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# THE LOOKOUT



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## Grand Knight's Message

*Mark Walther, Grand Knight*



Dear Brother Knights and Families,

A month into the New Year, we already have a number of accomplishments under our collective belt and plenty of volunteers to thank.

A couple of officers and I attended the Mid-Year State Meeting which was changed to a 100% virtual affair due to the threat of more snow on the evening of Feb. 7 and the still-fresh memory of the prior traffic snarl on I-95 after that earlier snow storm, in addition to other concerns.

The mid-year council audit was conducted on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, without issue. Thanks go to Treasurer Bill Lane for his orderly bookkeeping, and to our Trustees Dan O'Malley, Gib Flodine, and Mark Woznak who examined his handiwork.

We were very happy to have our parish priests attend our Family Breakfast on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Parish Administrator Fr. Juan Puigbo also introduced his visiting sister to those present at the seating that followed the 9:00 Mass. Thanks go to Pat McGuire and his team who were the first to implement the new reduced menu.

Several of our council's Knights were joined by their family along with a faculty member and students from St. Paul VI Catholic High School for the March for Life in Washington, DC. They all served as march marshals/collectors of cash contributions offered by the marchers. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to them all after enduring hours in the frigid temperatures that day (mid-20s!). Thanks also to our chairman of this event, Mike Plumstead, to Pat McGuire for serving up a delicious spaghetti lunch afterwards, and to Al Leighty and Don Kehoe for organizing the volunteer money counters. It all went like clockwork due to the experienced hands involved.

On Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, a half-dozen Knights graciously volunteered on short notice to assist the SLSM food pantry with their scheduled food distribution. They helped the pantry staff move the food out to the curbside where it was loaded into clients' vehicles, while one Knight and his wife made a couple home deliveries. Thank you goes to all those who volunteered at this event to help alleviate food insecurity.

That same Saturday saw the preparation of over 100 potpies for a KOVAR fundraiser. This required a small army of volunteers, all of whom were well organized overall by KOVAR Chairman Gib Flodine, and by Julie Clinch in the kitchen. All of the potpies were sold as of this writing, testament to their high quality and perhaps to the cold snap which made them an appealing hot meal option. Thanks to all who made this possible!

We look ahead to hosting a District Basketball Free-Throw challenge on Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> (boasting more adult age categories) and to Night of Magic on the following Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting the Spring Quarterly State Meeting on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and you are asked to volunteer for one or more of the tasks necessary to support this big undertaking; please see the Signup Genius online for this at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b45aeaa2baafb6-state>. Also recently added to our calendar is a Men's Retreat to be held on March 12 in Providence Hall. We are grateful to co-chairmen Herb Zimmerman and James Beauchamp for planning this with our Chaplain, Fr. Jonathan. On the following Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the plan is to go forward with a St. Patrick's Day party as described in the following pages.

In conclusion, thanks to those who so generously donated to this year's Special Olympics Virginia 2022 Polar Plunge, thereby assisting special athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.

Vivat Jesus!  
Mark Walther

Pray the  
Rosary  
Daily



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

*Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight*

Council members and families,

Life throws challenges at each and every one of us, but for the most part, most of us have been blessed. Because not all in the world are as fortunate, we Knights practice the first principle of the order, Charity.

Last month, the Council raised funds for the Virginia State Council's charity that supports those with intellectual disabilities: KOVAR. Many thanks to those that helped with pot pie sales, both through their volunteer work and through their purchases.

Next, we could use assistance with the District Free Throw Competition on February 12. Please come to the St. Leo the Great School Gym about 10 AM to help coordinate the competition. Before that, we will be praying the rosary for an end to abortion at 8 AM inside the church.

Another event for which assistance would be appreciated is the Night of Magic on Saturday, February 19. Please join us to set up tables around 4 PM in the St. Leo the Great School Gym, and then to help with the event after the 5:00 mass. Contact Pat Leffas at [pleffas@gmail.com](mailto:pleffas@gmail.com) or by either calling or texting him at 703-436-2717.

The very next day, the Council continues its tradition of hosting the monthly family breakfast in Providence Hall. Assistance is needed with setup, cooking, serving, and cleanup after the 7:30 and 9:00 masses. In addition, patrons are needed to partake of the breakfast, with only donations requested from the patrons. Please contact Tim Tilson at [hmslydia@msn.com](mailto:hmslydia@msn.com) or further information.

Looking ahead, Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Upcoming Lenten events include a Diocesan Women's Retreat in Herndon and a Council Men's Retreat in Providence Hall. Both events are March 12 and offer opportunities for Penitential Reflection during Lent. Please avail yourselves of these important spiritual opportunities.



## Chancellor's Report

*James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor*

Brother Knights,

Let us welcome our newest members Ryan Kehoe and Cesar Pena (both transfers) to our council. Please contact me if you now any men who might be interested in joining our council and I will reach out to them. Also, congratulations to Anil Arakal and Wilfred Gagnon who recently completed their Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and became Third Degree Knights. I invite all Knights who have not yet reached their Third Degree to come to or attend a virtual Combined Exemplification. The next in-person Combined Exemplification will be at St. Leo's on February 23 at 7: 30 PM. There will also be another virtual ceremony on

February 17 at 7 PM. I will email reminders about both. Please let me know if you are interested.

## Treasurer's Report – 12/31/2021

INCOME for **\$35,668.78** (Tree Sales, Dues, Fall Fest., KOVAR, etc.)

EXPENSES for **\$5,573.43** (Little Sisters, Kentucky Relief, Christmas Dinner, etc.)

United Checking	\$51,940.28
United Checking (2)	\$ 1,508.17
Invest Fund	\$46,324.58
RTL Fun	\$ 4,538.42
Building Fund	\$45,560.53
Member Asst Fund	\$ 4,500.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 1,000.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (1,389.24)
PKD Collections	\$ (492.77)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (201.84)

**Net Assets** \$153,288.13



January Family Breakfast Cookers and Helpers  
Back Row: Charlie Kraiger, Phil Coletti, Kevin Murray, and Pat McGuire  
Front Row: Jude Leffas

### February Birthday Wishes

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

### Misc. Reports

#### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Knights of Columbus is hosting our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on March 19 at 630PM. This is our annual celebration of Irish Music and Culture with a traditional Corned Beef Dinner, Irish Soda Bread, live Irish music and dancing. This a great family event that always sells out. Tickets are being sold in advance at \$20 per adult and \$10 for children with only a \$50 family max. Doors open at 6PM with dinner served family style at 6:45. Please contact Pat Murray, [pjmurray@att.net](mailto:pjmurray@att.net), (703) 447-9190 or Gerard Maguire, [gimaguire@gmail.com](mailto:gimaguire@gmail.com), 410 330 9340 for tickets.

#### WIN A FREE TRIP TO IRELAND

St. Patrick's Day Raffle – Please support our St. Patrick's Day Raffle with a grand prize of one round trip ticket to Ireland or \$1,000 cash. . Only 100 tickets sold. Grand prize drawing to take place at 8PM during the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Pat Murray, [pjmurray@att.net](mailto:pjmurray@att.net), (703) 447-9190 or Gerard Maguire, [gimaguire@gmail.com](mailto:gimaguire@gmail.com), 410 330 9340 for tickets.

#### Father Diamond Council Basketball Challenge

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 will be held on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1030AM in the School gym. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions. The challenge provides an opportunity to encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Please spread the word and support the basketball challenge.

#### Remembering our Brothers

James "Horse Collar" Smith who passed away January 3rd, was an active member in our church. A member of the 4th degree (He and I took our 4th degree together making our assembly having both the oldest and youngest member that year). He was a lecturer and helped out during as an alter server during week day masses. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers this month.



#### FAMILY of the MONTH

#### Family of The Month— January

The Cameron family demonstrates its commitment to living the faith in many ways. Mark Cameron, a Knight for 21 years and PGK of George Mason Council, and his wife, Melanie, are the proud parents of Esther, Johnpaul, Philip, Samuel, and Xavier. They are often seen helping to put on our Family Breakfasts, where Mark was an "omeleteer" – at least until the menu changed recently, he now attends to other functions – and the children happily serve the food to the guests. Mark has also taught CCD for the past several years, while Melanie has operated a secondhand bridal dress shop, thus facilitating the Sacrament of Matrimony for those of more limited means. Mark and son Johnpaul took part in our council's support of this year's March for Life in Washington, DC, braving the cold weather to serve as marshals and collectors of contributions from the marchers. It is clear that the parish, council, and community are all greatly enriched by the giving spirit, love and devotion of the Camerons, our Family of the Month for January.

#### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

#### Knight of The Month— January

For the last several years, Mike Plumstead's name has been synonymous with our council's March for Life participation. As our chairman for that effort, Mike, a 20-year member of our order, was able to bring it all together again on January 21<sup>st</sup> for the big event that took place on the National Mall and along Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC. He organized our members and their families as well as students and a faculty member from St. Paul VI Catholic High School to be March marshals who collected contributions from the marchers to be used to defray the costs of next year's March. He arranged for their transportation to and from the March by private bus and saw to making sure all had the supplies needed (including official hats, jackets and collection buckets) to carry out the mission. Unfortunately, Mike and his wife will be moving out of the area soon and will not be able to guide next year's effort. Let us all join in thanking Mike, Knight of the Month for January, for the work he did on this year's March.

## KOVAR 2021-2022

KOVAR desperately needs our assistance. Donations have been down the last couple of years due to COVID. You can help immensely. There are several ways to contribute: KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way of the Greater DC Area and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees

CFC - #42569

United Way Campaigns in the Greater  
D.C. Area - #8838

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign -  
State Employees - #200467



Anyone participating in contributing to KOVAR through these programs, please give a photocopy of your receipt with your signature and membership number to Gib Flodine, KOVAR Chairman.

Checks may be submitted:

Written to Knights of Columbus. Place **KOVAR** in memo field

Send checks to:

Knights of Columbus  
St. Leo the Great Church  
3700 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Written to KOVAR. Place **6292** in memo field.

Send checks to:

KOVAR  
5588 Needleton Avenue  
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link:

<https://kovarva.org/donate/>

Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field. Think of joining **Amazon Smiles**. If you select KOVAR as your organization, 0.5% of all your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases, will be donated to KOVAR. Please give any receipts for contributions through Amazon Smiles to Gib Flodine.



## All Saints Car Raffle



All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2022 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call Dan O'Malley at 571 294-2636.

## Motion for By-law Change

Section 7 of by laws (currently) reads

"The council shall retain the building fund and devote 10% of the fundraising net income, not otherwise dedicate to a specific purpose as approved by vote of the council in advance, from activities to be deposited into the fund. The wardens fund is exempt from the donation of the building fund."

New Section 8 to read from motion made

"The council shall rename the building fund to be known as an 'Emergency Fund'. This fund shall be used in extreme local emergencies i.e. local catastrophes, major building project to Providence Hall, and in case general fund shall become depleted. All aspects of the building fund revenues continue as written in section 7"for the Emergency Fund."





# knights of columbus

Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

## ***Night of Magic! ~ Night of Magic! ~ Night of Magic!***

Fr. Diamond Council will hold its annual Night of Magic

Day/Date: Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: Doors open at 6:00 PM; Show at 7:00 PM

Location: Parish Activity Center (Gym)

### **The cost:**

**\$12 Adults**

**\$ 6 Children (under 12)**

**\$35 Household cap**

Come and enjoy multiple magicians as they perform amazing feats for your entertainment and enjoyment.

**Price includes the show, table magic, a taco bar, lemonade, iced tea, water.**

Come out and enjoy a fun night with your fellow knights, parishioners, neighbors, and schoolmates.



St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gym  
3704 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22030



After working all day to get ready for the KOVAR Pot Pie sales, the crew from Left to Right: Bill Weich, Charlie Kraiger, Carolyn McGuire, Kathy Weich, Mark Walther, Nelson Clinch, Julie Clinch, and Beth Ward.

## February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 8AM Rosary to End Abortion 10:30AM District Free Throw
13	14	15 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	16 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	17	18	19 6PM Night of Magic
20 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9AM Masses	21 Federal Holiday - Presidents' Day	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	23 7:30PM Combined Degree ?	24	25	26
27	28					

## March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5 Spring Quarterly Mtg Fairfax, VA (St Leo the Great)
6	7	8 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting Nomination Committee formed	9	10	11	12 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Council Men's Retreat
13 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9AM Masses	14	15 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	16 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	17	18	19 6PM St. Patrick's Day Party
20	21	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 KOVAR Collections	1 KOVAR Collections	2 KOVAR Collections

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2021-22

### Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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Deputy GK	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Chancellor	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Patrick J. Murray	703-447-9190
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

### Program Directors

Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
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		
Admissions	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Retention	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124
Vocations	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

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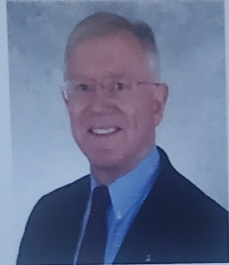
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Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
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	703-731-7164
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.

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