

The Lookout

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292**



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Grand Knight's Message:

Brothers,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we've made it halfway through our Fraternal Year already. I hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and happy after the Christmas season (and if you're like me, you'll also have a few extra pounds).

Now that we're at the midpoint of the year, I'd like to go over some of the goals that I had set out at the beginning of my Term as Grand Knight.

First of all, I wanted the council to earn the Star Council Award, which means that we have to meet certain goals for Programs, Membership, and Insurance. Our programs are running well, as usual, thanks to the hard work of so many of the members. We still have a ways to go in the membership department. We need to recruit more Brother Knights in order to make our goal. Bring in your Son or Father or Brother. Bring in the gentleman you sit next to at Mass. Invite them into our family!

Secondly, I wanted to increase participation at meetings from people who don't usually come out on Tuesday nights. I think this has worked wonderfully. In almost every letter I've written, I've asked you to come out to one of our meetings. Many people have taken me up on my offer. I regularly see some new faces in the crowd when the meeting starts. It's great to see you and I encourage everyone to keep coming out.

Lastly, I wanted to have a serious review of the building fund done. I established a committee to review this and after a few meetings we are making good progress. I hope to see a proposal brought to the floor by March or so.

This month offers us a bit of a break. It feels so nice to be done with Chair Set-up and the Christmas Trees. MANY MANY thanks should be offered to Larry Gottschalk. He masterfully managed both these items and put in countless hours of work on them. Combined with his end-of-the-year duties as

Financial Secretary, I think he deserves a vacation more than anyone!!

For all the 1st and 2nd Degree members, please try to make it to our 2nd Degree being held on January 14th and our 3rd Degree that is being held on January 18th. This is an excellent opportunity to attend both in one week and further yourselves in the order. Please contact Greg Hartley if you're interested in taking either of these degrees.

Finally, I wanted to thank the entire council on behalf of the McAuliffe family. When Shirley passed away, the council really came together and supported Joe and his kids. The meals, the prayers, and support were greatly appreciated. I was lucky to spend a lot of time with them, and they couldn't stop thanking the Knights for everything we did for them. They said it made getting through each day a bit easier. It was fantastic to see everyone come together for this and show their support. I know the McAuliffe's appreciated it and, as Grand Knight, it made me very proud to watch.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Cooke, Grand Knight

Wishing

**All the Brothers and Their
Families**

**A Blessed and Holy
New Year in 2003**

Program Director's Report

Holiday Baskets Wrap-up

Through your generosity, Father Diamond Council was able to furnish Thanksgiving Food Baskets, which included a turkey and a gift certificate to purchase perishables, to 44 needy families. Our Brother Knights donated \$475.00. The funds were utilized provide the St. Vincent DePaul Society with gift certificates. Our members made themselves available to assemble baskets on the Saturday before the holiday and to deliver them on Sunday.

The children of St. Leo's School had a drive to assist us in the Thanksgiving Basket program. They called it "Pennies for Pies" and received donations of more than \$300.00. They were notified that the funds were enough to pay for the turkeys that were given with the baskets.

Additionally, we worked with St Vincent DePaul Society providing food and gifts at Christmas to 54 families. Our council again provided grocery store gift certificates and turkeys. Thanks to all the Brothers who contributed food baskets, gifts, money and their time for moving food, basket assembly and delivery of the baskets during both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Special thanks for Greg Skorupski for coordinating the efforts on this years holiday baskets.

Rosary at Abortion Clinic

Father Diamond Council Prays the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic near the intersection of 123 and Eaton place on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8AM. Please join us if you can to pray for the end to abortion.

Father Diamond Bowling League Starts January 5th

Father Diamond Council sponsors a half-season (16 weeks) Mixed Bowling League at the Fairfax Circle Bowl America Lanes. The season starts on January 5, 2003. The league bowls at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evenings. Games are usually finished by 9:00 P.M. We take Super Bowl and Easter Sundays off. Last years league consisted of 12 teams. Each team is comprised of four persons (at least one team member must be of the opposite gender than the other members). Last years lane costs and prize money was \$12.50 per person (shoe rental extra). with a one time ABC sanction fee of \$16.00.

We can always use new bowlers from beginner to professional. If you, your spouse or friend(s) would like 16 fun and fellowship filled Sunday evenings, give a call to Dave Whitcomb (703 591-7739) or Keith and Lynne Morrison (703 691-8838).

Degree's

Congratulations to our new First Degree member, Eric Acevedo. He was inducted on 26 Nov 02. Eric was sponsored by Dave Todd Jr. The council is hosting at 2nd Degree on 14 January at 0800at Providence Hall prior to the meeting. The next 3rd

Degree is scheduled for 18 January at the St Leo's PAC. Candidates should arrive at 11 AM. This is an excellent opportunity for all our 1st and 2nd Degree members to achieve full knighthood in the order. All 1st and 2nd Degree members interested in taking these degrees should contact Greg Hartley at 703-352-2797. Additionally, Greg Hartley will need help in setting up and serving at the 3rd Degree. If you can help, please contact Greg at the above number.

March for Life

We will be participating in the annual March for Life again on Wednesday, January 22, 2003. As in years past, we will be collecting from the Marchers as they pass in front of the National Archives. Anyone who is interested in helping to collect should contact Dave Todd, Jr at djtoddjr@erols.com or (703) 385-2195. We will be meeting at the Hall at 10AM, departing by 10:30 (some will be driving down, others will be taking the Metro). Those who want to meet us down there should meet in front of the Archives (due to construction, we will probably be assembling across the street) at 1PM. We will return to the Hall at about 4PM to count the money... additional help will be needed at that time.

New Grandfather

While there are a number of our Brothers who are grandfathers, none us had four grandchildren born on the same day until this last month. Brother Manny Garcia's daughter-in-law had triplet girls and his daughter had a baby girl. The triplets were a month early. Congratulations to Manny and his family.

Sunday Family Breakfasts

On December 15th we returned for our first breakfast since April in St Leo's PAC. The Gold Team served 301 people and collected \$877 in donations. We netted \$191. Santa Claus was present. Many Thanks to Santa, David Todd Jr and Bill Ward for the candy canes and pictures. Father Kelly's visit with Santa drew some applause!!

Many thanks to Tim Tilson for recruiting new team members including John Cerny, Mike Webb, and Brian Sharkley. Also helping at this breakfast were Pete Smith, David Miller, John Curtin and his confirmation team, Mark Woznak, Marion Kuhlman, Tom Hogan, Bill Ward, Ben Stack, Clifford Thout, Larry Gottschalk, and John Judge. Next breakfast is Sunday, January 19th. The Blue Team has the honors. New members are encouraged to join the breakfast teams.

January Birthdays

David J. Todd, Jr. PGK	01/02
Robert K. Wasinger	01/02
Edward F Rodriguez Jr	01/05
Dr Phillip B. Korff	01/05
Francis J. Earley Jr	01/07
Lawrence D. Lebahn	01/08
Howard J. Steers	01/09
George P. Rosenkranz	01/09
William F Murray	01/10
Carmine C. Carullo	01/10
John L. Mulhern	01/10
Sean H. Wilson	01/11
Frank Zagrod	01/12
Conrad Donahue	01/15
Mariano R. Divinagracia	01/15
Russell M. Parker	01/15
Nicholas P. Cirillo	01/16
John F. Eldred	01/17
Michael J. DeMarco	01/17
John G Judge	01/18
George H. Billy PGK	01/18
Jeffrey A Wolfhope	01/18
Ramon F. Madan	01/19
Alec A. Des Roches	01/19
Ronald N De Santis PGK	01/22
Timothy J. Kutz	01/22
David J Todd PGK	01/23
Patrick J Laing	01/25
William M. Kitching	01/27
Ranjith A. Abeyesinghe	01/27
James M. Connelly	01/27
Bro James A Loiacona	01/28
Charles J. Seed Jr	01/30
Robert J. Hayduk	01/30
John P. Murphy	01/31

January Wedding Anniversaries

Date/Years Married

Kenneth and Avilda. DeHart Jr	01/03	33
Alvin and Jane Lion	01/04	39
Henry and Florence Urban Jr	01/13	52
Frank and Barbara Zagrod	01/15	50
Stephen and Barbara Schwartz	01/16	21
Paul and Peggy Cooke PGK	01/23	43

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR, DENNIS RILEY-Seven New Year Resolutions:

1. **Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent.** First things first: Life insurance can protect your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family will be protected – come what may. As your field agent I can provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Just give me a call!
2. **Don't spend more than you earn.** We all expect our government to balance the budget, but what about our own personal finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.
3. **Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures.** Unless you achieve self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If it's a mystery just where your money goes, try saving the receipts for a month of every purchase you make.
4. **Take advantage of all savings options available to you.** Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you. (P.S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs).
5. **Adopt a long-term perspective.** Beware of get-rich-quick schemes -few of them work for ordinary people. Instead, patience is the more productive approach . A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.
6. **Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible.** Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest charged on a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months...if not years.
7. **Be prepared for unexpected expenditures.** When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples: might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, and unanticipated home repairs.



Officers

Grand Knight	Tim Cooke	830-4081
Chaplain	Rev. John Kelly	273-5369
D Grand Knight	David Todd, Jr	385-2195
Chancellor	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Treasurer	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Lecturer	Sam Stafford	758-4650
Financial Sec.	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Recorder	Pat Leffas	934-9716
Advocate	Al Leightley	273-2089
Warden	Dave Miller	319-8832
Inside Guard	Pete Smith	503-1082
Outside Guard	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
Outside Guard	Dan Purtill	641-8945
3yr Trustee	Jack Cotner	323-5785
2yr Trustee	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
1yr Trustee	George Billy	323-6470

Program Directors

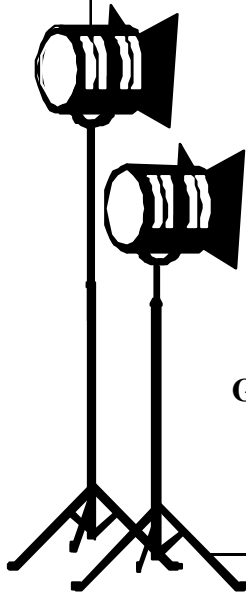
Programs	Dave Todd Jr	385-2195
Church	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Community	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Council	Pete Smith	503-1082
Family	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Youth	Mike Purtill	527-1529
Membership	Greg Hartley	352-2797

Committee Chairman

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	George Billy	323-6470
Retention	Marion Kuhlman	378-7860
Vocations	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Budget & Fin.	Hank Urban, Jr	591-9244
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100

Project Chairmen

Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Bowling Team	Dave Witcomb	591-7739
Right-to-Life	Edward Cuccias	934-4000
Christmas Trees	Larry Gottschalk	569-5755
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Deg. Team Capt.	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Fall Festival	Mark Woznak	280-4124
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	319-8832
Food Drive	Terry Hannam	591-4863
KCIC	Larry Lynch	255-1258
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KOVAR	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Newsletter	Al Leightley	273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137



Family of the Month

Nov '02

**GEORGE & THELMA
BILLY**



Knight of the Month

Nov '02

Greg Skorupski



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Dates to Remember in January

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| Jan 5 | Bowling Starts |
| Jan 7 | Officers' Meeting |
| Jan 11/12 | Food Drive |
| Jan 14 | Rosary/2 nd Degree/Business |
| Jan 18 | Rosary at Abortion Clinic |
| Jan 18 | 3 rd Degree |
| Jan 19 | Family Breakfast |
| Jan 21 | Grey Ghosts |
| Jan 22 | March for Life |
| Jan 23 | Admissions Committee |
| Jan 25/26 | Food Drive |
| Jan 26 | Corporate Mass |
| Jan 28 | Mass/1 st Degree/Social Meeting |
| Jan 31 | Fraternalism Night |

COME ENJOY

What: FRATERALISM NIGHT

When: 31 JANUARY 03

Where: AT PROVIDENCE HALL

Time: 7 PM TO ??

CARD GAMES, DARTS, ETC.

PIZZA, BEER, SODA

COST: \$5 PER PERSON