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DIAMOND  
COUNCIL #6292



# The Lookout



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## *Grand Knight's Message:*

My Brother Knights,

As I write this month's Grand Knight's message, we are a couple of days away from hosting our annual 3rd Degree Exemplification and a few more days from participating in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Both events are pretty much all day events from set up and cleanup. But knowing the members of our Council and their dedication to the causes, I have no doubt we will be very successful.

As we enter February, we also enter the season of Lent which begins on Feb 6.-Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, March 20. As many of you know, the season of Lent is a time for reflection, soul-searching and repentance. In the early days of the church Christians imitated Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for 40 days. Lent is also a time for abstinence and fasting. Many people also abstain from an action while others take on an act of selflessness in helping others. Jesus' died for our sins and in doing so demonstrated the ultimate selfless act. I know we are all very busy in our lives but I encourage all my Brother Knights during the Lenten season to carry on their selfless acts of charity and fraternity.

February also brings us to St. Valentine's Day where we send flowers, candy and gifts or our loved ones all in the name of St. Valentine. In researching the history of this special day, it still

proves to be a mystery as to how St. Valentine's Day came to be. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine who were martyred. One of the legends is that a priest named Valentine (during the 3rd century) was forbidden by Emperor Claudius II to marry young lovers because the Emperor decided that dingle men made better soldiers. Valentine defied the decree and continued marrying young men and



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women in secret. Claudius II then imprisoned Valentine until his execution. During his incarceration, it is believed Valentine fell in love with one of his jailer's daughters, and before his execution wrote a letter to the young woman – it was signed "From Your Valentine".

Fr. Diamond continues to be very busy. Some of the events in February include the annual Scout Sunday Breakfast, the Shrove Pancake Supper, Valentine's Dinner/Dance, District Free Throw Contest, Blood Drive, and Corporate Communion Mass. Please check the

schedule of events listed in within the newsletter. If you have some time available to help, I'm sure we will not turn you away.

The Family of the Month for December is George & Thelma Billy for their continued work heading up the Feed the Homeless program. George and Thelma once again travel to Washington DC to cook and serve meals to the homeless of DC. Thank you George and Thelma for your selfless acts of charity! The Knight of the Month goes to the Brother Knight who was instrumental in selecting the vendor and determining the appropriate types and number of trees for our Christmas Tree program this past December. Our tree sales would not have done as well without the dedication of Brother Al Leightley. Al, you did a great job! Because of your efforts, the Council raised nearly \$9,500 in profit. This could not have come at a better time! Thanks so much!

In closing I ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of Col. Frederick White who passed away in January, and for the peace and comfort of his family. My very best wishes to you, my Brother Knights, and your families for a wonderful Lenten season.

Fraternally,  
Bill Weich  
Grand Knight

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### Deputy Grand Knight's Report:

I would like to thank all of my brother Knights who helped put on the 3rd Degree at Fr. Diamond in January. February is a busy month for the council as we host the annual Scout breakfast on the 3rd, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 5th, and the quarterly blood drive on the 10th. The Valentine's dinner/dance is on the 16th (see flyer for more information). Please plan on attending the Corporate Communion mass on the 17th at the 11:00am mass.

March begins with the Lenten Fish Fry on the 7th and with a major re-

cruitment push on the 8th and 9th after all masses. The St. Patrick's



Party is on the 15th with more details to follow in next month's newsletter. The Easter Bunny will make a visit to

St. Leo's on the 23rd after the 9:00 and 11:00am masses. To close out the month Fr. Diamond is hosting a 1st degree on the 25th and a 2nd degree on the 27th. Please update your calendars so you can plan on attending these events.

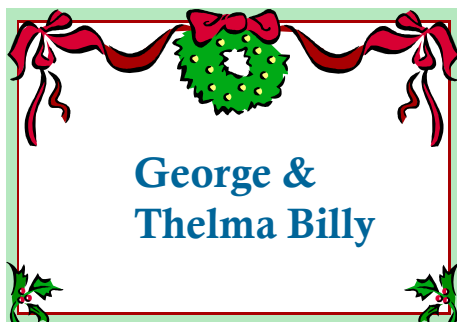
I would like to thank all the brother Knights who have already volunteered to help out at past events and to those brother Knights that will help make the events of the next couple months a great success.

Steve Kehoe  
Deputy Grand Knight

### Knight of the Month December



### Family of the Month December



### Saint Patrick's Day Party

Our party this year will be held on Saturday March 15, 2008 at 6:00pm in Providence Hall. The traditional corned beef & cabbage will be served with Irish beer and stout available. The excellent step dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing ([www.oneilljameschool.com/index.html](http://www.oneilljameschool.com/index.html)) will again be on and to provide entertainment. The cost will be \$15 per adult, \$5 for children under age of 14. The maximum cost per family is \$35. Guests are welcome, but RSVP early as space is limited! Contact Nelson Clinch (703-385-2146 or [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com)) to RSVP or offer to help.

### Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes are planning on having the annual Lenten Soup Supper on Tuesday February 19th at 7:00. Please bring your favorite homemade soup to share with other Knights and their wives. This will take the place of our regular Columbiettes meeting in February.

We will also be decorating for the Valentines' Day party that will be held on Saturday February 16th. Please contact Wendy Kehoe if you will be able to help.



All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or [steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net).

## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday February 11, 2008 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at [bward@6292.kofcva.org](mailto:bward@6292.kofcva.org) or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details

### Entertainment Books

The 2007-2008 Entertainment Books are still available. They may be used immediately and expire November 1, 2008. The price, once again, is \$25.00. Anybody buying the book through a fundraiser, such as ours, also receives a coupon worth \$9.95. Sellers will also receive a coupon worth \$9.95 and may enter a drawing for a plasma TV and other items. Contact David Todd (703-352-2724) for more information.

### Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

### Scout Sunday Breakfast

The Knights will be serving breakfast to the Scouting programs of St. Leo's following the 9:00am mass on February 3, 2008. Please contact Carlos Jaramillo to volunteer at [cdjaramillo@hotmail.com](mailto:cdjaramillo@hotmail.com) as help is needed to set-up, cook, serve, and clean-up.

### Corporate Communion

The next quarterly corporate communion mass to honor the deceased brothers of Fr. Diamond Council is Sunday February 17, 2008 at the 11:00am mass. The first several pews of the middle section will be reserved for the Knights and their families. Remember to wear your name badge. Let's fill up these pews and show the parish community our brotherhood.



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on February 5, 2008 from 5:00-7:00PM in Providence Hall. Come and enjoy a great meal and the fellowship of your brother Knights as well as members of our parish.

Please contact Kevin Darr at [khdarr@aol.com](mailto:khdarr@aol.com) to volunteer to help in making this event a big success.



### Volunteers Needed for the February 23rd "Adopt-A-Spot" Clean-Up

The Council is looking for two or three volunteers on Saturday, 23 February, to join me in removing trash and debris from a small run of Old Lee Highway east of St. Leo the Great. We begin our duty to the community at 10 a.m., and should be finished no later than 10:40. There will be coffee and doughnuts at the Hall prior to the event to bolster our stamina, and the same afterwards to refresh us. This activity is very much weather dependent and will not take place if there is snow or ice on the roadway. Please contact me, Kevin Darr, at (703) 907-0361 between 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday, and on (240) 481-3150 any other time.

### 2007 Christmas Baskets

Father Diamond Council teamed up with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in providing food baskets and gifts to needy families in the St. Leo's parish area. A total of 76 baskets were provided. The council provided 50 turkeys and 50 \$10 gift certificates. SVDP provided 76 food baskets and gifts for each of the families. George Schuld coordinated the Council effort with Dorothy and Ben Schaeffer of SVDP to assemble and deliver the baskets and gifts. Thanks are given to those brothers who took time from their busy holiday schedules to help assemble the baskets on Friday night, December 21, and those who devoted their time and vehicles to deliver the baskets on Saturday, December 22. Special thanks are given to those who helped with both efforts.

### District Free Throw Contest

The District Free Throw Contest will be on Saturday, February 16th at 9:00am. Contact Carlos Jaramillo at [cdjaramill@hotmail.com](mailto:cdjaramill@hotmail.com) if you can help out.



**DON'T MISS**

**THIS EVENT!**

*Please bring your sweetheart to the*

St. Leo the Great **Valentine's Dinner / Dance**

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
in the **school gym.**

**Time: 6:15 PM-11:00 PM**

**Cost: \$15.00 per person**

*The Knights will provide roast beef, ham, and refreshments.*

*Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, dessert or side dish to share with family, friends, and parishioners.*

*Dancing will follow dinner.*

**Contact Nelson Clinch**  
**at 703-385-2146 or**  
**[clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com) to**  
**make your reservation.**



## Did You Know . .

### Day of Ashes

By James Akin (excerpt from [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com))

Ash Wednesday, the day Lent begins, occurs forty days before Good Friday. Some Fundamentalists claim Ash Wednesday is based on a pagan festival, but it originated in the A.D. 900s, long after Europe had been Christianized and the pagan cults stamped out.

Ash Wednesday is actually a colloquial name. The official name is the Day of Ashes, because on that day the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

In the Bible, a mark on the forehead is a symbol of ownership. By having his forehead marked with the sign of a cross, a person symbolizes that he belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a cross. This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18). It also imitates the way the righteous are described in the book of Revelation: "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads" (Rev.7:3). Or again, "Then I looked, and, lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads" (Rev. 14:1). This is in contrast to the followers of the beast, who have the number 666 on their foreheads or hands.

The Church Fathers expounded on this *tav-chi-cross-christos* connection in their homilies, seeing in Ezekiel a prophetic foreshadowing of the sealing of Christians as servants of Christ. It is also part of the background of the Catholic practice of making the sign of the cross, which in the early centuries (as can be documented from the second century on) consisted of using one's thumb to trace a small sign of the cross on one's forehead-like Catholic do today at the reading of the Gospel during Mass.

On the first day of Lent, this signing is done with ashes because they are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance. In Bible times the custom was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put dust and ashes on one's head (cf. 1 Sam. 4:12; 2 Sam. 1:20, 13:19, 15:32). Ashes also symbolize death and so remind us of our mortality. When the priest uses his thumb to sign one of the faithful with the ashes and says, "Remember, man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return," he is echoing God's address to Adam (Gen. 3:19; cf. Job 34:15; Ps. 90:3, 104:29; Eccles. 3:20).

Catholics are not required to have their foreheads signed

## Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

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- provide advertising and sales materials that are clear as to purpose, and honest and fair as to content
- provide for fair and prompt handling of customer complaints and disputes
- maintain a system of supervision and review designed to achieve compliance with IMSA's Principles of Ethical Market Conduct.

Our IMSA membership is further evidence of our dedication to high marketplace standards. When you choose to do business with the Knights of Columbus, you are selecting a company that holds itself to the highest of standards.


You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or [DRileyKofC@comcast.net](mailto:DRileyKofC@comcast.net)

Fraternally,  
Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



with ashes. It is, though, strongly advised as a visible spiritual reminder that encourages us to adopt an attitude of prayer, repentance, and humility.

Neither is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation. Holy days are either commemorations of particular events (such as the birth of Christ), particular people (such as Jesus' earthly father, Joseph), or important theological concepts (such as the Kingship of Christ). Ash Wednesday does not commemorate any event and could be said only indirectly to commemorate a Person (Christ), since it is the beginning of preparation for the greater celebrations of Christ's saving work that follow. However, attending Mass is a fitting way to mark the beginning of penitential season of Lent. Also, it is a day of fast and abstinence.

# February 2008

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----|---|
|   |   |   |   |  | 1   | 2   |
| 3<br>Scout Sunday Breakfast   | 4   | 5<br>1700 Shrove Pancake Supper<br>1930 Officers' Meeting | 6<br>Ash Wednesday<br> | 7  | 8   | 9<br>0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility<br>Food Drive               |
| 10<br>Food Drive<br>0800 Blood Drive                                | 11<br>1845 Bingo @FFX Nursing Ctr   | 12<br>1930 Rosary<br>2000 Business Meeting                | 13  | 14<br>St. Valentines Day<br> | 15  | 16<br>0900 Distr Free Throw Conest<br>1800 St. Valentines Party |
| 17<br>Family Breakfast - Gold Team<br>1100 Corporate Communion Mass | 18<br> President's Day | 19<br>1100 Gray GOSTS<br>1930 Columbiettes Soup Supper    | 20<br>1930 Rosary<br>2000 4th Degree Meeting  | 21   | 22  | 23<br>Food Drive<br>1000 Adopt-a-Spot                           |
| 24<br>Food Drive  | 25  | 26<br>1930 Mass<br>2000 Business Meeting                  | 27  | 28   | 29  |   |

# March 2008

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                             | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
|   |  |  |  |                                 |  | 1<br>State Quarterly Meeting @ Richmond                                  |
| 2   | 3  | 4<br>1930 Officers' Meeting                        | 5  | 6                               | 7<br>1800 Lenten Fish Dinner   | 8<br>0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility<br>Food Drive<br>Open House          |
| 9<br>Food Drive<br>Open House                               | 10<br>1845 Bingo@FFX Nursing Ctr   | 11<br>1930 Rosary<br>2000 Business Meeting         | 12   | 13<br>1930 Admissions Committee | 14<br>1600 Food Basket Transfer  | 15<br>1800 St. Patricks Day Party<br>1100 Food Basket Delivery           |
| 16<br>Palm (Passion) Sunday<br>Family Breakfast - Blue Team | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day<br> | 18<br>1100 Gray GOSTS<br>1930 Columbiettes Meeting | 19<br>1930 Rosary<br>2000 4th Degree Meeting | 20<br>Holy Thursday             | 21<br>Good Friday<br> | 22<br>Holy Saturday<br>Feed the Homeless<br>RCIA Reception<br>Food Drive |
| 23<br>Easter<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>Food Drive               | 24   | 25<br>1930 Mass<br>2000 1st Degree Social Meeting  | 26   | 27<br>2000 2nd Degree           | 28   | 29<br>1800 Magic Show  |
| 30  | 31   |  |  |                                 |  |  |

## Officers and Program Chairmen

### Officers

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### Program Directors

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### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at [mtwest1@verizon.net](mailto:mtwest1@verizon.net)



### Committee Chairmen

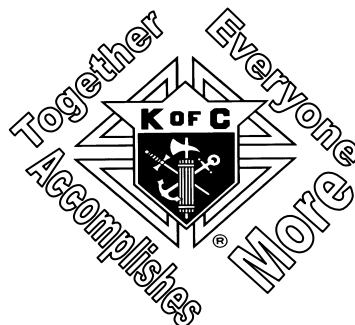
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### Project Chairmen

|                  |                |          |
|------------------|----------------|----------|
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| Blood Drive      | John Brophy    | 425-7169 |
| Bowling Team     | Dave Whitcomb  | 591-7739 |
| Christmas Trees  | Tim Tilson     | 273-9436 |
|                  | Tim Cooke      |          |
| Ent'ment Books   | Dave Todd      | 352-2724 |
| Fall Festival    | Tim Hogan      | 385-1292 |
| Family Breakfast | Mike Purtill   | 251-8424 |
| Food Drive       | Ben Schaefer   | 591-3188 |
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| Gray Ghosts      | Larry Novack   | 978-6137 |
| KCIC             | Bob Bilko      | 359-6824 |
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### Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at [cotnerjohn@aol.com](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



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## **Dates to Remember in February**

**February 5 Officers' Meeting**

**February 5 Pancake Supper**

**February 9 Rosary @ Abortion  
Facility**

**February 9 & 10 Food Drive**

**February 10 Blood Drive**

**February 11 Bingo @ Fairfax  
Nursing Center**

**February 12 Rosary/Business  
Meeting**

**February 17 Family Breakfast**

**February 19 Grey GOSTS**

**February 23 & 25 Food Drive**

**February 26 Mass/Business Meet-  
ing**

