



THE LOOKOUT



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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

Thanksgiving is past. I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend with family friends and good foods.

This past weekend we celebrated the beginning of the Advent season. I want to thank the Gray Gosts, led by Al Leightley, for setting up the crèche in front of the church. I also want to thank Father Whitestone who, immediately after the 5:00 mass on Saturday, blessed the crèche and led us in prayer.

Advent is a season of anticipation and love. We are anticipating the day when we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Because of this glorious season, we are filled with an extra measure of love for our fellow man.

Advent is a season for both prayer and sharing. Many of us are fortunate enough to be able to share our fortunes by giving donations of money and tangible gift items for the less fortunate in our community as evidenced by the out pouring of donations of food and gifts through the Giving Tree at church. However, there are many other ways of giving and sharing of our fortunes.

Give from your heart the gifts of prayer and assistance. Many of us may not have extra financial resources but may have the blessing of time. Time to pray for the needy, and infirm. Time that we can share with our community by volunteering and helping the less fortunate. Many organizations can use your help such as St Vincent DePaul (food pantry), The Shephard's Center (drivers are always needed) and of course, the Knights of Columbus tree lot, Christmas Card Sales (proceeds go to our charities), Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Home, and the Feed the Homeless and food basket delivery projects we have in December.

As we enter into this season of Advent, I encourage all Brother Knights and their families to seek ways they can share their blessings with their families, and the

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The Chancellor's Chronicle

Brothers,

Congratulations to Brother Knight **Joe Kanyan** for Advancement to Third Degree! Brother knight **Paul Pushparaj** for installation to First Degree!

Brother Knights, Father Diamond Council Needs You! Form 100s welcome! December, as reflected below, offers many opportunities for installation to First Degree!

December "Degrees of Interest"

Proximate Exemplifications

First Degree:

6 December, Sunday, 7:30 PM, Spanish First Degree, here at St. Leo's Providence Hall – Special thanks to Brother Knights Alfonso Munevar, Manuel Calix and David Todd, Jr. for their extraordinary efforts in assisting in the organization of this event and recruiting potential new Spanish members to Father Diamond Council

16 December at Father Nudd Council, Chantilly

21 December at Blessed Louis Martin Council, Ashburn

Second Degree:

15 December at George Brent Council, Manassas

21 December at Blessed Louis Martin Council, Ashburn

Third Degree:

30 January, Saturday, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, here, at Father Diamond Council

Special note: In honor of Pope Francis, recruiters will be awarded with a commemorative medallion if they recruit at least one new member during the first six months of the Fraternal Year (July 1 to 31 December 2015). See the "Recruitment Incentive Extended!" notice on page 3.

Again, thank you all for your continued support of Council 6292 Recruitment

Your friend in Christ,

Joe Gesker

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council, 6292

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Grand Knight's Report

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wonderful community we live in. The more you give of your time and of yourself, the more you will be rewarded with God's love in your heart.

I want to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman

Grand Knight

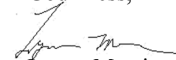
Ladies of Father Diamond Council

The season of Advent is upon us! Prepare the way of the Lord! As the secular world tries to pull us away from the focus of the season, may we strive to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year!

Our next business meeting will be on Monday January 18th 7pm. We will focus on activities for the New Year! Hope to see you there!

God Bless,


Lynne Morrison, President



**LOOKING FOR BOWLERS!
ANY LEVEL ~ MEN/WOMEN**

**This is a fun league so
no experience necessary!**

**STARTS JANUARY 3RD 2016 6PM
AT BOWL AMERICA FAIRFAX**

**So get your team together or just
show up and be placed on a team!**

QUESTIONS???

CALL: KEITH MORRISON

(703) 691-8838

REDSKINS GAMES AT THE HALL

Come out and support our team this 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.

1 pm GAMES: Menu above with hot Nacho Cheese added on free list. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at cost. Warden Beverages as posted.

4 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.







Recruitment Incentive Extended!



In honor of Pope Francis, recruiters will be awarded with a commemorative medallion if they recruit at least one new member* during the first six months of the fraternal year (July 1-Dec. 31, 2015).

Bonus: All recruiters will be awarded 2,000 VIP points for all members they recruit this same period.

Examples:

1. Recruit One Member =  + 2,000 VIP Points
2. Recruit Five Members =  + 10,000 VIP Points

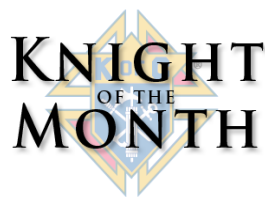
* Former or inactive insurance members count toward incentive awards.

Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks to everyone who helped or came out to the Spaghetti Dinner. Keith Morrison and Herb Zimmerman joined forces to co-chair this year's event. There were about 80-90 people at the dinner and everyone enjoyed the food and comradery. The spaghetti sauce was "home-made" by Mike Purtil. We received a lot of compliments! Thanks to the ladies of Council #6292 for all the great desserts and decorating the tables to make it look more "Italian". Thanks to the following people who helped with set-up, serving and clean-up: Helpers: Kevin Darr, Gibb Flodine, Nelson, Greg and Julie Clinch, Glen Ward (Bill ward's son), Nate Rassussen, Kathy and Bill Weich, Joe Gesker, Mark Walther, Herb & Linda Zimmerman, and Keith and Lynne Morrison. Special thanks for Nelson Clinch for figuring out the music and supplying some CDs.



November 2015 Knight of the Month



The Knight of the Month for November has only been a member of our council for a little over 3 years. He stepped forward this year and assumed a very important standing Committee Chairmanship. Although the Charity Chairman is busy all year long, he gets VERY busy in November and December. Our Knight of the Month for November put in hours of work making

sure that we had enough donated baskets to meet our commitment to SVDP of a minimum of 45 baskets. Mark's efforts resulted in the Council exceeding their goal and donating 60 food baskets for needy families in the area. His organizational efforts resulted in a very smooth and well executed delivery of these baskets. But, in addition to the food basket project, this Knight has worked at all other events this month including Family Breakfast, Tree Lot Setup and the Spaghetti Dinner. We are proud to name **Mark Walther**, our Knight of the Month for November.

November 2015 Family of the Month



November's Family of the Month is a couple that have grown dear to our hearts. Our Brother Knight is a Past Grand Knight and a motorcycle enthusiast. His wife, also a motorcycle rider, has been serving the community with her wonderful cooking for years. This couple has been involved in nearly every Council activity over the years and are still very active. Every meal that we have after our

meetings is prepared by her and delivered to the hall by him (except when she was on a pilgrimage in Spain). The *Feed the Homeless* campaign at a shelter in DC was started by this couple. Both of them led the efforts to feed hundreds of homeless in DC on November 21. They even led the *Feed the Homeless* campaign for their motorcycle club at the Lamb Center this month. Because of the tireless efforts of this couple, many homeless are fed every month. We are proud to honor **George and Thelma Billy** as our Family of the Month for November.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets a Huge Success!



Charity Chairman, Mark Walther, with the able assistance of last year's Charity Chairman, Dan O'Malley ran a very successful Thanksgiving Food Basket Campaign. Every year our goal is to provide at least 45 baskets of food and SVDP provides whatever else is needed to meet the need. This year's total need was 60

baskets and because of Mark's hard work and your generosity, the Father Diamond Council Knights provided all 60 baskets for

delivery. We want to thank Nina and Chris Wiecezorek for their extra generous contribution of 8 food baskets, topping their impressive total from last year.

The following Knights were instrumental in making the 2015 Thanksgiving Food Basket Project a grand success by delivering baskets to 57 needy families in the area on November 21st: Dan O'Malley, Alfonso Munevar, Charlie Kraiger and daughter Sylvia, Tom Gross, Joe Burg, Joe Gesker, Pat McGuire, Greg Savitske, Dennis Riley, Sipa Sikaulu, John Cesarini, Ed Janiszewski, Herb Zimmerman, John Eldred, Polo Leyendecker, and Vince Wilson (I apologize if I missed anyone).

Christmas Tree Selling Time Once Again

Thanks to everyone who helped get the tree lot set up and the trees unloaded. Specifically:

On Thanksgiving after the 9am Mass, the following guys moved the frames etc over to the lot: Joe Gesker, Mike and Mike Pipan Jr. Tim, Matt and James Hogan, John Eldred, Herb Zimmerman.

On Friday am the following guys assembled the stands, lights etc: Mark and Ester Cameron, Charlie Kraiger and the wonder dog Catherine, Jose Trujillo, Greg Hartley. Pat Dunn, Tom Gross, Vince Wilson, George Rosenkranz, George Billy, Bill and Glen Ward, Joe Gesker, David and Ryan Whitcomb, Dave Wiegand, Jack Cotner and Hal Guidry.

On Sat am the following guys (along with the BSA) unloaded the trees: Vince Wilson, Mark Woznak, Mark Walthers, Dan Conway,

Greg Hartely, Sipa Sikaulu, Howard Piece, Joe Schrama, James Welch and daughter, Keith Morrison, Pat Leffas and both sons, Pat Murray and two daughters and one son, Joe Gesker, Jamie Connelly, Polo Leyendecker. Also Jack Cotner, Herb, Vince, Howard and Polo went back over to St Luke's to get some trees. (Don't ask).

Everyone is assigned to a team. If you haven't heard from your team captain about your shifts, please contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@msn.com.

Thanks again, Tim Tilson, Christmas Tree Project Chairman



Boy Scouts Eagle Project



On 31 Oct., the BSA Troop 1887, located at the American Legion in Fairfax, conducted an Eagle Service Project to repair the handicap ramp at Providence Hall. The ramp has been deteriorating for years, providing a risk to those who need it. Mark Vuong and the scouts from Troop 1887 recognized the need and took guidance from Brother Knight Charlie Kraiger and Grand Knight Herb Zimmerman. Brother Kraiger coordinated with Shane Langdon of Behr/Kilz Corporation, and Sean Lewett of JL Tree Service Inc., who graciously donated paint and mulch to support the effort. Special thanks to Brother Keith Morrison for providing the hydraulic cement to hold all the support posts. Over the course of 24 hours, the scouts and volunteers worked diligently to restore, straighten, sand, paint and reinforce the railing structure and posts of the ramp. Additionally, they landscaped the surrounding greenery and foliage to beautify the area. Tremendous thanks is deserved by all involved, with special recognition for Troop 1887 Scouts and Brother Knights Charlie Kraiger, Joe Monnin and Gib Flofine.

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Advent Begins 9:00 Tree Sales Begin 1:00 PM Giants @ Redskins	30	1 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner
6 7:30 PM Spanish First Degree	7 7:00 PM Ladies of #6292 Mtg wrap gifts for adopted family 8:30 PM Cowboys @ Redskins	8 Immaculate Conception 7:30 PM Holy Day Mass 8:30PM Meeting @ hall	9	10	11	12 8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion
13 1:00 PM Redskins @ Bears	14 7:15 Bingo - FFx Nursing Home	15 11:00AM- Gray Gost Luncheon	16 7:30 PM-Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	17	18 1:00 PM Food Baskets at SVdP	19 10:00 Food Basket Delivery 11:00 Feed the Homeless
20 Santa Breakfast @ Gym after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses 1:00 PM Bills @ Redskins	21	22 *** NO MEETING ***	23	24 3-9:00PM KOVAR @ ABC Stores	25 CHRISTMAS!	26 Redskins NOT SHOWN IN HALL
27	28	29	30	31 3-9:00PM KOVAR @ ABC Stores	1	2

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31 3-9:00PM KOVAR @ ABC Stores	1	2
3 Bowling Starts 1:00 PM Redskins @ Cowboys	4	5 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	6	7	8	9 8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion State Mtg - Newport News
10 11:00 - Corporate Communion	11 7:15 Bingo - FFx Nursing Home	12 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00PM Meeting @ hall	13	14 7:00 PM Council Audit	15	16
17 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses @ Hall	18 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	19 11:00AM- Gray Gost Luncheon	20 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	21	22 March for Life	23
24	25	26 7:00 Rosary 8:00 Meeting & 2nd Degree	27	28	29 7:00 Fraternism Night	30 3rd Degree @ PAC
31	1	2 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	3	4	5	6

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2015-16

Officers

Grand Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
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Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Advocate	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
Warden	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
2yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
1yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948

Program Directors

Programs	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Council	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Family	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	James Hogan	703-385-1292

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Admissions	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Retention	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Culture of Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785

Budget & Fin.	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Hall Manager	TBD	703-385-9455
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Ins. Promotion	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Matt West	703-359-4652
Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	TBD	TBD
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	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
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 Sales	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

Hall Manager Needed

We want to thank Mike Purtill for all his hard work as our hall manager. Unfortunately, due to pressures on his time from work and other areas, Mike will be resigning as Hall Manager effective July 1. We are in need of someone who has the time and inclination to manage our hall. Mike has documented all the duties. This is a great job for someone who is retired or has flexible hours. Please call Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455 if you are interested.

Thought for the Day:

He who has not Christmas
in his heart will never find
it under a tree.

— Roy L. Smith



Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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.

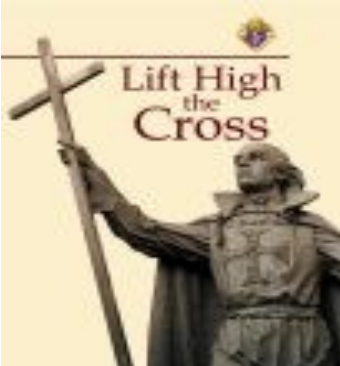
How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse and Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win - Win**

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