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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has enjoyed valuable time with family and friends. On Christmas we are reminded the God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to show us the way to eternal life. Pope St. Gregory I stated; "Jesus Christ said of Himself: I am the Living Bread descended from Heaven. Therefore, Bethlehem, the place where our Lord was born, has been called the House of Bread; for He who fed our hearts to satiety appeared there in the substance of flesh."

December was a busy Month for the council. It is also the month that we see activity from well over 100 brothers helping at various times and capacities to make our Advent and Christmas seasons so special.

I would like to draw particular attention to a few brothers who took leadership roles during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Tim Tilson and Stephen Rogers for all the work they do in coordinating our annual Christmas Tree sales. This event not only provides our Church community with wonderful Christmas trees it also is our single largest fundraiser of the year. This year we project that we will make over \$9,000 dollars and with these funds it makes it possible for us to support our school and many important charities.

Dave Todd Jr. for the work he did with the council Christmas Party. This year we had a record attendance of nearly 80 people. Dave did an excellent job with cooking a wonderful dinner celebration as well as Dave has a great attention to details.

As I mentioned, December is a month that we see activity from over 100 brothers and if I wrote about every contribution a brother made my report could be 100 pages. With that said please see the Knight and Family of the Month where we pay tribute to several others who made our Christmas so wonderful.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan O'Malley
Grand Knight



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,
Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and your family! We have several activities this month where new members can meet and be involved with other members.

Sunday January 6th starts our yearly bowling season at Bowl America Fairfax at 6:00PM. Bowling is every Sunday except Super Bowl Sunday and Easter, ending in April. So get your team together or just show up and be placed on a team. Contact **Keith Morrison** (mwerkm@aol.com) if you have any questions.

Friday January 18th Father Diamond Council will continue its support for the annual March for Life in DC. We will have a bus leave St. Leo the Great Church that morning and travel into town. Anyone wishing to be a collector for March for Life donations or have any questions, contact **Mike Plumstead** (mplumstead@verizon.net). Let's try to break our record of two years ago – over \$45,000 collected!

Sunday January 20th, we have Family Breakfast in Providence Hall after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM masses. Help is always needed to setup, cook, serve and cleanup at the end of the meals, please contact **Pat McGuire** (ffxmacman@gmail.com) if you can help. You don't have to stay for the whole time. Any students making their Confirmation can volunteer at this activity to receive credit service hours. Table set-up usually begins around 6:00AM, clean-up commences around 10:30AM.

Saturday January 26th, we need help setting up chairs for the 3rd degree ceremony at 8:00AM in the school gym. We are also looking for (5) 3rd degree members to be inside guards during the ceremony, and a few knights to sign in candidates and guests. A spaghetti meal will be served in Providence Hall after the Degree. Help is needed to setup (2 people), serve (4 people), and cleanup at the end of the meal. If you are able to give assistance, please contact **Pat McGuire**.

Your friend in Christ,
Gib Flodine, Deputy Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Corner

Happy New Year, and continued Christmas Blessings to you all!

I am pleased to report that **Alan Cigich** participated in a video Admissions Degree Celebration on December 30 at Providence Hall, becoming a K of C member. We expect Alan to become an official member of our Council when he is voted on at our next business meeting on January 8.

Please remember that there are three degree celebrations scheduled for the month of January, representing a fine opportunity for any new membership candidates and for existing members seeking advancement (as well as for existing degree holders to refresh their understanding of our order's principles). The schedule is as follows:

Admissions (1st) Degree Celebration at Providence Hall
Thursday, January 10 @ 8:00 PM (candidate registration 7:30 PM)

Formation (2nd) Degree Celebration at Providence Hall
Tuesday, January 22 @ 8:00 PM (candidate registration 7:30 PM) Business meeting and dinner afterwards.

Knighthood (3rd) Degree Celebration at the Parish Activity Center (PAC) in St. Leo the Great Catholic School
Saturday, January 26 @ 10:15 AM (candidate registration begins at that time).

Candidates wishing to participate in the Formation and Knighthood Celebrations are advised to contact Grand Knight Dan O'Malley (omalley1017@gmail.com) and me (markwalther7@yahoo.com) to allow for appropriate planning. Attire for all celebrations is coat and tie.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Walther

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292



Looking for Bowlers!
Any Level ~ Men/Women

This is a fun league so no experience necessary!

Starts January 6th 2019 6pm
at Bowl America Fairfax

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

Questions??? Contact Keith Morrison
(703) 691-8838 or
mwcrkm@aol.com

Father Diamond Council Continues to Lend Its Full Support to the

MARCH FOR LIFE **January 18, 2019**

Members of the Council and their families have been privileged to collect donations from March for Life participants for over 30 years. This year will again have a bus transport council members and their families downtown for this event. If you wish to volunteer to collect donations or have questions, please contact Mike Plumstead mplumstead@verizon.net

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is looking for volunteers to help offer hope and healing to those in recovery by becoming a mentor. Volunteers will aid returning citizens in finding and following a path to a new life after prison. As a member of their mentor team you will:

- ◆ Have the potential to change someone's life
- ◆ Expand your views on the world and your comfort zone
- ◆ Help build a more stable and peaceful society
- ◆ Fulfill your calling to serve those in need in your immediate community

Your life may become the one that is totally changed!

Volunteer at www.ccda.net or email Sally O'Dwyer, SODwyer@ccda.net.

Christmas Tree Sales

The Christmas tree sales were again a great success. We sold out on Sunday December 16. **David Todd** will be providing us a final reckoning soon. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard in some pretty nasty conditions and to everyone who helped set up and disassemble and put away the tree lot materials.

— Tim Tilson

Annual Advent/Christmas Party

Our annual Advent/Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 8, with 75 guests. A good time was had by all as they dined on Prime Rib, Ham, Roasted Vegetables, Green Bean Casserole, Scalloped Potatoes, and Candied Yams.

Many thanks to all who helped out, including: Shopping: Mr. **Aaron Scurlock**; Preparing Food and Set-up: Grand Knight **Dan O'Malley**, Deputy Grand Knight **Gib Flodine** (both nights), PGK **Matt West**, PGK **Vince Wilson**, and Inside Guard **Charlie Kraiger**; Decorating: PGK **Nelson Clinch**, PGK **Keith Morrison**, Mrs. **Julie Clinch**, Mrs. **Priscilla Hogan**, Mrs. **Lynn Morrison**, Mrs. **Ann Todd**, Master **Kaelan Kehoe**; Cutting the Meats: DGK **Gib Flodine** and PGK **Pat McGuire**; Door Man: PGK **Joe Gesker**; Serving: PGK **Matt West**; Bartender: Inside Guard **Charlie Kraiger**; Cleaning Kitchen: PGK **Mark Wozniak** and Brother **Scott Gaboury**.

(If I missed your name, my sincerest apologies!)

Thanks to all who came out and had a wonderful time!!!

— David Todd, Jr., PGK

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	Nicholas Cirillo	16
Pranas Ciziunas	1	Michael De Marco	17
Scot Lunsford	1	John Eldred	17
David Ferry	2	Thomas Zink	17
Daniel Perugini	2	George Billy	18
David Todd	2	John Judge	18
Patrick Purtill	4	Ramon Madan	19
Christopher Robertello	5	Freddy Martinez	20
Edward Rodriguez	5	Shawn Dias	22
Marvin Muhat	6	David Todd	23
Francis Earley	7	Andrew Rittenbach	24
Matthew Capristo	8	Sipatela Sikaulu	24
Alexander Hawk	8	James Essig	25
Lawrence Lebahn	8	James Connelly	27
George Rosenkranz	9	Jeffrey Neigh	27
Howard Steers	9	Loren Smith	28
Carmine Carullo	10	John Balserak	29
William Murray	10	Mark Cameron	29
Patrick Kelliher	11	Christopher Seburnia	29
Sean Wilson	11	John Federline	30
Russell Parker	15	Adrian Benedict Bermudez	31
Paul Pushparaj	15		

A Volunteer Opportunity - Drive Senior Citizens

Shepherd Center Fairfax Burke SCFB is primarily a volunteer organization which supports seniors and helping them to live independent lives. Father Diamond Council has provided financial support to this organization over a number of years. Several of our council members are or have volunteered with SCFB as drivers to assist senior citizens who no longer drive. They include **Joe Gesker**, **John Eldred**, **Jose Turjillo** and **Al Leightley**. Volunteer drivers are scheduled by the *Shepherd's Center of Fairfax/Burke* to take older adults (no longer able to drive) to hospitals, or medical appointments. The service is free of charge to clients over 50 years of age residing in Burke or central Fairfax areas, although trips may go outside those boundaries to regional hospitals or doctor's offices. Drivers must have a VA drivers license, their own car (deduct mileage as a charitable contribution), and their own auto liability insurance - but are backed up by \$3M policy provided by Shepherd's Center of Fairfax/Burke. Drivers are also needed for "companion shopping" (to banks, hairdressers, and stores) for older folks who cannot get there on their own. This is a wonderful volunteer activity for individual retirees and spouses. Scheduling process is painless and fully considers driver's preferences for when, how often, and location. John Taylor, SCFB Transportation Program Director says: "The beauty of volunteering with SCFB is flexibility – "NO commitments and a driver can accept or reject a ride offered every time – 100% personal preference." So, if you want to help - on occasion - senior citizens who cannot drive, sign up - and you get to pick and choose when the Shepherd's Center schedules you.

IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED or WANT MORE INFO contact **Al Leightley** (Fr Diamond Council rep to SCFB) at leightley8@verizon.net. Al will provide names and contact info to the Shepherd's Center Transportation Program Director, who will contact each of you and inform you of the process of signing up as a volunteer.

December 2018 Knights of the Month



As was mentioned in the Grand Knights report, December is an extremely active month for the council. One of the most important activities that takes place is the Christmas Tree sales. This event takes literally 100's of hours from dozens of men. Both

Tim Tilson and **Stephen Rogers** do a wonderful job coordinating every aspect of the tree sales and as such they have put together a

great team of Tree Captains. These team captains all donate many hours each in November and December. In many cases it becomes like a second job. Without this time and dedication our most important fundraising event of the year would fall short. It is for this reason that we recognize the **Tree Captains** as the Knights of the Month for December 2018. We also thank them for all the wonderful work that they did in making this Christmas so special for our council, families and all the important charities we are able to support because of their hard work.

December 2018 Family of the Month

1994 was the Year of the Family as in Pope St. John Paul's Letter to the Families he wrote, "*Dear Brothers and Sisters: Let all of this be the task of Christian families and the object of the Church's missionary concern throughout this Year, so rich in singular divine graces. May the Holy Family, icon and model of every human family, help each individual to walk in the spirit of Nazareth. May it help each family unit to grow in understanding of its particular mission in society and the Church by hearing the Word of God, by prayer and by a fraternal sharing of life. May Mary, Mother of 'Fairest Love,' and Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, accompany us all with their constant protection.*"

It is through the inspiration of the Holy Family that we focus our efforts on helping every family in our community. The Parish Social Ministry through the leadership of **Tammy Simpson** brings

our St Leo's community together to work as a family in the support of families in need. In December our social ministry with the support of 100's of families collects presents and food

to be shared with families in our church and community that are most in need of our help. It is through the love of Jesus that our Parish Social ministry is able to coordinate Families to help Families. We therefore recognize the **Parish Social Ministry** as the Family of the Month.



New Year Resolutions

Dear Brothers all, Happy New Year! It's that well known time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them yet?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! I've been using the Laudate app. The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl.
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; it's easy to get lost on the internet, TV and radio. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Jones.
10. Review your financial health; whatever your current situation, it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep: Resolve to meet with me this year to update your Family Service Record and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. Vivat Jesus! Leo Durán

Get In the Picture

December 16th: Santa Family Breakfast



December 31st: Gray Gost Annual New Years Get-Together



Pray the Rosary

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 KOVAR Collections	1 New Year's Day	2 7:30 PM Officers meeting	3	4	5 Mid-Year State Meeting
6 Bowling Season starts	7	8 7:30 Rosary 8:00 Meeting	9	10 8:00 1st Degree	11	12 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
13	14 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	15 11:00AM Grey GOSTs Luncheon 7:00PM Ladies Meeting	16 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	17	18 March for Life	19
20 Family Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 AM masses	21	22 7:30 Rosary 8:00 - 2nd Degree	23 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg	24	25	26 10:15 AM Third Degree
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	6	7	8	9 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion
10	11 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr	12 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	13	14	15 6:30PM Wine Fund-raising for KOVAR@Total Wine	16
17 Family Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 AM masses	18	19 11 AM Gray GOSTs Luncheon 7:00PM Ladies Meeting	20 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	21	22	23 12:00PM Basketball Challenge
24	25	26 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Meeting	27	28	1	2 Quarterly State Meeting

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Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	Matt West	703-359-4652
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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KOVAR	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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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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