support for the delivery of Christmas Presents. The presents will be picked up at the storage facility on Draper Drive and distributed to families starting at 1 PM Sat 18 Dec. 10 Knights have signed up to support Christmas deliveries. 5 more drivers are needed. If you can help please contact Al Leightley at **703-273-2089, e-mail leightley8@msn.com**.

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.

Knights and Knight Families Honored

Family of the Month

October

**Priscilla, Tim, James, Matt, and
Tim (Jr.) Hogan**

Knight of the Month

October

John Berg



2010 Christmas Food Basket & Gift Program

Father Diamond Council is again teaming up with St Leo's SVDP to provide Holiday Food Baskets to the needy at Christmas. The new procedure for distribution of Holiday Food Baskets is described in the October Council Newsletter. The council will provide SVDP \$900 in gift cards for turkeys and perishable goods for 45 Families. The food baskets will be distributed on Saturday December 18 from the SVDP Pantry directly to the recipients instead of being delivered to their residences.



Food for the baskets is brought to the Christmas Tree Trailer or directly to the Food Pantry behind the church. Individual members desiring to purchase a food basket can use the attached list of suggested food items as a guideline for what and how much to purchase for the baskets. Food donations need to be delivered to the Christmas Tree Lot trailer or directly to the SVDP Food Pantry before Thursday, December 16.

The Council has been asked to assist in delivering the Christmas Presents collected as a result of the Giving Tree in the back of the church. We will need about 15 drivers to deliver all the gifts on Saturday, December 18.

Please contact Al Leightley at 703-273-2089 or e-mail leightley8@msn.com to volunteer for the gift delivery team.

Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — 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 the **Old Parish 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-Us, 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**



Father Diamond Council 6292 Christmas Party



Saturday, December 11, 2011



**KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Appetizers - 6:00 PM

Buffet Dinner - 7:00 PM

Dancing and Fun - 8:00 PM until??

St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gymnasium

\$15 per person

Council Provides:

**Main Dishes, Potatoes, Vegetables,
Salad, Rolls & Butter, and beverages
(Beer, Wine, Soda, Juice)**

Please Bring Either: An Appetizer or Dessert to share.

**Please RSVP to Dave Todd, Jr. at: (703) 463-1499 or
djtoddjr@yahoo.com**



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Different life stages, changing needs

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.

At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, or 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncov-

ers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

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

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field

Agent



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Prev Month	December 2010						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2 1930 Officers' Meeting	3	4 1000 Adopt-a-Spot	
5	6	7	8 Immaculate Con- ception	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11 0800 Rosary to end Abortion 1800 Christmas Party Food Drive	
12 Food Drive	13 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	14 1800 Christmas Caroling	15 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	16	17	18 1100 Feed the Homeless 1000 Food Basket Delivery	
19 Breakfast w/Santa - Gold Team	20 1000 Tree Lot Cleanup ?	21 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Food Drive	
26 Food Drive	27	28	29	30	31		

Prev Month	January 2011						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	
2 1800 Bowling Season Starts	3	4 1930 Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
9 Food Drive	10 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	11	12	13 1930 Rosary 2000 1st Degree / Bus. Mtg	14 1900 Fraternalism Night?	15	
16 Family Breakfast- Blue Team	17 1100 Gray Gosts	18 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm 1100 Gray Gosts	19 Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council	20	21	22 Food Drive	
23 Food Drive	24 MARCH FOR LIFE	25	26	27 1930 Mass 2000 2nd Degree/ Social Mtg	28	29 11:15 3rd Degree	
30	31						

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chancellor	John Berg	703-219-2096
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
Inside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

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
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Famous Quote:

Don't worry about avoiding temptation as you grow older, it will avoid you.

-- Winston Churchill

Ponderings:

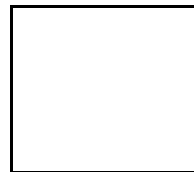
If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

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Providence Hall is UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!
Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room)
2nd and 4th THURSDAYS

Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information

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