

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL



Pray the
Rosary
Daily

Inside This Issue

Grand Knight's Message	1
Financial Advisor Report	
Deputy Grand Knight Report	2
Treasurer's Report	
100 man Initiative	
Chaplain's Report	3
Chancellor's Report	
Bowling League 2025	4
KOVAR 2024-2025	
December Birthday	
KOM—November	5
FOM - November	
Dec. 16 Advent Party 6:30PM	
Calendars	6
Officer's Directory	7

THE LOOKOUT



2024-25 Fraternal Year, Issue 6 www.6292.kofc.com

December 2024

Grand Knight's Message

James Hogan, Grand Knight



My Brother Knights,

I want to thank everyone for the great year we have had so far. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you in the council. Over the past month, we have participated in Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary to End Abortion, Scouting for Food, our Fraternal Benefits event, SLSM Food Baskets, and the beginning of our Christmas Tree and Card Sales. November and December are among our busiest months.

I would also like to remind everyone about the '100 Man Initiative' on December 10 at 8 PM. This is a great opportunity to see some of your Brother Knights whom you only get to see a few times a year. Please refer to the flyer on page 2 for more details. The evening will be filled with fellowship and dining (an assortment of finger foods!).

Lastly, we will be raising our dues. I will attach the article that our Financial Secretary, Phil, wrote on the matter. We will vote on this at our December 10 meeting.

I also want to recognize George and Thelma Billy as our Family of the Month and Joe Gesker as our Knight of the Month. Please read my articles on page 5 for more details on their contributions to our council.

Looking ahead, the State Mid-Year Meeting will be held in Fredericksburg at Holy Cross Academy from January 10-12, 2025. Additionally, the March for Life will take place on January 24, 2025. More information on these events will be provided in the coming weeks.

As we wait and reflect during this Advent season in anticipation of Christmas, I would like to share the words of St. John Paul II: "In Advent we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it. As it does every year, this event will take place on the night of the Lord's Birth. The shepherds will hasten to the stable in Bethlehem; later the Magi will arrive from the East. Both the one and the other, in a certain sense, symbolize the entire human family. The exhortation that rings out in today's liturgy: 'Let us go joyfully to meet the Lord' spreads to all countries, to all continents, among every people and nation." ([Ascension](#))

Financial Advisor Report

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this fall can impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse? If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve. May you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of this year. If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.

Thank you. Merry Christmas,
Robert J Canter, FICF, LUTCF, CSA
571-669-4170

Robert.canter@kofc.org



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Deputy Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Thanks to the many brothers who supported our Council activities in November. Special Thanks to those brothers who supported the Thanksgiving baskets effort in coordination with St Leos Social Ministry. As we enter December, we have many council events to needing support. Events planned for December include:

Selling Christmas trees. All Knights are assigned to a team and a schedule has been published.

Dec 6th -7th First Friday All Day Adoration at St. Leo's Parish. Knights are assigned IAM coverage.

Dec 8th St. Leo Parish Christmas Craft Fair and Parish Sunday after the 9AM, 11AM and 1PM Mass.

Dec 10th – 100 Man Initiative. Council Picture and reception

Rosary to End Abortion Dec 14th 830AM

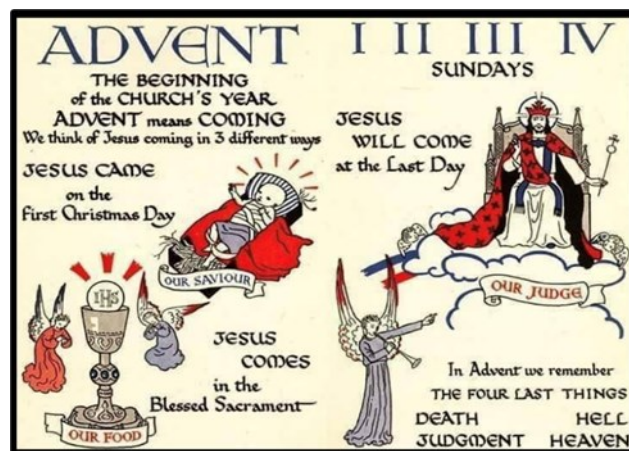
Creche Setup - December 16th 9AM. Please contact Mark Woznak.

Council Christmas Party on December 14 6:30PM;

Christmas basket and Feed the Homeless on Dec.

21;

Thanks in advance for all your continued support. As we prepare to enter Advent, which means Coming, we reflect on Jesus in 3 ways, Our Savior came on Christmas, Jesus comes as our Food in the Eucharist, and Jesus will come on the Last Day as our Judge.



Treasurer's Report – 10/1-31/2024

INCOME for October \$ 10,379.71

EXPENSES for October \$ 5,885.38

Operating Fund Net \$ 4,494.33

United Checking	\$	31,713.09
United Checking (2)	\$	723.89
Investment Fund	\$	44,396.54
RTL Fun	\$	4,711.42
Contingency Fund	\$	38,075.01
Member Asst Fund	\$	1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$	5,100.00
KOVAR Collections	\$	(162.51)
PKD Collections	\$	(395.73)
VKCCI Collections	\$	(73.00)

Net Assets \$125,088.71



SAVE the DATE

Fr. Diamond Council
Knights of Columbus

100 MAN INITIATIVE

Council
Picture Event
Tuesday
Dec 10 at 8PM

The Father Diamond Council is seeking to get **100 Council Men** together for a picture of our Council at Providence Hall. This is the first time we have done this and it is important:

We are a body Catholic Men in service to our Church and Community

We stand in defense of our Church and our Faith

A picture represents the foundational Unity of the Order.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT

QUESTIONS: pjmurray@att.net

Chaplain's Message

Father James Joseph, Council Chaplain

Advent is a time of waiting. Of course, we are waiting for the coming of Christ at Christmas. And yet, as we know, He has already come! As she does at Holy Week, the Church is 'playing,' in a sense, with time.

During Advent, we first remember that He came once before, in fulfillment of His promises to His Chosen People, Israel, which, 'he spoke through the prophets.' We recall with sadness the sin and exile of Israel's history, and we share – even all these years later – in the anticipation and longing with which they waited for their Messiah. that He is coming again. Secondly, we prepare worthily to receive Him, the new Advent which occurs every time we receive Holy Communion. Thirdly, following on the end of the old liturgical year, we remember the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. We remember that 'He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.'

There are, then, three comings in Advent. We remember and celebrate the First, we prepare ourselves for the Second, and we look forward to the Third. When we remember past or future events at Mass, it's not a reenactment or a stage play. As at Easter and at every Mass, the events become in a mysterious way present and real to us. We are one with the Jews of the Exodus, of the time of the kings, and of the time of our Lord. We know that when we receive Him into ourselves in the Eucharist, He is truly within us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We are present somehow to that future day on which He comes again.

Advent is indeed a time of waiting. Waiting for Him who has already come, waiting joyfully to receive Him now in the Mass, and waiting for Him whose time of arrival we cannot know. It is the waiting itself which is good for us. Because it is in this time of waiting in which we can ask ourselves: Do we remember what He told us when He came? How well do we receive Him now? Are we ready for Him to come again in glory?



Chancellor's Report

Douglas "Doug" Fehrer, Chancellor

Brother Knights:

I'm sure you've heard the old saying, 'no news is good news.' Well in this case, 'no news is bad news!'

I wish I could tell you that we added twenty new members to the Fr. Diamond Council in the past month, but unfortunately that's not the case. Bottom line, we need to grow as a council or we'll fade to a memory. And to grow we all need to seek out potential new members.

The 'low hanging fruit' as they say, is among our families and friends. Even if they live out of the area, so long as they are practicing [practical] Catholic men, they could join the Knights using our council as their entry point.

This holiday season we'll have many opportunities to engage perspective new members at number of parish events, especially during our KofC fundraising activities. If you're helping with selling Christmas Trees, or Christmas Cards, or at other events we're supporting, and interact with other Catholic men you don't already know, take a moment to ask them if they're a Knight and if not, are they interested in becoming a Knight. If they are interested, please get their name and cellphone number and text it to me at 703-772-8261. It's that easy! You can also let them know that I'll be in-touch within a couple days.

The following are a few talking points provided by our District Deputy, Ryan Kehoe:

Fr. Diamond Council Stats

Annual KOVAR drives to assist those in VA with Intellectual Disabilities (one of two councils in the state with \$750k+ lifetime giving)

Our council has nearly 350 members

Hosts a men's retreat for the Parish every lent

Active in feeding the homeless in the Northern Virginia and DC areas (host multiple events, especially around the holidays)

Supports the annual parish picnic in September

Supports the School through various events

Hosts the annual Diocese of Arlington Altar Server picnic

KofC Stats

Roughly 2.1 million members worldwide

Worldwide over \$193M in charitable donations, and nearly 50 million volunteer hours in 2023

Upcoming Events for Potential Knights

Bowling League January 5- April 13

Men's Retreat (TBD Date in February/ March)

And be sure to Share your personal KofC testimonial!

As always, Thank You for your help and support in our recruiting efforts!

AMDG - 'Keep Christ in Christmas!'

This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections. -St. Augustine

Be not afraid! – Pope St. John Paul the Great / from Scripture

Knights of Columbus Sunday Night Mixed Bowling League

Calling all bowlers! The Knights will host their annual bowling season at the newly updated Bowlero in Fairfax. Our league begins Sunday January 5th after a short meeting at 6pm. This is a short season of only 14 weeks with April 13th (Palm Sunday) being the final night of bowling. No Bowling on Superbowl Sunday. This is a fun league with bowlers of all levels and provides a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Knights, families, and friends. You do not need to have a team put together-just show up the first evening and we can place you on a team. If you plan on bowling or have any questions, contact Keith Morrison MWCRKM@aol.com 703 304-8539.

2024 -2025 KOVAR Collection

One of our biggest fundraisers is **KOVAR**, where from throughout the state of Virginia raise money to support individuals with intellectual disabilities. Throughout the years, has been a leader in this worthy cause. Let's continue the tradition – please be generous. 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

Checks maybe submitted:

Written to Father Diamond Council 6292. Place **KO-**
VAR in memo field (6292 in the memo field)

Send checks to:

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

Knights of Columbus
St. Leo the Great
Church
3700 Blenheim Blvd
Fairfax, VA 22030

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

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

[KOVAR Corporation \(givedirect.org\)](https://www.kovar.org/givedirect.org)

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

The above link can be accessed through <https://www.vakofc.org>

Click donations. Drop down and select KOVAR.

Happy Birthday!



December Birthday Wishes

Name

Day Name

Day Name

Day

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

**Knight of the Month – Nov.**

Joe Gesker is a faithful and steadfast individual in the army of our Lord Jesus Christ. A Past Grand Knight, Former District Deputy, Past Faithful Navigator, our current Lecturer. The list of his commitments to our Order goes on. Joe's reflections at our business meetings are thoroughly researched and deeply insightful. Over this past month, I have seen Joe participate in Christmas Card sales, serve as a 4th-degree guard at the Christ the King Procession, volunteer at the SLSM pantry for Scouting for Food. For this and all that he has done for our Council, **Joe** is our Knight of the Month for **November 2024**.

**Family of the Month—Nov.**

George and Thelma Billy, in my opinion, are the definition of missionaries in action. George is an active member of both the council and the assembly, always bringing his wisdom to any discussion at our meetings. His wife, Thelma, is actively tackling the ever-growing homelessness crisis that afflicts our society. The Billys have been traveling to Washington, D.C., 2-3 times a year for over 30 years to offer comfort and nourishment to the homeless. This year, the [Catholic Herald](#) published an excellent article titled *Fairfax Woman Organizes Hundreds of Thanksgiving Meals for the Homeless*. For all that they do for our Council, the Billys are our Family of the Month for November 2024.

**Father Diamond
Knights of Columbus
cordially invites you to our**

Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 14
6:30pm to 9:00pm**

Providence Hall, Cost \$15/pp

We will have roast beef, potatoes

Green beans and salad.

*Please bring a dessert or
Appetizer to share.*

**Please R.S.V.P by December 11 to
Tim1hogan@yahoo.com
703-926-4347**

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 KCIC Sales	2	3 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	4	5	6	7 KCIC Sales 1-2AM Eucharistic Adoration
8 KCIC Sales	9	10 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Mtg	11	12	13	14 KCIC Sales 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion 6:30PM Council Party
15	16	17 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	18 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	19	20	21 Feed the Home-less
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28
29 11AM Corporate Communion mass	30	31	1	2	3	4

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 11AM Corporate Communion mass	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 Bowling League Begins	6	7	8	9	10 8:30AM Rosary to end Abortion Mid-Year Meeting	11 Mid-Year Meeting
12 Mid-Year Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	22	23	24 March for Life	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2023-24

Officers

Grand Knight	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Chaplain	Father James Joseph	
Deputy GK	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Chancellor	Doug Fehrer	703-773-8261
Financial Sec.	Phil Coletti	703-945-2544
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Advocate	Sipa Sikaulu	202-550-9475
Warden	Dan Perugini	706-495-9095
Inside Guard	Jason Johnsrud	202-577-7100
Outside Guard	Michael Kaylor	703-819-1961
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
2yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
1yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Lecturer	Joe Gesker	571-606-3317

Program Directors

Programs	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Faith		
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community		
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516

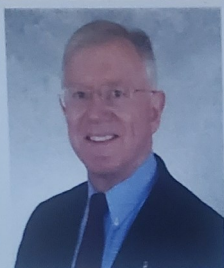
Committee Chairmen

Charity		
Admissions	Doug Fehrer	703-773-8261
Retention	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Vocations	Doug Fehrer	703-773-8261
Budget & Finance	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504

Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124
Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits	Bob Canter	571-669-4170
Ins. Promotion	Bob Canter	571-669-4170
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
Food Baskets	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	Joe Gesker	
Fraternal Prayer		
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



Cuccias Law Practice

Defending adults and teenagers in
Traffic cases and Criminal cases
throughout Northern Virginia

Edward Cuccias
Attorney At Law

Cell/Text: 703-785-3837
edward@cucciaslaw.com



**Knights of
Columbus®**



Robert J. Canter Jr., FICF, LUTCF, CSA
Field Agent

Office: 571-669-4170
robert.canter@kofc.org
10472 Armstrong Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.



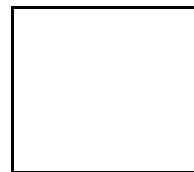
Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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.

KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FATHER DIAMOND
COUNCIL 6292
3702 BLENHEIM
BLVD
FAIRFAX, VA 22030

Website
www.6292.kofc.com



December 2024 Issue

• Grand Knight's Message	1
• Financial Advisor Report.....	1
• Deputy Grand Knight Report.....	2
• Treasurer's Report.....	2
• 100 man Initiative.....	2
• Chaplain's Report.....	3
• Chancellor's Report.....	3
• Bowling League 2025.....	4
• KOVAR 2024-2025.....	4
• December Birthday.....	4
• KOM—November.....	5
• FOM - November.....	5
• Dec. 16 Advent Party 6:30PM.....	5
• Calendars.....	6
• Officer's Directory.....	7

