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Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights and Families,
I hope you all enjoyed or are continuing to enjoy a very blessed Christmas Season with family, and I wish you all a Happy New Year as well! In the month just passed, the council itself observed Advent in a number of ways.

Christmas trees were again offered to the public, and sales were brisk. Thanks to the leadership of Tim Tilson with the assistance of Steve Rodgers, our Christmas Tree Teams sold more trees than they did last year. It will soon be reported how much in net proceeds was generated for our charitable causes as a result.

Our council Advent Holiday Dinner was enjoyed by a small gathering this year, but there was no shortage of delicious food and drink for those in attendance, thanks to the efforts of Chairmen Nelson Clinch and Gib Flodine as well as those who assisted them including (Setup) Pat McGuire, Bill Weich, Phil Coletti, Gib Flodine, the Ladies of Fr. Diamond Council 6292 (especially Ruth West), George Billy, Nelson Clinch; (Cooking) Julie Clinch & Gib; (Appetizers/ Desserts) Thelma Billy, Michelle Bolger, and any others we weren't aware of before the event; and (Music) Joe Gesker.

Several of our members (accompanied in some cases by their family members) joined other Fourth Degree Knights of the Fr. Malloy Assembly in implementing the Wreaths Across America project at Arlington National Cemetery. Please see the separate article below that chronicles this demonstration of reverence for our fallen war heroes.

A half-dozen food and gift deliveries on behalf of the St. Leo Social Ministry were made by Charlie Kraiger and Scott Gaboury. We thank them both for stepping up to help in this way, as they did for Thanksgiving, bringing Christmas joy to needy local families.

Finally, after the previous year's pause, we were able to resume our December Family Breakfast in the school gym where, lo and behold, Santa Claus made a visit to the delight of all the children present! Overall attendance was once again subpar, and the results will figure into a recalibration of future such breakfasts.

For the month of January, as of this writing, we are still planning to send a contingent of collectors and marshals to the March for Life in Washington, DC by chartered bus on Jan. 21st. If anything changes or more details become available, such will be shared via council-wide email.

Finally, please don't forget to consider making a donation this month to Special Olympics Virginia 2022 Polar Plunge online at our council's webpage, <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/team/383432>, or by check made out to "Special Olympics" with the memo line "K of C 6292" sent to

Special Olympics Virginia
c/o Polar Plunge
3212 Skipwith Road, Suite 100
Richmond, VA 23294

By doing so, you'll be helping our council reach its goal, but more importantly you will be assisting special athletes with intellectual disabilities who depend on us.
Vivat Jesus!

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

Happy New Year to you and your families, Brothers!

I hope the Christmas season has been and continues to be one of joy for you all, and that the new year brings faith, hope, and joy to you all and that we Knights fulfill our duties to the Church, our Members, and our Community.

January offers at least two opportunities to show our commitment and support for LIFE. I've noticed a disappointing turnout for our Rosary praying for an end to abortion, so I encourage as many Knights as possible to join us at 8 AM on Saturday, January 8 by the statue of Our Lady near the altar of St. Leo the Great Church. Unfortunately, I will be at a state meeting that day, but I hope multiple members can take my place.

Of course, later in the month, the Council intends to help with the March for Life on Friday, January 21 as we collect funds to defray the costs of putting on the March. Please meet at Providence Hall at 9 AM so we can ride the bus the Council is providing before roads are closed. Our council's collections provide a significant proportion of the costs, and there is a correlation between the number of collectors and the total amount collected, so please consider helping with this endeavor.

If you cannot help with collecting, volunteers are needed to count the donations in Providence Hall afterward, beginning around 2 PM.

Another way the Council has supported local parishes is by offering opportunities for fellowship at the family breakfast. The pandemic has affected many activities worldwide, and this effort is no exception. Both attendance and donations have been minimal since family breakfasts resumed in September. Please ask your friends to come with you to enjoy the breakfast scheduled for January 16. Of course, help is ALWAYS appreciated in preparing and serving these breakfasts.. (continued at top right)

KOVAR collections have also been reduced due to the pandemic, but the Council plans to return to the pot pie fund-raising with sales on January 29, but preparations on 1/22. Please assist this important fund-raising effort by checking the instructions on the flyer in this newsletter, and by offering assistance to chairman Gib Flodine at gib1bkim@yahoo.com.

Many thanks to those who have offered their assistance with Council efforts to date, and please consider any additional opportunities with which you can assist.

Vivat Jesus!



GK Mark with Chili contest winner Amy Pierno



Chancellor's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor

Brother Knights, I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for 2022. Hopefully, this omicron variant will pass through quickly and things can return to normal again. My challenge to all of you is to think of a ready reply to anyone who might ask 'Why should I

become a Knight?'. And my second suggestion is to have a good answer to the question 'Why should I join the Fr. Francis Diamond Council?'. We all need to be better salesmen.

Finally, the next in-person Combined Degree will be held at St. Ambrose on January 26 at 7:30 pm. After this one, short ceremony, which is open to family and friends, candidates will be Third Degree Knights. This ceremony will be back at St. Leo's in February. If interested, please let me know.

Vivat Jesus

Treasurer's Report – 2021

INCOME for **\$9,134.23** (Picnic, Holiday Baskets, Scrip, Breakfast, etc.)

EXPENSES for **\$21,699.23** (Christmas Trees, Scrip, FOCUS, etc.)

United Checking	\$22,164.59
United Checking (2)	\$ 665.53
Invest Fund	\$46,320.65
RTL Fun	\$ 4,538.03
Building Fund	\$45,556.66
Member Asst Fund	\$ 4,500.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 1,000.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (1,038.00)
PKD Collections	\$ (150.57)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (75.95)

Net Assets \$123,480.94



Knight of The Month—December

Our Christmas tree sales teams did a great job as a whole to sell the entire stock early last month, and all deserve kudos for their efforts. We wish to also highlight two Knights in particular for setting the stage for that success.

Dennis McNaughton, a member for 21 years, has for years handled the assembly and disassembly of the wooden tree stands. This he has done sometimes all by himself without complaint (fortunately, he had some help this year, at least with the disassembly!). We owe him a debt a gratitude for this easily overlooked but essential part of the Christmas tree sales effort. He is a Knight of the Month for December.

Jose Trujillo, a 29-year member, has also provided perennial tree lot set-up assistance. He has seen to the procurement and configuration of the overhead lights, including the safe placement of all the necessary power cords. The use of CFL and LED lights served to brightly and efficiently light the lot and enable tree sales into the night. For this we thank Jose, a Knight of the Month for December.

January Birthday Wishes

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

Misc. Reports

Breakfast

On Sunday January 16th, we have Family Breakfast in Providence Hall after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM masses. We are looking for volunteers to setup around 6:00AM, serve and cleanup starting around 10:30AM. We are cutting back for now the items that we serve at breakfast. Until further notice, **we will not be serving omelets, waffles or sausage gravy and biscuits.** If you can help, please contact Pat McGuire (ffxmacman@gmail.com) or call 703-209-5288 if you are willing to help out. Any students making their Confirmation can volunteer at this activity to receive credit service hours.

Christmas Trees

Well we had another banner year. We ordered 405 trees this year, up from 370 last year. We sold out in record time. In his almost 39 years with the council, Christmas Tree Chairman Tim Tilson does not think we have ever sold out so early. The financial guys will be reporting on our profits. Our customers were very generous and often gave a large tip. Team 1 sold the most trees in a single shift selling 51 from 1200pm-300pm on Sunday 28 November. Thanks to Dennis McNaughton and "Shoe" for their help in setting up and taking down the tree lot, all the team captains and you the members who worked so hard to make this a success.

Bowling League

Knights bowling league will begin January 23rd, if you are interested please contact Dave Whitcomb at dwhit04@aol.com

FAMILY of the MONTH

Family of The Month— December

The family of brother Knight William Schouviller is considered to be an asset to the church, the council, and community in a host of ways. "Shoe," as he is affectionately called, has been a member of the council for five years and has become a highly valued team player in that time. He has been a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1113, and is currently St. Leo Church's Committee Chairman in connection with the troop. In that capacity, he has facilitated the council's shared use of the Troop's trailer for such programs as the Christmas tree sales. He towed the trailer, fully laden with supplies, to and from the Christmas tree sales lot with his own vehicle, and his son, Matthew, participated in the trailer's loading and unloading. Shoe plans further involvement by taking over as captain of Team 11 come the 2022 Christmas season. He is also a fixture at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass where he serves as lead usher. Shoe's wife, Lisa, is a valued member of the faculty at St. Leo the Great Catholic School where she teaches the subject of Spanish. For their clear devotion and multifaceted approach to service, we wish to thank the Schouvillers and name them our Family of the Month for December.



Santa even checks on the Grand Knight to see if he was good throughout the year.



After a long day of selling Christmas trees, fellow brother knights pose for a picture

KOVAR 2021-2022

KOVAR desperately needs our assistance. Donations have been down the last couple of years due to COVID. You can help immensely. There are several ways to contribute:
KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way of the Greater DC Area and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees

CFC - #42569

United Way Campaigns in the Greater
D.C. Area - #8838

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign -
State Employees - #200467



Anyone participating in contributing to KOVAR through these programs, please give a photocopy of your receipt with your signature and membership number to Gib Flodine, KOVAR Chairman.

Checks maybe submitted:

Written to Knights of Columbus. Place **KOVAR** in memo field

Send checks to:

Knights of Columbus
St. Leo the Great Church
3700 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22030

Written to KOVAR. Place **6292** in memo field.

Send checks to:

KOVAR
5588 Needleton Avenue
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link:

<https://kovarva.org/donate/>

Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field.

Think of joining **Amazon Smiles**. If you select KOVAR as your organization, 0.5% of all your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases, will be donated to KOVAR. Please give any receipts for contributions through Amazon Smiles to Gib Flodine.

Chicken Pot Pie Fund Raiser!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling homemade Chicken Pot Pies!

Take and bake and/or Frozen

Cost \$15.00 for a 9 in deep dish (feeds 4) or \$5.00 for a single serve pie.

When you place your order please indicate

How many pies you would like and what size (Family or Single)

How many you would like ready to bake, how many frozen

To order please email

kofckitchen6292@gmail.com

This is an RSVP and Pick Up ONLY event, please order by Tuesday January 25, 2022

Pies will be picked up on Saturday January 29, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM

at the Knights Hall 3702 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax VA, 22030

For more information about KOVAR please visit their website at <http://kovarva.org/>

Thank you for your support – Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman

All Saints Car Raffle

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2022 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call Dan O'Malley at 571 294-2636.

March For Life

The March for Life gets underway this year on Friday, January 21, 2022. The Virginia Knights offer support services as marshals who 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 with buckets 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 Friday, January 21st. We ask for a \$10 donation for the bus transportation. Students ride free. We ask for a 2\$ tip for the driver from each bus rider.

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 before the march starts.

We've had many family participants over the years so if you have wives teenage kids, or grandkids bring them along. The kids that attend Catholic schools usually get a day off to attend the March.

To volunteer, contact Mike Plumstead at 703-474-8867 or email him at mplumstead@verizon.net

Wreaths Across America Day

Truck Crew 44 members from left to right: Maddie Kiernan, Vincent Kiernan, Melanie Kiernan (grandchildren and daughter of Faithful Captain Joe Gesker), SK Nathan Roehrig, SK Larry Cook, Faithful Captain Joe Gesker (Truck Crew Chief), Paul Sagehorn and Kristie Sagehorn (truck driver and his wife), SK Phil Coletti, Faithful Admiral Randy Bordelon, Taylor Miller (daughter of SK Ken Miller), SK Ken Miller and Civil Air Patrol Cadet Holt. At Arlington Nation Cemetery on "Wreaths Across America Day," Saturday, 18 December 2021, 38,000 visitors (wreath layers) were hosted, and 257,000 wreaths from 65 truck crews were reverently placed at every grave site, Columbarium court column and niche wall; most by 12:00 P.M. – a tremendous success! Truck Crew 44 by their hospitality to visitors, responsible care of cemetery property and their assigned truck and marked enthusiastic performance of duties made a profound contribution to this most honorable patriotic tradition for which they were recognized and complimented by their zone chief.



← Brothers enjoying the holiday seasons together.



← Brothers Joe Gesker and Charlie Kraiger at the Chili cookoff.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31 KOVAR Col- lections	1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	5	6	7	8 Mid-year State Meeting Fredericksburg, VA 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 7:30PM Mid-Year Council Audit Bingo@Ffx Nurs- ing Ctr?	11 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Family Break- fast after 7:30 & 9AM Masses	17 Federal Holiday ML King, Jr.	18 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	20	21 March for Life	22 9AM KOVAR Pot Pie Preparation
23	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	26	27	28	29 3-7PM KOVAR Pot Pie Pickup
30	31					

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	9	10	11	12 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
13	14 Bingo@Ffx Nursing Ctr?	15 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	16 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	17	18	19 6PM Night of Magic
20 Family Breakfast after 7 & 9AM Masses	21 Federal Holiday - Presidents' Day	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	23 7:30PM Combined Degree?	24	25	26
27	28					

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2021-22

Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Warden	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Patrick J. Murray	703-447-9190
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

Program Directors

Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
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Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Committee Chairmen

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Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244

Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
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Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway 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 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.

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