

# The Lookout



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## Grand Knight's Message:



### Brother Knights and family members,

I hope that you and your loved ones had a great Thanksgiving and that you didn't overspend on the Black Friday sales. The Council finished off the holiday weekend with the setup

of Crèche near Old Lee Highway in front of Saint Leo's church, put the tree stands in place for delivery of the Christmas Trees early on Saturday morning and enjoyed a delicious Italian Spaghetti Dinner after the evening Mass. The sauce for the dinner, which was prepared by Treasurer Al Botticelli's wife Marianne, was a gourmet's delight. Advocate Bill Weich chaired the event (which he inaugurated several years ago). Thanks to them and all the others who helped make the event a great success.

Attendance at the November abortion facility Rosary was rather sparse. This is a once a month event and although all 20 decades are recited, you and your family are welcome to attend if only for a short time. The weather will probably be a factor for the next few months but we can't stop our drive to stop the needless killing of babies. The next Rosary will take place on Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 am at the corner of Eaton Place and Route 123 in Fairfax.

The officers are still attempting to develop a plan for cleaning of Providence Hall. Until we have it working your assistance in putting away equipment, removing trash and making sure the hall is left in reasonably decent shape after all events will be most gratefully appreciated.

Deputy Grand Knight Dan Purtil has covered most of the upcoming events, but I would be remiss if I didn't stress the need for help in the KOVAR drives which are on December

24th and 31st. Our collections this past spring were significantly reduced due to the loss of some of the major locations. KOVAR Chairman Nelson Clinch is working to regain as many of these as possible, but funds to assist the mentally challenged are needed year round. Many Brother Knights have been hit by the current economic situation and this is true of many other Virginians. Please try to give an hour or two of your time to this very worthwhile cause.

Knight of the Month for November is John Cesarini for his diligence in preparing Providence Hall for our meetings and his repairs to hall items which has prevented them from becoming major problems and saving the Council money. Keep up the good work John.

Our November Family of the Month is the entire family of Financial Secretary Al Botticelli. His wife Maryanne's exceptional spaghetti sauce, sausage and meatballs showed us what real Italian food is all about. Al, his sons Tommy, Chris, Chris's daughter and Al's daughter and others who worked on preparing the spaghetti, and performing numerous other tasks which made the event one to remember. Our congratulations to all of them.

One of our Father Diamond Knights and his wife received the Divine Mercy Award at their annual Gala. The award to Pat and Kathleen Leffas was in recognition for many hours of volunteer service to the Tepyac Family Center and Divine Mercy. Pat has been their IT guru and keeps the computer systems operating at peak efficiency. Congratulations to both for exhibiting a true spirit of the first principle of the Knights of Columbus—charity.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a holy and happy Christmas and good health and happiness for 2012 and beyond. Please remember me in your prayers.

**Fraternally,  
Greg Skorupski  
Grand Knight**

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brothers,

Merry Christmas! The Council is in the middle of one of its busiest times of the year. Here are just a few of the things that are consuming our time this month.

Christmas tree sales began over the Thanksgiving weekend. If you haven't signed up for a shift or don't know what team you're on, contact Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 or Jac Cerny at (703) 255-9484. If you've never helped sell Christmas trees, come out and see what it's all about. This is, in my opinion, a particularly fun way to help the Council, spend time with your Brothers, and interact with the community.

The Council Christmas Party is December 10th at 6:00pm. RSVP to PGK Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

We will be delivering Christmas baskets to needy families in the area on December 17th. Lots of help is needed, so please contact PGK Al Leightley at [leightley8@msn.com](mailto:leightley8@msn.com) if you can help out.

The 17th is also the day for our Christmas Feed the Homeless effort, headed by PGK George Billy and his wife Thelma. You can contact George or Thelma at (703) 323-6470 for more information. This is a great way to impress the Christmas message of giving, especially upon our young ones.

We will also be collecting for KOVAR on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Contact PGK Nelson Clinch at [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com) if you can man a two-hour shift.

One other large event that requires lots of help is the monthly breakfast on December 18th. This is the Santa breakfast and is always well-attended by the Parish. Please come out and spend a few hours helping out. We will be there from 6:00am until around noon or later. Many hands make light work! After the breakfast, come over to the hall to watch the Redskins game at 1:00pm.

We also continue to sell Catholic Christmas cards before and after the Masses at St. Leo's each weekend. As most of us attend Mass at St. Leo's anyway, please try to make some time before or after Mass to help out with this effort. We also sell Entertainment Discount Books during this time of the year. Contact Dave Todd Sr. at (703) 352-2724 for more information on both Christmas cards and Entertainment Books. Remember, the Entertainment Books make great stocking stuffers.

Of course, we also will be holding our regular monthly

events, such as the Rosary at the abortion facility on the 10th; Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Center on the 12th; and our only Council Business Meeting for the month on the 13th. One special note about the meeting on the 13th, we will be conducting a First Degree, so recruit those new members and contact our Chancellor Matt West at (703) 359-4652.

As you can see, this is yet another busy month for the Council. This is the perfect time to become more involved or to recruit some new Brothers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Dan Purtill  
Deputy Grand Knight



## Columbiettes' Corner

The Month of November saw the completion of our contribution of a Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket for the Saint Vincent de Paul annual holiday food drive.

The annual Christmas Cookie exchange date has been changed to December 14 to be held at an alternative location. Each participant is to bring 3 dozen homemade cookies in parcels of a 1/2 dozen each. If you wish to participate please give Linda Baringhaus a call at 703-385-9455.

Women's Morning of Reflection is scheduled for Saturday, December 3. We have secured Sister Claire Hunter of the Diocesan Family Life Office as the speaker. Schedule includes morning Mass at 9 a.m. followed by First Saturday Devotions with Sister speaking about Women's Spirituality after a short refreshment break in the church vestibule.

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](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).

## Council News & Events

### 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 12** 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 **Bob Bilko** at (703) 359-6824 to volunteer.



### Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, December 10**, at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.



### Entertainment Books— Great Christmas Gifts—ON SALE!!

Dave Todd, Sr. still has the 2012 Entertainment Books for sale. What a bargain!! Total cost of the book is only \$30. The Council receives 50% of the selling price (\$15) if we sell enough books. Dave has books for both the Virginia/Washington DC and the Maryland/Washington, DC areas. Coupons in the book are **good starting IMMEDIATELY** and are good through November, 2012. See **Dave Todd** at a meeting or call him at **703-352-2724**. You can also buy them in the back of the church every weekend.



### Christmas Cards—ON SALE EVERY WEEKEND!!

As we have done in the past few years, each weekend from October 1 thru the second week in December, we will be selling Christmas Cards in the back of the church at all masses on Saturday and Sunday. To make this an easy assignment, the Christmas Tree Teams will man the table on assigned weekends. If you get a call from your Christmas Team Lead to help sell Christmas Cards, remember this is a huge fund raiser for the council and serves the dual purpose of promoting the true meaning of the season, the birth of Christ.

### The Trees are HERE!! The Trees are HERE!!

On Saturday, November 26 our Christmas trees arrived at the tree lot at 7:00 in the morning. This was a fun time, The Boy Scouts were out in large numbers along with their dads and many Brother Knights. Donuts and hot chocolate were available. The tree have arrived and sales will start on Sunday with Team 10 at 0900. Jack and I would like to thank the following Knights for helping out on set up: **Marcus Annibale, Pat Leffas and daughter Anastasia, Pat Dunn, Pat McGuire, Al Leightley, Ron DeSantis, Paul Ketchum, David Whitcomb and son Ryan, Mark Cameron, Dan Boyce, George Billy, Gerry Stegmaier, Joe Gesker, Jose Trujillo Sr., Mike Mickney, Tim Ku DiPietro, and Vince ("Texas") Wilson**. Special thanks to **Al and Chris Botticelli** for getting the hay, **Gerry Pepin and Chris Wieczorek** for electrical help, **Greg Hartley** for assembling the stands, and **Dennis McNaughton** for repairing some electric cords and saving us big bucks.



### Christmas Party (Dinner Dance) — December 10.

It's that time of year again! Come join us on Saturday, December 10th. Cocktails will begin at 6 PM (after the 5 PM Mass), with dinner beginning about 7 PM, and dancing to follow. The Council will provide the main course; all those who attend are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert to share with everyone else. Cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to PGK Dave Todd, Jr. (703-463-1499 or [djtoddjr@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com)); please let him know how many (as well as who) will be attending, and what will be brought. **See Flyer—Page 5**

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets—Delivered!

The generosity of the Council this year for the Thanksgiving Food Basket Project was outstanding. Working with the Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVDP), 80 baskets were delivered by the brothers, who also donated 42 food baskets and monetary donations, The council provided grocery gift cards for the families to purchase perishables including turkey or whatever items they require. Additionally, **over 25 brothers helped** with food transfer from the SVDP Pantry to the Guadeloupe Room

Special thanks to **George Schuld** who helped with collection of boxes used for the baskets. Al Leightley, Charity Chairman, coordinated the project.

Help will be needed for Christmas Food Basket Project on December 16th and 17th for food transfer and delivery. If you can help, please contact Al Leightley at [leightley8@verizon.net](mailto:leightley8@verizon.net) or 703-273-2089.

*Knights and Knight Families Honored*

**Knight of the Month**  
**November**

**John Cesarini**

**Family of the Month**  
**November**

**Al & Marianne Botticelli**  
**(and the family)**



**REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL**

Join us watching the tribe muddle thru another season. **All Welcome—Family, friends, prospective members or just Redskin Fans.**

**ALL GAMES—** Peanuts and other crunchables free. All beverages at Warden Posted Prices. Coffee and Tea free

**ONE PM GAMES—** Menu above with hot Nacho Cheese added on free list. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at cost. Warden Beverages as posted.

**FOUR PM GAMES—** Hot Meal with trimmings provided at reasonable price. Hot Dogs for kids, and, everything on above Menus.



**NIGHT GAMES—** Peanuts, Munchies and Beverages Only



Special Events will be announced via E-Mail and at Meetings. Families and guests welcome. Special rules for Giant and Cowboy fans. Special rules for Eagles fans will be verbal because of illiteracy problem. Special rules posted in newly renovated Rest Rooms.



**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](mailto: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 10, 2011

Appetizers - 6:00 PM

Buffet Dinner - 7:00 PM

Dancing and Fun - 8:00 PM until??

Providence Hall (aka K of C Hall)

\$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](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com)

**RSVP  
Right Away!!**



## Knights of Columbus Bowling League!

(You do NOT need to be a  
K of C member to join the  
bowling league)

Mixed couples /men  
& women

15 Week League

We do NOT bowl on Easter Sun-  
day or Super Bowl Sunday.



Starting -Sunday, January 8, 2012  
Time -6:00 pm (after 5pm Mass St.

Leo's)

Where- Fairfax Circle Bowl America  
(9699 Lee Highway Fairfax, VA  
22031)

Join with your family, friends,  
neighbors, coworkers...

For more info please email  
David Whitcomb at

[DWHIT04@aol.com](mailto:DWHIT04@aol.com)

or call—703-591-7739

### Why choose an Annual Renewable Term plan?

The Order's portfolio of top-rated products includes a variety of term and permanent plans that can be customized to meet the needs, goals and budget of every Catholic family. Among these is our Annual Renewable Term (ART) plan, which provides the maximum amount of insurance protection per premium dollar.

ART plans provides life insurance protection for a specific, temporary period of time. Many have likened it to "renting" life insurance protection. It is appropriate coverage when the life insurance need is temporary in nature, such as to provide mortgage protection or to cover a business loan.

Among the advantages, in addition to the economical premium, is that ART plans can be converted to a permanent plan of protection with no additional underwriting required at any time prior to age 65. In a sense, ART plans can be used to guarantee your insurability. If you need protection for your entire life, but the premiums for permanent insurance just aren't in the budget right now, purchasing an ART plan with the intent to convert might just be the way to go.

### Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Who benefits from ART plans:

Those who want to supplement permanent insurance protection;

Small business owners who want to cover the life of a key employee until retirement;

Those who need guaranteed coverage for life, but need time to budget additional premium dollars and want guaranteed conversion to a permanent plan of insurance;

Anyone who needs life insurance for only a certain period.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how Knights of Columbus ART life insurance, or any other of our top-rated portfolio of products, can help you meet your needs and goals.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent



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**INSURANCE**  
Making a difference for life.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>December—2011</b>				<b>1</b> Fishing Trip	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1000 Adopt A Spot
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>7</b> 0830 Bus Trip to NYC	<b>8</b> Immaculate Conception	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Food Drive <a href="#">0800 Rosary to end Abortion</a> 1800 Christmas Party
<b>11</b> Food Drive	<b>12</b> 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	<b>13</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>January Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1000 Christmas Basket Delivery Feed the Homeless
<b>18</b> Family Breakfast - Gold Team	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <a href="#">1100 Grey Gosts Luncheon</a> <a href="#">1930 Columbi-ettes Meeting</a>	<b>21</b> 1000 Tree Lot Cleanup? <a href="#">1930 Malloy Assembly</a>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Food Drive  KOVAR @ ABC Store
<b>25</b> Christmas Food Drive	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> KOVAR @ ABC Store 2000 New Years Party

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> New Year's Day 1300 Redskins @ Eagles	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1930 Officers' Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> State Meeting - Newport News
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	<b>10</b> 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <a href="#">0800 Rosary to end Abortion</a> Food Drive
<b>15</b> Family Breakfast - Blue Team Food Drive	<b>16</b> <b>February Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>17</b> <a href="#">1100 Grey Gosts Luncheon</a> <a href="#">1930 Columbi-ettes Meeting</a>	<b>18</b> <a href="#">1930 Malloy Assembly</a>	<b>19</b> 1930 Admissions Committee	<b>20</b> 2000 Fraternalism Night	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 0900 Corporate Communion	<b>23</b> March for Life	<b>24</b> 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting First Degree	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 2000 Second Degree	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1100 Third Degree Food Drive
<b>29</b> Food Drive	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>January—2012</b>			

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

### Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
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Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955
Outside Guard	Patrick Kiechlin	703-978-4028
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499

3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
2yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
1yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813

### Program Directors

Programs	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Church	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
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Council	TBD	
Family	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Youth	Bill Weich	301-527-1207

### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	Matt West	703-359-4652
Retention	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Vocations	Matt West	703-359-4652

Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
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Insurance	TBD	

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1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
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### Smart Answer....Sign of the Times

It was mealtime during an airline flight.

"Would you like dinner?", the flight attendant asked John, seated in front..

"What are my choices?" John asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

### Pondering Questions

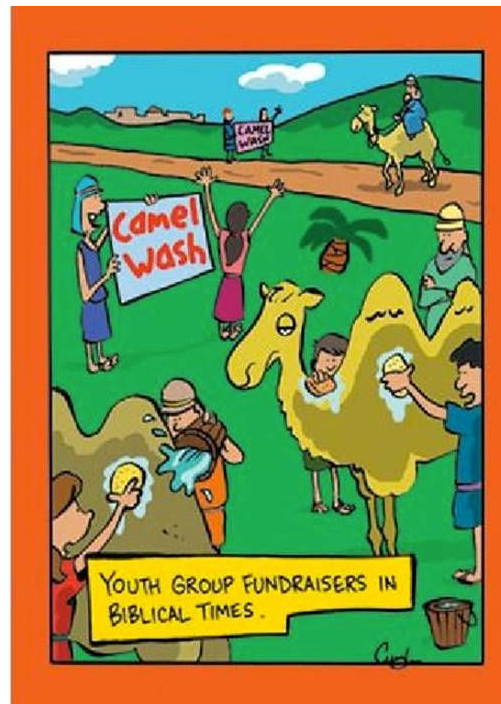
Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough money?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?



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