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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and
Families,

Activities for the month of January took place almost exclusively in the virtual realm out of concern for the health and safety of all involved. Even so, you managed to step up and say 'Here I am Lord' by participating in such causes as the online version of the Polar Plunge in support of Virginia Special Olympics, helping our council reach its set goal and propelling the combined Virginia councils toward their statewide goal. We will follow this with a council fundraiser to further benefit the intellectually challenged through our second KOVAR pot pie sale culminating on Feb. 6. Except for a small group of Pro-Life leaders, the National March for Life was also a virtual event. We can be proud that Joe Gesker, David Mancini, and Jose Trujillo (I apologize if I missed any others) were among the 61 marshals who provided help for the marchers. Looking ahead to February and the Lenten Season, we will once again be hosting a Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection on Saturday, Feb. 20 in the school gym, which will afford ample space for social distancing. I would encourage all men to take to this opportunity to deepen their faith while enjoying the company of fellow Catholics. Find out more details in the following pages. With sincere gratitude, I salute you all for continuing to persevere in these difficult times and allowing our order to continue its good works.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther
Grand Knight

Pray the
Rosary
Daily



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Kevin Kleponis, Deputy Grand
Knight

The Father Diamond Council would like to wish DGK Kevin Kleponis and his wife, Jessica, congratulations on the birth of their son, Nathaniel, on January 28th.



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KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and United Way of the Greater Capital Area. **CFC - #42569**
 United Way Campaigns in the Greater D.C. Area - **#8838** and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign - State Employees - **#200467**

If you or any family member make contributions through these campaigns, please consider KOVAR. If you do, please make a copy of your receipt and include:

- Council number 6292
- Council membership number
- Signature of person contributing

Send or give this receipt to Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman.

There are two ways you can donate directly by check:
 Make checks payable to KOVAR.

1. Send a check to:
 KOVAR
 5588 Needleton Ave
 Woodbridge VA 22193
 Please place Council #6292 in the memo field
 Make check payable to Knights of Columbus 6292
2. Send a check to;
 Knights of Columbus
 St. Leo the Great Church
 3700 Old Lee Highway
 Fairfax, VA 20230
 Please place KOVAR in the memo field

Donations can also be made online through www.vakofc.org. Again please enter Council #6292 in council number field.

Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2020

INCOME for December \$38,686.33 (Trees, baskets, dues, scrip)
 EXPENSES for November \$3,149.02 (little sisters, xmas cards, school, cable, priest/deacon, bulletin)
 ACCOUNT BALANCES:
 United Checking \$48,978.99
 United Checking (2) \$ 1,747.22
 Invest Fund \$46,236.23
 RTL Fund \$ 4,529.74
 Building Fund \$45,473.56
 Outstanding Scrip \$ 3,400.00
 KOVAR Collections (\$ 2,910.62)
)
 PKD & VKCCI Collections (\$ 773.44)
Net Assets \$146,681.68

Chancellor's Report



Vivat Jesus,
 John Johnson
 Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

Thank you for continuing to find new members recruiting opportunities each day as we continue to strive towards our goal of 20 new members. Please feel free to pass on my contact information to anyone you meet who is interested in learning more about becoming a knight.



February Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
John Cesarini	1	Charles Kraiger	12
Matthew Faust	1	Joe Gesker	13
Kenneth Dehart Jr	2	Hal Guidry	13
Reyes Frias Jr	2	Steven Blaine	15
Scott Gaboury	5	Tom Kelly	16
Jerome Kasulatis	6	Cyrus Mc Millan	18
Marc Surette	6	Jose Trujillo Sr	20
Kyle Van Dyke	6	Robert Mc Mahon	22
Frank Cuccias	10	Frank Palladino	24
Bob Eckert	11	Robert Clinch	25
Mark Mc Devitt	11	John Ku	26
Eric Vallone	11	Rodolfo Herrera	27
		Raul Rojas	27



Knight of the Month—January 2021

This brother Knight is in many ways a model for how to put into practice all four of our order's principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. He is a quiet leader who manages to juggle the duties of his State Council office, his Fr. Malloy Assembly office, and his positions with our council, all the while having a positive impact. He helped Al Lightly plan and coordinate the Dec. 7th parade honoring James Smith. He was the Truck Crew Chief for the Wreaths Across America campaign whereby Father Malloy Assembly Sir Knights and family members welcomed and presented Christmas wreaths to families of those veterans who are now at rest in Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 13th. The crew, reflecting its chief, served this function with distinction. At this year's National March for Life on January 29, he answered the call to serve as a marshal and assist the marchers. And every month, he faithfully coordinates and leads a group at church in praying the Rosary to End Abortion. For his all his contributions and dignified leadership at multiple levels, we honor Joseph Gesker as the Knight of the Month.

Family of the Month—January 2021

Bill and Kathy Weich have contributed mightily behind the scenes to benefit others in need as well as in our council. A wonderful example of this has been their reliable participation in our council's newest form of fundraising activity, the sale of pick-up meals. They regularly traveled between their Gaithersburg, Maryland home and St. Leo's, putting in the hours necessary to help purchase, prepare, and assemble the ingredients to make the final product. Over the last few months, their labors have directly led to the success of fundraising campaigns for both KOVAR and the council through sales of pot pies, dessert pies, and a variety of chilies. In late January, following the overwhelmingly positive response to the first pot pie offerings, Bill and Kathy cheerfully reprised their roles in the production of a second round of pot pies. The sales will benefit KOVAR in early February. Bill and Kathy are also the ones who established the collection and regular transfer of beverage can tabs to Kathy's aunt and the other Sisters of St. Joseph in Buffalo, NY. The nuns provide them to the Buffalo area Ronald McDonald House, a facility that compassionately accommodates the families of children receiving local medical care, where the money from tab recycling goes toward the purchase of household items used by the guest families. The love reflected in their steady work towards charitable goals moves us to name Bill and Kathy Weich our January Family of the Month.



Chicken Pot Pies Fundraiser for KOVAR



The Knights of Columbus will be selling homemade Chicken Pot Pies! Take and bake and/or Frozen

Cost \$15.00 for a 9 in deep dish (feeds 4) or \$5.00 for a single serve pie.

When you place your order please indicate:

- 1) How many pies you would like and what size (Family or Single)
- 2) How many you would like ready to bake, how many frozen



To order please visit:

<https://forms.gle/hkfDVKlid2myLPHj9>

This is an RSVP and Pick Up ONLY event, please order by Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Pies will be picked up on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 3:00 – 7:00 PM
at the Knights Hall 3702 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax VA, 22030

Questions/Concerns email
kofckitchen6292@gmail.com

For more information about KOVAR please visit their website at <http://kovarva.org/>

Introducing Juan Carlos Fierro Financial Professional with The Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus



Juan Carlos Fierro, new to the Abbate Agency, has been assigned as the field agent for our council. He has been in the financial services and insurance market in Northern Virginia for over 22 years. During this time, he has achieved a record of success identifying individual and institutional needs and translating them into effective plans of actions to meet short- and long-term investment goals.

He specializes in analyzing and formulating investment strategies, developing and managing asset portfolios, monitoring their conditions, performing comprehensive analysis, evaluating risk to ensure compliance and building consensus.

Juan Carlos has been married to Inmaculada for 15 years and has four children. His territory will consist of councils 6292, 6790, 7566, 8403, 9407, 9781, 10947, 11122, 11806, 11922, 12187, 12963, 14523, 16468, and 17056. His responsibility will be to help develop financial protection for all the Catholic families and businesses in his councils and Parishes. Juan Carlos has an extremely successful team behind him to ensure his clients' financial successes. He can be reached at 703-499-1244 or the Abbate Agency main number, 866-868-1492.

2021 CAR RAFFLE



If you are a St Leo the Great parishioner, you will soon receive your 10 tickets for the 2021 Car Raffle. Most parishes will be sending out 20 tickets to sell, however we decided to only ask you to sell/buy ten tickets. Please return the 10 tickets/stubs in the enclosed envelope. If you want more tickets, Dan O'Malley will be very happy to get them to you.

If you are in a different parish and have not received Car Raffle tickets, contact Dan O'Malley (info below) and he will get you some tickets. Look forward to seeing one of the five cars you can win outside the church on March 6/7 (Honda CRV Sports Utility) and March 13/14 (Honda Odyssey). If you did not receive tickets, have any questions or want more tickets to sell, please contact Dan O'Malley at 571 294-2636 or via email at omalley1017@gmail.com



Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 20

7:30AM – 3:30 PM

St. Leo The Great School Gym

Free Admission

Space is limited.

Please RSVP

contact

Mike Plumstead

mplumstead@verizon.net

or

Call/Text

Herb Zimmerman at

703-623-6299

*St. Joseph –
The Model
for Men in
the Time of
Crisis*



The retreat will begin with coffee donuts and registration at 7:45-8:00AM followed by Mass at 9:00AM. We will have inspirational speakers and lively discussions throughout the day (with a lunch) and culminating in day time prayer.

St. Patrick's Day Party

The St. Patrick's Day Committee is planning to sell Corned Beef and Cabbage dinners on Saturday March 13. Dinners will be available for individuals or family style, and include traditional corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, Carrots, and Irish Soda Bread. Details on ordering will be coming out over the next few weeks.

4th degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification for the Virginia District of the 4th Degree will be conducted on Saturday, April 17th, beginning at Noon. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this Exemplification will be held virtually. Fr. Malloy Assembly will host an in-person viewing of the Exemplification in the gym of St. Leo the Great Catholic School. The benefits of attending the viewing include: coffee & donuts will be made available prior to the ceremony; Candidates will be Knighted at the conclusion of the ceremony (those attending from home will be Knighted at a later time); and lunch will be provided after the ceremony. Cost is \$50 per Candidate (this is set by Supreme!); only requirement is that a Candidate MUST be a 3rd Degree Knight prior to the Exemplification. For more details, contact Faithful Navigator SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN, at djtoddjr@gmail.com.



February 2021

The February calendar has been updated based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. Please watch your emails for last minute updates.

<u>Sun</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30PM Virtual Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 8:00PM Virtual-Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8:00AM Ro-sary to End Abortion
14	15	16 7:30PM Virtual Ladies Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 7:30am Men's Retreat-School Gym
21	22	23 7:30PM Virtual Business Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	1	2 7:30PM Virtual Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6

March 2021

The March calendar has minor updates based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. However, at this time we do not know which "PHASE" we will be in by that time. Revisions to the March Calendar will be distributed via the Council Membership Email server as well as the February LOOKOUT newsletter.

<u>Sun</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2 7:30PM Virtual Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 8:00PM Virtual Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
14	15	16 7:30PM Virtual Ladies Meeting	17 7:00PM Virtual 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20 6:00PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Take Out Only
21	22	23 8:00PM Virtual Business Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chaplain	Father Nguyen	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

Program Directors

Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Committee Chairmen

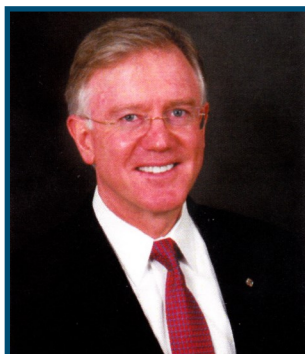
Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Retention	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244

Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
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Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team		
2nd Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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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 Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 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.

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

Safeway sells gift cards for many stores (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-U's, 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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