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February 2024

Grand Knight's Message

James "Jim" Beauchamp, Grand Knight



Brother Knights,
Here we are blazing through a leap year, election year, and Summer Olympics year. I hope all of you had a Happy New Year and maybe are still keeping a few of your resolutions. Lent is coming up in only two weeks. It seems like the 'calendar makers' threw us a curve this year by having Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day. Oh well. For guidance during Lent, be sure to read **Fr. Jonathan Fioramonte's** wonderful reflection in this newsletter. Let's try to recommit ourselves to be-

ing better Catholic gentlemen this Lent. After things slowed down a little bit the last two weeks of December, things once again got busy in January. At the beginning of every year, bowling season starts every Sunday evening in the Bowl America near Fairfax Circle. Thanks so much to **Keith Morrison** and **Tim Hogan** for running it this year. Kudos to all those Knight from our Council who ventured down to Fredericksburg for mid-year State Meeting. I heard someone say that we had nine gentlemen from our Council. My guess is that's the most any Council had. For a number of years, the Fr. Malloy Assembly and our Council have jointly sponsored a Mass and reception for the Military and First Responders. This year, a **wine tasting fundraiser** was held to raise money for this cause and also for Cancer research. Special thanks to **David Todd, Jr.** for organizing this event (co-sponsored with the Fr. Malloy Assembly) and to **Kevin McGuire** for sharing his wine expertise with over 40 individuals who came out on a cold, winter night. A great time was had by all. On a more serious note, the **51st March for Life** took place on a cold, wet and snowy day. But that did not deter our brave Knights who came out to collect money (as well as all the other marchers from around the country). Special thanks to **Mark Cameron** for organizing the bus to go down to the Mall and to everyone who stood in the snow collecting money. (I hope nobody caught a cold.) Also, thanks to **Al Leightley** for organizing the money counters (counting wet bills has its challenges) and to **Pat McGuire** and **Gib Flodine** who made sure we had something good and warm to eat when we got back to the hall. I don't want to steal the DGK's thunder, but don't forget the **Men's Retreat** on Saturday, February 24 (with **Bishop Paul Loverde**) and the Lenten meatless soup suppers beginning Feb. 16. We are committed to making soups on Friday, March 22.

Vivat Jesus,
James Beauchamp (GK)



Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

ECCLESIASTES 3:20



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James Hogan, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

We are into the second month of the new year and we are just getting started on events! After a blistering cold/rainy January filled with events, February will be no different.

Our standard events we have will be Eucharistic Adoration from 1-2AM Feb. 3. Our officer's meeting on Feb. 6 at 7:30PM. Our council meetings on the 13th and 27th with Rosary at 7:30PM and meeting at 8:00PM (these will be hybrid, so no excuse as to not showing up and being informed). Our warden will be providing a meal at 6:30PM on the 27th, see Tim Hogan's article, pg. 3, for more information.

The 2nd week we also have on Feb. 10th our Rosary to end abortion in front of the church or inside (weather depending) at 8:00AM. This takes only an hour of your time, come out and support a worthwhile cause. That Sunday, the 11th, the church will be having a Super Signup event, more to follow.

The 3rd week we begin Advent. Our council has been tasked with handling the soup supper for the parish, more info to follow.

The 4th week we have our Men's Retreat on the 24th. Headed up by our GK, it will be an informative event for us Catholic men. See the flyer on pg. 5 for more information and RSVP!

Looking ahead to March we have our State Quarterly Meeting the first weekend. While not required for most, these meetings are an eye opener to see so many Catholic men come together for the betterment of society. I encourage all of you to attend one at some point.

Treasurer's Report – 12/1-31/2023

INCOME for Dec \$ 32,196.78

EXPENSES for Dec \$ 3,092.91

Operating Fund Net \$ 29,103.87

United Checking	\$49,075.81
United Checking (2)	\$ 862.20
Investment Fund	\$42,992.63
RTL Fun	\$ 4,562.33
Building Fund	\$36,870.26
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 3,250.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (363.03)
PKD Collections	\$ (426.54)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (46.00)

Net Assets \$137,777.66



Chancellor's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Chancellor

Brothers,

Thank you for all your support in referring new members to our Fraternity. This month we will enter Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II

“ Let us set out with trust on our Lenten journey, sustained by fervent prayer, penance and concern for those in need. In particular, may this Lent be a time of ever greater concern for the needs of children, in our own families and in society as a whole: for they are the future of humanity”.

As Knights, let our prayers and fasting be joyous and fruitful for our Families, our Church, and our Council.



**Violet Morrison
guarding the
buckets at the
March for Life**

RSVP

Brothers we are sponsoring Alfredo Tuesta's on becoming a priest through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Alfredo was here this past year. If you wish to send him letters, here is his address

**100 E Wynnewood Rd.
Wynnewood PA 19096**





Knight of the Month – Jan.

Every July and January all Knights of Columbus Councils have an audit, and that means even more work for Council Treasurers. But our Worthy Treasurer, **Bill Lane**, is always up to the task and more. For more than three years he has ably handled all of our bank accounts, getting bills paid, deposits made, keeping the books up to date, and making sure the numbers add up correctly. He lays out the finances so well, that even this GK can understand them. (I wish I could say the same for my Business office at work.) Recently, Bill was responsible for finally moving over a significant portion of our funds to an interest, bearing account, which should give us a significant source of income for the near term. Every bit helps. For this and all that he has done for our Council, Bill is our **Knight of the Month for January 2024**.



Family of the Month—Jan.

Mark and Melanie Cameron have been selected for last month's Family of the Month. On the 51st Annual March for Life, Mark led our brave and determined money collectors on a cold and snowy day to the March to collect money that helps defray the significant costs of this national event. Just like in 2023, things went very smoothly for us. When Mark isn't leading us downtown for the March for Life, he is very active in St. Leo's parish. He is an adult leader with both Boy Scout troop 1113 and Cub Scout Pack 882. He also is an instructor for Religious Education at St. Leo's. Mark's wife Melanie has been very involved in St. Anthony's Bridal in Fairfax, VA. This is a charitable organization that resells wedding and formal dresses and provides referrals for reduced cost wedding services. Their children are active in the Scouts and the American Heritage Girls. For all these reasons and more, they are our **Family of the Month for January 2024**.

February Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
John P Cesarini	1	Frank J Cuccias	10	Steven P Blaine	15	Frank G Palladino	24
Mr Timothy Delaney	2	Robert L Eckert	11	Thomas R Kelly	16	Robert J Clinch	25
Reyes Frias Jr	2	Eric S Vallone	11	Cyrus Robert Mc Millan	18	Rev. Fr John Baptist Ku	26
Scott D Gaboury	5	Charles A Kraiger	12	Francis J Loughney, PSD	19	Raul E Rojas	27
Jerome M Kasulatis	6	Joseph M Gesker	13	Jose A Trujillo Sr	20		
Marc R Surette	6	Harold J Guidry	13	Robert J Mc Mahon	22		



March for Life 2024

Warden Report

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope and pray that 2024 is off to a good start. I encourage all my Brothers to try to make a Knights Meeting between now and June 30th. Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8pm. I invite each of you to come out at 6:45pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month for a delicious meal before the meeting. This month I will be having a Taco Bar with all the fixings, Beans and a Dessert. Please come out and enjoy the company of other Brother Knights. A Rosary will be said at 7:30pm and the meeting at 8pm. I hope to see you February 27th at 6:30 to 6:45 pm.

Faternally.

Tim Hogan



Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings and peace to you and your families in Our Lord Jesus Christ. As always I wanted to thank you for your service to God, Our Church, and our families. Especially I am so edified to hear that so many of you braved the blizzard to attend the 51st March for Life. What a beautiful witness you provide to the dignity of human life in the womb, and the support of Mothers and Fathers. Thank you for your presence, your prayers and your sacrifices for the Right to life!

Though it feels as if we only just finished Christmas, we are rapidly approaching the beginning of lent! Before the church calendar reforms around the time of the second Vatican Council, there was a Sunday called "septuagesima Sunday" which simply means "seventy Sunday" that is seventy days before Easter and only two and a half weeks before Lent. In a sense it was a liturgical "notice sign" that lent was around the corner. Now is the time for us to begin thinking and making preparations for this season of Repentance we call Lent. We just had Septuagesima Sunday this past January 28th. So now is the invitation for us to begin thinking and preparing for Lent. Now is the time to make our Game plan for the Lenten season.

In a special way we can begin to think about those three transformation tools Jesus Christ gives us through His Church during Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. I invite each of us to reflect on our lives. We need to examine Our lives and our consciences and ask, how Our Lord is inviting us to repent, convert, and grow. **With prayer**, how can I give Our Lord more time in relationship with Him, spending more time in prayer at the beginning and end of my day, trying to dedicate at least 15 minutes, 1% of our day to prayer; spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, reading the sacred Scriptures, or the lives of the Saints, or a book to help us Meditate (time is our most precious resource... "*Tempus Fugit, momento Mori!*"). **With Fasting**, how have I been giving in to the world and the pleasures and comforts that so easily distract me from God and take His place in my hearts and what food, drinks, media, or activities is God inviting me to put aside during Lent? **With Almsgiving**, how am I spending my money, time, and resources; and most importantly how can I "give" more to my family, to my parish community, and to the opportunities the Knights give me to serve others?

One last invitation. Please come to the Knights of Columbus Retreat Led by Bishop Paul Loverde and myself on Saturday, February 24th! God bless you and your families, thank you for being a Knight of Columbus, and know of my continued prayers for you!

CAR RAFFLE

St. Leo parishioners have been invited to participate in the **2024 All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle!** Tickets are being mailed out this first week of February, 10 tickets per registered address. Please consider purchasing and/or selling the tickets you receive, as this represents an important fundraiser through which All Saints supports our parish and many other parishes in the diocese. Each **\$5 ticket** gives the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles (**2024 models of the Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger pickup, and Bronco Sport**) plus **\$40,000 in cash drawings** (including one for \$20,000)! Anyone needing additional tickets can contact Mark Walther (markwalther7@yahoo.com, 703-766-5054). Please also save the dates of March 15-16 and April 6-7 when volunteers will be needed after all Masses to man our ticket table in the church vestibule, offering tickets for purchase, collecting unsold returns, and providing additional tickets to parishioners who wish to sell them.



Scholarship 2024 Program

Father Diamond Scholarship. Council 6292 will award a 4 year \$500 scholarship to a Catholic student entering 9th grade in a Catholic HS starting in the Fall '23. The application is on the council website at www.6292.kofcva.org in the News Headlines section. For further information contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436 or via email at HMSLYDIA@msn.com.



Invite all men of the parish to attend a
Men's Retreat on Renewal
Guest Speaker
Bishop Paul Loverde
Saturday, Feb. 24, 8:00 – 3:30
Providence Hall / KofC Hall
Free Admission



To attend – please RSVP
by **Tuesday February 20**
to

Herb Zimmerman
Herb2777@yahoo.com
or Call/Text at
703-623-6299

Or
James Beauchamp
JGB5806@Verizon.net
or Call/Text at
703-915-3504

The retreat will begin with coffee and donuts and registration at 7:30-8:15AM followed by Mass at 9:00AM. We will have inspirational speakers and lively discussions throughout the day (with a lunch) and culminating in Eucharistic Adoration.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Audit, 7 PM	30 Parish Volunteer Mass, 7PM Pot Pie Forms Due	31	1	2	3 Eucharistic Adora- tion 1-2 AM Pot Pie Prep
4	5	6 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	7	8	9	10 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Pot Pie sales and delivery
11 Super Signup Sun- day	12	13 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	17
18	19 President's Day	20 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon	21 7:30 PM 4th De- gree Mtg	22	23 soup supper in gym, 4:30PM	24 8AM - 3PM Men's Retreat
25	26	27 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	28	29	1 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	2 Eucharistic Adora- tion 1-2 AM State Quarterly Meeting

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	28	29	1 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	2 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM State Quarterly Meeting
3	4	5 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	6	7	8 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
10	11	12 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	13	14	15 Soup supper in gym, 4:30pm	16 6PM St. Patrick's Day Party
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Mtg St. Joseph's Altar	20 7:30 PM 4th De- gree Mtg	21	22 KofC prepare soup	23
24	25	26 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	27	28 Holy Thurs- day	29 Good Friday Knights of Columbus Founders Day	30
31 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM, and 1PM Masses	1	2 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	3	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2023-24

Officers

Grand Knight	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
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Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Advocate	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Warden	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Inside Guard	Jason Johnsrud	
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
2yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
1yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Program Directors

Programs	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516


Committee Chairmen

Charity	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
Admissions		
Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	Pat Murray	703-383-3436
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Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

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Frat. Benefits	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Ins. Promotion	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	George Billy	
Fraternal Prayer		
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
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Blessed Michael McGivney Guild

Benefits:

- quarterly newsletter (updates on the canonization cause)
- a weekly Mass offered



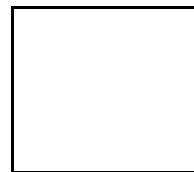
Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 Tim Hogan at 703-926-4347 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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