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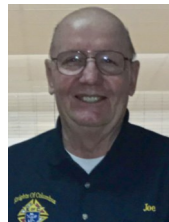


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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights and Families,
"Hello, hello, again, my dear friends!"

"Boys, this is my church! And if you don't think Christ is down here on the waterfront, you've got another guess coming! Every morning

when the hiring boss blows his whistle, Jesus stands alongside you in the shape up. He sees why some of you get picked and some of you get passed over. He sees the family men worrying about gettin' the rent and getting the food in the house for the wife and the kids. He sees you sellin' your souls to the mob for a day's pay...You want to know what's wrong with the waterfront? It's the love of a lousy buck...It's forgettin' that every fellow down here is your brother in Christ! But remember, Christ is always with you. Christ is the shape-up. He's in the hatch. He's in the union hall. He's kneeling right here beside Dugan.

And He's sayin' with all of you, if you do it to the least of mine, you do it to me." Father Barry (Karl Malden), *On the Waterfront*, author Budd Schulberg. (FYI, with Victor Laszlo [Paul Henreid] singing the mighty "Marseillaise," *Casablanca*, the scene with Father Barry is my most favorite from the cinema.)

In this blessed time of the year, Thanksgiving through Christmas, you of Father Diamond Council, 6292, have certainly demonstrated, during these past few weeks, that you aspire to the admonition of Father Barry, *On the Waterfront*, and, I know in the spirit of our own pastor, **Father Whitestone**, "...with all of you, if you do it to the least of mine, you do it to me." Your dedication of service "to our church, our school, our community and each other" began with humble (bar tending and food servers) assistance to St Leo the Great Catholic School Sixtieth Anniversary celebration (**Charlie Kraiger** – "Dilly, Dilly!"). You continued your good works through gracious and reverent

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

After a very active November we now run into an even more active December. And now we are in December, one of the busiest months of the year. This is the month that we need the Knights to stand up and offer support. Some of the events planned for December are the following:

- We are now in the midst of our largest council fundraiser - selling Christmas trees. All Knights are assigned to a team and a schedule has been published;
- Creche Setup and Lighting (6PM) followed by a Spaghetti Dinner (6:30PM) on December 2;
- First Degree on December 12;
- Food Basket and Feed the Homeless on Dec. 16;
- Council Christmas Party on December 16;
- Santa Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:00AM Masses on December 17;
- KOVAR Collections December 24 and December 31 noon to 6PM.

As you can see we have a lot planned for December and I look forward to seeing everyone and your families at our many events this month. Thanks in advance for all your continued support.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan O'Malley

Deputy Grand Knight



December 2nd at 6:30 pm
After the 6:00 pm Creche Lighting
in the Parish Activity Center

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REDSKINS GAMES AT THE HALL

Come out and support our team this season. All Welcome!



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attendance at our annual Memorial Mass for the widows of Brother Knights (**Pat McGuire, Dan O'Malley, Lynne Morrison and Julie Clinch** – “Dilly, Dilly!”). You significantly presented your “thanks” to our Blessed Lord by your generous contributions of food (“Scouting for Food [**Doug Fehrer and Bill Schouville** – “Dilly, Dilly!”;” Food Basket Program (**Doug Schneyman** – “Dilly, Dilly!”) in conjunction with St. Vincent DePaul [**Ben and Dorothy Schaefer** – “Dilly, Dilly!”), labor and service (Food Basket Delivery) and of course, Feeding the Homeless (**George and Thelma Billy** – “Dilly, Dilly!”). You selflessly inspired our Christmas spirit by engaging the sale of Christmas trees (**Tim Tilson** – “Dilly, Dilly!”) and you carefully planned the recognition of Christ’s presence in our lives through artful arrangement (**Al Lightly** – “Dilly, Dilly!”) of the creche.

But, our *Christmas Story*, continues. As Jacob Marley’s ghost reminds us: “Business! ...Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business.” *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens. As we peer to that Blessed Day with Jacob’s admonition in mind, we realize that we, in deed, have a bounty of tasks to fulfill: thoughtful deliberation as to the meaning of Advent, celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, more Food Basket assembly and delivery, kind provisions of meals for the homeless, presentation via “Wreaths Across America” for our faithful, departed service men and women, the Santa Breakfast and for those intellectually challenged youngsters, KOVAR collections on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. Thus, with these labors of love in mind, I wish you and your families a truly “Merry Christmas!” and humbly join with Tiny Tim in asking, “God bless us, everyone!” *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens.

Vivat Jesus; Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker

Grand Knight, Father Diamond Council 6292

Chancellor's Corner

Congratulations to our brothers **Ryan Kehoe** and **David Meredith** on completing the Patriotism Celebration (4th Degree) on November 11.

This month we will hold 2 Admission Celebrations. The first will be a video ceremony on Thursday December 7, 2017 at 7:30PM in Providence Hall.

Tuesday, December 12, we will hold an Admission Celebration in Providence Hall. Schedule for the evening is:

7:30PM – Rosary/Candidate Registration

8:00PM – Admission Celebration

A meeting will be held after the completion of the Admission Celebration. Dinner & refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Want to save some money! The first 10 members of our council will have their \$40.00 dues paid for the year. Just bring in 2 completed Form 100 and have the 2 candidates complete the Admission Celebration.

Yours In Christ,

Gib Flodine, Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Dear Ladies,

This year for Christmas we have adopted a few families from our parish. Our December meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7 pm in the Knight’s hall. We will use this meeting to sort and wrap the gifts that we’ve bought for the families. You are welcome to join us as many hands make light work. If you have not received the sign up genius for the gift sign up but would like to, please let me know at billyjoe444@verizon.net. Wishing you peace and love at this time of year.

God Bless,

Beth Ward, President



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??? Contact **Keith Morrison**
(703) 691-8838 or mwcrkm@aol.com

Your Hall Manager Says **THANK YOU !!**

As you know we have a lot of groups using the KofC Hall. We have the Council meetings, the Grey Gost meetings, Girl Scouts, 4th Degree Meetings, Legion of Mary, Ladies of Council 6292, Society of American Magicians, The Italian Heritage Society, Family Breakfasts, Parish Picnic, Redskins Games, Knights and parishioners who use the hall for small events such as birthday parties, Funeral receptions, robotics club meetings, and a myriad of other events as needed from time to time.

I want to thank all Brother Knights for your great assistance in keeping the Hall clean and looking neat for the many groups who use the facilities. Thank you Grey Gosts for making sure the bathrooms have enough towels and toilet paper. Thank you 4th degree for cleaning the hall after your meetings. Thank you Italian Heritage for stripping and waxing the floors and cleaning after your meetings. Thank you Warden for putting up chairs and tables and throwing out garbage after Council Meetings. Thank you Breakfast teams for the great clean up you do after breakfasts. In general, thank you to everyone for picking up, straightening up, and cleaning up when you are at the hall. Your efforts help to make my job easier and I appreciate that.

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman, PGK

Hall Manager

Fourth Degree Exemplification

On Saturday, November 11, Virginia's 4th Degree District exemplified 145 new Sir Knights into the 4th Degree, including 2 members of Fr. Diamond Council. Congratulations to **SK Ryan Kehoe** (who joined Shenandoah Assembly, #2237, in Harrisonburg, where Ryan is attending JMU), and **SK David Meredith** (who joined Fr. Malloy Assembly, #1894, in Fairfax).

Fr. Diamond Council was well represented at the Exemplification! State Deputy **SK Steve Kehoe** was one of the knights; **SK Dennis Makurat** and **SK Bill Weich** were both exmplars (**SK John Bland**, who is also on the team, was present as an observer); **SK Don Kehoe**, **FSS**, **PSD**, and District Secretary **SK David Todd, Sr.**, stood behind their grandson as he was knighted, Faithful Navigator **SK Matt West** served as an Escort, and **SK David Todd, Jr.** was present, helping to coordinate the Memorial Mass that followed the Exemplification.

The next Exemplification for Virginia will be conducted on Saturday, April 21st, at the parish center of Sts. Peter and Paul in Palmyra. Cost is \$70 per candidate; candidates must wear a dark suit with a tie. Details to follow, but anyone interested should contact Faithful Navigator **SK Matt West**, or Faithful Admiral **SK David Todd, Jr.**

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	Jaime Argandona	20
Jeffrey Fernandez	4	Blair O'Connor	20
James Smith	6	Joseph Kanyan	21
Douglas Schneyman	7	Andrew Mack	22
Roshan Thomas	9	Javier Del Castillo	23
Larry Mc Grail	10	Timothy Malloy	23
Michael Pipan	11	Shawn Williams	24
William Weich	12	Peter Coniglio	25
Kevin McGrail	13	Kevin Shook	26
Herb Zimmerman	13	Albano Garcia	27
John Bruno	14	Timothy Hartzell	27
Michael McKinley	14	Walter Kenneweg	27
Eugene Ransom	14	Patrick Kiechlin	27
Alexander Navarro	15	William Mundy	27
Doug Bricker	18	Dennis Howley	28
John Bogart	19	Patrick Murray	28
Anil Arakal	20	David Whitcomb	29

Father Diamond Scholarship

The council will again be awarding a \$500 per year scholarship for a student starting a Catholic HS in September 2018. The scholarship s for 4 years. Applicants must be:

- Catholic,
- Planning to attend a Catholic HS in September 2018 in the Arlington or Washington DC diocese
- Child, grandchild, or dependent of a member of the council
- Child of a parishioner of St Leo the Great catholic church
- Student at St Leo's Catholic School.

Application may be found at www.6292.kofcva.org in the news headline section. Contact Tim Tilson at hmsludia@msn.com for more info.

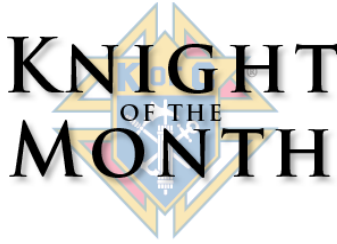
Guardian Angel Project Update

Jose Marroquin's newborn son, Jose Noe, is doing well. However his wife Rosario, is back in the hospital and your prayers are truly needed. Thanks to your generosity and Fr. Whitestone's assistance we have received donations over \$4,100. We have also received a \$3,000 grant from VKCCI. St Vincent DePaul has been assisting with food and other supplies. We are in the process of paying some of their most immediate bills (rent, utilities, food, gas, and some medical bills) but the medical bills continue.

The Guardian Angel Fund through St Leo the Great Church will be closed out effective December 20. Any donations for the Marroquins should be sent directly to the Knights of Columbus via our Financial Secretary, David Todd.

May God bless all of you for your caring generosity and please continue to pray for the wellbeing of Jose and Rosario and their children.

November 2017 Knights of the Month



“If you want to be rich, be generous to others! If you hold on too tightly, you’ll lose everything. Yes, generous people shall be rich! By watering others, they water themselves.” Proverbs, 11:24-25 (From *Mornings with Fulton Sheen*, p 18).

As always, all our Brother Knights proved, this past November, to be exemplars of benevolent compassion for their fellow man and, thus, the spirit of the above exhortation from Proverbs. Because of the magnitude of the impact of the charity extended by the following Brother Knights during the very demanding weeks leading up to, and, including Thanksgiving, they are decisively recognized as “Knights of the Month.” **Doug Schneyman**, through his initiative, dedication and attention to detail, made himself the essential focal point between St. Vincent DePaul and the Father Diamond Council for Thanksgiving basket collection and delivery – an absolute

necessity for reaching out to the less fortunate of our community.

Ben Schaefer, as usual, spent countless hours organizing the St. Vincent DePaul pantry, arranging food distribution packages and assisting in the management of the drivers’ delivery schedules. Ben was consistently the first to arrive at and the last to leave the operations center for the Thanksgiving exercise.

George Billy, in his traditionally quiet and incisive manner, and, ably assisted by his wife, **Thelma**, led the organization, management, transport and actual feeding of those poor souls in the homeless shelter in Washington, DC. The empathy of **George** and **Thelma Billy** for their brothers and sisters in need has justifiably matured to the degree of legend.

John Eldred did not even think to ask “Who is my neighbor?” when an aged, physically tired Brother Knight from another council sought help packaging his belongings as he was compelled to move a considerable distance to a new home. John’s response to the challenge was without qualification – immediate and absolutely selfless. He was, in essence, the “Good Samaritan.”

November 2017 Family of the Month

Chris and Nina Wieczorek, by their Christ-like, generous gift of food baskets through the Knights of Columbus to St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, have satisfied the corporal needs of many less fortunate families and, in their selfless humility, inspired our respect for them as the Father Diamond November Family of the Month. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, in a short Christmas story, *What the Star Tells US*, states about the fifth ray of the Star:

“The fifth ray was His promise to live within us. If he remained on earth, He would have been only an example to be copied; we could have got no closer to Him than an embrace or a word. But if He went back to Heaven and sent His Spirit, then He would be an

example to be lived. Those who possess that Spirit of Christ today, manifesting His humility, compassion, sacrifice and love as He did, are really celebrating the Christmas.” *Treasured Stories of Christmas*, Editors of Guideposts, New York, 1972, p 180 – 181.

Chris and Nina Wieczorek clearly exhibit that “*Spirit of Christ*” today. We are, indeed, proud and honored to acclaim them as our Family of the Month.



The Value of Life Insurance for Children

The best time to purchase life insurance is when you are a child. However, you can’t purchase insurance when you are a child your parents or grandparents have to do that for you.

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child without proving insurability. Unfortunately, as fathers we don’t have a crystal ball, and we don’t know what the future may have in store for our children’s health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child’s policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I’ve heard it said that people don’t want to “profit” from the death of a child, so they won’t purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent’s mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

Thanks, Leo Durán



Father Diamond Council Christmas Party Saturday, December 16th at Providence Hall

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

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

Council Provides: Main Dishes including 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
Dan O'Malley (571) 294-2636 or
omalley1017@gmail.com
or Joe Gesker (703) 435-4811
jgesker@verizon.net**



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

Get In the Picture



Across the Top: Feeding the Homeless on November 18th; Middle Row: Chili Cook-off on October 29th, and Christmas Tree Delivery on November 25th; Across the Bottom: Ryan Kehoe received his 4th Degree; Memorial Breakfast on November 12th; and the Food Basket Assembly on November 17th.

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9AM Christmas Tree Sales Begin	27	28 ** No Meeting **	29	30 8:25 Redskins@Cowboys- snacks	1 10 AM Creche Setup	2 6 PM Creche Lighting 6:30 Spaghetti Dinner
3	4	5 7:30 Officers Meeting	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
10 4:05 Redskins@Chargers	11 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	12 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Meeting	13	14 7:00 Ladies Meeting	15 Food Basket Assembly	16 10 AM-Food Basket Delivery 11:00 Feed the Homeless 6:00 Council Christmas Party
17 Santa Bkfst after 7:30 & 9:00 masses 1:00 Cards@Skins	18	19 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon	20 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg	21	22	23
24 KOVAR Collections 1:00 Broncos@Redskins	25 CHRISTMAS!	26 ** No Meeting **	27	28	29	30
31 KOVAR Collections 1:00 Redskins@Giants	1 Solemnity of Mary	2 7:30 Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 KOVAR Collections 1:00 Redskins@Giants	1 Solemnity of Mary	2 7:30 Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Bowling Begins	8 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	9 7:00 Rosary 7:30 Meal 8:00 Business Meeting	10	11	12 7:00 State meeting setup	13 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion State Meeting - St. Leo
14 9:00 Corporate Communion	15	16 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon 7:00 Ladies Meeting	17 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg	18 8:00 1st Degree	19 March for Life	20
21 Family Bkfst-After St. Leo's 7:30 & 9:00 masses	22	23 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree & Mtg	24	25	26	27 10:15 3rd Degree
28	29	30	31	1	2 7:30 Fraternalism Night	3

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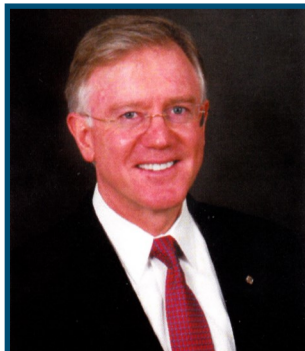
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	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Fourth Deg.	Matt West	703-359-4652
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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KOVAR	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
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	TBD	
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 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-U's, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes

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