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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas season. December was a busy month for our Council. I want to thank everyone who helped sell Christmas trees. Once again **Tim Tilson** did a great job presiding over our

largest fundraiser of the year. **Dave Todd Jr.** and **Pat McGuire** (with a little help from their friends) threw a wonderful Christmas party attended by about thirty brother knights and their wives/dates etc.. **Nelson and Julie Clinch** continued with Redskins games at the hall.

Looking to this month there is a state meeting in Richmond on the 7th. All Knights are welcome to attend. The Knights bowling league starts on the 8th. This is a short 14 week season. Knights, their family members, and friends are welcome come roll a few on Sunday nights this winter. Our meetings this month will be on the 10th (business meeting) and 24th, which will be a 2nd degree. There will be a 1st degree on Thursday January 19th at 8pm. All Knights are encouraged to come support our candidates. We are off to a slow start this fraternal year with respect to membership. Why not bring someone to join our order. Finally we will have a 3rd degree on the 28th of January. This is a chance for all 1st and 2nd degree knights to attain full Knighthood. Talk to **Dan O'Malley**, our Chancellor, if you have a prospective Knight for the 1st degree or if interested in advancing in our order.

One of the most important yearly activities in which we participate is the March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday January 27. We collect much needed funds to help this worthy cause. This is strictly a numbers game. The more Knights we have collecting the

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Deputy Grand Knight's Reflections: "Christmas Knights"

They shine at Christmas, as luminescent, by their enthusiastic service, as the benevolent glow of the Christmas Star. They are the Father Diamond Council, 6292 Knights – the "Knights of Christmas." Their Christmas gifts to St. Leo's parish, school and the Fairfax community are many and varied made manifest by: the cheerful sale of Christmas trees and greeting cards, the preparation with St. Vincent DePaul Society and then distribution of food packages and gifts to less fortunate neighbors, the arrangement of a magnificent trip to Radio City Music Hall in the "Big Apple," provision of the happy circumstances (just as Charles Dickens would describe them) of the Father Diamond Council and Father Malloy Assembly Christmas parties, and the steadfast, loyal stewardship of the KOVAR collections on Christmas and New Year's Eves for intellectually challenged children. Each knight involved in those exercises, in his own way, exuding to us all the genuine sanctity and spirit of the birth of Jesus. In that regard, it is appropriate then, to borrow from Charles Dickens as he concluded *A Christmas Carol*: "... and it was said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless Us, Every One!"

Sincerely hope that you and your loved ones had a wonderful Christmas and that you will share in a blessed and prosperous new year.

Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker

Deputy Grand Knight

Father Diamond Council, 6292

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Pray Everyday

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more money we collect and conversely the fewer Knight's the less money we collect. All Knight's, families, and friends are welcome to put on a white jacket and help us collect.

Mike Plumstead is the lead on this, he can be reached at 703-250-2367, for more information or to sign up give him a call.

Faithfully in Christ,
Keith Morrison
Grand Knight

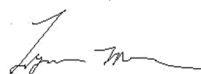
Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Happy New Year!

Christmas Family update: Thanks to **Julie Clinch** for sending out/tracking the Sign Up Genius and all those who bought gifts, provided supplies for wrapping, and who brought snacks to share for our wrapping party. You truly made this family's Christmas Merry & Bright!

Join us for our next business meeting on Tuesday January 17th 7pm. We will focus on planning some of our activities for 2017! Hope to see you there!

God Bless,



Lynne Morrison
President

Don't Forget to Visit Our Council Website
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**LOOKING FOR BOWLERS!
ANY LEVEL ~ MEN/WOMEN**

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

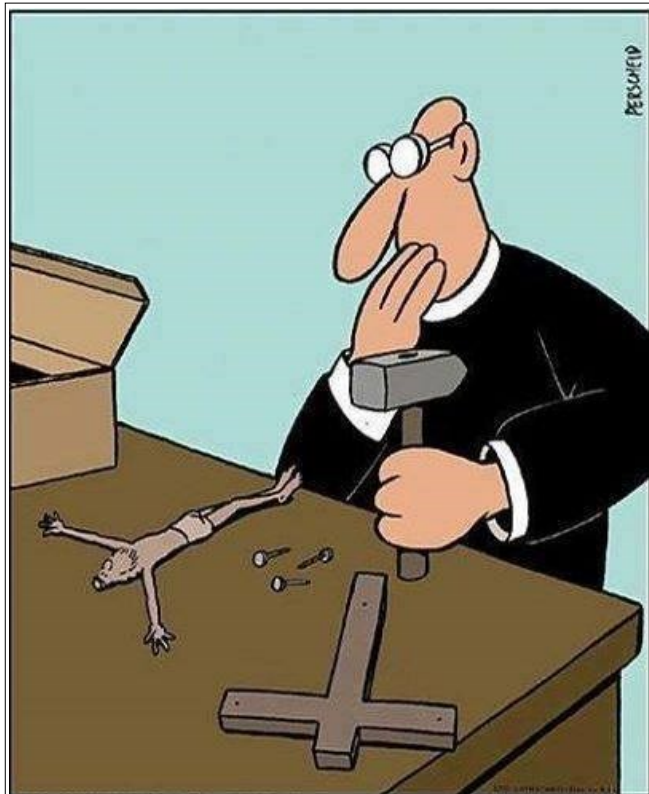
**STARTS JANUARY 8TH 2017
6PM AT
BOWL AMERICA FAIRFAX**

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

QUESTIONS???

CALL: KEITH MORRISON

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mwcrkm@aol.com**



Suddenly, Father Schober was not sure whether he really should have bought the new crucifix at Ikea.

January Birthday Wishes

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

Dylan Cate	1	Russell Parker	15
Pranas Cizunas	1	Paul Pushparaj	15
Scot Lunsford	1	Nicholas Cirillo	16
David Ferry	2	Michael De Marco	17
David Todd	2	John Eldred	17
Patrick Purtill	4	Thomas Zink	17
Phillip Korff	5	George Billy	18
Christopher Robertello	5	Nicholas Pardoe	18
Edward Rodriguez	5	Ramon Madan	19
Marvin Muhat	6	Freddy Martinez	20
Francis Earley	7	David Todd	23
Matthew Capristo	8	Sipatela Sikaulu	24
Lawrence Lebahn	8	James Essig	25
George Rosenkranz	9	James Connelly	27
Howard Steers	9	Loren Smith	28
Carmine Carullo	10	John Balserak	29
William Murray	10	Mark Cameron	29
Patrick Kelliher	11	Christopher Sebungia	29
Sean Wilson	11	Charles Seed	30
Mariano Divinagracia	15		

4th Degree Corner

CONGRATULATIONS to Sir Knight **Charles Stimley!** Chuck took the 4th Degree in Richmond on November 5, joining Fr. Malloy Assembly.

JANUARY'S MEETING is being moved to Wednesday the 25th. This is to accommodate Bishop Burbidge's Mass for Deanery VI at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna on the 18th. Any SK that can participate in the Honor Guard at the Mass should contact SK Dave Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@gmail.com as soon as possible.

NEXT EXEMPLIFICATION for the Virginia District will be Saturday, April 1, at All Saints School in Manassas! The format is very simple: the Exemplification will be followed by a luncheon... and that is it (no Mass or banquet, etc.). Candidates must wear a tuxedo, and there is a \$70 processing fee (for which you will receive the 4th Degree lapel pin, a social baldric, a certificate, and your lunch). Anyone interested should contact any Sir Knight, or you may contact:

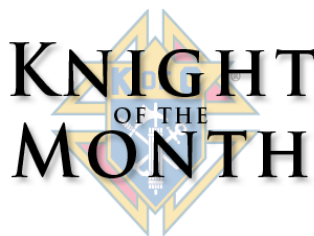
SK Dave Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@gmail.com,
SK Matt West at askmekofc@yahoo.com, or
SK Dennis Makurat at denmak38@yahoo.com.



Friday, January 27, 2015
12th St., National Mall, Washington, D.C.
12:00 noon Rally ♦ 1:00 p.m. March

The March for Life began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, abortion. We provide the "bucket brigade" to collect donations that support the March for Life Education Fund. Meet at the hall at 9:30am for coffee & donuts, bus will leave at 10:30am and will return after the march. **Call Mike Plumstead at 703-250-2367 to reserve your seat on the bus!!**

December 2016 Knight of the Month



We all may remember the saying, "For want of a nail, a war was lost!" Such was not the case for the Father Diamond Council, 6292, this December. Long time brother knight, **David Whitcomb**, through his dedication to our Christmas tree

enterprise saved the day. He, on his own initiative, built two very strong saw horses that, in essence, immensely improved the efficiency of our operation and, more importantly, our capability to better serve the public through our sale of trees. David, by his sustained service and generous gift of his personal time and interest, very much exemplifies the admonishment of Saint Francis DeSales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, for us to do the simple things extraordinarily well.

December 2016 Family of the Month

Devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Holy Rosary are essential attributes of the Knights of Columbus. **Vincent Fetta** and his mom, **Lillian T. Fetta**, steadfastly practice and best exemplify these virtues by their continuous and humble participation in the recitation of all the mysteries of the Rosary at St. Leo's Catholic Church at 8:00 A.M. the second Saturday of every month in our spiritual exercise to end abortion in the United States. In addition, Vincent and Lillian, selflessly contribute their personal time to

assisting at all of the Father Diamond Council Family Breakfast events after the 7:30 A.M. and 09:00 A.M. Masses that are scheduled throughout the year. By those simple acts of kindness, Vincent and Lillian reflect the essence of the gift of faith inspired by Mary and her infant, Jesus at this blessed time of year.



Christmas Tree Sales Update

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard selling trees in sometimes naughty and sometimes nice weather. We sold out much earlier than anticipated and earlier than last year. Not sure why. **The net profit for the Christmas Tree sales is \$9,968.**

A special thanks to: **Tim Tilson** for once again for his hard work and dedication as the the Christmas Tree Project Chairman; all the Team Captains for organizing and getting their guys out; **Roger Rosenberger** and **Team 9** again took top honors with 34 trees sold in one shift. **Team 11** sold the most trees but then they have the most shifts; **Julie** and **Nelson Clinch** for getting the coffee and donuts for the tree unloading; **Dennis McNaughton** for directing the assembly of the tree lot frames and then taking most of it down by himself; **Greg Hartley** for coming out in the ice storm and taking down the trailer power lines by himself; **Roger Rosenberger** for raking, blowing and bagging the lawn debris; **Bill & Matt Schouville**, **Dennis McNaughton**, **Jose Trujillo**, **Steve Rogers**, **Mike Pipan**, and **Mike Pipan Jr.** for helping to put away the tree lot; **Paul Cooke** for helping to pick up the cash box three times a week; **Terri Rinker** and **Nelson Clinch** for **selling 17 trees on one shift with just the two of them working.**

Once again this year, **J.L. Tree Service** mulched up our Christmas tree debris at no cost. Please consider using them when you need tree work done. See www.jltreeservice.com.

Someone left an electric floor cleaning machine, brand name Bissel. If you can tell me the color, you can claim it. Otherwise it is going to the Fair Oaks Hospital Thrift Shop.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve KOVAR Collections

Every year we dedicate a significant portion of our Charitable fund raising to KOVAR (Knights of Virginia Assisting the Intel lectually Disabled). KOVAR and March for Life (coming up January 27) are our two primary Charity fund Raising activities.

The big fund raising effort for KOVAR is scheduled for April 20-23 (the week after Easter Sunday). At that time we will collect in front of many stores in the community, giving out our Tootsie Rolls.

About 5 years ago we decided to have a special Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve collection in front of the local ABC stores (at their invitation). It has been very successful. This year we were able to collect at the Courthouse Plaza ABC, the Swart Circle ABC, and the Fair Lakes Shopping Center ABC stores. If you shop at any of these locations, please thank the management for their support of the KofC KOVAR Charity.

I want to thank **George Rosenkranz**, **Joe Gesker**, **Joe Berg**, **James Hogan**, **Doug**, **Virginia & Nick Fehrer**, **Tom Gross**, **Linda Baringhaus**, **Pat and Allie McGuire**, **Mike Purtill**, and **Jack Cotner**, for collecting on Christmas Eve. Together they raised \$1,372.00.

I want to thank **Joe Gesker**, **Steve Rogers**, **Tim Tilson**, **Tim & Priscilla Hogan**, **Pat McGuire & family**, **George Rosenkranz** (stepped in for Gib Flodine who was ill), **Danny Brosnan**, **Joe Monnin**, **Linda Baringhaus**, **Keith & Lynne Morrison**, **Vince Wilson** and **Dan O'Malley** for collecting on New Year's Eve. Together they raised \$1,240.00.

A good time was had by all who attended the counting and post collection parties at Herb Zimmerman's house.

Christmas Food & Gift Baskets

A big thank you goes out to **Mark Walther** as our Charity Committee Chairman for his tireless efforts in coordinating the *Christmas Food & Gift Baskets* for families in need this month. For two days, Mark worked side by side with **Dorothy Schaefer** of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and her crew in getting the food transferred from the SVdP Pantry to the Guadalupe Room within the Olde Parish Hall, then the following day getting all the food and gifts delivered to the families. We would like to recognize **Ben Schaefer**, **Joe Paratore** and his son, **Brian Paratore**, who were instrumental in transferring the food from the pantry to the Guadeloupe Room so that it could be organized for distribution. A special thanks goes out to those who braved the icy elements to deliver the baskets to needy area families. Our delivery drivers and assistants this year were: **Herb Zimmerman** and **John Eldred**, **Dan O'Malley** and daughters, **Polo Leyendecker**, **Tim and Priscilla Hogan**, **Vince Wilson**, **Tim Tilson**, **Joe Paratore** and son **T.J.**

Also, **Ben Schaefer** endured the cold at CubeSmart, along with **Maryanne Sheehan** and **Pat Buckheit** from Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Brother Knight **Bill Schouville** and his two sons, **Matthew** and **Gus**, loading all the Christmas presents into cars. In addition, the manager of the CubeSmart, Steve, was very helpful and cooperative, particularly in coping with the ice.



Get In the Picture

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	2	3 7:30 Officer's Meeting	4	5	6 State Meeting - Richmond	7 State Meeting - Richmond
8 State Meeting in Richmond 11:00 Corporate Communion * Bowling Begins *	9 7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	10 7:30 Rosary 8:00 General Mtg	11	12	13	14 8:00am Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Bkfst - After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	16	17 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	18 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	19 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree (no meeting)	20	21
22	23	24 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree & Mtg	25	26	27 March 4 Life 9:30am at the hall 10:30am bus leaves	28 10:30am 3rd Degree Gym
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 Scout Breakfast Gym	6	7 7:30 Officer's Meeting	8	9	10	11 8:00am Rosary to End Abortion
12	13 7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	14 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	15 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	16	17	18
19 Family Bkfst - After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	20	21 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg ** Fat Tuesday**	1 Ash Wednesday	2	3 Parish Soup Suppers (begin)	4

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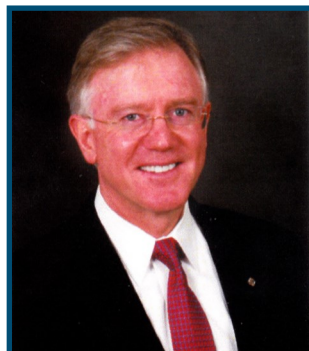
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Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	TBD	TBD
Food Drive	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fourth Deg.	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
KOVAR	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Newsletter	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Night of Magic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Parish Picnic	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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St. Patrick's Party		



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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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