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December 2023



Grand Knight's Message

James "Jim" Beauchamp, Grand Knight

Brother Knights, November is traditionally a busy month for our Council and this year was no exception. There were many significant events to recall, especially service and charity, and too many individuals involved to mention all by name. We gathered together for our **Corporate Communion Mass** last month where all of the widows of deceased brothers were invited to Mass and a continental breakfast afterwards. Thanks much to Tim Tilson for organizing the breakfast and to Keith and Lynne Morrison for setting up tables with beautiful flower arrangements. Our Council was quite busy in serving the needy in our community in a number of ways. First, there was the **Scouting for Food** program where over 7,000 pounds of food was gathered and shelved. Thanks to brother Knights Pat McGuire, Gib Flodine, Mark Walther, Adam Gruendl, and Joe Gesker who helped receive and shelve the donated food and make it a very smooth process. Also, a very important Council tradition is the collection and distribution of **Thanksgiving food baskets**. Our Council put together nearly 60 food baskets (some were money only) this year. A big thanks to Pat McGuire and his team of Knights for the coordination the donations and making sure the baskets got picked up or delivered properly. And to all Knights who went shopping for food or made a monetary donation – thanks so much for your generosity. Also, a big shout out to the family of Christopher and Nina Wierczorek who donated 19 baskets. And, let's not forget our **Feed the Homeless** food preparation and delivery led again by Thelma and George Billy. Over 500 meals were prepared and taken to the Center for Creative Non-violence in Washington, DC.

Finally, we are off to a good start with our Christmas tree sales (our biggest fundraiser) and Christmas card (**KCIC**) sales. Please consider helping with one or both of these worthy programs. It will surely put you in the Christmas spirit.

From the degree ceremony of 5 new brother knights! Congrats to them all.





Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James Hogan, Deputy Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

The season of Advent is a preparatory time for us to reflect and pray for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And the perfect way to start that off this season would be to come spend an hour with our Lord on Dec. 2nd at the Eucharistic Adoration.

As always we have our business meeting on the 12th at 8:00PM and rosary at 7:30PM. **We do not have a second meeting this month!** The second weekend we have 7 AM Holy Hour, 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion, and Creche lighting at 6:30 PM. Mark Woznak is looking for volunteers for setting up the Creche. Contact him at woznakmark@gmail.com, or at (703) 280-4124.

On Dec. 16 we have our annual Advent Party, which will be at 6:00PM. The RSVP date is December 10 and the price will be \$15 per person. Email Tony Pierno at tonyp28840@yahoo.com. More information will be emailed.

Finally to wrap up this month we have KOVAR collections in front of the ABC stores. You'll find many articles about where to sign up and about the many donation efforts this fraternal year on pgs. 3, 4, and 5.

The St. Leo's Social Ministry (SLSM) is in need of some items to help stock their pantry this month. The items can be found on pg. 3. They are also looking for some volunteers on Dec. 9th, contact Tammy if you are able to help at tammy-simpson.stleos@gmail.com.

Finally to look ahead, we are one month from the March for Life. Our council has been the Money collectors for this event for decades and we could use your help again. Find more information on pg. 5. We are also having a Fraternal Benefits on Jan. 25, more info on pg. 6.

Wine-Tasting Fundraiser for Mass Honoring Military & First Responders



WHEN: Saturday, January 13, 2024, 6:30 PM

WHERE: Providence Hall
3702 Blenheim Blvd
Fairfax, VA 22030

(Knights of Columbus hall behind St. Leo the Great Catholic Church)

COST: \$25 per person/\$50 per couple

RSVP: Dave Todd, Jr. (djtoddjr@gmail.com) by January 7, 2024
(RSVP's are REQUIRED!!! No entry for those without a Reservation!)

Treasurer's Report – 10/1-31/2023

INCOME for Oct \$ 2,372.10

EXPENSES for Oct \$ 9,643.15

Operating Fund Net \$ (7,271.05)

United Checking	\$28,678.35
United Checking (2)	\$ 507.49
Invest Fund	\$42,904.98
RTL Fun	\$ 4,546.02
Building Fund	\$36,738.26
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,780.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (286.35)
PKD Collections	\$ (207.82)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (12.00)

Net Assets \$118,648.93



Chancellor's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Chancellor

Brothers,

Through God's Grace, we were fortunate to have an Exemplification on Thursday November 16th where, the Father Diamond Council welcomed 5 new members to our Council (Picture, pg. 1). Please join me in welcoming Brothers Mike Kaylor, Dan Taggart, Jeff Danforth, Tom Coyle and Tim Delaney. Additionally, we have welcomed the following transfers into our Council, Brothers Martin Jason, Carlos Cristi, Tony Rizzuto, Gualberto Garcia Jones, and Thomas Lynch.

A sincere note of Appreciation to all Brothers who participated in the Degree Ceremony, and to those who have been helping with recruiting for our Council. We continue to seek those faithful Catholic Men, who desire to grow closer to God through the Charity, Unity in Prayer, and Fraternity. Please ask those you meet to consider joining our Council. Wishing you and your families a prayerful Advent, and joyous Christmas.

RSVP

Brothers we are sponsoring Alfredo Tuesta's on becoming a priest through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Alfredo was here this past year. If you wish to send him letters, here is his address

**100 E Wynnewood Rd.
Wynnewood PA 19096**



Knight of the Month – Nov.

For our Council, there is an emphasis on charity every November. This was certainly true this year. **PGK Pat McGuire** led our team of Knights in the collection and pick-up/delivery of Thanksgiving food baskets. As previously mentioned, we had nearly 60 baskets this year. He was also part of a small group of Knights that helped with the collection and shelving of over 7,000 pounds of donated food in the Scouting for Food program. He was also part of the Degree team for our successful Exemplification that was held in November. He helped prepare a Thanksgiving feast for our second business meeting in November. If there is anything that's to be done by the Council, especially if it involves food or charity, you can count on Pat. For this and all that he has done for our Council, he is our **Knight of the Month for November 2023**.



Family of the Month—Nov.

PGK George and Thelma Billy have been selected for last month's Family of the Month. For many years now, they have been preparing meals for needy people, usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Last month over 500 meals were prepared at Providence Hall and a small 'army' delivered the meals to the Center for Creative Non-Violence in Washington, DC. Thanks to all the Knights and their wives who helped this year. (Gib's hands are still sore from peeling sweet potatoes.) George is also very active in the Fr. Malloy Assembly and is our liaison between the Council and the Assembly. For all these reasons, they are our **Family of the Month for November 2023**.



December Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Jeffrey E Fernandez	4	Alexander A Navarro	15	Albano A Garcia	27
Sam R Gaboury	7	Paul M Buchmann	18	Timothy J Hartzell	27
Shae Rm Mc Millan	9	Anthony S Kirkwood	18	Patrick J Kiechlin	27
Michael S Pipan Jr	11	Anil K Arakal	20	William T Mundy	27
William W Weich	12	Jaime Argandona	20	David M Pizzano	27
Kevin A McGrail	13	Joseph M Kanyan	21	Dennis J Howley	28
Herbert F Zimmerman	13	Timothy J Malloy	23	Patrick J Murray	28
Michael J Mc Kinley	14	Matthew J Rodjom	24	David M Whitcomb	29
Eugene T Ransom Jr	14	Peter J Coniglio	25	Andrew J Dudik	30



SLSM Food List (December)

Diapers Size: 3, 5, 6, & 7

2 pks of Baby wipes w/ each case of diaper

3 pks of Disposable adult bed pads

Instant Coffee

Ground Coffee (no K cups)

Irish Breakfast Black Tea

Also the SLSM needs a help on Dec. 9th for delivery of food. Specifically one traffic monitor, one delivery driver, one security monitor outside, and one loader.

KOVAR New Years's Eve Collection

The Knights of Columbus 6292 will be doing their yearly New Year's Eve collection from noon to 2:00PM, 2:00-4:00PM and 4:00-6:00pm at the following stores:

Store 90

12695 Fair Lakes Shopping Center
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Store 241

11725 Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia
22030

Store 368

Courthouse Shopping Center
10308 Willard Way
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Please contact Gib Flodine (703-201-0477 or gib1bkim@yahoo.com) to volunteer for a shift



Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of Turkey and Apple Pie! The priests at St. Leo are so grateful for your witness as Catholic men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, and Knights of Columbus of the Father Diamond Counsel.

As we enter into December and the new liturgical year with the season of Advent, it is a good opportunity for us to look back at our liturgical year of 2023, and ask, *where has God been present in my life?* Just as we look back at the end of the calendar year and see all that has happened good or bad (our events, our holidays, our trips, births and deaths among family and friends, our work and our relationships) so we also can look back at the liturgical year and see what has happened good or bad in our life of faith. Our growth in the Kingdom of God (to constantly strive to become saintly, holy men) is like the mustard seed Jesus speaks about in the gospel! Growth happens slowly by God's grace and our cooperation with it. What kind of growth in holiness could we possibly be looking for, from this past year?

Some indicators could be measured. How often have I gone to confession? How often do I turn to God in prayer throughout my day? How much time do I spend in prayer? How intentional have I been with almsgiving? How often do I take time to Read the scriptures or the lives of the saints? However, there are also some other indicators in our growth in holiness that are not measurable but are no less real! They exist on the level of the heart. Perhaps we could ask: This past year, have I grown in my love of God and His Church? Have I grown in my love (interiorly and exteriorly) for my wife, my children, my siblings, my friends and coworkers? Have I worked to root out my predominant sin? Have I grown in all the virtues (Patience, humility, gratitude, generosity, fortitude, temperance, etc.)? How have I made use of my time, talent and treasures? These are just a few of the questions we could pose to ourselves in reflecting on this past year in our growth in holiness. Then, just like every calendar year we make goals for ourselves, what are the goals of my spiritual life for this Advent and this new liturgical year? A lot of questions to be sure! But it is important to examine our relationship with God, to not grow stagnant in our life with Him. And there is no better time than a new liturgical year! Simply to sit in the silence and ponder, *where has God been present in my life?*

May God bless you and your families during this season of Advent, as we prepare for Our God coming as a little child at Christmas!

KOVAR 2023-2024

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

Written to KOVAR. Place **6292** in memo field.
Send checks to:

KOVAR
P.O. Box 20872
Roanoke, VA 24018-0088

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 maybe submitted:

Written to Father Diamond Council 6292. Place **KOVAR** in memo field

Send checks to: Knights of Columbus

St. Leo the Great Church

3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link: [KOVAR Corporation \(givedirect.org\)](https://www.kovarcorporation.org/givedirect.org)
Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field.

The above link can be accessed through [https://vakofc.org](https://www.vakofc.org)

Click donations. Drop down and select KOVAR.

Feed the Homeless

Feed the Homeless will be Saturday, December 23 at the Center for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) at 2nd and D St. NW Washington, DC.

We will leave Providence Hall at 10:30 AM and setup tables and serve the meals outside the shelter. Help is needed to assemble the food in clamshells Saturday morning starting at 8 AM in Providence Hall; and to serve at the shelter. Also, Thelma will be preparing the food at the Hall on Friday and help is always appreciated. If you or your family would like to help please contact Thelma Billy (703-887-8150) or George Billy (703-887-8149).

March for Life

Brother Knights, mark your calendars for the March for Life on January 19, 2024. Whether you march yourself or help collect money with our council. As March for Life president Jeanne Mancini said about the Knights of Columbus' participation, without the K of C "there would be no March for Life."
Mark Cameron



Chicken Pot Pie Fundraiser



The Knights of Columbus will be selling home-made Chicken Pot Pies!

Take and bake and/or Frozen

Cost \$20.00 for a 9 in deep dish (feeds 4) or
\$6.00 for a single-serve pie.

When you place your order please indicate
How many pies you would like and what size
(Family or Single)

How many you would like ready to bake, how many frozen?

To order please email
kofckitchen6292@gmail.com

This is an RSVP and Pick Up ONLY event, please order by Tuesday January 30, 2023

**Pies will be picked up on Saturday February 10, 2024, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM
at Providence Hall 3702 Blenheim Blvd. Fairfax VA 22030**

For more information about KOVAR please visit the website at
<http://kovarva.org/>

Thank you for your support of KOVAR. – Gib Flodine, KOVAR Chairman

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	29	30	1	2 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM St. Leo's Craft Fair
3 First Sunday of Advent	4	5 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	6	7 Feast of St. Ambrose	8 Immaculate Conception	9 7 AM Holy Hour 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Creche lighting, 6:30 PM SLSM Food Baskets
10	11	12 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14	15	16 6 PM Council Party
17	18	19 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Mtg	20 7:30 PM 4th Degree Mtg	21	22	23 Feed the Homeless
24	25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29	30
31 KOVAR Collection	1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's	2 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	3	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 KOVAR Collection	1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's	2 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	3	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM
7 Bowling Starts	8 7 PM Audit	9 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	10	11	12	13 7 AM Holy Hour for Men 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Wine Tasting, 6 PM State mid-year meeting
14	15 MLK Holiday	16 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	17 7:30 PM 4th Degree Mtg	18	19 March for Life	20
21	22	23 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	24	25 7PM Fraternal Benefits Night	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM Pot Pie Prep

Catholic Investments for Catholic Families

There will be a Financial Seminar and Social, co-sponsored by the Abbate Agency and the Fr. Diamond Council on Thursday, January 25 at 7 PM, in Providence Hall. This event is free, but please RSVP at <http://Jan25Fairfax.abbatekofc.com> or call the Agency at 1-866-868-1492.

The Abbate Agency

www.abbatekofc.com – 866-868-1492

Sunday Night Bowling League

Looking for bowlers! Any level ~men/women

This is a fun league so no experience necessary!

starts January 7th 2024 6pm

Short Season!

at Bowl America Fairfax

Get your team together or just show up and be placed on a team!

Questions???

Contact: Keith Morrison (703) 304-8540

MWCRKM@aol.com or

Tim Hogan (703) 926-4347 TimHogan@yahoo.com

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2023-24

Officers

Grand Knight	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
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Deputy GK	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Chancellor	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
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Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Advocate	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Warden	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Inside Guard	Jason Johnsrud	
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
2yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
1yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Program Directors

Programs	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516


Committee Chairmen

Charity	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Admissions		
Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
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Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

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Frat. Benefits	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Ins. Promotion	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	George Billy	
Fraternal Prayer		
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
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Blessed Michael McGivney Guild

Benefits:

- quarterly newsletter (updates on the canonization cause)
- a weekly Mass offered



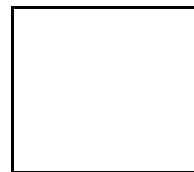
Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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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