



# THE LOOKOUT



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## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,  
After seven months as Grand Knight I am still amazed at the dedication and selflessness of everyone associated with Father Diamond Council. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, thirty Knights, wives, and friends collected money at the March for Life. After returning

to the hall the second shift took over sorting and counting the money. Everyone chowed down on chili and hot dogs while waiting for the total. When all money was counted the total came to \$46,137, the most money ever collected! I want to thank **Mike and Li Plumstead** for organizing the collectors, **Tim Hogan** for handling the money, and **Gerry Pepin** for lining up the counters. Also thanks to **Herb and Linda Zimmerman, Matt West, and Pat McGuire** for the food.

On Saturday January 28 Father Diamond hosted a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, 60 Knights received full Knighthood. Congratulations to **Stuart McMillan, Michael J. Dolan, Jr., Steve Kappes, Doug Bricker, and Tony Rizzuto** all from Father Diamond receiving full Knighthood. Thanks to all who helped set up, breakdown, and cooked lunch for all attendees. The next 1<sup>st</sup> degree will take place at the second meeting in February. We are behind in recruitment this year so I urge all of you to help bring in a prospective member into our Council. Looking ahead to February we have *Fraternalism Night* on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have the Scout breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday. This is a limited breakfast for those members of the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and their families. All are welcome to help. Breakfast is served after the 9am Mass. Our Rosary to end abortion will be 8am Saturday February 11th. We will have Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center February 13<sup>th</sup>, call **Nelson Clinch** for details or to help. Lent

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Reflections:

**"On my Honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country . . ."**

### *Father Diamond Knights and the Boy Scouts of America*

Have you ever experienced the pride, joy and devotion as exuded at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor? Witness one of these very special award ceremonies and you will part with an extraordinary appreciation for the character, personal industry and dedication of all of those involved, especially, of course, those who earned the coveted Eagle Scout Award (I've always believed that if any form of recognition clearly stands out on a young man's resume it is that honor).

The road to "Eagle," as the Scouting community well knows begins early (for some even as Cub Scouts). It is an arduous exercise formed by numerous challenges that ultimately produce healthy, responsible, young stewards of our national, moral and religious values. As **Father Patrick J. Boyle, SJ**, when being recognized as the Chicago "Man of the Year, 2011" and in speaking about outstanding athletes and other prominent figures, asked: "What about the coaches and teachers who helped those 'stars' gain prominence?" This is where our **Father Diamond Council** shines – we have such kindly, selfless mentors and their impact on their Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts is real and strong: **John Alexander, Steven Blaine, Bruce Burnside, Dan Drummond, Pat Murray, Blair O'Connor, Sean Rice, William Schouviller, Dan Skees, Jeff Stevens, Ricardo Valenzuela, Andrew Wankum and James Weich.**

Our **Brother Knights'** service as Scout leaders is part of a hallowed tradition, some highlights of which are:

1904 – Baden-Powell's early version of his scheme for scouting

1910 – Boy Scouts of America incorporated and first

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# Pray Everyday

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begins March 1 and Parish soup suppers start on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Council will be responsible to provide soups on March 31st. Our annual St. Patrick's Day party will be Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> and is shaping up to be quite an exciting evening! Please read the March newsletter for more information or check the website for updates or changes to the calendar: [www.6292kofc.com](http://www.6292kofc.com). Again, thanks for all your hard work this past month and looking forward to all the events in February.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Keith Morrison  
Grand Knight

## Ladies of Father Diamond Council

We have some exciting events coming up in the next few months! Our annual *Soup Supper* will be held on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm. We will have a special guest speaker so join us for a great evening. We are in the planning stages for an exciting trip to Lancaster to include a meal and a show! Details coming soon.

Join us for our next business meeting on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm. Hope to see you there!

God Bless,



Lynne Morrison

President

# Knight's Appreciation Night

**Everyone has worked hard  
this year and the Council  
is throwing you a THANK  
YOU party at the hall!!**

**Friday, February 3  
at 7pm**

**There is no cost for this event!  
There will be pizza, beer, soda,  
and cookies along with a movie  
selection. Maybe we can even  
get a dart tournament going.**

**Hosted by John Eldred, Warden**

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known Catholic Scout Troop formed in St. Paul, Minnesota 1916-United states Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a Federal Charter

1917-United States Catholic bishops formed National Catholic War Council (NCWC). The War Council's Committee on Men's Activities undertook the responsibility for promoting Scouting under Catholic auspices across the country.

1922-**Brother Barnabas** and **Victor Ridder** organized a Catholic Committee on Scouting under the Honorary Chairmanship of **Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archdiocese of New York**. **Bishop Joseph H. Conroy of Ogdensburg** was named Committee Chairman; the **Reverend Matthew J. Walsh**, president of Notre Dame University, named as National Counselor (Chaplain); **Victor Ridder** and **Daniel A. Tobin** were named as Vice Presidents. The **National Knights of Columbus Convention** adopted **Scouting** as their official youth program for boys 12 – 15 years of age.

1923 – Under the guidance of **Brother Barnabas**, the **Knights of Columbus** established a special "Boy Life Bureau" for which he was appointed the first Executive Secretary. 1,000 Boy Scouts assembled in the **Great Hall of Beatification** at the **Vatican** to attend mass celebrated by **His Holiness, Pope Pius XI** and to listen to his stirring address. The Boy Scouts of America established the Bureau of Church relations, under the Department of Education, to further the promotion of Scouting in the churches.

So, **Brother Knights**, thank you for sustaining a tradition so rich in Catholic values and for inspiring many fine youngsters to strive to be honorable citizens of our great nation.

Please note, a special, personal thanks to **Brother Knight Pat Murray** for providing important references for this reflection.

Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker, Deputy Grand Knight



## February Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of February a very Happy Birthday:

<b>John Cesarini</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Charles Kraiger</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Thomachan Kannarkat</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Joseph Gesker</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Kenneth Dehart</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Harold Guidry</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Reyes Frias</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Leocadio Rosas</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Scott Gaboury</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Steven Blaine</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Jerome Kasulatis</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Thomas Kelly</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Marc Surette</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Jodi Balido</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Terry Rinker</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Thomas Lizardo</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Frank Manja</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Jose Trujillo</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Frank Cuccias</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Robert Mc Mahon</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Robert Eckert</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Frank Palladino</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Mark McDevitt</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Robert Clinch</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Eric Vallone</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>John Ku</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Matthew Hogan</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Raul Rojas</b>	<b>27</b>

## 4th Degree Corner

**Renewal of Obligations:** The next meeting of Fr. Malloy Assembly will be Wednesday, February 15, and will be our annual Renewal of Obligations. This will be a joint event with Marian, Msgr. Bradican, and Fr. Casey Assemblies... therefore, no business will be transpire. All Sir Knights attending are encouraged to wear Social Regalia (tuxedo with social baldric), but may wear Coat & Tie instead (this should be the exception, though!). Rosary will begin at 7PM (this is a change from normal time!), with the ceremony beginning at 7:30PM. A "Mardi Gras" themed social will follow.

**4th Degree Exemplification:** The next 4th Degree Exemplification for Virginia will be April 1, and will take place at All Saints School in Manassas. Anyone who is not yet a 4th Degree member may take the 4th Degree that day, provided they are a 3rd Degree Knight by that time. There is a \$70 fee to take the 4th Degree, and you **MUST** wear a tuxedo (military and first responders may wear Mess Dress/Dress Blues; clergy should wear their clerics). Considering the close proximity, this is a great opportunity to receive the fullness of Knighthood and learn the lesson of Patriotism. Anyone interested in taking the 4th Degree should contact:

FN Dave Todd, Jr. at [djtoddjr@gmail.com](mailto:djtoddjr@gmail.com).

PFN Matt West at [askmekofc@yahoo.com](mailto:askmekofc@yahoo.com), or

FA Dennis Makurat at [denmak38@yahoo.com](mailto:denmak38@yahoo.com).

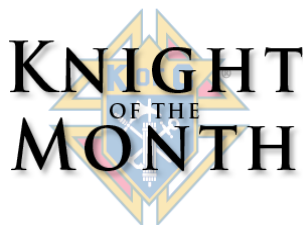
## Right to Life March

On many levels this was the best Right to Life March since the sad Roe v. Wade ruling. It was the first where a vice president of the USA spoke. Though President Trump wasn't there, he tweeted his support. For our collector Knights in Father Diamond Council, it was a joyful contrast to last year when our collections were the lowest in our collection history. This year, we collected \$46,137.60. That easily tripled last year's collection and doubled our average for the last fifteen years.

The March had a huge attendance. It took an hour and fifty-three minutes for the March to pass the collectors. The previous high was one hour and forty-five minutes. The average is usually an hour and a half. We owe thanks to a great group of collectors, twenty-nine in all. It was a diverse group. We had Father Diamond Knights plus three Knights from other councils, one wife and three students from Paul VI High School. Congratulations to **Mike Plumstead**, our Right-to-Life Chairman for a job well done!



## January 2017 Knight of the Month



the Month, **Tim Tilson** – He'll always go and do his duty. Tim is short on words, but strong in action, whether it is managing and leading our massive Christmas tree enterprise, advising on Council

In the World War I film, *What Price Glory*, a United States Marine Corps company commander (James Cagney), when his unit is ordered to move out tells his first sergeant (Dan Daley), "Yeah, I'll go. I'll always go." Such is the case with our January "Knight of

scholarship awards to high school students, again, leading a "Family Breakfast" team, assisting senior citizens enjoy a Bingo outing at Fairfax Nursing Center, or simply, providing sage advice to the Council on salient issues at monthly business meetings. This past December, he made manifest his leadership experience, inherent business acumen and keen insight as to how the St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, school and parish communities function together by his magnificent success overseeing our Council's sale of Christmas trees. Understandably, then, Tim has graciously earned all our respect as our Knight of the Month for January.

## January 2017 Family of the Month

**Stuart McMillan**, his wonderful wife, **Ellen**, and their three inspiring children, **Shae**, **Cyrus** and **Elysa**, through their devoted service have exercised a positive influence on almost every facet of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church parish life. Stuart, who achieved his *Knighthood Degree* on Saturday, 28 January 2017, serves as an usher and Eucharistic Minister at Mass, assists at Sunday "Family Breakfasts" and is gracefully conspicuous by his eager participation in all of our special Father Diamond Council activities; to include, I might add, helping re-arrange infrastructure after his own exemplification to the Third ("Knighthood Degree").

Ellen is an appropriate appendage for the McMillan Family con-

tribution as she, too, serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Lecture at Mass. Shae, Cyrus and Elysa, following the best examples by their Mom and Dad, and by their welcoming demeanors, courtesy

and extraordinary personal energy have proven themselves to be invaluable members of the Sunday "Family Breakfast" team. The McMillan family, in every sense, has truly exemplified the valued principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism; note Stuart is an active duty major in the United States Army.



## Father Diamond Memorial Scholarship Applications Due By February 18!!

Brother Knights, do you have a child or grandchild in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Do they plan on attending a Catholic High School in the Arlington or Washington D.C. Diocese? If so, then they are eligible for the annual Father Diamond Memorial Scholarship awarded every year.

Those who can apply must be *one* of the following:

**Child, grandchild or dependent** of a member of Council #6292 of the Knights of Columbus.

Child of a registered parishioner of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

A student at St. Leo the Great Catholic School.

Do you know a family/child that meets any of these criteria? If so let them know they can apply for the scholarship as well!

Completed applications are due **February 18, 2017** to Mr. **Tim Tilson** at 3208 Traveler St. Fairfax, VA 22030 (703-273-9436) or email at [HMSLYDIA@msn.com](mailto:HMSLYDIA@msn.com), or may be dropped off at the St. Leo's rectory. The application form can be downloaded from this link:

[Fr Diamond Scholarship Application](#). Hurry, there isn't much time left!!

## Highly Successful Knighthood Degree (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) Hosted by Father Diamond Council #6292

Congratulations to the 59 brother Knights who have just completed their final (3<sup>rd</sup>) degree to attain full Knighthood status in the Knights of Columbus!! Our Chancellor, **Dan O'Malley**, in conjunction with our District Deputy, **Bill Weich**, hosted a very large degree ceremony performed by the Virginia KofC Knighthood Degree Team here at St Leo's gym on Saturday, January 28.

There were approximately 70 observers accompanying their candidates. As hosts we provided the venue including check-in services, audio/video, full seating, coffee and donuts (for all observers), breakfast for State Officers and the Degree Team, and a full lunch for all candidates and observers.

Dan's Team responsible for all activities in the gym included himself, **Gib Flodine**, **Dave Todd Jr**, **Joe Gesker**, **Keith Morrison**, **Bill Weich**, and **Nelson Clinch**. The team providing breakfast, lunch, and clean-up at the Hall was led by **Pat McGuire** and included **Herb Zimmerman**, **Greg Hartley**, **Matt West**, **Joe Monnin**, **Jack Cotner**, **Al Leightley**, **Don Kehoe**, **Leo Durran** (our Insurance Agent), and **Larry Holmes** (St Ambrose Council). Everyone enjoyed the day. I want to thank everyone for coming out to help.



## Spanish Admission (1st Degree) Held January 29th

Congratulations to the newest member of Council 6292, **Nilson Herrea** for completing his Admissions (1st) Degree on January 29, 2017 at Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe Council 10723 SPANISH. Nilson was one of six candidates to receive his degree that day.



Council 6292's newest member, Nilson Herrera (second from the right) with the other 5 candidates to receive their Admission Degree on Jan 29.



The Spanish Degree Team pictured above with our Fraternal Benefits Chairman, Leo Durán (third from the right).

# Get In the Picture



January's Family of the Month, Stuart McMillan, his wife Ellen and their three wonderful children: Shae, Cyrus and Elysa.



Many dedicated, hard working volunteers were on hand to help count the money after the Right-to-Life March on January 27.



Carolyn McGuire and Ann Todd work tirelessly to help count. In the background, Don Kehoe and Tom Hogan make sure no one escapes with the loot.



Everyone leaves Gerry Pepin alone when he is using his brain like a super computer to calculate the record donations collected from the march.

## February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3 <b>Fraternalism Night</b> 7:00 PM	4
5 Scout Breakfast - Gym	6	7 7:30 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 8:00 Rosary to End Abortion
12	13 7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	14 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	15 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	16	17	18
19 Family Bkfst - After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	20	21 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:00 PM Ladies of #6292 Mtg	22	23	24	25 9:45 AM Adopt-a-Spot (weather permitting)
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg ** Fat Tuesday**	1 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	2	3 Parish Soup Suppers (begin)	4 9-3:30 Diocese Men's Conf

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg ** Fat Tuesday**	1 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	2	3 Parish Soup Suppers (begin)	4 9-3:30 Diocese Men's Conf
5	6	7 7:30 Officers Meeting	8	9	10 Parish Soup Supper	11 <b>State Meeting - Charlottesville</b> 8:00 Rosary to End Abortion
12	13 7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	14 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	15 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	16	17 <b>St Patrick's Day</b> Parish Soup Supper	18 <b>St Patrick's Dinner</b> 6:00 PM
19 Family Bkfst - After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	20	21 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:00 PM Ladies of #6292 Mtg	22	23	24 Parish Soup Supper	25
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree & Mtg	29	30	31 Parish Soup Supper (Council Sponsored)	1

### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2016-17

#### Officers

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Recorder	James Hogan	703-385-1292
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Advocate	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Warden	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Gib Flodine	703-698-9497
Outside Guard	Alphonso Munevar	703-795-6445
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2yr Trustee	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
1yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652

#### Program Directors

Programs	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
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Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Council	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Family	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	James Hogan	703-385-1292

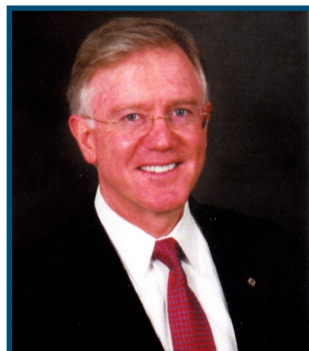
#### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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Retention	Matt West	703-359-4652
Culture of Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785

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Frat. Benefits	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Ins. Promotion	TBD	
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

#### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	TBD	TBD
Food Drive	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fourth Deg.	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Fraternal Prayer	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray GOSTs	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
KOVAR	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Newsletter	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Night of Magic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Parish Picnic	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Right-to-Life	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scout Troop	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
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St. Patrick's Party		



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### Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

#### Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 at 703-978-6137 or email [ZLRN01@AOL.COM](mailto: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 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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win - Win**

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