

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL 6292



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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

The year 2015 is gone and the year 2016 has just begun. Although 2015 is gone, it is not forgotten. 2015 was a very good year for us as a council. It has left many

memories some fond and some sad. We lost a few of our brothers in 2015 including our founding Grand Knight Ad Brault. All of our past brother Knights will be fondly remembered.

On a joyful note, we had 36 new brothers join our family in 2015. 32 of them are new Knights and 6 of them are Knights who have transferred into our council. I can feel the energy that has been running through the council this past year and there is a reason for that. Of the 36 new members joining our council last year, I can quickly identify at least 12-14 new members who are at most of the meetings, who are out there working many of the projects and are already contributing as project chairmen. This energy and excitement is infectious resulting in many of our long time members increasing their participation in meetings and KofC events.

As usual we ran over 40 charity, civic, and fraternal events last year and all of them successful. In addition we reactivated our Adopt-A-Spot program, we worked with the Boy Scouts to get our handicapped ramp restored, we helped a brother Knight's aunt in Mobile, Alabama raise funds for a new shower-wheel chair, we replaced the porch for a deceased brother Knight's family, and we fixed the roof on the shed.

I am excitedly looking forward to 2016. I am looking forward to meeting new men in our community who want to be a Knight of Columbus. I am looking forward to seeing our Blood Drive program reactivated in February. I am looking forward to all the great things we do in support of our Parish and our community especially the March for Life coming up January 22.

I encourage all of you to get "plugged in" to the energy of this council. Make it a New Year's Resolution to

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The Chancellor's Chronicle

Brothers,

First, "Congratulations!" to Brother Carlos Calix who achieved his First Degree at the special Spanish First Degree installation on Sunday, 6 December 2015 hosted by the Father Diamond Council here at St. Leo's.

Brother Knights, Father Diamond Council Needs You! Form 100s welcome!

January "Degrees of Interest"

Proximate Exemplifications

First Degree:

Tuesday, 19 January 8:00 PM, here at **Father Diamond Council**

Thursday, 21 January 7:00 PM at St. Veronica's in Chantilly

Tuesday, 26 January 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls

Second Degree:

Tuesday, 26 January 8:00 PM here at **Father Diamond Council**

Third Degree:

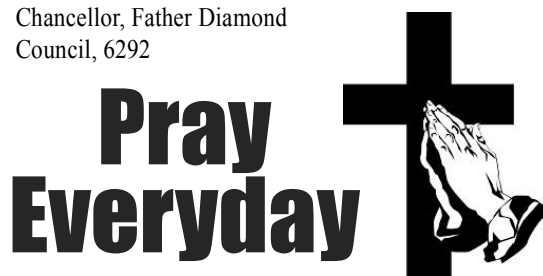
30 January, Saturday, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, here at **Father Diamond Council**

Again, thank you all for your continued support of Council 6292 Recruitment.

Your friend in Christ,

Joe Gesker

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council, 6292



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Grand Knight's Report

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get involved and stay involved in your Parish and community through the Knights. Make a New Year's Resolution to share the pride of being a member of the Knights of Columbus with at least one Catholic man in your life. Get excited about your future.

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman

Grand Knight

Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center

Second Monday of Each Month (the 11th this month)

Members of Fr. Diamond Council and other volunteers assist residents of Fairfax Nursing Center at 10701 Main Street (236) in playing BINGO! Volunteers arrive near the nurses' station on the main floor just down the hall from the entrance around 7:15 PM. The volunteers then help set up, call the BINGO numbers, assist residents who may need either company or assistance, and clean up, with the event ending around 8:45.

Volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com or by calling [703-385-2146](tel:703-385-2146).

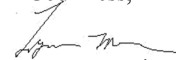
Ladies of Father Diamond Council

I hope everyone enjoyed a joy filled Christmas and New Year!

Our next meeting will take place on Mon 18 January 7pm. Some of the items we will discuss in our meeting agenda will be Mardi gras, Soup Supper, and Painting Party. I would also like to put in a plug for the K of C Sunday Eve Mixed Bowling League. It starts in Jan. This is a relaxed fun –non- sanctioned league made up of men and women (they do not have to be in the Council). It is also a short season that runs until Apr and is perfect for those who are not serious about bowling! If you are interested or have questions please call me 703 691-8838.

I look forward to seeing you at our Jan meeting!

God Bless,


Lynne Morrison, President

Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. (VKCCI) Address Labels Program

Thank you to all that have already sent in their donation for their address labels. As you know, VKCCI's main source of income is from your generous donations in response to this mailing. If you have not yet had a chance to make your donation, it is not too early to make your first charitable tax deductible donation for 2016. Please make your contribution by sending a check along with the coupon attached to the labels, or by using the online credit card method available at www.vkcci.org.



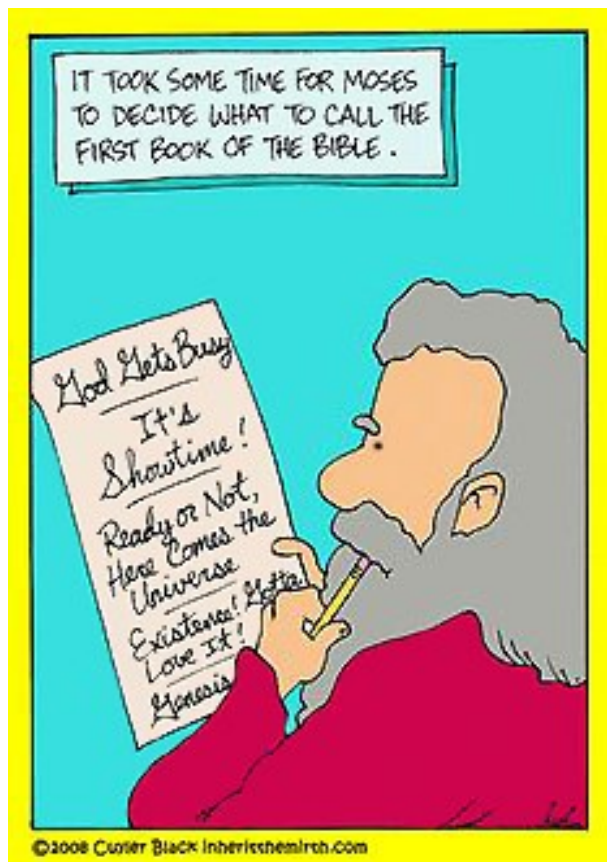
**LOOKING FOR BOWLERS!
ANY LEVEL ~ MEN/
WOMEN**

**This is a fun league so
no experience necessary!**

**STARTS JANUARY 3RD
2016 6PM
AT BOWL AMERICA FAIR-
FAX**

**So get your team together or
just
show up and be placed on a
team!**

QUESTIONS???
CALL: KEITH MORRISON



January Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of January a very Happy Birthday

January Birthdays are:

Dylan Cate	1/1	Mariano Divinagracia	1/15
David Todd, Jr.	1/2	Russell Parker	1/15
Patrick Purtill	1/4	Nicholas Cirillo	1/16
Phillip Korff	1/5	Michael De Marco	1/17
Christopher Robertello	1/5	John Eldred	1/17
Edward Rodriguez	1/5	Thomas Zink	1/17
Marvin Muhat	1/6	John Judge	1/18
Matthew Capristo	1/8	Nicholas Pardoe	1/18
Lawrence Lebahn	1/8	Ramon Madan	1/19
George Rosenkranz	1/9	Freddy Martinez	1/20
Howard Steers	1/9	David Todd, Sr.	1/23
Carmine Carullo	1/10	Sipatela Sikaulu	1/24
Prospero Hernandez	1/10	James Essig	1/25
William Murray	1/10	Patrick Laing	1/25
Patrick Kelliher	1/11	James Connelly	1/27
Sean Wilson	1/11	Loren Smith	1/28

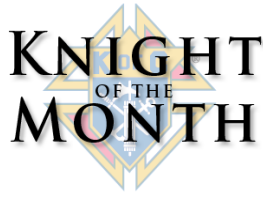
Santa Was Everywhere!

In support of our Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, the KofC Santa has been spreading his cheer all over the St. Leo the Great Parish this past month. He was seen talking to the Cub Scouts and giving out presents and candy canes at the Cub Scouts meeting on December 16 and the Girl Scouts Christmas party on Saturday, December 19.

Santa was also at the parish **Breakfast with Santa** event in the school Gym on Sunday, December 20. Santa's helper took lots of pictures. Kimmy Eldred, Brother John Eldred's wife, took beautiful pictures of all the kids visiting Santa after the 7:30 and 9:00 masses on December 20. All photos have been posted to our website's Photo Gallery. The kid's parents were given an instruction sheet on how they can download the pictures from the site. Here are some other pictures of Santa's visits and the Breakfast with Santa event.



December 2015 Knight of the Month



December's Knight of the Month has celebrated his silver anniversary with the Knights of Columbus. He has been a member of our council since 1990. He is currently the Team Captain of Tree Team 9 (the current holder of the record number of trees sold on a single shift) and has been

extremely active with the Tree Sales program. This Knight was there to help set up and build the tree lot stands, he was there helping to unload the trees and he and his team sold the last tree and disassembled the tree lot on the last shift of the season. Our Knight of the month has helped at the family breakfasts and is our back-up grill cook taking over whenever Jamie cannot be there. We are proud to recognize **Roger Rosenberger** as our Knight of the Month for December.

December 2015 Family of the Month

December's Family of the Month consists of a mother, father and son who have been very active in our Parish as well as with KofC events throughout the month. The patriarch of the family has been a member of the Knights for over 20 years and has been a member of our council for 11 years. He has recently become very active in the council. His wife is active in the parish and is one of the ushers at Sunday mass. Their son joined the Knights and took his 1st degree on May 12, 2014 almost 20 years to the day his dad took his 1st degree (May 15, 1995). Since that date both son and dad have been heavily involved in many KofC activities including the Parish

Picnic, family breakfast, delivering food baskets, and yes, the Christmas Tree Lot. Son and dad even worked a shift, together, for another team. Participation in KofC events and Parish events as a family is why we are proud to recognize **Howard, Linda and James Pierce** as our family of the month for December.



Comedy Knight Coming!

We are starting the preparations for our Comedy Knight in May. We are looking for assistance with the following Committees.

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ■ Silent Auction/Door Prizes/Sponsors/Ads | ■ Co-Chairman | ■ Comptroller |
| - Solicitation (Silent Auction and Door Prizes) | ■ Ticket Sales and Collections | ■ Set-up/Take Down |
| - Solicitation (Sponsors and Ads) | ■ Publicity/Promotion/Program | ■ Refreshments |
| - Silent Auction Table Set-up & Collections | | |
| - Door Prize Set-up and Give-Aways | | |

If you are able to help please give Greg Hartley a call 571-238-6273 or e-mail pghartley@hotmail.com. This one-night event has the potential to be our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Christmas Food Basket and Gift Delivery



Charity Chairman, **Mark Walther**, on Friday, December 18th rallied brother Knights **Ben Schaefer, Greg Hartley, Tom Gross, Joe Gesker and Joe Paratore**, to transfer food from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society pantry to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room in the Olde Parish Center where SVDP volunteers assembled Christmas food

baskets to be delivered to families in need in our local community.

The following morning, on Saturday, December 20th, certain Council members volunteered their time and vehicles in order to deliver the SVDP Christmas food and gifts to 55 needy area families.

Various challenges were overcome along the way (locating the correct recipient, lugging the deliverables up several flights of stairs or across other routes by foot, etc.) through the resourcefulness of these Knights. A big Thank You goes out to the following for mak-

ing this endeavor a success (it should be noted that some had family members who helped; apologies if anyone was missed): **Charles Kraiger, Alfonso Munevar, Paul Pushperaj, Vince Wilson, Pat McGuire, Tom Gross, Joe Burg, Joe Gesker, John Eldred, Herb Zimmerman, Tim & Priscilla Hogan, Sipa Sikaulu, John Cesarini, Dennis Riley, Joe Paratore, Dan O'Malley, Joseph Kanyan, and Tim Tilson.**

For Christmas we delivered an average of 4 boxes of food to each of 67 families in the area. In addition to the approximately 270 boxes of food, we delivered 67 black "Santa Bags" containing 750 to 800 gifts that were generously donated by parishioners via the Giving Tree in the vestibule of the church. It was a truly wonderful feeling to see the smiles on the faces of the families receiving these gifts and the appreciation that was expressed by these families. As Knights we know that the more we can give of ourselves the more we receive in joy and love. Thank you to everyone who was able to help this year. It was a fun morning.

Christmas Tree Lot Sales – Records Broken

Under the leadership of tree Chairman, **Tim Tilson**, 11 dedicated and motivated Tree Teams once again provided our community with fresh and beautiful Christmas trees this Christmas Season. We sold nearly 450 trees in just 22 days raising approximately \$10,400 for our charities. This year we were blessed with only a few days of rain and NO snow days!! Given how fast the table tops sold out this year, we may need to order more especially since they come with those very convenient stands. We started after Mass on Thanksgiving when a crew moved the materials to the tree lot. Especially helpful was **Tim Hogan** who drove the trailer when our regular driver cancelled at the last minute. The set up crew on Friday did a great job. Thanks to **Greg Hartley**, **Jose Trujillo** and **David Whitcomb** for heading up the forms, electrical and sign set up, respectively. Once the truck arrived on Saturday, we got the trees unloaded in less than an hour thanks to a lot of Knights and the BSA. The team captains and their teams did a great job selling and operating the lot.

Kudos to **Roger Rosenberger** and **Team 9** who sold 35 trees in a single 3-hour shift, from 12:00 to 3:00 on Sunday, December 6, which is a new record. This beats the old record of 33 held by **Tim Hogan** and **Team 10**. **Team 11** (**Al Lightley**, our Gray Ghosts and other retirees) again sold the most trees for a team, 68.

Special thanks goes to all Team leads for getting their guys out in large numbers. Also, thanks to **Team 3** (**Tim Holleran**) who took down the lights and power cords on their Sunday, Dec. 20 morning shift and **Team 9** (**Roger Rosenberger** and his “most excellent crew”) for disassembling the frames and cleaning up the lot on the last afternoon shift, Sunday, Dec. 20 which made the final transfer back so much easier. Also, thanks to the guys that helped with the final lot equipment and trailer storage (**David Whitcomb**, **Jose Trujillo**, **Steve Rodgers**, **Mike Pipan**, **Larry Novak**, and **Hal Guidry**.) Special thanks to Santa for visiting the lot and leaving his cheer and good will with the tree team that night. **JL Tree Service** mulched up our three excess trees and other waste for free. If you need tree service consider using them. Again thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s sale a success.



Christmas Eve & New Year’s Eve KOVAR Collections

KOVAR Chairman, **Pat McGuire**, PGK, was able to get permission to collect at four ABC stores in the area for both Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.

On Christmas Eve the stores closed at 6:00 PM. Pat had 3 shifts of 2 hours each arranged from Noon to 6:00 PM. He wants to thank **Sipa Sikaulu**, **James** and **Howard Pierce**, **Joe Gesker**, **Steve Rogers**, **Herb Zimmerman**, **Joe Monnin**, **Carlos Jarmillo**, **Jack Cotner**, **Linda Baringhaus**, **Tim & James Hogan** and **Carolyn McGuire** for their donation of time and energy to make the Christmas Eve collections a huge success. A preliminary estimate of the collections, based on actual count of all the bills and an estimate of the coins collected is approximately \$1,860.

On New Year’s Eve we had 4 shifts of 2 hours each at each store (from noon to 8:00PM). All but one shift was covered. Pat wants to thank **Tim Tilson**, **Ed Janieszewski** (who hold the record of the most collected in a single shift - \$257), **Linda Baringhaus**, **Herb Zimmerman**, **Phil Coletti & daughter**, **Jack Cotner**, **Howard Pierce**, **Joe Gesker**, **Mark Walther**, **Tim and James Hogan**, **Greg Hartley**, **Al Lightley**, **Herb Zimmerman**, **Tom Gross** and his granddaughters **Allie** and **Megan** for donating their time on New Year’s Eve. Through their efforts we collected approximately \$1,630. This amounts to almost \$3,500 collected the two days at the ABC Stores. We are well underway to reaching our KOVAR goal for 2016.

Christmas Party Thanks

A word of thanks to all who attended the Christmas Party on December 5. In all, we had 50 people attend. A special word of thanks to those who assisted:

SET-UP: **John Eldred**, **Gib Flodine**, and **Keith Morrison**

DECORATING: **Linda Baringhaus**, **Priscilla Hogan**, **Nathan Kehoe**, **Ryan Kehoe**, and **Ann Todd**

DOOR MAN: **Joe Gesker**

BARTENDER: **Charlie Kraiger** and **Vince Wilson**

MEAT SLICING: **Kevin McGuire**

CLEAN-UP: **Linda Baringhaus**, **Nate Rasmussen**, **Charles Stimley**, **Ken Tiffany**, **Vince Wilson**, and **Herb Zimmerman**

HALL-SITTING (while the Chairman went home to change): **Charlie Kraiger**.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31 3-9:00PM KOVAR @ ABC Stores	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2
3 Bowling Starts 1:00 PM Redskins @ Cowboys	4	5 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	6	7	8	9 8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion State Mtg - Newport News
10 11:00 - Corporate Communion	11 7:15 Bingo - FFx Nursing Home	12 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00PM Meeting @ hall	13	14 7:00 PM Council Audit	15	16
17 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses @ Hall	18 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	19 11:00AM- Gray Gost Luncheon 8:00PM - 1st Degree @ Hall	20 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	21	22 MARCH FOR LIFE	23
24	25	26 7:00 Rosary 8:00 Meeting & 2nd Degree	27	28	29 7:00 Fraternalism Night	30 3rd Degree @ PAC
31	1	2 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	3	4	5	6

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	3	4	5	6
7 Scout Breakfast @ Gym	8 7:15 Bingo - FFx Nursing Home	9 7:30 PM Rosary 8:00PM Meeting @ hall	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12 Soup Supper @ Guadalupe Rm	13 8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion
14	15 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	16 11:00AM- Gray Gost Luncheon	17 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	18	19 Soup Supper @ Guadalupe Rm	20
21 Family Bkfst after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses @ Hall Blood Drive - 9:30- 1:30	22	23 7:00 Rosary 8:00 Meeting & 1st Degree	24	25	26 Soup Supper @ Guadalupe Rm KofC Sponsored	27
28	29	1 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	2	3	4 Soup Supper @ Guadalupe Rm	5

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2015-16

Officers

Grand Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
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Chancellor	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Advocate	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
Warden	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
2yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
1yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948

Program Directors

Programs	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Council	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Family	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	James Hogan	703-385-1292

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Admissions	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Retention	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Culture of Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785

Budget & Fin.	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Hall Manager	TBD	703-385-9455
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Ins. Promotion	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Matt West	703-359-4652
Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	TBD	TBD
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

Hall Manager Needed

We want to thank Mike Purtill for all his hard work as our hall manager. Unfortunately, due to pressures on his time from work and other areas, Mike will be resigning as Hall Manager effective July 1. We are in need of someone who has the time and inclination to manage our hall. Mike has documented all the duties. This is a great job for someone who is retired or has flexible hours. Please call Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455 if you are interested.

Thought for the Day:

“Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbors that all his pictures are crooked.”

— Fulton J. Sheen



Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 at 703-978-6137 or email ZLRN01@AOL.COM for information. Available at Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM or at meetings.

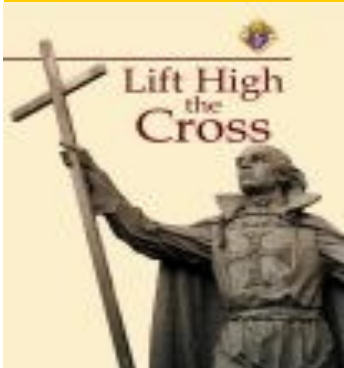
How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse and Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win - Win**

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