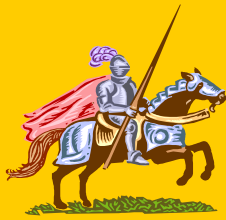


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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



I hope everyone had a happy and restful holiday and that you didn't eat too much. As we begin 2010 I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work that they have done for the council over the holiday season. I would especially like to thank all those who volunteered to set-up, sell, and take down our Christmas trees. We had a very successful year in tree sales. A big thank you goes to Tim Tilson and Jac Cerny for all their work in getting everything ready for the Christmas trees, managing the daily sales, and working hard to make sure the volunteers had everything they needed during the shifts. I would also like to thank Al Botticelli for helping to close down.

There are several events coming up that you should be aware of. The last week of the month will be our annual degree week. We will be having a first degree on the 26th, a second degree on the 28th, and we will be hosting a third degree on the 30th. Help will definitely be needed for the third degree on the 30th. Please contact Keith Morrison at mwcrkm@aol.com or 703-691-8838. Please come out and participate if you have not taken one of these degrees. Also, please try to attend our business meeting on the 12th.

As everyone is probably well aware, January also brings with it our annual March for Life. Each year we collect donations for the March during the procession up Constitution Avenue to the Capitol. Please plan to come out and help with

this event on the 22nd. The more people that come out and help collect, the more money we are able to raise for the March. It is estimated that each person that collects brings the March another \$1,000. So, please help. More information on this event is later in this newsletter.

The Knight of the Month for November is Vincent Fetta for all the help he provides to us at the Rosary and family breakfast each month. The Family of the Month for November is George and Thelma Billy for all their great work on the Feed the Homeless and the Philippine Benefit dinner for disaster relief that they hosted.

As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time at mvpurtill@gmail.com or 202-251-8424. Have a great month!

Mike Purtil, Grand Knight
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202-251-8424

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 or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



With the busy, stressful, yet charitable Christmas preparations behind us, we can enjoy what is left of the Christmas season at the

beginning of this month.

Charity events

As always, we Knights will help the St. Vincent de Paul Society with their twice-monthly food drives, which are at all masses the weekends of January 9-10 and 23-24. Help in transferring the collections to St. Vincent de Paul's storage area is needed. Please volunteer your time to carry donated items from the church to the St. Vincent DePaul Society's storage area after the mass you attend.

Church events

Every January, we Knights join numerous others in an effort to influence public opinion in cultivating a culture of Life by showing our dissatisfaction with the Supreme Court's 1973 decision to allow abortion on demand. This year, we commemorate this heinous decision on Friday, January 22. Support for the March for Life can be shown in numerous ways, from participating in the March itself, by donating funds to defray the cost of the March, by volunteering to collect donations at the corner of 6th and Constitution in DC, by praying, or all of the above.

If you wish to help collect funds for the March or obtain further details, please contact Mike Plumstead at mplumstead@verizon.net as soon as possible.

Thanks to those who prayed the rosary for an end to abortion on December 12. The next rosary is scheduled for January 9 at 8 AM near the corner of Chain Bridge Road (123) and Eaton to pray for an end to what Pope John Paul II called "legal extermination." Unfortunately, the Grand Knight and I will be at state meetings and cannot attend. Please join John Berg to carry the banner of prayer forward. For further information, contact John at jvaberg@aol.com.

Council events

In thanks to all who helped with the copious work selling Christmas trees, the council will host a fraternalism night on Friday, January 15 at 7 PM. This event is on the council, so please meet in the Hall for food, drinks, a movie, and camaraderie.

The monthly Grey Gost social event is January 19 beginning at 11 AM. That same night at 7 PM, the Columbiettes meet in Providence Hall. All Knights' wives are welcome to join in the social events and charitable works. Find out what is going on at the meeting!

Family activities

A family breakfast is scheduled for January 17 after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses. Please offer a donation in return for a hot, made-to-order breakfast and interaction with fellow parishioners and visitors. The Blue breakfast team is scheduled to put on this breakfast.

Community activities

The quarterly adopt-a-spot was postponed from Saturday, December 5 to Saturday, January 16 at 10 AM. Please come help keep a small segment of Fairfax City clean. Please contact Bob Bilko at rabilko@hotmail.com for further details or to volunteer.

The annual bowling season begins January 3, 2010. If you are interested in getting more details, continuing in the league, or in joining a team, please let Dave Whitcomb know as soon as possible by sending an e-mail to dwhit04@aol.com.

Happy New Year to all!

Nelson Clinch

Deputy Grand Knight

clinch5va@yahoo.com

703-385-2146

Columbiettes' Corner

Congratulations to our raffle winners. Dan Fleming won a beautiful homemade afghan that was donated by Alice Laing, and Jasmine Ngyuen won both the Sudoku quilt made by Linda Baringhaus and the wooden crèche set made by Lynne Morrison. Thank you, Alice, Linda, and Lynne for your gracious donations. They were very beautiful and I am sure the winners will enjoy them for years to come!

The Columbiettes had a fun cookie swap for our social meeting in December. We also used the time to wrap presents for 5 moms and 5 babies at Paul Stefan Home. We felt it important during this time of giving to give a little something to the moms who made the ultimate choice: LIFE. Thank you to Julie Clinch for contacting the Paul Stefan Home so we were able to purchase personal gifts for each mom and baby and to Herb Zimmerman and Linda Baringhaus for delivering the gifts to the home.

In January, we will start planning for the second half of the fraternal year. Some of our spring activities will include our annual Lenten Soup Supper and the Spring Fling. We are also hoping to reschedule the cooking demonstration by Thelma Billy that we had to cancel in November. We will send out an update as soon as we are able to get something scheduled.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2010.

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 3rd 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.



Council News & Events



Christmas Basket and Gift Delivery a Success

Our Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's Parish, collected food and/or cash and gifts from the Giving Tree to provide underprivileged families with a food baskets and gifts for Christmas. Brother Skorupski, Charity Chairman, coordinated with SVDP and Council members again this year, to deliver food baskets and the "Giving Tree" gifts to approximately 75 needy families. The council donated 45 turkeys and \$10 gift certificates for purchase of perishables to go with the food baskets which came from the SVDP food bank.. Brother Knights were ready to assemble at the Hall on Saturday, December 19 to deliver the baskets and the accompanying big bags of gifts from the "Giving Tree". The "Blizzard of 2009" changed all the plans. The SVDP, with the help of Greg and several other knights arranged to have all baskets and gifts distributed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas. Thank you to Greg and everyone who helped make this year's two food basket drives (Thanksgiving and Christmas) a huge success!!

Nursing Home Bingo— Still Need a new Chairman

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 11** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at bwatd@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details or wish to volunteer to be the new chairman.



Rosary at the Abortion Facility— IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors.

Lets keep up the effort!!

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). 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.

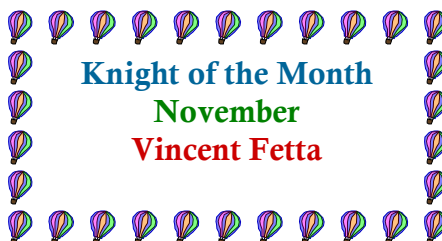
Christmas Tree Sales—Another Success !!

Another huge THANK YOU to Christmas Tree Co-Captains Tim Tilson and Jac Cerny who did another fine job in marshalling the "troops" and selling over 500 trees. We have 11 "Tree Teams" who manned 60 three-hour shifts on the lot this year. Sixteen of those were covered by the Grey Gost (Team #11) teams every weekday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. It was an unusually rainy and snowy year but we survived, thanks to the many bales of hay, drain boards, and snow blower that Tim and Jac provided for the lot. Even though we were hit with the "Blizzard of 2009" on our last big sales weekend, we only had about 30 trees unsold. The final revenue numbers are not in as this newsletter goes to press, but hopefully we will reach the \$9,000 goal.



This is truly a TEAM effort and it is fun to catch up with brother Knights who come out for this event every year.

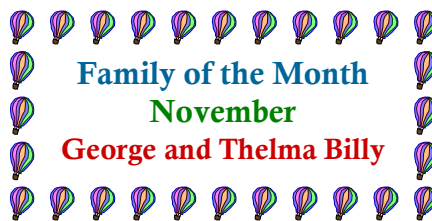
Knights and Knight Families Honored



Knight of the Month

November

Vincent Fetta



Family of the Month

November

George and Thelma Billy



Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Herb Zimmerman at herb2777@yahoo.com.



March for Life

Late in October 1973, grassroots prolife leaders became concerned that January 22, 1974, might come and go without properly memorializing the Supreme Court's infamous abortion decisions and without petitioning Congress for redress.

No established right-to-life organization was prepared to undertake the planning, financial and operational responsibilities for a high impact prolife March on the U.S. Capitol. But, grassroots pro-life Americans wanted to march! About thirty prolife veterans resolved themselves into a committee and began making plans for the first March for Life.



On January 22, 1974, the first March for Life was held on the West Steps of the Capitol. An estimated 20,000 committed prolife Americans rallied that day on behalf of our preborn brothers and sisters.

In 1974, the March for Life was incorporated as a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization.

Our numbers have gradually risen through the years despite reduced numbers from the snow in 2000 and the terrible 9/11 attacks just months before the March 2002. These growing numbers give testimony to the increasing ranks of prolife Americans and to the importance of the March's work.

LIFE PRINCIPLES

Knowing that no sound action can grow out of a vacuum of purpose, March for Life formulated the Life Principles as a forthright, comprehensive statement of the position motivating the prolife movement.

These Life Principles serve as the basis for prolife moral and legal theory by which the American people can overturn Roe v. Wade.

These Life Principles express the ideals motivating prolife Americans and indicate the purpose of the MARCH FOR LIFE:

- We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all human beings are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which is the right to life, and Therefore

Friday, January 22, 2010, NOON

The Mall and 7th Street

Rally – 37th Annual March for Life Theme:
“Stand Up Now — Unite for the Life Principles —
No Exception! No Compromise!”

- The right to life of each human being shall be preserved and protected by every human being in the society and by the society as a whole, and
 - The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from that human being's biological beginning when the Father's sperm fertilizes the Mother's ovum, and
 - The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from the biological beginning throughout the natural continuum of that human being's life by all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts, and
 - The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected at each stage of the life continuum to the same extent as at each and every other stage regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and
 - The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected to the same extent as the life of each and every other human being regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and
 - When there is any doubt that there exists a human being's life to preserve and protect, such doubt shall be resolved In favor of the existence of a human being, and
 - When two or more human beings are in a situation in which their lives are mutually endangered, all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts shall be used to preserve and protect the life of each and every human being so endangered:
 - WHEREFORE, Pursuant To These Principles, we recommend and urge the adoption of a Mandatory HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT to the Constitution of the United States of America.
- Every year Father Diamond Council volunteers to collect donations at the March for Life to help defray the operational costs of the committee. Please consider helping out at this years March. Contact **Mike Plumstead (703-250-2367)** or **Tom Hogan (703-280-2343)** if you want to help out..



Use Food Cards to Buy Your Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas Presents (Gift Cards)— A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse is sold by our council. Profits go toward the Scholarship funds and St. Leo's PTO. Call Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—ZLRN01@aol.com for information.

Available at **Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for 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, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win –Win**



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Retirement income you can't outlive

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and this can be true if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300 (\$100 if you have been a member for less than one year). Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

Don't forget contributing money an annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities offer



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a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. These benefits are similar to those of an IRA or similar product, but ours is backed by the strength and financial stability of the Knights of Columbus.

At your convenience, I will happily to meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.
Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field Agent

Fishing with Brother Knights



There is an ever growing group of fishermen in the Council, sometimes referred to as the "Virginia Gentlemen".

These fishing fanatics, led by Fish Fanatic #1, John Judge, have planned three to four fishing outings every year. Mostly these fishing expeditions are on the Chesapeake Bay. Their target is the giant, "big slot"

Striped Bass or Rock Fish as many

refer to them. The BIG fish are always caught in cold weather

(December and April) so this sport is for the hearty fisherman. Here are a couple of pictures from their last outing, December 3. On the left Greg Hartley, Jac Cerny, Tom Maichak & Dan Fleming guard the day's catch (10 fish between 41" and 46"). That's Jac Cerny with the 46" prize in the picture on the right. Anyone interested in fishing talk to John Judge and he'll put you on his list for the next trip.



REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL



The Father Diamond Council Tradition of all Redskin Games at the Hall will continue into 2010 because the council hall is still not under renovation.

ALL GAMES— Peanuts and other crunchables free. All beverages at Warden Posted Prices. Coffee and Tea free

ONE PM GAMES— Menu above with hot Nacho Cheese added on free list. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at cost. Warden Beverages as posted.

FOUR PM GAMES— Hot Meal with trimmings provided at reasonable price. Hot Dogs for kids, and, everything on above Menus.

NIGHT GAMES— Peanuts, Munchies and Beverages Only

Special Events will be announced via E-Mail and at Meetings. Families and guests welcome. Special rules for Giant and Cowboy fans. Special rules for Eagles fans will be verbal because of illiteracy problem. Special rules posted in Rest Rooms.

Opposing team fans—that is other than Redskins— must limit cheering to TV commercial breaks or outdoors.

January 2010						
Prev Month						Next Month
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Solemnity of Mary	2
3 1800 Bowling Season Starts	4	5 1930 Officer's Meeting	6	7	8	9 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive State Meeting@VA Beach
10 Food Drive	11 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	13	14	15 1900 Fraternalism Night 1930 District 16 Meeting	16
17 Family Break-fast-Blue Team	18	19 1100 Grey Gosts 1930 Columbiettes	20 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	21 1930 Admissions Committee	22 1000 March for Life	23 Food Drive
24 Food Drive	25	26 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree	27	28 2000 2nd Degree	29	30 1130 3rd Degree
31						

February 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1930 Officer's Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 1000 Scout Break-fast	8 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive
14 1100 Corporate Communion Mass Food Drive	15	16 1100 Grey Gosts 1800 Pancake Supper	17 Ash Wednesday 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20 1000 Adopt-a-Spot
21 Family Breakfast-Gold Team	22	23 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	24	25	26	27 Food Drive
28 Food Drive						

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2009-10

Officers

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Advocate	Paul "Greg" Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Inside Guard	Matt West	703-359-4652
Outside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	John Berg	703-219-2096

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2yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban	703 591 9244

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Council	Charles "Scott" Buchannon	703-978-0045
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	John Leonard	303-808-1245

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Charity	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Admissions	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838

Retention	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813
Vocations	Keith Morrison	703-691-8838
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
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Insurance	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146

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2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Steve Kehoe	703-591-6813
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Why Athletes can't have regular jobs:

1. **New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers** when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."
2. And, upon hearing **Joe Jacobi of the 'Skin's** say: "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl," Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."
3. **Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver**, on his coach, John Jenkins: "He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings."
4. Football commentator and former player **Joe Theismann**: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."
5. **Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach**: "You guys line up alphabetically by height.." And, "You guys pair up in groups of three, and then line up in a circle."
6. In the words of **NC State great Charles Shackelford**, "I can go to my left or right, I am amphibious."

Best-of-the-Worst Pun Challenge

Some people do not believe PUNS are real humor. However they can be both clever and funny. For this reason, I am willing to publish the "best of the worst" puns submitted to me by Brother Knights of Council #6292. Send your favorite pun to herb2777@yahoo.com. I received this Christmas appropriate pun from a Brother Knight from Fountain Valley, CA. SK William Stephan (my brother and renowned punster) -

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories.

After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse.

"But why," they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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****Meetings—every 2nd and 4th Tuesday—8:00 PM****
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