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December 2021

Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights and Families,

We have concluded an exceptionally busy month, and you all came through with flying colors! The busiest period began with the Scouting for Food event held on Nov. 13th. It was here that 26 Knights and their family members assisted the St. Leo Social Ministry with the weighing, organizing, boxing, and moving to storage of over 12,000 pounds of packaged food donations from around the local area. This was an impressive showing indeed and I cannot thank all the volunteers (whose names are mentioned in the Knights of the Month article) enough for their herculean effort.

Just a few days later on Nov. 18th, it was our council's turn to host an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity. I want to thank our exemplification team - Nelson Clinch, James Hogan, Gib Flodine, Tim Hogan, Pat McGuire, and James Beauchamp - for joining me in this presentation and introducing our order and our principles to 5 candidates and the largest audience yet to attend.

By the weekend of Nov. 20th, we were again immersed in efforts to help the food insecure in the local area and in Washington, DC. A total of 49 Thanksgiving Food Baskets were assembled for donation by our council, along with monetary donations for grocery store gift cards allowing recipients to purchase perishables for their Thanksgiving dinners. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who made the donations (most notably to Chris & Nina Wiczorek who donated 10 baskets!) and to those who helped stage, load, deliver, and/or transfer to the food pantry the food baskets, including Nelson and Julie Clinch, Tom Gross, Joe Schrama, Sipa Sikaulu, Jason Johnsrud and daughter Grace, Larry Cooke, Pat McGuire, Charlie Kraiger (delivery driver), Scot Gaboury (delivery driver assist), and Dan O'Malley (apologies if I missed anyone). Thanks also to George and Thelma Billy and their volunteers who provided warm meals to the over 300 souls downtown at their annual Feed the Homeless at Thanksgiving event.

The next day, we held our Family Breakfast which also served as a memorial gathering for the widows and family members of some of our dearly departed member Knights. Attendance has gotten incrementally better at each successive Breakfast, which is heartening.

Last but hardly least, we wrapped up November in the final weekend with the Christmas tree lot setup, delivery and offloading of the tree order, set up and lighting of the Creche, and the Spaghetti Dinner in the school gym. You might say we've earned a breather as Advent begins, allotting time for spiritual reflection and visits with family. May you all have a most joyful Advent and Christmas season!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**

Treasurer's Report – Oct. 31, 2021

INCOME for Oct **\$ 2,788.24** (Fall Festival, KOVAR, etc)

EXPENSES for Oct **\$1,019.67** (Grill Rebuild, etc)

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$35,660.03	Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
United Checking (2)	\$ 490.65	Outstanding Scrip	\$4,400.00
Invest Fund	\$46,316.84	KOVAR Collections	\$(1,030.00)
RTL Fund	\$ 4,537.66	PKD Collections	\$ (110.14)
Building Fund	\$45,552.92	VKCCI Collections	\$ (1.00)

Net Assets \$136,816.96



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

Hello, and Happy December!

December brings the Advent season, a season of preparation and penance. As Knights, our first priority and principle is charity, and the Advent season offers opportunities to exhibit that principle. However, in order to be charitable, the Council needs to have the means to do so. December provides an opportunity for that, too.

The combination of fund-raising and charity makes for a busy month. Christmas tree sales are underway, and I encourage help from all members and any family members willing with sales of the trees.

Another fund-raising effort by the Council provides substantial assistance to those with intellectual disabilities throughout Virginia. Gib Flodine has again agreed to head up our efforts and is coordinating KOVAR collections outside three local ABC stores on December 31 (only). The shifts are two hours long, so please offer your assistance in raising funds for those in need by contacting Gib at gib1bkim@yahoo.com.

I also encourage those able to do so to help with the works of distributing food baskets and feeding the homeless (both on December 18), and bringing joy to those who attend the family breakfast on the 19th. We even hope Santa Claus stops by for a visit!

While charity is the top principle of the Order, fraternity is also exhibited within our ranks, and the Council plans to gather this Advent for fellowship over a meal with music and beverages in Providence Hall on December 4 after the 5:00 mass. It may not be too late to reserve a spot, but please e-mail kofckitchen6292@gmail.com as soon as possible if you wish to attend. While the cost is \$25 per person, it includes appetizers, ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, salad, dinner rolls, broccoli, and dessert, as well as beverages and music. No additional dishes or contributions are required.

May the Advent and Christmas seasons bring your families peace and happiness well into 2022!

Vivat Jesus!

Nelson Clinch



Chancellor's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor



Brother Knights,

Let us welcome our newest member Matthew Shufflebarger (transfer) to our council. Please contact me if you know of any men who might be interested in joining our council and I will reach out to them.

Congratulations to Robert Philips who came to the Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity at St. Leo's and became a Third Degree Knight. (Refer to pg. 5 for a picture) Also, kudos to the exemplification team who put on a fine ceremony. In addition to Robert becoming a Third Degree, there were also four brother knights from St. Philip's who took their Degree. Besides these in-person ceremonies, there is also an online option which can be completed at any time that is convenient. Please let me know if you are interested.

Finally, here's wishing you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim

December Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Jeff Fernandez	4	Bill Weich	12	Doug Bricker	18	Timothy Malloy	23	Bill Mundy	27
James Smith	6	Kevin Mc Grail	13	Paul Buchmann	18	Matt Rodjom	24	David Pizzano	27
Sam Gaboury	7	Herb Zimmerman	13	Tony Kirkwood	18	Peter Coniglio	25	Dennis Howley	28
Shae Mc Millan	9	Michael Mc Kinley	14	Anil Arakal	20	Albano Garcia	27	Patrick Murray	28
Michael Pipan Jr	11	Eugene Ransom Jr	14	Jaime Argandona	20	Tim Hartzell	27	David Whitcomb	29
		Alexander Navarro	15	Joe Kanyan	21	Patrick Kiechlin	27	Andrew Dudik	30



Knight of The Month– November

We have been blessed with multiple Knights putting forth tremendous effort at a couple of key November events.

Were it not for the many Knights and their families who helped the St. Leo Social Ministry (SLSM) with their intake of packaged food courtesy of the Boy Scouts of America's **Scouting for Food** program on Nov. 13th, there would likely still be a mountain of food blocking entry to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room in Olde Parish Hall! Tammy Simpson, Lead Casework Volunteer at SLSM, summed it up this way: "Thank you and the other Knights for all the help during the recent Scouting for Food. We couldn't have done it without your team!" "I want to add our council's thanks and recognize the many volunteers, some of whom spent the better part of a day seeing this through: Pat Murray with daughters Kathleen and Siobhan, Phil Coletti, Dean Storm, Willy Turner, Nelson Clinch and wife Julie, Mike McKinley, Pat McGuire, Tom Gross, Larry Cook, Steve Rodgers, Joe Schrama, Sipa Sikaulu, James Beauchamp, Pat Dunne, Mark Woznak, Bill Mundy, Adam Gruendl and wife Diane, Beth Ward, Charlie Kraiger, and Scott Gaboury. They all share in the title Knight of the Month for November.

Our other Knights of the Month are the members of the crack **Creche setup team**: Al Leightley, Mark Woznak, Tom Gross, Joe Gesker, John Cesarini, Charlie Kraiger, Hal Guidry, and Jose Trujillo. Faced with some equipment malfunctions, they effected the necessary repairs (principally to the star above the manger which required re-wiring by Mark Woznak) and persevered in setting up the creche on the grounds in front of the church sign, making it possible for the lights to be lit on schedule last Saturday evening. Many thanks go to these November Knights of the Month for their dogged work!



Sipa, Scott, Charlie, Pat, and Pat working hard at Scouting for Food



Charlie and Julie



Kathy and Carolyn prepping for the Spaghetti Dinner



Family of The Month – November

Our featured family is always engaged and eager to help with whatever event is taking place at Providence Hall and beyond. This was evident yet again at our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 27th, the planning and preparation for which began days beforehand. Pat McGuire does a wonderful job overseeing all aspects of the event which involved the extra work of transferring all necessary materials and supplies from the Hall to the school gym dining site. Wife Carolyn and daughter Maureen prepared a variety of delicious spaghetti sauces and the accompanying garden salad and bread. Son Kevin and grandson Ryan helped with the site preparation and disassembly/cleanup. Kevin and his wife, Tracy, helped provide the selection of desserts. Before an hour had elapsed, all the spaghetti had been eagerly consumed, including by our Pastor, Fr. Whitestone, and his two Vicars, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Jonathan, who we were blessed to have join us (no doubt testament to Pat's considerable influence). Such a positive outcome is par for the course for the McGuires. Pat is also in charge of the Family Breakfast team that served up the morning meal on Nov. 21 following the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. On the preceding day, he helped with the Thanksgiving Food Baskets distribution. He was also one of the volunteers at the St. Leo Social Ministry who helped with the intake of the Scouting for Food donations that arrived that morning and afternoon. On a continuing basis, Pat and Carolyn make sure that the Blessing Box at Van Dyck Park next to St. Leo Church remains stocked with essentials for those in the local community who make visits to it out of necessity. Pat and Carolyn are dependable attendees of 9:00 Mass on Sundays, where Pat serves as a Eucharistic Minister as needed, and otherwise serves as an usher. His outreach to the youth extends here where he has engaged young parishioners in helping with usher duties. For these and many other contributions made to the parish, the council, and the community not covered in this limited space, let us join together in thanking Pat and Carolyn McGuire's family and in honoring them as our Family of the Month for November.



The 2021 Scouting for Food Heap. Over 12,000lbs!!!!



Scott, packing bags at Scouting for Food

KOVAR 2021-2022

KOVAR desperately needs our assistance. Donations have been down the last couple of years due to COVID. You can help immensely. There are several ways to contribute:
 KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way of the Greater DC Area and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees

CFC - #42569

**United Way Campaigns in the Greater
 D.C. Area - #8838**

**Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign -
 State Employees - #200467**



Anyone participating in contributing to KOVAR through these programs, please give a photocopy of your receipt with your signature and membership number to Gib Flodine, KOVAR Chairman.

Checks may be submitted:

Written to Knights of Columbus. Place **KOVAR** in memo field

Send checks to:

Knights of Columbus
 St. Leo the Great Church
 3700 Old Lee Highway
 Fairfax, VA 22030

Written to KOVAR. Place **6292** in memo field.

Send checks to:

KOVAR
 5588 Needleton Avenue
 Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link:

<https://kovarva.org/donate/>

Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field.

Think of joining **Amazon Smiles**. If you select KOVAR as your organization, 0.5% of all your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases, will be donated to KOVAR. Please give any receipts for contributions through Amazon Smiles to Gib Flodine.

KOVAR Collection New Year's Eve

On December 31st we will be collecting outside 3 ABC Stores

1. Store 90
 12965 Fairfax Lakes Shopping Center
 Fairfax, Virginia 22030
2. Store 241
 11725 Lee Highway
 Fairfax, Virginia 22030
3. Store 368
 Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center
 10308 Willard Way
 Fairfax, Virginia 22030

There will be 4 shifts for each store:

- 10:00AM - Noon
- Noon - 2:00PM
- 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- 4:00PM - 6:00PM

If you can take a shift, please contact Gib Flodine 703-201-0477 or email gib1bkim@yahoo.com (gee-eye-bee-one-bee-kay-eye-em). Please contact no later than Monday December 20, 2021.

3rd degree Knight Robert Philips



Our Grand Knight (right) and District Deputy (left) congratulating our newest 3rd degree knight Robert Philips (middle) after the degree ceremony .

Remembering our Brothers



Tom Hogan was a cornerstone of the VA Knights of Columbus. Anyone who knew Tom knew he exemplified our principles to the T. Tom was a member for over 60 years and held many positions ranging from the local to state level. He was Grand Knight, State Deputy 96-97, auditor at the VA State meetings, along with many other activities. He will be missed, Please keep the repose of his soul in your prayers this month.

Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Providence Hall

During the **Dallas- Washington** NFL Game

The game starts at 1:00 PM

Please bring entries to the Hall by 1:00 PM

Chili Cook Off – All are Welcome

The NFL game will be shown during the event
Bring your best chili and compete in the cook-off!

Entries should be at the Hall by 1:00 PM. Judging will take place before halftime of the game. If your chili is best presented with "fixin's" (cheese, onions, oysters crackers, sour cream, etc.), bring those along for the judging.

If making chili isn't your thing . . .

Come out and watch the Redskins game at Providence Hall and partake in the chili, hot dogs, nachos, and other snacks for \$7 per person. Lemonade is included.

The winning chili receives a PRIZE along with bragging rights!

If you have any questions, please email Julie and Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com.

Donations will benefit The Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center, Inc., an amazing 501(c)(3) charity. Tom Beiter, brother / brother-in-law of Kathy & Bill Weich, was the first client of TRRC. Tom had Down Syndrome and loved his horse Fudger. Clients learn to care for the animals as well as enjoy riding them. Please help us in supporting this charity.
<https://www.trrcmd.org/>

Hope to see you for the Cook-off!

December 2021

<u>Sun</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 6:30PM Holiday Party
5	6	7 7:30PM Hybrid Officers Mtg	8	9	10	11 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
12	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Hybrid Business Mtg	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	16	17	18 10AM Food & Gift Distribution 11AM Feed the Homeless
19 Santa Breakfast (gym) after 7:30 & 9AM Masses	20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS!
26	27	28	29	30	31 Kovar Collections	1 New Year's Day

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31 KOVAR Collections	1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	5	6	7	8 Mid-year State Meeting Fredericksburg, VA 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 7:30PM Mid-Year Council Audit Bingo@Ffx Nursing Ctr?	11 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Family Breakfast after 7 & 9AM Masses	17 Federal Holiday ML King, Jr.	18 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	20	21 March for Life	22 9AM KOVAR Pot Pie Preparation
23	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	26	27	28	29 3-7PM KOVAR Pot Pie Pickup
30	31					

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2021-22

Officers

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Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Patrick J. Murray	703-447-9190
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

Program Directors

Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
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Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

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Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway is sold by our council.
Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Tom Gross at 703-273-0631
for information. Available at Providence Hall before or after meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant 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.

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