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# The Lookout



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## *Grand Knight's Message:*

My Brother Knights,

Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights and your families!

December was a very busy month for Fr. Diamond Council. We had our annual Christmas Tree Sales, which at the time of this writing, our sales have done very well. My thanks to all my Brother Knights who came out to sell trees. In addition, I extend a very big thank you to Tim Tilson and Tim Cooke for heading up this program this year and keeping us on top of logistics and regularly schedule sales updates. Last but certainly not least, a humongous thanks to Al Leightley for his research and selection of our tree supplier and his selection of the trees to be ordered. Great job, Al! Our success this year could not have been attained without your due diligence.

December also wound up the sales of KCIC Cards & Magnets, as well as Entertainment Books. According to Dave Todd, primary seller and coordinator, and Bob Bilko, the KCIC sales surpassed our goal and sales of the E'Books went very well also. Again, my thanks to all Tree Teams members who helped with the sales each weekend between the Parish Picnic and Christmas. Other annual Programs during December included the annual Christmas Feed the Homeless, headed by George and Thelma Billy, and

the Christmas Basket Program headed by George Schuld. Great job to all who helped with these programs. The newest addition to December events was the Ceche Spaghetti Dinner that took place on December 1. Over 120 people attended the event enjoying a nice evening of pasta, Christmas music, and fraternalism. Among those in attendance was our State Deputy, Lenny Palizzi, who was very complimentary of the program.

The beginning of January reminds of our important January activities, with the most important of all of them being the annual March for Life. The March will be held on Tuesday, January 22 in Washington, DC. Our Council will once again serve as Marshals as well as collect donations during the March. If you have not participated in the past, this would be a good year to try it out. I have not had the honor of participating, but this year I plan to be there to support our Council and the Pro-Life movement. Please contact Mike Plumstead (see article inside) if you are available and willing to help.

January is also the month when we hold a 1st 2nd and 3rd degree. Help will be needed for all of them but especially the 3rd Degree to be held on Saturday, 19 January. Please come out and help the cause – last year saw almost 100 candidates our January 3rd Degree. We can

use all the help we can get, but those helping must be 3rd Degree members. For those members who have not attended a 3rd Degree since they went through, please consider attending to see what you may have missed the first time. It's also a good way to support the new 3rd Degree candidates.

The Family of the Month for November is Chris, Cathy, and Colleen Duda. Chris, Cathy and Colleen coordinated the the Quarterly Corporate Communion Memorial Mass, and reception for all those who attended. They did a great job procuring and setting up the Hall for the reception. Great job, Chris! The Knight of the Month goes to George Schuld for his work heading up the Thanksgiving Baskets. George coordinated the assembling of baskets, working with St. Vincent de Paul, and coordinating the delivery of the baskets. Wonderful job, George!

The next six months of the fraternal year will continue to be busy months. But if we continue to work together, we can all accomplish our goal: To be the best Council in the state of VA.

Fraternally,  
Bill Weich  
Grand Knight

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:

I would like to wish all my brother Knights and their families a Happy New Year! January is a busy month for the council as we host a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on January 8<sup>th</sup>, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you know anyone interested in joining the Knights this is a great time to bring them in and get them through all of the degrees at Fr. Diamond. Please contact Mike Purtil at [mvpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mvpurtill@gmail.com) for more information. The annual Fraternalism Night is January 25<sup>th</sup> (see article in newsletter for more information).

February begins with the Scout Sunday Breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and



the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sweetheart dance is on the 16<sup>th</sup> with more

details to follow in next month's newsletter. The quarterly Corporate Communion mass is on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am mass. Please update your calendars so you can plan on attending these events.

I would like to thank all the brother Knights who have already volunteered to help out at past events and to those brother Knights that will help make the events of the next couple months a great success.

Steve Kehoe  
Deputy Grand Knight

## Knight of the Month November

**George Schuld**

## Family of the Month November

**Chris  
and  
Cathy Duda**

## Columbiettes' Corner

December was a very busy month for the Columbiettes. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Creche Lighting and Spaghetti Dinner. They were great successes!

A big thank you also goes out to Bob Bilko, Nelson Clinch, Priscilla Hogan, Steve Kehoe, Elaine Pepin, Ann Todd, and Beth Ward for putting the festive decorations out in the gym for the Council Christmas party. Little elves, Vicky Clinch, Jordan Kehoe, Ryan Kehoe, and Nathan Kehoe helped as well.

Another thank you goes out to Lynne Morrison and Julie Clinch for organizing the Cookie Ex-

change that took place in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting in December. Fun was had by all who attended.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will begin planning for the Lenten Soup Supper.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events.

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or:

[steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net)



## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday January 14, 2008 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at [bward@6292.kofcva.org](mailto:bward@6292.kofcva.org) or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details



### Entertainment Books

The 2007-2008 Entertainment Books are still available. They may be used immediately and expire November 1, 2008. The price, once again, is \$25.00. Anybody buying the book through a fundraiser, such as ours, also receives a coupon worth \$9.95. Sellers will also receive a coupon worth \$9.95 and may enter a drawing for a plasma TV and other items. Contact David Todd (703-352-2724) for more information.

### Rosary at the Abortion Facility

On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). This month the date is Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

### Calling All Bowlers and Bowlers Waiting to be 'Found'



The Knights of Columbus and their families have a bowling league (mixed) which is really a lot of fun. We start bowling the first Sunday after the New Year.

This coming up bowling season will start on Sunday January

6th, 2008. Wow - almost 2008 already. The League is only 14 weeks long and we take Super Bowl Sunday and Easter off as a break. Please do not feel like you have to be a real good bowler to come out for a really good time. The league average is 140

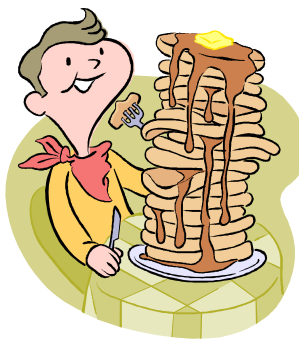
We start bowling at 6:30 on Sunday evenings. Please think about it and let me know if you are interested.

Thanks!! David Whitcomb 703-591-7739

### Scout Sunday Breakfast

The Knights will be serving breakfast to the Scouting programs of St. Leo's following the 9:00am mass on February 3, 2008. Please contact Carlos Jaramillo to volunteer at [cdjaramillo@hotmail.com](mailto:cdjaramillo@hotmail.com) as help is needed to set-up, cook, serve, and clean-up.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on February 5, 2008 from 5:00-7:00PM in Providence Hall. Come and enjoy a great meal and the fellowship of your brother Knights as well as members of our parish.

Please contact Kevin Darr at [khdarr@aol.com](mailto:khdarr@aol.com) to volunteer to help in

making this event a big success.

### Corporate Communion

The next quarterly corporate communion mass to honor the deceased brothers of Fr. Diamond Council is Sunday February 17, 2008 at the 11:00am mass. The first several pews of the middle section will be reserved for the Knights and their families. Remember to wear your name badge. Let's fill up these pews and show the parish community our brotherhood.



# Redskins Games at the Hall

The Hall will be open for all Redskin Games this season

## All 1:00 PM Games:

Peanuts, Hot Nacho Cheese, other munchies, coffee and tea are available at no charge.

Beverages at Warden Prices.

There will be hot dogs, fried onions, sauerkraut, condiments etc. at a nominal charge. Special events which may include Philly Steak Sandwiches, St. Mary Stuffed Ham, Turkey Blast will be announced. There will sometimes be chili and Hamburgers.

## All 4:00PM Games:

All of above plus a dinner, again at nominal prices. Hot dogs for kids.

## All Night Games:

Munchies only—No hot foods or Nacho Cheese.

There will be a nominal charge for food (Hot Dogs, Chili, Hamburgers etc) but no charge for peanuts and other munchies and no charge for hot nacho cheese and tacos.

Post Season and Superbowl (Redskins) will be covered. (Non-Redskin fans are welcome but all courtesies (silence) must be observed.

**Go SKINS**



## Did You Know . .

### RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH 2008

Fr. Diamond Council again this year will participate as Marshals at the annual Right to Life March in the District on Tuesday January 22, 2008. The Knights of Columbus Councils in the Washington Metro area provide Marshals for the March. They provide a variety of support services that range from crowd control to collecting money. Before 1994 our Council unloaded buses at the Ellipse or parked the buses at RFK Stadium. Since 1994 our Council has been collecting money in the line of March on Constitution Avenue. All money collected goes directly to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March.

Last year our Council had about 22 Brother Knights and other family members in the collection effort which also included Dennis Riley our Fraternal Benefits Advisor. As a result of this good turnout we collected a record \$25,890 our previous high was \$24,534 in 2004. Our first effort in 1994 netted \$1,855. Our records show that since we started collecting at the March we have collected a total of \$200,321 to help defray the expenses of the Marches.

We again this year have been asked to continue this very successful collection effort. Our success is determined by the number of Council members and members of their families that we can gather to carry out this most important role. The March starts at Noon and it normally takes about an hour for the Marchers to pass by our collection site where we stand in the line of March wearing white jackets and RTL Marshal Ball Caps and do our collection. The March starts on 7th St this year and we will collect in front of the Art Museum on Constitution.

We normally meet at the Hall and proceed as a group via Cue Bus and Metro to the collection site, some folks meet us at that location. We then gather at the Hall after the March and count the funds and prepare it for deposit.

Mike Plumstead and Greg Skorupski are our coordinators this year, if you can help please contact Mike ASAP at 703 250 2367 or Email at [m.plumstead@cox.net](mailto:m.plumstead@cox.net) because he has to submit your names to the DC Police to get solicitation permits for each individual. Again the more folks we can get to help the greater is our success, let's see if we can set a new record again this year.

## *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2007 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or contact me at 703-450-6100 or [DRileyKofC@comcast.net](mailto:DRileyKofC@comcast.net)

Fraternally,  
Dennis Riley  
Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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# January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mary, Mother of God New Years Day	2 193. Officers Meeting	3 1900 Admissions Committee	4	5 0900 Free Throw Contest
6 Bowling Season Starts	7	8 1930 Rosary 2000 1st Degree Social Meeting	9	10 2000 2nd Degree	11	12 Mid Year State Meet- ing - Newport News 0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility Food Drive
13 Food Drive	14 1845 Bingo @FFX Nursing Ctr	15 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Meeting	16 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	17	18	19 1200 3rd Degree
20 Family Breakfast - Blue Team	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meet- ing <a href="#">March for Life</a>	23	24	25 1900 Fraternalism Night	26 Food Drive
27 Food Drive	28	29	30	31		

# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Scout Sunday Break- fast	4	5 1700 Shrove Pan- cake Supper 1930 Officers' Meet- ing	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9 0800 Rosary @Abortion Facility Food Drive
10 Food Drive 0800 Blood Drive	11 1845 Bingo @FFX Nursing Ctr	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meet- ing	13	14 St. Valentines Day	15	16 0900 Distr Free Throw Conest 1800 St. Valentines Party
17 Family Breakfast - Gold Team 1100 Corporate Communion Mass	18 President's Day	19 1100 Gray GOSTS 1930 Columbiettes Soup Supper	20 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	21	22	23 Food Drive 1000 Adopt-a-Spot
24 Food Drive	25	26 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meet- ing	27	28	29	

## Officers and Program Chairmen

### Officers

Grand Knight	Bill Weich	(703) 307-9163
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D Grand Knight	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
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Treasurer	Herb Zimerman	
Lecturer	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
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Inside Guard	Dan Purtill	
Outside Guard	Patrick Deighan	539-8926
Outside Guard	Charles Kraiger	281-6563
3yr Trustee	Bill Ward	273-6289
2yr Trustee	Dave Miller	517-3430
1yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797

### Program Directors

Programs	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Church	Chris Duda	352-5434
Community	Kevin Darr	849-8490
Council	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Family	Michael Torrey	273-2588
Youth	Carlos Jaramillo	385-0064

### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Matt West at [mtwest1@verizon.net](mailto:mtwest1@verizon.net)



### Committee Chairmen

Charity	George Schuld	255-0362
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Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	273-9436
	Tim Cooke	
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Bob Bilko	359-6824
KOVAR	Bill Ward	273-6289
Newsletter	Matt West	359-4652
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

### Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at [cotnerjohn@aol.com](mailto:cotnerjohn@aol.com) or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.



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## Dates to Remember in January

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|-----------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| January 2       | Officers' Meeting                      | January 22      | Mass/Business Meeting |
| January 8       | Rosary/First Degree/<br>Social Meeting | January 25      | Fraternalism Night    |
| January 10      | Second Degree                          | January 26 & 27 | Food Drive            |
| January 12      | Rosary @ Abortion<br>Facility          |                 |                       |
| January 12 & 13 | Food Drive                             |                 |                       |
| January 14      | Bingo @ Fairfax<br>Nursing Center      |                 |                       |
| January 15      | Grey GOSTS                             |                 |                       |
| January 19      | Third Degree                           |                 |                       |
| January 20      | Family Breakfast                       |                 |                       |
| January 22      | March For Life                         |                 |                       |

