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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year to you and your families!
December was a busy month for our council and you brothers came through. The hard work you put in handling Christmas Tree Sales was exceptional! December 14th was the day of a perfect storm. We had tree sales, family breakfast preparation, Feeding the Homeless and Food Baskets delivery all occurring at the same time. Volunteers were needed for all these and we got it done!
It was also nice to see so many participate in the Santa Breakfast the following day. Many new members participated in all of these activities. This was a joy to see!
We have several big activities coming up in the next month. Please continuing to step forward if you are asked to assist in planning and/or working an event.
Continue letting you shine!!

Vivat Jesus
Gib Flodine
Grand Knight

Parish Appreciation Christmas Party

Brother Knights,

For those of you who have responded to the *Parish Appreciation Christmas party*, thank you very much.

Please know and spread the word that your families (spouses, children, grandchildren, other relatives in your household, are all also invited) and please respond to Beatrice at bszele@stleofairfax.com as soon as possible..

Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas!



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

I hope you all had a most joyful Christmas and New Years. As we begin 2020, there are going to be opportunities for our newest members to deepen their understanding of, and strengthen their commitment to, the principles of our order through participation in the multiple January degree celebrations hosted by our council. Additionally, volunteering to help with this month's council activities affords us all the chance to make the acquaintance our brother knights and set the stage for future collaboration. So, let's all get involved! Here are highlights for January:

The K of C Bowling League begins play on Sunday, January 5 at 6:30 PM (after an initial meeting) at the Fairfax Circle Bowl America. Form a team or just come by yourself to be placed on a team – all skill levels are welcome! Bowling will take place every Sunday evening at 6:30, except for Super Bowl Sunday and Easter Sunday, and runs through April. Contact Keith Morrison on (703) 691-8838 or at mwcrkm@aol.com if you are interested or have questions.

Our Family Breakfast this month will take place on Sunday, January 19 following the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses in Providence Hall. As usual, assistance will be needed with setup (beginning around 6:00), cooking, serving the food, and cleanup afterwards (starting around 10:30). Student Confirmation candidates can help and earn service credit hours in the process. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Pat McGuire at ffxmacman@gmail.com. The annual March for Life will be held Friday, January 24 in Washington, DC, and our council will continue its support of this important event by helping to collect donations from march participants. A bus will arrive at St. Leo's Church on Friday morning to

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Chancellor's Report

I hope you all have had a peaceful and restful Christmas.

This month our Council will be hosting three degree ceremonies. On Thursday, January 9th, at 7:30 PM, we will be hosting an Admissions Degree. If you know any potential new members, please have them get in touch with me at 305-804-1407 or at kevinklepinis@gmail.com so that we can get them through the pre-admission process.

On Tuesday, January 14th, at 7:30 PM we will be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree. If you are a current First Degree member, we'd love to have you attend.

Finally on Saturday, January 25th, we will be hosting a Knighthood (3rd) Degree. This will be a large Council event so we will need as many hands on deck as possible. We need brothers available to assist with food prep and setting up the school gymnasium and Providence Hall. Again please get in touch if you have any questions or will be participating in the Degree.

Kevin Kleponis,
Chancellor

KOVAR Collections a Success

Dan O'Malley wants to thank everyone who helped with KOVAR collections Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. We raised \$1,750 towards our goal.

Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2019

Income for November was \$ 3,381.00; expenses were \$ 23,115.79.

Account balances as of November 30 were:

United Bank Checking: \$ 16,480.84

Capital One Investment Fund: \$ 37,401.37

Capital One Building Fund: \$ 43,072.69

Right to Life Memorial Fund: \$ 4,465.30

Grocery Gift Cards: \$ 8,850.00

Total Assets: \$ 110,270.20

On November 29, \$10,000 was transferred from the Capital One Investment Fund to the United Bank checking account.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Annual Scout Breakfast

The Annual Scout Breakfast will be held on February 2nd after the 9AM Mass in the St. Leos Gym. All Scouting groups including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and Trail Life from St. Leo's will be represented and Religious Awards distributed.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report (continued)

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transport volunteers to the event. Please contact Mike Plumstead (mplumstead@verizon.net) for more information or if you wish to volunteer.

A Knighthood (3rd) Degree celebration is planned for 11:00 AM Saturday, January 25, in the Parish Activity Center (St. Leo's School gym). This will entail some additional preparation and need for volunteers willing to assist in setting up the venue and admitting our guests. Setting up of chairs, etc., will begin that morning at 8:00. Five 3rd Degree members are needed to function as inside guards during the ceremony. Also, 2-3 volunteers are needed to man the check-in table. Afterwards, a spaghetti dinner will be provided in honor of the new 3rd Degree Knights in Providence Hall; volunteers will be needed to set up the hall (2 men), serve food (4), and clean up afterwards. Volunteers are asked to contact Pat McGuire.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark D. Walther

Deputy Grand Knight

January Birthday Wishes

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

Name	Day	Name	Day
Dylan Cate	1	Michael De Marco	17
Pranas Ciziunas	1	John Eldred	17
Scot Lunsford	1	Thomas Zink	17
David Ferry	2	George Billy	18
Daniel Perugini	2	John Judge	18
Dave Todd, Jr	2	Ramon Madan	19
Patrick Purtill	4	Freddy Martinez	20
Christopher Robertello	5	Shawn Dias	22
Ed Rodriguez	5	David Todd	23
Marvin Muhat	6	Andrew Rittenbach	24
Francis Earley	7	Sipa Sikaulu	24
Lawrence Lebahn	8	Jim Essig	25
George Rosenkranz	9	James Connelly	27
Howard Steers	9	Jeffrey Neigh	27
Carmine Carullo	10	Loren Smith	28
Bill Murray	10	John Paul Balserak	29
Patrick Kelliher	11	Mark Cameron	29
Sean Wilson	11	Christopher Sebungia	29
Russell Parker	15	John Federline	30
Nick Cirillo	16	Adrian Benedict	
		Bermudez	31



Happy 99th Birthday to Jim (Horse) Smith our oldest and revered member.

Get in The Picture



Father Whitestone dedicating and blessing the "Blessing Box" built by Girl Scout Alli McGuire, granddaughter of PGK Pat McGuire. The box is installed in Van Dyck Park.



The weather has been great for tree sales.



Our Council assisted St. Leo's Social Ministry in delivering boxes of food and bags of gifts to over 50 homes.



Our outstanding breakfast teams (led by Tim Tilson and Pat McGuire), story and crafts team (the West Family) assisted by Santa Claus, fed and entertained over 100 families at this year's Santa Breakfast held at the St Leo the Great School gym.

Scrumptious food prepared by Council #6292 members (Pat McGuire and Herb Zimmerman) of the 4th Degree for the annual Thanksgiving Open Meeting



Enjoying the Council Advent Party from left to right, top to bottom – Joe & Jane Gesker, Mary Lou Gross, Kathy & Bill Weich, Nelson and Julie Clinch, Steve and Wendy Kehoe, Ann Todd, Tom Gross, Herb Zimmerman, Linda Baringhaus, Mark Walther, David Todd, Jessica and Kevin Kleponis, Tom and Flo Hogan, Bill Weich and Chef Mike Purtill, Linda Leightley, Gib Flodine, Al Leightley, and Lynne and Keith Morrison. Many Thanks to everyone who helped with setup, cooking, serving and cleanup of this great event. Special KUDOS to Chef Mike Purtill and his sous chef Julie Clinch for the delicious food. Thanks to everyone who brought appetizers.

Make a New Year's Resolution to Get in the Picture for 2020

December 2019 Knights of the Month



This month it is impossible to declare a single person as Knight of the Month. December was an extremely busy month for the council. Many activities were not just done by knights of our council but their families also became

involved.

Tree sales was considered one of our major activity last month. All the Knights who worked a shift. You made the sales a success. Special thanks to all the team captains who got their guys out in the cold and wet to work. This was an especially wet year. Thanks to the following who helped assemble/disassemble the tree lot: "Shoe" Schouville, son Mathew and Pat Dunne for tree lot assembly/takedown, Dennis McNaughton (tree stands) David Whitcomb (the sign guy) Jose Trujillo (the electrical guy) Paul Balserak (the hay guy). Roger Rosenberger and his big blower. Herb Zimmerman and Pat McGuire for getting the food to the Social Ministry office. George Rosenkranz who not only worked on Team

5, but volunteered to help Team 11 on Thursdays. John Cesarini for building the special tee stand prototype. While everyone worked hard selling some folks had more active shifts. Tim Hogan and Team 10 sold 31 trees in a shift while Vince Wilson and Team 6 beat him by one selling 32. However the all-time winner is Brian Sharkey and Team 2, who sold 40 trees on a single shift on Sunday December 8 from 3-6. His crew included: Charlie Kraiger, Stan and Jack Greer, Matt Faust, and Phil Coletti (from Team 10) and his daughter Phylcia. That is probably the most trees ever sold in a 3 hour period. Overall, Team 11 again sold the most trees, 87, followed by Team 10 with 52, and Teams 2 & 6 with 48 each.

Another major activity in December was the Santa breakfast. This is always a challenge – breakfast is done in the gym not the usual location in Providence Hall. So many Knights and their family members were involved to make this event a major success. A special shout out to our fellow brother, John Donnelly from Florida, one of the Santa's at Fair Oaks Mall, for his assistance with this event.

Thank you all for what you do for our council, church and community!

December 2019 Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month for December, Al and Linda Leightley, has been has an asset to our parish, the Knights of Columbus, and our community. Al Leightley has supplied vast amount of historical information to many chairmen of our activities. Al was involved with the yearly activity of setting up the Crèche. He also assisted with setting up for our Advent/Christmas Party. He has taken a quasi-lead position for the Grey Ghosts while waiting for Larry Novak to recover. He is also a member of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. and in his spare time he serves as Vice President of the Inter-Service Council for the city of Fairfax.



His lovely wife Linda can be found participating as a Eucharistic Minister for St Leo. She is also a Sacristan for the church. During the week, Linda can be found working for City of Fairfax in the office of the Treasurer. The Leightley's are a truly remarkable couple dedicated to service to our community.

Field Agent's Corner



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Dear Brothers,

Happy New Year!

As we begin the new year, it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight, and how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with a new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Invite all men of the parish to attend a one day

Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection

The Next 40 Days "Get Behind Me Satan..." -
Matthew 16:23



Saturday, February 29
Knights of Columbus Hall
8:00AM – 3:30 PM
Free Admission

The retreat will begin with coffee donuts and registration at 7:45-8:00AM followed by Mass at 9:00AM. We will have inspirational speakers and lively discussions throughout the day (with a lunch) and culminating in evening prayer.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Mike Plumstead
(email - mplumstead@verizon.net)

2020 Night of Magic

*Enjoy an evening of outstanding illusions performed by
The Society of American magicians Assembly #252*

Saturday, February 15th

Doors open @ 6:00 PM

Stage Show @ 7:00 PM

St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gym
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA



Please RSVP to Patrick Leffas
703-436-2717 (text/call)



\$10 per adult
\$5 per child
(\$30 family max)

Admission includes pizza,
drinks, and close-up magic
before the stage show

Field Agent's Corner (continued from Page 4)

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape, and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking. But how about creating a financially healthy you!

The Knights of Columbus can help! Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis, you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Many members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself.

Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. I can give you some advice on that.

Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out.

Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk.

Annuities: With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed-rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there, I can help you analyse if you are meeting your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and 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 for 2020 and beyond. Call me today at 703-622-2068 and let's get started on seeing a financially healthier you!

Have a blessed New Year

Leo Duran

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 KOVAR Collections	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:30PM Officers Meeting	8	9 8:00PM Admission (1st) Degree	10	11 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion State Meeting Dale City, VA
12	13 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	14 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Formation (2nd) Degree Brief Meeting Afterwards	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	16	17	18
19 Family Breakfast after 7:30AM & 9:00AM masses	20	21 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	22 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg	23	24 March for Life	25 11AM Knighthood (3rd) Degree 3:00PM Youth B'ball Challenge
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
2 Scout Breakfast ?	3	4 7:30PM Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15 6:00PM Night of Magic in gym
16 Family Breakfast after 7:30AM & 9:00AM masses	17	18 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Admission (1st) Degree Short Business Meeting After	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28 6PM Soup Supper- Guadalupe Room Possible Bishop Dinner	29 8-3:30 Men's Retreat

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2019-20

Officers

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Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	John Johnson	802-236-2192
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Warden	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
2yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
1yr Trustee	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540

Program Directors

Programs	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

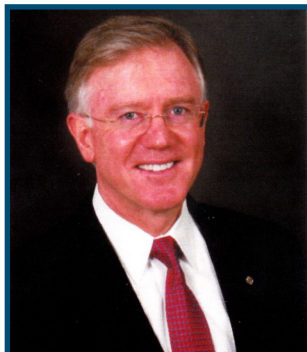
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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
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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 Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information. Available at Providence Hall before or after 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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