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December 2016

Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. I want to thank everyone who donated a food basket (or more than one) for our annual food drive with St. Vincent DePaul. A special thanks to **Mark Walther** and

Ben and Dorothy Schaefer for coordinating the food basket assembly and delivery. A big thanks to: Al Leightly and the Grey Gost crew for setting up the Crèche in front of the church, Tim Tilson, the Boy Scouts, and the other Knights who came out for the Christmas tree lot set up and tree delivery, and Pat McGuire, Gib Flodine, Mark Woznak, Nelson Clinch, and all who helped with the spaghetti dinner after the Crèche lighting on Saturday evening.

Sunday the 27th of November marked the beginning of Advent. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season let's all remember the less fortunate in our community and the many ways we can help. Supporting the parish through the giving tree or donating time or food to St. Vincent DePaul. Volunteering at the Lamb Center in Fairfax City or helping Thelma Billy with her Christmas feeding of the homeless on December 17th. We are also beginning our largest fund raiser of the year, Christmas tree sales. By selling trees we are able to support our many charities, not only during Advent but throughout the whole year. I encourage everyone to attend our Christmas Party on the 10th. It is a great way for us to come together to celebrate this season of Joy! I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Faithfully in Christ, Keith Morrison Grand Knight

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Deputy Grand Knight's Reflections: The Gray Gosts ("Grand Ole Sacred Trust")

"All are welcome! All are welcome! All are welcome in our house!" So exclaims this very warm, magnanimous hymn. So, too, is the very hospitable persona and spirit of the Gray Gosts. They are a cohort unique to the Knights of Columbus, Father Diamond Council, 6292, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia. Formed fifteen years ago, their initial intent was to enjoin retired Knights in prayer and social conversation. We are, indeed, fortunate to have Larry Novack and Bob Eckert, two of the founding brethren, still selflessly serving as fraternal examples of generosity and friendship for our order. What they want all Knights to realize is that now "all" are truly welcome in our house (Providence Hall), not just those who are enjoying the fruits of retirement. So, "ya'll come by, ya' heh!" This august forum convenes for lunch (menu varies, but is always good!) from 11:00 AM to about 1:00 PM the third Tuesday of almost every month, exceptions being for extended vacation periods, or some extraordinary conflict. Should you take advantage of their open invitation, you will walk away inspired, for each of these men is a fount of wisdom in his own right, and, I might add, a wizened commentator about the political and social fabric of our Church and nation as revealed by Fox News. Best of all, before you depart you will be privy to a vanilla or mint ice cream sandwich as graciously offered by Paul Cooke!

Sincerely hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed a happy Thanksgiving and that you will share in a blessed and merry Christmas.

Orare et Labore Joe Gesker Deputy Grand Knight Father Diamond Council, 6292

Pray Everyday

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

The season of Advent is here! This is a joyful time as we ready our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. Our Christmas charity event this season is purchasing gifts for a local family and a "Wrap" Party. Sign up online through our "Sign up Genius" to purchase a gift http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaeae2a1-christmas. We will gather at the Hall on Monday December 12th 6:30pm to wrap the presents for our designated local family. There will be plenty of food and fun as we prepare to bring a little joy to others.

Join us! Our next business meeting will be on Tuesday January 17th 7pm. We will focus on activities for the New Year! Hope to see you there!

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

God Bless,

Lynne Morrison

President

Logo Shirt Sales – Get yours for Christmas

We are ordering shirts for the Father Diamond Council #6292 K of C. They are DRYBLEND adult Jersey Sport Shirts by Gildan.

We had 27 shirts ordered as a result of our email last month. We will be making another order on Tuesday, January 10. If you want to order a shirt, contact **Herb Zimmerman** at herb2777@yahoo.com or call him at 703-623-6299 (cell).

Cost is \$25 - pocket or \$23 with no pocket

We need to know the following information to get your order correct: Name you want on the shirt (most people use 1st name) Size (S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL or 4XL)

Color (Navy, Maroon, Red, Sport Grey, Kelly Green) Pocket or No Pocket



Council Hats are Still for Sale at Only \$12 each

Don't Forget to Visit Our Council Website

www.6292kofcva.org

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.

I 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.

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





December Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of December a very Happy Birthday:

Estuardo Rodriguez	3	Joseph Kanyan	21
Jeffrey Fernandez	4	Frank Bohan	22
James Smith	6	Andrew Mack	22
Douglas Schneyman	7	Javier Del Castillo	23
John Mc Grail	10	Timothy Malloy	23
Michael Pipan	11	Shawn Williams	24
William Weich	12	Peter Coniglio	25
Kevin Mc Grail	13	Brian Goduto	25
Herb Zimmerman	13	Kevin Shook	26
John Bruno	14	Albano Garcia	27
Michael Mc Kinley	14	Timothy Hartzell	27
Eugene Ransom	14	Walter Kenneweg	27
Alexander Navarro	15	Patrick Kiechlin	27
Doug Bricker	18	William Mundy	27
John Bogart	19	Dennis Howley	28
Jaime Argandona	20	Patrick Murray	28
Blair O Connor	20	David Whitcomb	29

Kairos Prison Ministry

Several Catholic men from Northern Virginia recently completed a four day prison ministry program at the Buckingham Correctional Center in Dillwyn, Virginia. Kairos is an international, ecumenical ministry offering prisoners a program modelled after the Catholic Cursillo program. The Kairos team is always seeking additional volunteers. Participates must pass a background check and become a Virginia State volunteers. The next Kairos weekend is April 19-23, 2017. Training starts in March 2017. If you are interested in participating, contact **Tom Kelly** at thomaskellyir@hotmail.com or **703-501-0090**.

There were 41 prisoners who completed the recent program out of 42 that signed up! During our closing ceremony, we gave prisoners an opportunity to speak at the podium about their experience. Here are some of the answers I remembered the men saying to three questions they were asked to speak about:

1) **Question**: In what spiritual condition were you when you came to the training?

Answers: The speakers said that they were "lacking, stagnant, broken, burdened, curious, nervous, abandoned, loss, conflicted, seeking, alone, weak, hurt, agitated, depressed, angry with themselves, feeling like God let them down but knowing God gives us trials and tribulations so that we can learn about him, a desire to increase our faith!".

2) Question: What did you find?

Answers: Fellowship, love, faith, understanding, a second chance, unity in Christ, open-hearted and open-minded men, peace, God's love, the ability to share, compassion, forgiveness, strength, mercy, brotherhood, freedom, service, a new brother, my family gave up on me but God has a plan, awareness of obedience to God, that serving God is a common bond and determination.

3) **Question**: What are you taking with you?

Answers: Peace, understanding, wisdom, strength in purpose, knowing that we are not alone, strength in purpose, love from strangers, wisdom from others, positivity, to stand firm with God, to not judge, to trust others, forgiveness, hope, newness, inspiration, make ourselves available to others, to love unconditionally, to lift each other up and support one another, strength and faith in God.

These closing remarks are a testimony to the grace these prisoners are receiving from our merciful Father.

November 2016 Knight of the Month



Mark Walther would be the very last signatory to his accolade as "Knight of the Month;" such is true of his unassuming and humble nature. However, as our council's Charity Committee Chairman he has earned that distinction by his diligent stew-

ardship of all charity operations, especially during the demanding

requirements inherent in the traditional, American celebration of Thanksgiving. Mark, by his personal, enthusiastic devotion to uplifting the spirits and welfare of those less fortunate souls in our community, exemplifies the literal interpretation of one who aspires to be a "servant to the servants of God." It should be noted as well that Mark worked extensively with the St. Vincent DePaul Society chapter here at St. Leo's, and later, in the spring will assist in evaluating students in a "Right to Life" essay contest at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School, Falls Church, Virginia.

November 2016 Knight of the Month

Ben and Dorothy Schaefer are two devoted souls whose industry to bring solace to those less fortunate is relentless and extraordinary. Their "home," by almost any parameter is the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry here at St. Leo's parish. Almost daily, they work together organizing pantry shelves (a very significant task to ensure clients are not in receipt of out of date, or spoiled food products), managing a number of St. Leo Parish food resources (i.e., "Scouting for Food" and collections after Masses on second and fourth Sundays of every month) and preparing for selected Wednesday and Saturday distribution exercises. Thanksgiving, and Christmas, of course, present two of their most challenging sched-

ules, both of which they succeed in satisfying with great aplomb and grace. Their diligence and industry, on those most intensive occasions, are made manifest in their thoughtful organization and



transportation management of food deliveries to less fortunate families in our community. Ben and Dorothy, by their absolutely selfless endeavor to brighten the lives of so many of their fellow human beings, truly represent the strongest traditions of the Knights of Columbus and of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul.

Christmas Tree Selling Update

Tree Sales started on Sunday, 27 November and will run until 19 December or when we run out of trees. If you have not yet been contacted by your Team Leader, please contact **Tim Tilson** at hmslydia@msn.com. Prices for our top of the line Fraser Firs have gone up \$1 per 6" because our vendor raised his prices the same amount. This is the first price increase in at least 10 years. Also we will not be getting any Scotch Pines because the vendor doesn't grow these. Instead he provided Concolour (White Firs). These tress have a bit of a citrus smell. They will sell at more moderate Scotch Pine rates which have not gone up in a very long time.





LOOKING FOR BOWLERS! ANY LEVEL ~ MEN/WOMEN

This is a fun league so no experience necessary!

STARTS JANUARY 8TH 2017 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 or <u>mwcrkm@aol.com</u>



Father Diamond Council Christmas Party Saturday, December 10th at Providence Hall

Appetizers - 6:00 pm Buffet Dinner – 7:00 pm

Council Provides: Main Dishes including Roast, & Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter, and Beverages (beer, wine, soda)

RSVP to
Dave Todd, Jr. (703) 463-1499
or djtoddjr@yahoo.com
or Joe Gasker (703) 435-4811
jgesker@verizon.net



Dancing & Fun 8 pm until?? \$10 per person

Please Bring Either: Appetizer or Dessert PLEASE: do not bring anything to be heated, warmed or otherwise prepared in kitchen

Please advise how many and the names of those Attending, and what you will bring to share with others

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 7, 2017 7 PM till 9 PM in the School Gym

Please let us join together in appreciation to all the volunteers and staff of our parish. Come and enjoy fellowship, music (maybe even dancing), desserts, and light refreshment.

Please RSVP by December 27, 2016 to Joe Gesker (JGESKER@Verizon.net)



Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers the following Brother Knights: **Mike Mickney** who for the past two years has been battling cancer of the spine; Brother **Joe Beck** who has had ongoing problems with his gall bladder; Brother **Kevin McGrail** who has a rare kind of brain encephalitis and hasn't worked since January; Brother **Dale Allen**; and Brother **Kevin Darr** who suffered a stroke on November 6th.

Get In the Picture



PGK Herb Zimmerman receives the Star Council Award for Council Year 2015/2016 from current DGK Joe Gesker and GK Keith Morrison.



The wonderful Monthly Breakfast crew lead by PGK Pat McGuire (2nd from right) on November 20th.

Al & Linda Leightly Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary





Spaghetti Dinner In the Parish Activity Center After the Crèche Lighting On November 26th









KOVAR Holiday Collections

Every year, as part of our KOVAR program we ask special permission from the Virginia ABC Stores in our area to collect funds supporting KOVAR. Once again we have been granted this privilege to raise funds supporting the Intellectually Disabled in Virginia.

We are asking all Brother Knights to "put the icing on the cake" of your already wonderful gifts of charity during the Christmas Season by volunteering just 2 hours of your time to help us collect for KOVAR on:

- the day before Christmas (12/24/2016)
- the Day before New Year's (12/31/2016)

We are planning to collect at the Courthouse Plaza, James Swart Circle (near Rt 50 & Waples Mill), and Fair City Mall (9600 M ain St). We have 2-hour shifts starting at noon, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM each day. So far we have volunteers covering some of these shifts but we need your help to fill all the slots.

As a thank you, Herb and Linda are inviting all volunteers to their home after 8:00 PM for a "counting party" with snacks and adult beverages.

Please contact **Herb Zimmerman** right away to volunteer for one or more 2-hour shifts to participate in this wonderful & charitable activity.

703-385-94554 Home Phone **703-623-6299** Cell Phone Email: herb2777@yahoo.com

Do you want to know more about KOVAR?

KOVAR

Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities.

Virginia Knights have raised more than \$14.5 million since 1971 in assistance for citizens with intellectual disabilities and funded such projects as:

- Home Loans Interest free loan program to assist in the purchase of group homes
- **Transportation** 20% funding to assist in purchasing vehicles needed to transport persons with intellectual disabilities
- Group Home Furnishings Provides grants for organizations needing to furnish group homes
- **Infant Intervention Programs** Grants to establish early detection programs to identify infants with or at risk of intellectual disability
- **Training Programs** Necessary funding for organizations to train person with intellectual disability to enhance their quality of community living
- **Startup Programs** Grants to establish new and innovative programs designed to assist individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families
- **Special Olympics** Virginia Knights of Columbus is a Presenting Sponsor of Special Olympics Virginia, with KOVAR donating \$50,000 per year

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Advent Begins 9:00AM Tree Sales Begin!!	28	29	30	1	2	3
4:25 PM Redskins at Cardinals	5	7:30 Officer's Meeting	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9	8:00 Rosary to End Abortion 6:00 KofC Christmas Party
11 1PM Redskins at Eagles	7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg & Wrap Party	7:30 Rosary 8:00 General Mtg	NYC Christmas Gala Trip	15	Food Basket Assembly	17 10:00 Food Basket Delivery
18 8:30 Bkfst w/Santa - Gym 10:00 Bkfst w/Santa - Gym	8:30 PM Panthers at Redskins	20 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	22	23	24 1PM Redskins at Bears 12-9PM KOVAR Collections
25 CHRISTMAS!	26	*** No Meeting **	28	29	30	31 12-9PM KOVAR Collections

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1PM Giants at Redskins HAPPY NEW YEARS!!	2	3 7:30 Officer's Meeting	4	5	State Meeting Richmond	7 State Meeting Richmond
8 State Meeting - Richmond 11:00 Corporate Communion ** Bowling Begins **	7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	7:30 Rosary 8:00 General Mtg	11	12	13	8:00 Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Bkfst - After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	16	7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	19 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg	20	21
22	23	24 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree & Mtg	25	26	March 4 Life	10:30 3rd Degree Gym
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2016-17

Officers			Budget & Fin.	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540	Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
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	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811	Ins. Promotion	TBD	
Chancellor	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724	Project Chairme	en	
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631	1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
	John Eldred	703-932-1322	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241	Car Raffle	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Gib Flodine	703-698-9497	Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
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-,	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
,	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288	Family Breakfast	loe Monnin	703-266-9741
lyr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652	,	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Program Directo	ors		Food Drive	TBD	TBD
Programs	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540	Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424	Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Council	John Eldred	703-932-1322	KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
Family	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717	KOVAR	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Youth	James Hogan	703-385-1292	Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Committee Chairmen		Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717	
Charity	Mark Walther	703-766-5054	Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Admissions	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811	Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Retention	Matt West	703-359-4652	Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
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Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse **Food Cards**

Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the KnightsFood 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 <u>ZLRN01@AOL.COM</u> 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.

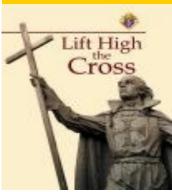
How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?
Safeway sells gift cards for many stores (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. Win - Win

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