

# The Lookout



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February 2011

## Grand Knight's Message:



### Brother Knights,

The State Council had its quarterly meeting the weekend of January 8. For the meeting, our State Chaplain, Bishop Loverde, videotaped a message that can be found on the state website at <http://www.vakofc.org/page.asp?id=114> in mp3 (audio), mpg (Windows Media Player video), or compressed mp4 (another video style) format. His Excellency made five (5) main suggestions in this almost 20 minute message:

- 1) **Sanctify the day by starting it out with a prayer offering all you do to God,**
- 2) **Pray daily and attend mass (weekend and daily masses) as often as possible,**
- 3) **Witness for Jesus by supporting Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty,**
- 4) **Reach out within your own family and within the Knights family to be sensitive and supportive of them all, and**
- 5) **Deepen our solidarity with our bishops, priests, and deacons.**

Bishop Loverde specifically mentioned the rosary as the second most powerful prayer (second to the mass) we can call upon. He also mentioned the State Secretary's program of pledging to pray the rosary for Life, for Marriage, and for the Family. Therefore, I would like to remind you that I am collecting these pledges for our Council. Thank you to those who have already pledged... over 4,000 rosaries have been pledged to date. Please keep praying, and please let me know your pledge for any given month, quarter, or the year (and I can take pledges for rosaries prayed as far back as July) by e-mailing me at [clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com), by calling me at 703-385-2146, or by handing me a written note in a meeting or at a Council event.

December is always a busy month for our Council, and 2010 was no exception. Many thanks to all who sold Christmas Cards and Christmas Trees, cleaned up a segment of Old Lee Highway through the Adopt-a-Spot program, prayed the rosary to end abortion, helped with the Council Christmas Party, donated on Food Drive weekends, assisted residents at Fairfax Nursing Center with Bingo, sang carols to the residents of the INOVA Commonwealth Care facility, helped feed the homeless at the Center for Creative Non-Violence, delivered the gifts collected through the St. Leo's Giving Tree, helped with Breakfast with Santa, helped clean up the lot after Christmas Tree sales were over, and collected for KOVAR on Christmas eve and New Year's eve. Whew! I told you we were busy.

I would therefore like to specifically thank December's Family of the Month: Kimmy and John Eldred. Kimmy generously helped distribute Christmas gifts collected through St. Leo's Giving Tree program while John attended meetings related to a fund-raiser in conjunction with All Saints Parish. This fund-raiser is new to our Council, but hopefully will net more resources for our charitable works. Watch for further details in a letter to the Council and in future newsletters.

Likewise, our Knight of the Month, Michael Purtill, was very valuable to both our Council and to one of the State Council's programs by coordinating the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve collections to aid people with intellectual disabilities.

February is known for cold weather and warm hearts, especially on St. Valentine's Day. So please let God's love warm your heart and share that love with all around you.

God Bless You,  
Nelson Clinch

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brother Knights,  
A sincere thank you to our Brother Knights who braved the cold to collect for KOVAR on Christmas and New Years Eves. This is one effort which pays big dividends since the customers at the collection point are in the Christmas and New Year holiday spirit.

day spirit.

As usual January started off slowly but we held the monthly Rosary at the Eaton Place Abortion facility, held Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Home and had our monthly breakfast. The Council was well represented at the Virginia District Quarterly meeting in Fredericksburg and we are ready to work at increasing our membership and conducting a successful KOVAR drive. The highlight of this past month was our three degree exemplifications. After a slow start for the First Degree, the turnout for the Second and Third Degrees was beyond our expectations.

Upcoming events include our Annual Scout Sunday Breakfast on February 6th after the 9:00 AM Mass; Corporate Communion at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 13th; the Valentine Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 19th after the 5:00 PM Mass; and the District Free Throw Championship on February 26th.

### Chancellor's Message

It's a great time for everyone to recruit a new member! At the Family Breakfast, Jan. 16th, we signed up two new members and have another parishioner actively thinking about transferring to our Council. As the baby boomers retire, the Knights offer an excellent chance to provide new retirees an opportunity to "do something" with their time for the Church and the community. Talk it up with your fellow parishioners, neighbors, and, yes, any Catholic co-worker who is contemplating retiring. And, should you have someone interested but dodging you about signing a Form 100, let me know (name and contact number) - and I will talk to them. Upon getting a signed Form 100, please get to me - I've had two recent instances where individuals filled out a Form six to twelve months ago and have never heard from anyone! Also, for any first and second degree knights, please contact me about taking your next advancement degree in the Knights.

**John R. Berg, Chancellor/Membership Chairman, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292. 703-219-2096, or [jvaberg@aol.com](mailto:jvaberg@aol.com)**



### Law of the Theater and Hockey

**Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle

### Newsletter Deadline

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 **Herb Zimmerman at [herb2777@yahoo.com](mailto:herb2777@yahoo.com) or call him at 703-385-9455.**

### St Leo's School and Parish Center Closure Policy

For future reference, only the school is closed when Fairfax Schools are closed. Any activities planned for the school will be cancelled if Fairfax schools are closed.

All other parish activities follow Fairfax City Government closure. All parish staff will be at work and all parish activities scheduled in the church and the Parish Center will take place unless the Fairfax City Government is closed.

## Columbiettes' Corner

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15 in the Old Parish Hall in the St. Marks Room. We will be discussing plans for our annual soup supper along with a Lenten reflection from a parish priest. Also mentioned was the date of the Knights Annual Valentine's Day - February 19, planning for this event will be a part of our February meeting.

**All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are invited to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events.** If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meetings and our events, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or Email [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com)



## Council News & Events

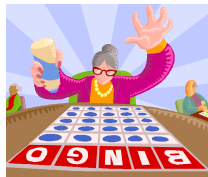
**Rosary to End Abortion — IT's WORKING!!!** Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

We will again meet at 8:00 A.M. on **February 12** to pray the rosary. 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.



**Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!**

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, February 14** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Greg Skorupski at (703) 978-8280** to volunteer.



**Father Diamond Memorial Scholarship**

It's that time of year again! Father Diamond Council is awarding two 4-year scholarships to a deserving young Catholic eighth grader who will be entering High School as a freshman in September, 2011. They must be planning to attend a Catholic High School in the Arlington or Washington D.C dioceses and they must be one of the following:

- Child, grandchild or dependent of a member of Council #6292 of the Knights of Columbus, or
- Child of a registered parishioner of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, or
- A student at St. Leo the Great Catholic School

One scholarship is for \$500 per year from the Father Diamond Council of the Knights of Columbus and the second scholarship is for \$250 per year in memory of Lance Corporal Nicholas C. Kirven ( a former student at St. Leo's)

**Applications are due February 23, 2011.** You can get application forms and instructions on how to apply from **Mr. Tim Tilson, 3208 Traveler St, Fairfax VA 22030** or call him at **703-273-9436**. You can also email him at **HMSLYDIA@msn.com**



## March for Life

**Results—**Mike Plumstead reports that we had sixteen collectors: Mike Plumstead, Li Plumstead, John Berg, Allen Dobey, Bill Ward, Jack Cotner, Nelson Clinch, Kimmy Eldred, Dennis Riley, Keith Morrison, Bob Bilko, Tim Tilson, Al Leightley, Mark Cameron, Jeff Stevens and Paul Cooke this year. Fewer than last year, but Tom Hogan said "we did great".

There were estimates of 300,000 people who marched-- mostly young people. It was the coldest march in recent memory.

There were 60 Senators and Congressmen and the march didn't start until after 2:00PM. It was a very successful march.

We dedicated our collection effort to Richie Powers who had always been a stalwart on the collection line. We collected \$17,804 for the March for Life.

There were a lot of Knights and their wives who came out to help count (unfortunately I don't have all their names). Mike and Tom want to thank everyone for their help once again.

**Valentine Dinner Dance**

Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Parish Activity Center (PAC). Cocktails: 6:00 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM, Dancing: to follow dinner. Cost per person is \$15. See flyer on Page 4.



Contact Tim Hogan or Dave Todd, Jr for reservations



**Coming in March ! Night of Magic !!**

March 5 at the PAC— Doors open at 6:00 PM and the show begins at 7:00 PM.

Cost is only \$10/adult, \$5/child, \$30 max per family. Pizza, sodas, and prestidigitation served.

See mini-flyer on page 5. Contact Pat Leffas (703-436-2717 or pleffas@gmail.com) for information and to make reservations.

## 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.

## Valentine Dinner Dance

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
St. Leo's Annual Valentine Dinner Dance*

*Saturday, February 19, 2011*

*Cocktails: 6:00 PM*

*Dinner: 7:00 PM*

*Dancing: to follow dinner*

**Cost: \$15.00 per person**

*Fr. Diamond Council will supply Main Entrée*

*Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side dish, or desert  
to share with your fellow parishioners*

**RSVP:**

*Tim Hogan*

*(703) 926-4347*

*tim1hogan@yahoo.com*

*or*

*Dave Todd, Jr.*

*(703) 463-1499*

*djtoddjr@yahoo.com*

### Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — 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](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win -Win**



## Knights and Knight Families Honored

**Knight of the Month**  
**December**  
**Mike Purtil**

**Family of the Month**  
**December**  
**John and Kimmy Eldred**



### *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

#### **Ethics is Foundation of our Business Model**

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to our members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

These standards are visible throughout the Order, from our fraternal programs and support of the Church and its teaching to the investment strategy of our assets.

"What sets us apart is what Standard & Poor's refers to as the 'very conservative' approach we take in managing our \$16 billion in assets," said Supreme Knights Carl A. Anderson in his 2010 address at the Supreme Convention. "We place 'a very high value on the society's reputation'."

This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion,



## 2011 Night of Magic

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Witness multiple magicians perform  
fantastical feats of prestidigitation!*

St. Leo's Catholic School  
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA  
Parish Activity Center (a.k.a. "The Gym")

Doors open at 6:00 pm / Show starts at 7:00 pm

#### Cost:

- \$10 per adult
- \$5 per child
- \$30 family cap

#### Price includes:

- Admission to the show
- 2 slices of pizza
- 1 drink (soda / water)



#### \* Please RSVP \*

with the number of adults and children to:

**Patrick Leffas**  
pleffas@gmail.com  
703-436-2717



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contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said the Supreme Knight. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life." In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3 1930 Officers' Meeting	4	5 1000 Adopt-a-Spot	
6 1000 Scout Sunday Breakfast (tentative)	7	8	9	10 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting Guadalupe Room	11 1900 Fraternalism Night (Tentative)	12 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
13 0900 Corporate Communion mass Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	15 1930 Columbiettes -St. Mark Rm (Tentative) 1100 Gray Gosts	16 <a href="#">Assembly Mtg @St Marys Council</a>	17	18	19 1800 St. Valentine's Day Dance	
20 Family Breakfast-Gold Team	21	22	23	24 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting Guadalupe Room	25	26 District Free Throw Championship Food Drive	
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6 Open House	7	8 1800 Pancake Supper	9 Ash Wednesday	10 1930 Rosary 2000 Fraternalism Night	11	12 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive	
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Gray Gosts	16	17	18	19 <a href="#">0830 Diocesan Men's Conference</a> 1800 St. Patrick's Day Party	
20 Family Breakfast-Blue Team	21	22 <a href="#">Columbiette Mtg. &amp; Soup Supper</a>	23	24 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	25	26 Food Drive	
27 Food Drive	28	29 Founder's Day	30	31			

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2010-11

### Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Chaplain	Fr. David Whitestone	703-273-5369
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Chancellor	John Berg	703-219-2096
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Lecturer	Dennis Howley	703-591-7186
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	Matt West	703-359-4652
Inside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
3yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
2yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
1yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163

### Program Directors

Programs	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Church	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Dave Todd, Jr	703-352-2724
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	Dan Flemming	703-591-3032

### Committee Chairmen


Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	John Berg	703-219-2096
Retention	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424

Vocations	John Berg	703-219-2096
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	John Judge	703-385-3804
Frat. Benefits	Dennis Riley	703-450-6100
Insurance	TBD	

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



 **Law of Close Encounters** -The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Male or Female?** You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

#### **FREEZER BAGS:**

They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

#### **TIRES:**

Tires are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated

#### **WEB PAGES:**

Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

*Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.*

*-- Mark Twain*

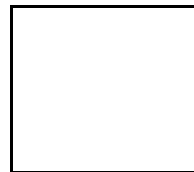
**If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?**

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**Providence Hall is UNDER CONSTRUCTION!!**  
**Meetings held in Old Parish Hall (Guadalupe Room )**  
**2nd and 4th THURSDAYS**

**Check Calendar and Watch Bulletin for Information**

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