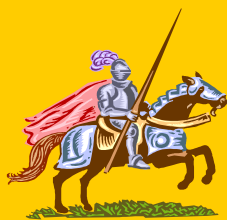


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# The Lookout



2011-12 Fraternal Year, Issue 7

January 2012

## *Grand Knight's Message:*



### **Brother Knights and family members,**

It has been an eventful first half of our Council year. The year started with our Grand Knight's Ball as the inaugural event in the expanded and renovated Providence Hall and we haven't stopped long enough to catch our breath. The plethora of events are familiar to you so I won't list them. Our members were all saddened by the death of our mentor Captain Henry M. "Hank" Urban, USN(ret.). We could always depend on Hank to keep us on the straight path and his ability to guide us without malice and with his ever present good guy attitude will never be forgotten.

December was the time for our Council Christmas Party and it was a very eventful night for all the members and their ladies. Of course our Christmas Tree Sales did keep everyone busy and with no snow to keep our customers away we sold all but a small number of trees. This is our biggest fund raiser for our Charity Program and PGK Tim Tilson and his co-chair Jac Cerny made sure everything that was needed was available. Financial Secretary Al Botticelli made sure the change bank was at the trailer at the start of each day's first shift. PGK Gerry Pepin lent his electrical skills to keep our lighting in working order. Sincere thanks to all Brother Knights who worked their shifts and made the program a financial success.

The Sunday before Christmas was our Annual Breakfast with Santa and we had overflow crowds. Sincere thanks to our Brother Knight Santa and his lovely wife for their appearance which made the all the little ones and quite a few older ones happy and put them into the

spirit of the Christmas Season.

Our Knight of the Month for December is PGK David Todd, Jr., for his work on the Council's Christmas Party at Providence Hall on Saturday, December 10th for a crowd of almost 70 Knights and their ladies. David purchased and prepared the two turkeys, two beef roasts and a variety of other food that were thoroughly enjoyed by those attending the event. He received a well deserved round of applause when I mentioned who had done so much of the work in making the event a success. He mentioned the help he had from many others and said it would not have been possible without their assistance.

Our December Family of the Month is Brother Knight Ben Schafer and his wife Dorothy for their work on both the Christmas and Thanksgiving Basket programs. Ben is also still involved in overseeing the transfer of Food Drive donations from the Church to the St. Vincent DePaul Pantry. Their dedication to helping their less fortunate neighbors has been a mainstay of the SVDP food basket program for so long that it amazes all of us. May God give them the health to continue this vital work for both the Council and SVDP.

I want to thank all of my Brother Knights and their families for their participation in all our events and hope that you can continue to help for the foreseeable future.

Best Wishes to all for a Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year 2012.

Fraternally,  
Greg Skorupski

Mass in Honor of  
**Hank Urban**  
Wednesday, January 25, 9:00 AM

### Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brothers,

Another New Year is upon us. While we all recover from the Holidays and start working on our resolutions, I'd like to encourage everyone to try to come to at least one meeting or event over the next several months. If you haven't had a chance to come by the

Hall for a while, this is a good time to get active again.

One of our largest efforts this month will be supporting the March for Life. We act as marshals during the March, collecting funds. All of the money we raise is given to help pay for the March. Come join us on the 23rd, either to collect funds or to help count the money.

January also brings our "Degree Week", when we host all three Degrees in one week. We will have a First Degree on the 24th; a Second Degree on the 26th; and, a Third Degree on the 28th. To support this effort, we will also hold an Admissions Committee meeting on the 19th, so bring along anyone you know who is interested in becoming a Knight or in advancing through the Degrees. Contact our Chancellor Matt West at (703) 359-4652 if you have any questions about upcoming Degrees.

One other major happening is the beginning of bowling season on the 8th. Come by the bowling alley at Fairfax Circle on Sunday evenings to find out more about the league and to just share some time with a great group of Knights and friends.

Of course, we also will be holding our regular monthly events, such as Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Center on the 9th; the Rosary at the abortion facility on the 14th; and our Council Business Meetings on the 10th and the 24th.

As you can see, this is yet another busy month for the Council. This is the perfect time to become more involved or to recruit some new Brothers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

### March For Life

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life gets underway this year on Monday, January 23, 2012 because this year's anniversary, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, falls on a Sunday. The Virginia Knights offer support services as marshals that help with everything from crowd control to collecting money. Father Diamond Council has collected money for the March since 1994. All the collected money goes to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March. We've been asked to help again in this effort and are looking for volunteers to collect money at the March and to count the money once it's returned to Providence Hall after the March.

We need your help because the more collectors we have the more money we collect. When we have over 20 collectors we are successful. Knight collectors line the March route and ask for donations. Marchers leave the rally area and march down Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court on Capitol Hill. Our Knights cover the first leg of the March with donation buckets. We'll rent a bus again this year and leave Providence Hall as a group around 10:30 am on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We ask volunteers to get to the Hall before 10:30 to pick up Marshal jackets and baseball caps. We have to arrive at the site before noon as DC police close the area off when the rally starts.

We've had many family participants over the years so if you have wives or teenage kids or grandkids bring them along. The kids that attend Catholic schools usually get a day off to attend the March. If you can volunteer please let us know before January 5, 2012 as we have to get solicitation permits from the DC authorities. **Contact Mike Plumstead at 703-250-2367 or [mplumstead@verizon.net](mailto:mplumstead@verizon.net)**

### Columbiettes' Corner

During the Month of December, the Columbiettes sponsored a Women's Morning of Reflection on Saturday, December 3. Sister Claire Hunter of the Diocesan Family Life Office as our speaker provided those in attendance with many thoughtful observations about the contribution of women to the Church. Virginia Berg supervised the refreshments in the vestibule which gave the attendees an opportunity to talk informally with Sister Claire and each other.

The annual Christmas Cookie exchange date on December 14 was held at the home of Ann Todd. It was a pleasant evening and the exchange provided all with a variety of delicious cookies and their recipes. The cookies were no doubt enjoyed during the holidays.

Our January Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17 in Providence Hall. Potential topics for discussion are a proposal for a Women's Morning of Reflection during Lent, our annual Soup Supper and the distribution of funds to charities.

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. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list to be kept to update with meetings and our events, please contact **Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455** or Email [lindamb3510@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamb3510@yahoo.com).

## Council News & Events

### Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, January 9** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824** to volunteer.



### Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, January 14**, at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.



### The Trees are GONE—Great Sales this Year!!

Tim Tilson and Jac Cerny have done it again! The "Dynamic Duo of the Tree Lot" have led us to another successful year. We made approximately \$9,500 (maybe over \$10K once the accounting is done) profit this year. We ended up with less than 15 trees which is excellent. Thanks to all the Team Captains and their teams for all the hard work.

### Christmas Party (Dinner Dance) — Fun and food for all!

This year's Christmas Dinner & Dance was a huge success. Dave Todd, Jr along with chefs Skorupski and Hartley (I think I saw Cerny in there too) put together a gourmet meal consisting of Prime Rib roast, Cajun Turkey and spiral ham. Rounding off the menu were with so many sides it was mind boggling. Members brought sides, appetizers (Jack Cotner's shrimp and Thelma's Lumpia are perennial favorites), and desserts that were outstanding. The open bar was a big hit. Matt Hogan was the DJ for the event and everyone had a great time. Tom Hogan cashed in when Fr Biaz pulled his winning ticket out for the huge "Basket of Cheer". Thanks to all the brother Knights that helped set up, serve, and clean up. The evening was memorable.

### Christmas Food Baskets—Delivered!

Al Leightley wishes to thank each everyone for the outstanding support you gave to this year's Christmas Food basket delivery. We delivered to 72 families and had about 6 not at home.

This support included gathering boxes (George Schuld), transferring food (Tim Tilson, Joe Gesker, John Cesarini, Mike Mickney, Greg Hartley, Anthony Febbo) and delivering the holiday baskets (Tim Tilson, Chris Duda, Ed Janiszewski, Tom Gross, John Cesarini, Herb Zimmerman, John Eldred, Pat McGuire, Mike Mickney, Theo Bierschenk, Philp Krebs, Doug Hazelgrove, Joe Gesker, Ron Desantis and son, John White, and Vince Wilson). Our apologies if we missed your name.

Al would especially like to thank those Knights who had to make two separate drives. All the SVDP folks had high praise for the support you gave them. Al wishes you all and your families a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

### Breakfast with Santa—Another Great Event

Those of you who could come out for the December Family Breakfast were treated with a special visit from Santa (Dennis Makurat). It was a huge turnout and we had extra help from the Botticelli Family both in the kitchen and at the front able. Santa's helpers (the Clinch Family) were on hand to pass out candy canes and to provide great pictures with Santa for the kids and their family. This is always the most heart warming Family Breakfast of the year because we have more families than usual and it is fun to see and talk with lots of parish families and to see the kids have so much fun. Thanks to the Gold Team for cooking a great Breakfast and the Clinch's for helping Santa.

### Think About It....

- The nicest thing about the future is . . . that it always starts tomorrow.
- Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning .

## *Knights and Knight Families Honored*

**Knight of the Month**  
**December**

**David Todd, Jr.**

**Family of the Month**  
**December**

**Ben & Dorothy Schafer**



## **REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL**

Join us watching the tribe muddle thru another season. **All Welcome—Family, friends, prospective members or just Redskin Fans.**

**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 eracy problem. Special rules posted in newly renovated Rest Rooms.

**Valentine's Dance—Saturday, February 18**  
**Save the Date!!**

## **Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — 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](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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-Us, 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**







## Knights of Columbus Bowling League!

(You do NOT need to be a K of C member to join the bowling league)

**Mixed couples /men & women**

**15 Week League**

**We do NOT bowl on Easter Sunday or Super Bowl Sunday.**

**Starting** -Sunday, January 8, 2012

**Time** -6:00 pm (after 5pm Mass St. Leo's)

**Where**- Fairfax Circle Bowl America (9699 Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22031)

**Join with your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers...**

**For more info please email David Whitcomb at [DWHIT04@aol.com](mailto:DWHIT04@aol.com)**

**or call—703-591-7739**



### Ask Eligible Men to Join

Usually, I use this space to talk about our safe, secure life insurance, retirement and long-term care products. This time, I want to address the growth of the Order. All of us this is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in January, March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that

### *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are hooked.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent



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<b>8</b> <a href="#">1800 Bowling League Starts</a>	<b>9</b> 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	<b>10</b> 1930 Rosary2000 Business Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <a href="#">0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive</a>
<b>15</b> Family Breakfast - Blue Team Food Drive	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <a href="#">1100 Grey Gosts Luncheon</a> <a href="#">1930 Columbiettes Meeting</a>	<b>18</b> <a href="#">1930 Malloy Assembly</a>	<b>19</b> 1930 Admissions Committee	<b>20</b> 2000 Fraternalism Night	<b>21</b>
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## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

### Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
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Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
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Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499

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2yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
1yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813

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Programs	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
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Youth	Bill Weich	301-527-1207

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Insurance	TBD	

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1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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	Jac Cerny	703-255-9484
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Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
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Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer		
Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244



### Smart Answer.....

The police officer got out of his car as the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. 'I've been waiting for you all day,' the officer said. The kid replied, Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could.' When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

### Pondering Questions

**Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?**

**If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?**

**How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?**

### CLIMB THE WALLS

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us." The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked.

"I heard him tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit," the little boy answered

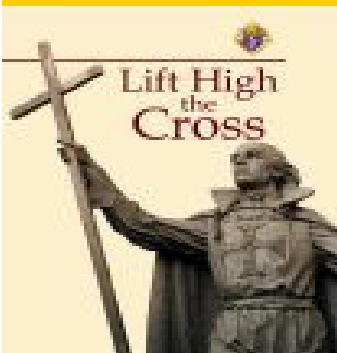
### Christmas Shopping Joy

I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

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