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December 2022



Grand Knight's Message

Nelson Clinch, Grand Knight

Brother Knights, Advent is underway, and I would like to encourage members and their families to follow the words that Bishop Loverde encouraged us to do in late October. In his homily at the 9 AM mass on October 30, Bishop Loverde encouraged the congregation toward determination, openness, and action, mimicking Zacchaeus' role in the gospel reading. In particular, His Excellency encouraged the faithful to be open to Jesus to the point that "something clicks" within our hearts and inspires action.

I like to think that in many ways, we Knights exemplify what Bishop Loverde was encouraging, and I want to thank those who have helped the council, especially those who exemplified the virtue of Charity in the recent past: those who helped with Scouting for Food to stock the Social Ministry's supplies, helped by making or purchasing Thanksgiving sides to raise funds to help people with intellectual disabilities, donated or otherwise helped with the collection and distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets, supported the Feed the Homeless efforts, or labored at providing breakfast for the both the widows of our deceased brothers and for the parish at large.

These events help fulfill our top principle of charity, but there were many other events in addition to these: supporting the events at St. Leo the Great parish the week of St. Leo the Great's Feast Day, the Tree Lot setup, Christmas tree delivery, crèche setup, and the Spaghetti Dinner.

There are many people who put in numerous hours for the various events, but let me single out a few, starting with the Knight of the Month for November, Patrick McGuire! I also wish to recognize the November Family of the Month, Thelma and George Billy.

Keep up the good work, and invite others to join in the fun! In closing, I hope all your prayerful and penitential preparations during Advent lead to a joyous and fruitful Christmas season and wonderful new year!

Vivat Jesus!
Nelson Clinch

Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Since this newsletter will encompass both the Advent and Christmas seasons, on behalf of all the priests here at St. Leo, allow me to wish you both a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas! I love this time of year! Of course, the days are getting darker and there is a chill in the air, but Christmas lights are glowing on trees, egg nog is in plentiful supply (which I have well stocked!), and of course as we contemplate the Holy Family we are given the opportunity to re-focus on love and prayer within our own families.

The Holy Family is at the center of these two great seasons of Advent and Christmas. I can only imagine that at the heart of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus' relationship with one another, are love and prayer. St. John Paul II in his encyclical, *Familiaris Consortio*, says this about the mission of the family: "**Hence the family has as its mission to guard, reveal and communicate love...**" How beautiful to consider that Mary and Joseph fulfilled this mission so perfectly in guarding, revealing, and communicating love, love who is Jesus Christ their son. How often the Holy family must have also prayed together... And how beautiful to consider that in the 30 hidden years of Jesus life in Nazareth, during which Mary, Joseph and Jesus so perfectly lived out a life of love and prayer, especially in their simple, daily responsibilities.

This life of prayer (and thus love!) within the family is so beautifully expressed by St. John Paul II again in *Familiaris Consortio* (which I would recommend as great Christmas reading by the way!):

*"Family prayer has for its very own object family life itself, which in all its varying circumstances is seen as a call from God and lived as a filial response to His call. **Joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, births and birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries of the parents, departures, separations and homecomings, important and far-reaching decisions, {daily work and responsibilities}, the death of those who are dear, etc.—all of these mark God's loving intervention in the family's history.** They should be seen as suitable moments for thanksgiving, for petition, for trusting abandonment of the family into the hands of their common Father in heaven. {This is the} dignity and responsibility of the Christian family.*

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Deputy Grand Knight

Brother Knights,
During this season Advent, as we await the coming of the Messiah, there are many opportunities to assist in our Council's charity and social events. Consider taking

a break from Christmas shopping and joining your brother knights. Our busy month starts off with our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3 at 6:30 PM. Come enjoy a full ham dinner, drinks and dessert for \$20 a person. Please RSVP to Julie and Nelson Clinch by email (clinch5va@yahoo.com) or 703-209-8106 or 703-209-8505 by Friday, December 2. If it's December, then it must be time for our annual Christmas tree sale. This is our Council's most important fundraiser- so we need everybody's support. All of you should have been contacted by your team captain about when your team is scheduled. Please try to make at least one or more shifts. There will also be Christmas (Keep Christ in Christmas) card sales after each of the Masses on the week-ends of December 3-4 and December 10-11. To sign up for a Mass, please reach out to James Hogan at 703-731-7164 or ithlogan3@gmail.com. Once again, we will be helping those who are less fortunate this Christmas. On Saturday, December 17 we will be working with the St. Leo's Social Ministry Program preparing and distributing food baskets. We will put out more details on this as they become available. On the same day, December 17, George and Thelma Billy will be distributing meals for the Feed the Homeless in Washington, DC. I am sure they would appreciate some volunteers.

On Sunday, December 18 after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses we will be serving our family breakfast. Please consider volunteering or coming out for a great, hearty breakfast. Perhaps if we've been good, Santa Claus will pay us a visit. (I think we have been pretty good.) For more information, please contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@msn.com or 703-273-9436. Another Council tradition is collecting money for KOVAR on New Year's Eve (December 31) outside of several local businesses. Please contact Mark Walther at 703-766-5054 or markwalther7@yahoo.com to sign up for a time slot. Our officer's meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. There will be only one meeting (Rosary 7:30 PM/Business Meeting (8:00 PM) this month and that will be on Tuesday, December 13. Please don't forget the Rosary to End Abortion on Saturday, December 10 at 8 AM. It will be outside the main doors of the church in good weather or inside near the statue of Mary in case of bad weather. **Your prayers matter.** The Gray Ghosts luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 at 11 AM as well as the Ladies Meeting, also on December 20, at 7:30 PM. Finally, and most important, I wish you and all of your families a Blessed Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Beauchamp



Chancellor's Report

James Hogan, Chancellor

Brother Knights,

Advent is upon us which means Christmas is close. This is a great time for reflection on what we can do as an organization to help others. While this is a joyous season, for some it is a sad and rough season and a time for our council to step up and help others.

On a brighter note congratulations to our newest brother Knight Ernesto Lopez on becoming a 3rd degree knight in our order this past month. If you know of anyone interested in joining our organization contact me by email ithlogan3@gmail.com or by text/call 703-731-7164.

Vivat Jesus,
James Hogan

The mission of each moment in the life of the family is to love. And prayer is what strengthens love. This Advent season as we prepare for Christmas, I would encourage us to read through the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke's Gospels and try to read between the lines and into Mary and Joseph's life of love and prayer... even during some very trying and difficult circumstances! What were they going through? What were they thinking or feeling in those situations? Now how does that relate to my family life? And then perhaps ask Mary and Joseph for the strength to love and pray in a new way during this month of December. Mary and Joseph, Pray for us!

With my love and prayers this Advent and Christmas for you and your families,
Your Chaplain,
Fr Jonathan



(L to R) Charlie Kraiger, Hal Guidruy, Don Kehoe preparing Thanksgiving food, yum!

Treasurer's Report – 10/1-10/31/22

INCOME for September \$ 6,979.45

EXPENSES for September \$ 10,330.57

Operating Fund Net \$(3,351.12)

United Checking	\$40,278.33
United Checking (2)	\$ 613.31
Invest Fund	\$42,869.27
RTL Fun	\$ 4,542.22
Building Fund	\$49,092.38
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 1,800.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (1,234.14)
PKD Collections	\$ (232.15)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (25.00)

Net Assets \$138,704.22

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



(L to R) Tim Hogan, James Hogan, DD Dan O'Malley, Gib Flodine, Ernesto Lopez, GK Nelson Clinch, Pat McGuire, Mark Walther. Exemplification from November



Family and Widows Breakfast in November

Knight of the Month – November



The month of November featured many opportunities for the Council to exhibit the principle of charity, as expressed elsewhere in this Newsletter. One Knight in particular took the lead on several events during the month, and for his efforts, I want to name **Pat McGuire** as **Knight of the Month** for November and THANK him for his efforts with Scouting for Food, Thanksgiving Baskets, the Gray Gost luncheon, Family Breakfast, and Spaghetti Dinner. In addition, Pat serves as both an usher and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at St. Leo the Great Church. I find all that work exhausting just to think about, but I am extremely grateful Pat offers his assistance.



Family of the Month - November

The November **Family of the Month** continually exhibits charity throughout the year, but **Thelma and George Billy** faced medical challenges leading up to the activities they have so faithfully led for many years: Feeding the Homeless. Many friends and volunteers assisted with the effort this month, largely because Thelma and George continue to inspire others to offer their assistance in the name of charity. My utmost gratitude goes to Thelma and George not just for their efforts in November, but for many years of service to the homeless, the Council, Fr. Malloy Assembly, and the community at large.





Knights and their guests are invited to a holiday dinner

Saturday, December 3, 2022

6:00 PM

Providence Hall

\$20 per person

Includes: appetizers, buffet dinner, dessert, & drinks

RSVP: clinch5va@yahoo.com by 12/2



A new section for the Newsletter. It has come to the officers attention that most of our council does not know what our council spends its money on. So to rectify this we are now going to publish our expenditure's for each month. So the members know what charities we support. Read below

October

\$500 donation expense to Feed the Homeless
 \$250 donation expense (each) for Thanksgiving and Christmas
 \$300 donation Expense to the Lamb Center
 \$150 donation expense to Global Wheelchair Initiative
 \$22,749 advance expense to purchase Christmas Trees
 \$2,400 donation expense to St. Leo social ministry for card purchases
 \$1,000 donation expense to Divine Mercy/Tepeyac center

Total: \$27,599 to charitable causes

(Octobers is usually an outlier for our council as we purchase for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Christmas Trees)

November

\$500 advance for the Christmas party
 \$300 advance for Christmas Tree petty cash
 \$500 donation expense to the Little Sisters of the poor
 \$850 expense for the March for Life bus
 \$250 donation expense for flowers for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration
 \$300 expense for Knights St. Leos bulletin ad
 \$200 advance for Christmas card sales

Total: \$2,900 to charitable causes



Get in the Picture



Your Help is Needed for KOVAR Fundraising

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus 501(c) (3) tax exempt charity which was established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and opportunities to persons with intellectual disabilities. There are several ways you can support KOVAR (and help our council reach its donation goal):

Contribute **two hours** of your time to **soliciting donations** on December 31st in front of one of three local Virginia ABC stores:

Store 90

12965 Fairfax Lakes Shopping Center
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Store 241

11725 Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Store 368

Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center
10308 Willard Way
Fairfax, Virginia 22030



Shifts at all stores will be as follows:

10AM – Noon, Noon – 2 PM, 2PM – 4PM, and 4PM – 6PM

To volunteer for a shift, please contact KOVAR Chairman Mark Walther at markwalther7@yahoo.com or 703-766-5054.

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Make a **cash donation**:

By check made out to "**Knights of Columbus**," with KOVAR in the memo field. Then, either leave the check in the Financial Secretary's mail slot in the office at Providence Hall, or mail it to: Mark Walther
9702 Saint Andrews Dr.
Fairfax, VA 22030

By check made out to "**KOVAR**," with Council 6292 in the memo field, mailed to:

KOVAR Treasurer
5588 Neddleton Ave.
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Online by credit card, debit card, or checking account by following the link <https://kovarva.org/donate/>.

Individual donations made through your **workplace**. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #42569), Combined Virginia Campaign (CVC #200467), and the United Way campaign (#8838) in most of the workplaces in Virginia provide the means for regular payday deductions from paychecks for charity. If you donate in this way, to ensure our council receives credit please provide a copy of the applicable pledge form or receipt from your employer to KOVAR Chairman Mark Walther.

Amazon Smile. You can help KOVAR raise money just by shopping online at Amazon and designating KOVAR as a recipient of your donations – at no additional cost to you. Please follow this link and KOVAR will receive .5% of all sales: [Instructions for Amazon Smile Sign-up](#). Please provide a copy of your individual Amazon Smile donation receipt to KOVAR Chairman Mark Walther to ensure the council receives credit.

Thank You on behalf of KOVAR!

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 6PM Christmas Party
4	5	6 7:30PM Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
11	12	13 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	14	15	16	17 Feed the Homeless Food Basket Distribution
18 Santa Breakfast after 7:30 & 9 AM masses	19	20 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	21 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29	30	31 KOVAR

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30PM Officers Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Bowling starts	9 7PM Council Audit	10 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9 AM masses	16 Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday	17 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	18 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	19	20 March for Life	21 Pot Pie Prep
22	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	25	26	27	28 Pot Pie Sales
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2022-23

Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Chaplain	Fr. Jonathan Fioramonti	
Deputy GK	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Chancellor	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Warden	Phil Coletti	703-945-2544
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
2yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
1yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010

Program Directors

Programs	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516

Committee Chairmen

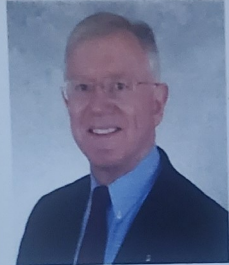
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Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
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	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
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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 Tim Hogan at 703-926-4347
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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