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The Lookout



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December 2014

Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

Thanksgiving has come and gone; this means that we are now getting into the time when we are in most need of help with all our various projects.

Continue to think about what we have accomplished and what we still have to do. As of now, the Crèche has been set up, under the leadership of Al Leightly and members of the Grey Gosts. The Christmas tree lot has been set up and filled with the trees delivered, under the skilled leadership of Brother Tim Tilson and many Knights who took time over the Holliday weekend to assist in this project.

On Saturday November 29th the Knights again got involved in the annual Crèche lighting after the 5pm Mass. Following the lighting was the annual Parish spaghetti dinner with Brother Greg Skorupski as the Chef of the Day, on his 79th birthday.

We continue to maintain our weekly presence at the Church before and after all the masses with our Keep Christ in Christmas card sales. This program is led by James and Tim Hogan.

Every program mentioned has one important element and that is- they all need brother Knights to participate. This is what has me so excited about being a member of the Knights of Columbus., all these Brother Knights who come out to help.

On December 6th, following the 5pm Mass our Council will be holding our Annual Christmas Party. If you have not yet sent in your RSVP please do so ASAP to brother Dave Todd, Jr.

This year Matt West, PGK is heading our KO-VAR effort. We will be collecting in front of the ABC stores here in the city on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. He will need your help.

One element that makes us a very successful Council is family, and thus I would like to dedicate this year to the families. Family is the real backbone of the Council. Over the past year I have seen more and more Knights families involved in our activities,

and this is just a wonderful feeling.

In addition to Parish involvement and fundraising efforts, the one area all Knights in our Council need to get involved in is the recruitment of new knights. "One Knight, Per Council, Per Month". Is the State goal.

Finally, both my wife Carolyn and I want to wish you and your family a very blessed and holy Christmas season and a very safe New Years.

Vivat Jesus,
Patrick A. McGuire, GK

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Happy December!

Dear Ladies,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Family Basket. In addition to contributing to the Ladies Basket, many of our ladies also donated their own family basket. The generosity of our group is amazing.

On that topic, we are asking for more of your generosity. A local Fairfax family is in need of Christmas joy and love. The family includes two parents, a 16 year old son, a 15 year old son, a 7 year old son, a 6 year old daughter, and a 3 year old daughter. We need your assistance in making this Christmas memorable for them. If you would like to participate, please visit the signup genius: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44ACAE238-christmas

Our December 15 meeting will be a social meeting. Our focus will be wrapping the gifts. But we encourage participants to bring their favorite appetizer, snacks, or holiday treat to share. We are starting the meeting at 6:30 pm but the meeting itself will be more of an open house. Stop by anytime to participate.

Our next business meeting will be January 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. See you then!

Merry Christmas!

Ruth West, President of Ladies of Father Diamond Council #6292
LadiesofFatherDiamondCouncil@yahoo.com

Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

As citizens of the United States, we have just gone through one of the most unique holidays, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is truly an American holiday. All across America families come together, some from many miles away, to join together and "give thanks" for the bounty that the Lord has provided. We go to extraordinary lengths to reach out to

our loved ones who cannot be together with us because they are serving our Country overseas or just cannot afford the time or cost of traveling back to their homes for the holidays.

Being alone on a holiday like Thanksgiving is emotionally difficult for many people. This year I have witnessed many instances where brother knights from our council, reached out to those who had no family here and could not travel or were otherwise alone for the holiday. These Brother Knights, as a family, have extended, unselfishly, the joy of being with the family.

The church's new year has begun. The beginning of Advent was marked by the blessing and lighting of the Advent Wreath in church this weekend.

We have been bombarded by businesses everywhere wanting to sell us everything we could ever want. But is this what we need? Do we need Black Friday sales and all the "stuff" that we can buy to be happy? We know, as Catholics that these things are only that, things. We, as Catholic men, really need **time** with our loved ones, **time** to reflect on our relationship with the church, and **time** to pray to God for strength to be good men, good spouses and good fathers. This is the time of the year when we need family.

Our Grand Knight has dedicated this year to the Family. What better way can we both serve the church, serve our community, and serve our families than as active members of the Knights of Columbus. The three tenants of our order, Charity, Unity and Fraternalism, are all fully supportive of the family life.

In this newsletter you will read about our Family of the Month for November. What you don't see are the dozens of other Knight families that are out there providing charitable and civic support to our Parish and our community. At the tree lot this Saturday, I saw 30+ Boy Scouts and their dads working hand-in-hand with us to get the tree lot ready. Many of these are Knight families, united in fraternalism performing work that supports the KofC Charities.

Every event the Knights hold is open to our families and their participation. We respect every Knights need for the **time** they need with their loved ones. That is why we encourage you to bring the kids out with you. Let them work with us on charitable events like Feed the Homeless. Let them learn that **giving of one's time** to help the community is good for one's soul and fun too.

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman, DGK



October, 2014

For October we wanted to honor a Brother Knight who has worked for the council for years, month after month, never failing to be there and almost never seen by anyone except a few of us who work in the kitchen at the Parish Family Breakfasts.

We have two Breakfast teams, Blue and Gold, but only one grill cook. October's Knight of the Month, **Jamie Argandona**, handles the grill for our breakfasts every month. The only times he has missed, that I can remember in the last 5+ years is when he made a mistake and scheduled vacation on a Breakfast weekend. Have you ever wondered how those fluffy pancakes got there, how those great scrambled eggs got cooked or who was it that made the most perfect sunny-side up eggs in all of Fairfax? That is Jamie. One of the best fast order griddle cooks I have ever seen and a loyal Brother Knight. The next time you are at the Family Breakfast, stop by the kitchen and tell Jamie how much we appreciate him. **Congratulations to Jamie Argandona, our Knight of the month for October.**

November, 2014

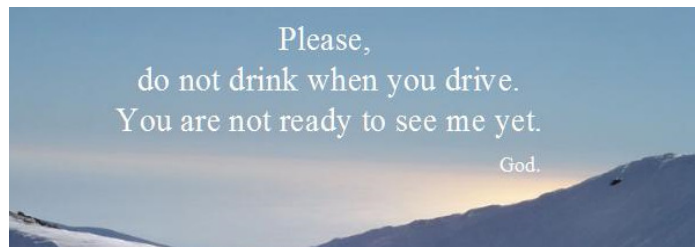


We are proud to present the Knight of the Month for November to a Brother Knight who has spent many hours working on one of our most rewarding Charity events of the year. Actually it is not just one event, it is three events, all interrelated. This Brother Knight was recruited last year, by Charity Chairman, Tom Gross, to work with him on the Holiday Food Basket projects (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter).

This hard working Brother Knight then took over as the Charity Chairman this year. This year's Charity Chairman, **Dan O'Malley**, is our nominee for Knight of the Month for November 2014.

Dan oversees a Charity budget of over \$14,000 annually. He has continuously promoted the Holiday Food Basket program that we run in conjunction with SVDP. This year Dan led the effort of getting over 50 (of the 75 total) food baskets donated by fellow knights for thanksgiving, promoting the donation of over \$1,800 in cash for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food baskets (the money goes towards the purchase of Safeway Gift Cards for 75 baskets each Holiday), and the delivery all the food baskets to families in our parish.

Dan is already working on his list of drivers for December's food baskets. Please take a moment to **congratulate Dan O'Malley on being Knight of the Month for November** and volunteer to help him for Christmas and Easter food basket deliveries.



Chancellor's Message

Please help me in extending a warm welcome to the newest member of our council, Robert Phillips who made his First Degree on November 25th. We are continuing a Membership Blitz through December. Consider participating in this very important event for our council in the coming weeks. Reach out to that fellow Catholic you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks and invite him to come see what we're all about. There are tri-folds in the council office listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Feel free to pick some up next time you're at the hall. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this effort.

Vivat Jesus!

Vince Wilson

713-576-4755

Upcoming Council Events and Recognition

Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales

Brother James Hogan with the help of all the Christmas Tree Teams has begun KCIC card sales in the back of the church. James started early at the parish picnic, sold at the Ladies Craft Fair and now his teams can be seen in the back of the church at every mass on weekends. If you want to help, call James at **703-385-1292**.

Christmas Tree Sales Began Sunday, November 30th

The council is conducting our annual Christmas Tree Sales from Sunday 30 November to Monday 22 December. This is our biggest fundraiser.



There were 17+ Brother Knights on the tree lot at 9:30 AM this past Friday hammering, nailing, drilling, bolting and joking with one another as the tree lot was assembled. It took the team only 2 hours to construct all the racks, string the electricity, set up the trailer and resting logs for the trees. It was a great effort and a lot of fun.

On Saturday morning at 9:00, there were 51 Knights, Boy Scouts and Boy Scout dads (there was one mom taking pictures) ready to off load the 450 trees that arrived from South Carolina. It took this team of hard workers only 1 hour to off load the entire trailer of trees. These trees are so fresh they still had snow on them. Lots of coffee, hot chocolate and donuts were consumed.

Tree sales began at 9:00 on Sunday Morning and by 3:00 we had sold nearly 60 trees!!!

This was a FUN weekend for those of us who like the smell and feel of Fraser Firs and what it reminds us of our Christmas' past.

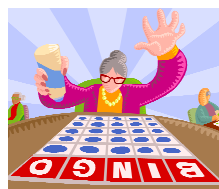
Rosary to End Abortion — December 13



We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue

of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout.

Nursing Home Bingo — December 8



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 at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at

(703) 273-9436 to volunteer.

Bowling League—Starts January 4th

Our non-sanctioned bowling league starts the first Sunday in January. We bowl at Bowl America in the City of Fairfax. Bowling starts about 6:15pm (right after 5:00pm Mass). The league is open to men and women (including teens). Council members, families and friends are invited to join. Contact David Whitcomb (703-591-7739) or Nelson Clinch (703-385-2146) if you are interested.



Crèche Blessing & Lighting



The Grey Ghosts, led by Al Leightley, assembled and wired the Crèche in front of the church. All was in readiness as Fr. Whitestone, assisted by Fr. Dufresne and Deacon Maurer (all Knights) blessed the crèche. The event was attended by many parishioners who had just been to the first mass of Advent. Most everyone at the crèche blessing also attended the spaghetti dinner that followed.

Spaghetti Dinner—A Success

Thanks to Brother Greg Skorupski and his merry men, we had another successful Spaghetti dinner at the school gymnasium. We had about 100 diners who slurped down fantastic spaghetti with sauce made by our Grand Knight's daughter, Maureen. For an Irish girl, she makes a mean spaghetti sauce. Meatballs were hand formed and cooked by Brothers Mike Purtill and Phil Freda. We celebrated two birthdays at this event. Happy birthday to PGK Matt West and PGK, Greg Skorupski (who turned 39—40 times over) that day.



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Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

All members of the Knights of Columbus and their families are invited to the Mass and celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 13.

We would be very thankful if the Knights would participate in the Mass as in years past and also participate in the celebration afterward. Bring your families. We would really enjoy seeing a larger group this year.



The Mass will be at noon and the party will be in the Gym right after the Mass. There will be folkloric dancers, Mariachis, piñata, and plenty of food. We are asking those who can to bring either rice or salad. The Parish provides the chicken, drinks, and desert.

Chicken Wings for KOVAR !!

Julie and Nelson Clinch are sponsoring a gastronomic spectacular on Sunday, December 7th. **ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN WINGS!!**



It is a double header football day—Redskins at 1:00 and the Buffalo Bills game at 4:00. Wings, your choice of hot, mild or BBQ, along with all the usual accoutrements of celery sticks, blue cheese or ranch dips, French fries, nacho chips and the usual

football fare of hot dogs and hamburgers round off the menu. Only \$10 per adult (WHAT A BARGAIN) and \$5 for kids under 9.



In gratitude for your great dedication to the
Lord
and the people of Saint Leo the Great
You are invited to

St. Leo's Christmas Gathering

Saturday January 10, 2015
7 PM till 9 PM in the School Gym

Father Diamond Council Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6, 201

At Providence Hall

\$20 per person



Appetizers - 6:00 PM

Buffet Dinner – 7:00 PM

Dancing and Fun – 8:00 PM until ??

Council Provides:

Main Dishes (including turkey, roast, & ham),
Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter, and
Beverages (beer, wine, soda)

Please Bring Either: Appetizer or Dessert

(PLEASE: do not bring anything to be heated, warmed or otherwise prepared in kitchen)

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



The family of the month for November is a KofC family that has not only been actively involved, as a family, with our council, but has participated, as a family in a very Catholic way this month in particular. **As a Knight family, the Freda's (Phil, Josh, Amanda and Ashleigh)** have worked together on several of our activities over the past couple of months. The whole family worked together at the Ladies of Council #6292 annual Craft Fair. Phil and his son Josh (also a knight with our council) worked the concessions and Amanda and Ashleigh helped at the registration table for the event. The whole family has helped out with our Parish Breakfasts by helping Mike with trips to buy the food, prepare the hash browns and setting up the hall. Phil & Josh made meatballs and set up for the spaghetti dinner. The entire Freda family worked at serving spaghetti dinner to ~100 hungry parishioners. Josh and Phil were there off-loading and untying trees for the Christmas Tree Lot set-up. As a Catholic family, the Freda family has had two outstanding events in November. In early November Phil and Josh both took their **Fourth Degree** together. Phil wanted to wait and take the Fourth Degree with his son Josh. We are also extremely proud and happy to honor the receipt of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the entire Freda family at the same time. Phil's sponsor is fellow Brother Mike Torrey, Josh's sponsor is Brother Greg Skorupski, and Ashleigh's sponsor is another Brother Knight, Joe Freda, Phil's dad. As everyone knows, Phil is our Fraternal benefits Advisor. He is active in our council, and he and his family truly demonstrate the faith and togetherness of a Catholic Family.



FAMILY of the MONTH

Get in the Picture—Come Join Us



"Baskets" of food delivered to 75 families in the parish



Christmas Tree Lot set-up involved over 50 Knights, Boy Scouts and their dads



Crèche blessed by Fr. Whitestone, Fr Dufresne and Deacon Maurer—all brother Knights



A beautiful sight at night!!



Spaghetti dinner served after the crèche blessing



December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Advent Begins 12 Noon - Tree Sales Begin 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	1	2 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	3	4	5	6 6:00PM- Christmas Party @ Hall
7	8 Immaculate Conception 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	9 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	10 8 AM - Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show - Return 11 PM	11	12	13 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
14 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	15	16 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	17 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assembly Mtg	18	19 Food basket Assembly @ Hall	20 10 AM -distribute Food Baskets 11 AM - Feed Homeless in DC 4:00 Redskins Game @ Hall
21 Santa Bkfst @ PAC after 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses	22	23	24 KOVAR Collections@ ABC Stores 5 PM - 7 PM shift & 7 PM to 9 PM shift	25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27
28 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	29	30	31 KOVAR Collections @ ABC Stores 5 PM to 7 PM Shift & 7 PM to 9 PM Shift	1	2	3

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	29	30	31 KOVAR Collections @ ABC Stores 5 PM to 7 PM Shift & 7 PM to 9 PM Shift	1 New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary	2	3
4 Bowling Starts Bowling League for new and ret Bowling Season Begins	5	6 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	7	8	9	10 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion State Qtrly Meeting
11	12 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	13 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	14	15 8:00 PM - 2nd Degree	16	17
18 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	19 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	20 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	21 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assembly Mtg	22 9 AM - March for Life	23	24
25	26	27 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM - Business Meeting	28	29	30 6:30 3rd Degree Setup @ PAC 7:30 - Fraternal Night	31 3rd Degree

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

Officers

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Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
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2yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
1yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

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Council	TBD	703-385-8007
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Youth	Mike Tocci	469-877-3285

Committee Chairmen

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Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	TBD	703-385-8007
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Manager	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Comedy Knight	Mike Torrey	703-273-2588
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Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Matt West	703-359-4652
Newsletter	TBD	
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL

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.

Opposing team fans—that is other than Redskins— must limit cheering to TV commercial breaks or outdoors.



Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones



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 at 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-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**

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