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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



As I write this month's Grand Knight Report, we are only a couple of days away from two of our biggest events of the year: The March for Life, and our annual 3rd Degree Exemplification. Both events are pretty much all day events from set-up to clean-up. But knowing the members of our council and their dedication to these causes, I have no doubt that they will be very successful.

As we enter February, we also enter the season of Lent which begins on February 17th with Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, April 1st. As many of you know, the season of Lent is a time for reflection, soul-searching, and repentance. Lent is also a time for abstinence and fasting. I know we are 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.

During this time, Fr. Diamond continues to be very busy. On February 7th, the council will be hosting our annual Scout Breakfast. This is our chance to show our thanks and support for our troop and all scouts in the area. Please come out and show your appreciation by helping to serve them breakfast. Also, on February 5th, the council will be holding a fraternalism night to thank everyone for the great work they provided to the parish during the holiday season. Please plan to come out for a fun night with your Brother Knights. On February 14th (Valentine's Day) is our council's quarterly Corporate Communion Mass at 11:00am. This mass is in memory of all brother Knights who have passed on and are no longer with us. It is important that we all come together as a council and show our support to the families of our

dearly departed brothers. Please plan to attend this mass and sit in the area reserved for the Knights to show our support as a community. Finally, please plan to come out for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 16th. It's your last chance to celebrate before entering the Lenten season.

The Family of the Month for December is Lee and Janice Cena for all the work they provide to the parish through their work with the confirmation teams. They have provided a valuable service to all of us by running the Confirmation program and coordinating the servers at our monthly breakfast. The Knight of the Month for December is Hank Urban for all the work he has provided with the crèche clean-up, council audits, the March for Life, family breakfast, and all the myriad of services he provides for the council without even being asked.

In closing, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or suggestions for new programs at mvpurtill@gmail.com.

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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 or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,
**Thank you,
thank you,
thank you,
thank you,
thank you!**

The past few months have been VERY busy and required a lot of work from many people. As usual, my brother Knights stepped up to provide their services to the Church and to the community. I am only one of many people who appreciate these efforts. Our Council would like to thank our brothers by offering a Fraternism Night on Friday, February 5 at 7 PM. This event is rescheduled from the January 15 date in last month's newsletter. Drinks are at warden prices, but food is provided by the council. A movie will be shown, and gentlemen who wish to play cards are welcome to start up a game! RSVP to me at (703) 385-2146 or at clinch5va@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Charity events

Don't forget - we Knights help the St. Vincent de Paul Society with their twice-monthly food drives. This month, they are at all masses the weekends of February 13-14 and 27-28. Please help transfer the collections to St. Vincent de Paul's storage area after the mass you attend.

Church events

Please join us for a Corporate Communion mass and reception on February 14 at the 11:00 mass at St. Leo the Great Church. All Knights and their families are requested to sit in the reserved section of the church, then join us for a reception in Providence Hall afterward.

Thanks to those who prayed the rosary for an end to abortion on January 9. The next rosary is scheduled for February 13 at 8 AM near the corner of Chain Bridge Road (123) and Eaton to pray that people recognize the truth in Pope Benedict XVI's words: "Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory."

Council events

The monthly Grey Gost social event is

February 16 beginning at 11 AM. That same night at 7:30 PM, the Columbiettes meet in Providence Hall. All Knights' wives are welcome to join in the social events and charitable works.

Family activities

A family breakfast is scheduled for February 21 after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses. All are invited to partake of a Gold-Team-cooked breakfast. A reasonable donation is requested in return for those able to do so.

Community activities

On the eve before Lent begins, please join Knights, their families, and others in the community for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5 to 7 PM on February 16. Pancakes, sausage, and applesauce will be served for \$5 per adult and \$3 per child 12 or under.

A few individuals are needed to continue to beautify the City of Fairfax through the

Adopt-a-Spot program. The next cleanup is scheduled for February 20 at 10 AM. Please contact Bob Bilko at rabilko@hotmail.com for further details or to offer your assistance.

Youth activities

The annual Scout Breakfast is scheduled for February 7 after the 9 AM mass at St. Leo's. Help is needed to cook and serve our dedicated Scouts in honor of their accomplishments through the year. Please contact Tim Hogan at tim1hogan@yahoo.com to offer assistance.

Our Council is very active, and it makes me proud to be part of such a generous volunteer group. Thank you, Brothers (and your families)!

Nelson Clinch

Deputy Grand Knight

Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes are gearing up for a busy few months. In February, the Pancake Supper falls on our regularly scheduled meeting night. We will still have our meeting at 7:30 pm, but I encourage all families to attend the pancake supper that evening. The event starts at 5 pm.

In March, we will host our annual Soup Supper for Knights and their significant others. The event will be held on Tuesday March 16. We will plan to eat at 7:00, with a Lenten reflection to follow.

We are also starting to plan for the Spring Fling. Due to the impending hall renovations, we are trying to secure a date and location for the event. Stay tuned for more details.

Also, after taking a year off from our annual Memorial Day Bake sale, we are looking to host a bake sale again this year. More details coming soon.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2010.

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.



Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo— **Still Need a new Chairman**

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 8** 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 or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details or wish to volunteer to be the new chairman.



Rosary at the Abortion Facility— **IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!**

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). 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.



Catholic Educational Opportunities

Brother Tim Tilson has provided us some information on Catholic Learning opportunities in this area— the Institute of Catholic Culture.

www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org

They are a stand alone group here in the diocese that does lectures. Here is a schedule of upcoming lectures :

- **The Catholic Church in Sacred Scripture** -Feb 2 & 9 7:30 PM at St Philip's.
- **The Fall of Jerusalem**—Feb 18 7:PM at St Ambrose
- **The Pope, the Anglicans & the Mass**—Feb 21 at 7:30 at St Ambrose
- **The Lives of the Apostolic Fathers** - Mar 2,9,16 & 23 at St Michael's
- **Living the Virtuous Life**—Mar 27 7:30 PM at St Thomas More



March for Life

Many thanks to all the Council members, their spouses and children who collected funds and or help count the money for the March for life yesterday. You all collected and counted about \$32,317.50. It was a record day, about \$4,000 over our last years total. Since we started collecting funds for the March in 1994, our 17th year, we have now collected over \$300,000 to help support the cost of running the March. Well Done to all that participated in any way including providing food for the visiting students from Massachusetts that St. Leo's hosted. The Council provided several crates of oranges, bananas and breakfast style granola bars for the visiting student project.



Knights and Knight Families Honored



Knight of the Month

December

Lee and Janice Cena



Family of the Month

December

Hank Urban



!! Mark Your Calendar !!
June 5—Grand Knight's Ball

Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info



HISTORY

KOVAR, an acronym for Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded, is a Virginia chartered statewide non profit organization providing funds to organizations that provide for those with intellectual disabilities. A major fund raiser is done once a year throughout

the state, shortly after Easter, by distributing specially marked Tootsie Rolls in front of local businesses and asking for donations.

Turning rolls of chewy chocolates into a financial boom for organizations that serve the mentally retarded is a wonder Story. These treats bring in nearly \$2 million profit annually in Illinois – the home base for the creation of this giant fund raising process run by the Knights of Columbus.

Forty years have passed since a group of three Knights from a Council in the Chicago area saw a need that was two way: organizations that served people with mental retardation needed money and the Knights of Columbus in Illinois needed a charitable mission to offer their members. The Knights knew that the Lions, the Shriners, the Elks and other fraternal organizations had members who reached out to the community with a determined focused project.

The men had no difficulty determining the target of their fund raising – the money would go to the mentally retarded because one of the group had a daughter who was mentally retarded and recognized that this category of people needed financial assistance. The process that they planned to use was not too difficult either: they would stand in public places with a receptacle and solicit donations for a token product.

The three decided that the Tootsie Roll would be a good item to use because it was a well recognized item with a good shelf life. The next step was to pilot the program in their own K of C Council in Tinley Park, IL.

They picked a weekend, got men from their Council and got the candy from the Tootsie Roll Company. The men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. They asked for a small donation from the shoppers and passer-bys, for each contribution handed out the candy. The first time collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day effort.

With that encouragement the council submitted a resolution to the state K of C convention to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970 with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their annual profit to nearly two million annually.

The campaign has spread to other states when news of the success in Illinois was published in K of C magazines and newsletters. From the efforts of the one council in Tinley Park, IL the drive to raise funds for people with mental retardation has expanded to 44 states.

Our Virginia State Council in 1971 formed the State program known as KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded) using the specially wrapped Tootsie Roll as the vehicle to raise funds for programs which is known as “for those with intellectual disabilities”. The collections began in 1972. Since that beginning KOVAR has distributed over Twelve Million dollars in Grants and Group Home Loans to over 250 ongoing organizations including the Special Olympics. KOVAR has become the largest private charity supporting the intellectually disabled in Virginia. KOVAR is now just a name. The name was changed in August 2008 when papers were filed with the State Corporation Commission to change the name from Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded to just KOVAR, as a name and not an acronym. This was done because agencies and activities supporting the “**Intellectually Disabled**” programs do not wish to be associated with the politically incorrect “Mentally Retarded” label”. This name change does not alter the purpose of the KOVAR as it was when it was initially founded

Father Diamond Council #6292

Our Council, **Father Diamond Council #6292**, first participated in KOVAR in 1975 and since then we have raised **\$501,075**. Since KOVAR started our Council has been a major contributor of funds for the program. Our established goal for this years drive is \$25,290, last year we raised \$23,965. **One of our sources of income toward our goal is your contributions to KOVAR through the annual United Way, Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaigns. If you did make a pledge to KOVAR this past fall please give a copy of your pledge document to Herb Zimmerman, our Treasurer.** We need a copy of your pledge so that we can have the documentation to get credit for that pledge toward our goal

This years Statewide Drive is the 15th to 18th of April with a goal of \$625,000. Please save some time that weekend to help in our collection effort, the more sites that we can cover the better our overall result will be. Please call **Steve Kehoe at (703) 591-6813** if you can help, enlist you wife and children to help, children make great collectors. If you can't help, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us achieve our goal. Make out check to KOVAR and send it to the Council or bring it in no later than April 16th.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Why choose an Annual Renewable Term plan?

The Order's portfolio of top-rated products includes a variety of term and permanent plans that can be custom-tailored to meet the needs, goals and budget of every Catholic family. Among these is our Annual Renewable Term (ART) plan, which provides the maximum amount of insurance protection per premium dollar.

ART plans provides life insurance protection for a specific, temporary period of time. Many have likened it to "renting" life insurance protection. It is appropriate coverage when the life insurance need is temporary in nature, such as to provide mortgage protection or to cover a business loan.

Among the advantages, in addition to the economical premium, is that ART plans can be converted to a permanent plan of protection with no additional underwriting required at any time prior to age 65. In a sense, ART plans can be used to guarantee your insurability. If you need protection for your entire life, but the premiums for permanent insurance just aren't in the budget right now, purchasing an ART plan with the intent to convert might just be the way to go.



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Who benefits from ART plans:

- Those who want to supplement permanent insurance protection;
 - Small business owners who want to cover the life of a key employee until retirement;
 - Those who need guaranteed coverage for life, but need time to budget additional premium dollars and want guaranteed conversion to a permanent plan of insurance;
- Anyone who needs life insurance for only a certain period.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how Knights of Columbus ART life insurance, or any other of our top-rated portfolio of products, can help you meet your needs and goals.
I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field Agent

MORE PICTURES



March for Life

After-March Collection Counting



Use Food Cards to Buy Your Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas Presents (Gift Cards)— A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—ZLRN01@aol.com for information. Available at **Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for 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.



How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?

Safeway sells gift cards for many stores (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest,



February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1930 Officer's Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 1000 Scout Breakfast	8 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive
14 1100 Corporate Communion Mass Food Drive	15	16 1100 Grey Gosts 1800 Pancake Supper	17 Ash Wednesday 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20 1000 Adopt-a-Spot
21 Family Breakfast-Gold Team	22	23 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	24	25	26	27 Food Drive
28 Food Drive						

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1930 Officer's Meeting	3	4	5	6 Open House VA Regional Qtrly Mtg
7 Open House	8 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11	12 1900 District 16 Meeting	13 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive
14 Food Drive	15	16 1100 Grey Gosts 1900 Soup Supper	17 St. Patrick's Day 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	18 1930 Admissions Committee	19 District 16 Meeting	20
21 Family Breakfast-Blue Team	22	23 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree	24	25 2000 2nd Degree	26 1600 Food Basket Transfer 1800 Food Basket Assembly	27 1000 Food Basket Delivery 1130 Feed the Homeless 1800 1800 St. Pat's Day Party Food Drive
28 Palm Sunday Food Drive	29	30	31			

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2009-10

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Committee Chairmen

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
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Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
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Best-of-the-Worst Pun Challenge

Some people do not believe PUNS are real humor. However they can be both clever and funny. For this reason, I am willing to publish the "best of the worst" puns submitted to me by Brother Knights of Council #6292.

Send your favorite pun to herb2777@yahoo.com.

Worst Pun of the Month:

"Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home."

"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."

"Is it common?"

"Well, It's Not Unusual."

Best PUN of the MONTH

Did you ever wonder why there are 'No Dead Penguins' on the ice in Antarctica?

Where do they go? Wonder no more!

It is a known fact the penguin is a very ritualistic bird. It lives an extremely ordered and complex life. The penguin is committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried. The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"FREEZE a jolly good fellow."

Then, they kick him in THE ICE HOLE!

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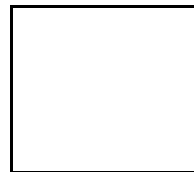
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****Meetings—every 2nd and 4th Tuesday—8:00 PM****

Scout Breakfast —February 7,

K of C Corporate Breakfast—February 14,

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—February 16

Family Breakfast—Gold Team—February 21

