



# THE LOOKOUT



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July/August 2019



## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,  
I am honored and privileged that  
you have selected me to be the

Grand Knight for fraternal year 2019-2020. I feel very confident with our officers and committee chairmen, we are on the way to a successful fraternal year. I would like to thank our Past Grand Knight **Dan O'Malley** for his guidance during this past fraternal year.

Our newly elected State Deputy, **Bob Szerszynski**, announced in May at the State Meeting his theme for this fraternal year is *Let Your Light Shine*. For us to have a successful fraternal year, brothers, we need your help. So many sit in the background and let others do things. Come out of your comfort zone. Take a stab at co-chairing or just participate in an activity. You are not alone. Your council is here to give assistance in your endeavor. It can be very gratifying. If you are approached by me, Program Chairman **Mark Walther** or our Chancellor **Kevin Kleponis** for assistance, please say "Yes". July and August are rather slow months, but starting in September we will be busy with Family Breakfast, the Church Picnic and our famous Crab Feast.

Vivat Jesus!

Gib Flodine

Grand Knight



## Pray the Rosary



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

I am fortunate, and indeed humbled, to be given the important responsibility of Deputy Grand

Knight for the Fr. Diamond Council in this new fraternal year. I truly believe that few councils are blessed with having as active and dedicated a membership as our own. In my new role, I look forward to continuing that fine legacy by fully supporting our incoming Grand Knight, **Gib Flodine**, in his efforts to help us build upon the many good and charitable works accomplished under the leadership of now-PGK **Dan O'Malley**. My energies will essentially be focused on coordinating and supporting the Program Directors, Committee Chairmen, and Project Chairmen in their various activities throughout the coming year. To that end, I ask that you please remain open to the possibility of lending your special talents to one of these directorships or chairmanships. Remember that if you are unsure at all of taking on an unfamiliar task, you need look no further than to our many experienced members for any assistance and guidance. Try something new – you might like it! Please also remember to continue to keep an eye out for new member prospects and to otherwise be ready to assist our new Chancellor, **Kevin Kleponis**, as he oversees a new year of recruiting Catholic gentlemen to our ranks.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and other planned events, the highlights of which appear below:

**Jul. 2** 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

**Jul 11** 8:00 PM Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree. First Degree members are encouraged to participate and advance in the council.

**Jul 13** 8:00 AM Rosary to End Abortion

8:30 AM State Council Organizational Meeting, Dale City, VA

**Jul 20** 5:00 PM Corporate Communion

6:15 PM Installation of Officers & Dinner

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## Chancellor's Corner

My Brother Knights,

I would like to begin by acknowledging the tremendous job **Mark Walther** did over the past fraternal year as our Chancellor. I am confident he will bring that same energy and enthusiasm to his new role of Deputy Grand Knight. I look forward to working closely with him and with all of you in growing our faith community and our brotherhood over the coming year.

I would also like to introduce myself. I have lived in the City of Fairfax and been a member of St. Leo the Great Parish for over three and a half years. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over ten years, and a member of Father Diamond Council since November 2017. I am involved in the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector, and as one of the Group Leaders for the Parish Young Adult Group, Frassati Fairfax.

My father was a huge influence in my decision to join the Knights. He was the Charter Grand Knight of the Council that formed in my home parish in Miami, Florida. I always remember the great joy he experienced being an active member of our Council, living out the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in all that he did. He is my hero, and the reason I am a member of this wonderful, Catholic organization.

Membership in the Knights is often a family affair. Sons become involved through "voluntarily" helping their fathers do things like delivering food to the needy around Thanksgiving, or unloading Christmas trees early on a Saturday morning when they'd rather be in bed. While it's often a hassle getting your kids out of bed and to these events, participating in these kinds of projects with Christian love and enthusiasm is what inspires the next generation of Knights. This is where the future of our Council is; in your sons, your grandsons, and your nephews. It is in your god sons, the young men you have sponsored for Confirmation, the young men you've led in Boy Scouts, and the young men you've coached for CYO Basketball.

I challenge each one of you to reach out to at least one of the many young men in your life who is not currently a member of the Knights of Columbus. Invite these young men to participate with you in a Council service project (we can always use extra sets of hands). Let our excitement for proclaiming Christ risen and for building His Kingdom here on earth, under the patronage of His Blessed Mother, do the hard work for us in bringing these young men into our Order and our fraternity.

We will be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree at 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 11 in Providence Hall.

Vivat Jesus,

Kevin Kleponis

Chancellor

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**Jul. 23** 7:30 PM Praying of the Rosary

8:00 PM Business Meeting, followed by dinner

**Aug. 6** 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

**Aug. 10** 8:00 AM Rosary to End Abortion

**Aug. 27** 7:30 PM Praying of the Rosary

8:00 PM Business Meeting, followed by dinner

7:30 PM Officers Meeting

**Sept. 8** Family Breakfast (following 7:30 and 9:00 Masses)

**Sept. 10** 7:30 PM Praying of the Rosary

8:00 PM Admissions (1<sup>st</sup>) Degree, brief Business Meeting, & dinner

**Sept. 14** 8:00 AM Rosary to End Abortion

11:00 AM Church Picnic. Contact Tim Tilson

(hmslydia@msn.com, 703-273-9436) or me

([markwalther7@yahoo.com](mailto:markwalther7@yahoo.com), 703-766-5054) if you are able to help out that day.

**Sept. 24** 7:30 PM Praying of the Rosary

8:00 PM Business Meeting, followed by dinner

**Sept. 28** Crab Feast. Contact John Eldred

(johnboyva@gmail.com, 703-932-1322) if you are able to help.

This is one of our major fundraising events.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark D. Walther

Deputy Grand Knight

## Can Tab Collection

A small item can help a lot. The Sisters of St. Joseph in Buffalo are collecting tabs from cans to benefit Ronald McDonald house in Buffalo. This home provides housing for families as their children are undergoing health problems. The aunt of PGK Bill Weich's wife, Kathy, is heavily involved in this activity.

Council members can collect their tabs and bring them to the hall for meetings, Sunday Breakfast or an activity the hall is open. A container will be set-up on the counter in the hall to collect the tabs. So many can benefit from this gesture.

The Sisters of St. Joseph say "Thank you so much" for your assistance in this endeavor.

## July and August Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the months of July and August a very Happy Birthday:

July				August					
John Cerny	2	Kurt De Soto	19	Abraham Agustin	1	Stephen Rodgers	16		
Reid Frankhauser	3	Antonio Treminio	19	Keith Fimian	2	Joseph Schrama	16		
Dennis Makurat	5	Jose Aguilar Pinto	20	Timothy Goodwin	3	James Pierce	17		
Marlon Manalastas	5	Francisco Klein	23	Vincent Fetta	4	Michael Pipan	17		
Brian Quigley	7	Brian Wilson	23	Paul Kyle	5	Michael Plumstead	17		
Thomas Gross	10	Manuel Calix	24	Martin Woscek	6	Alejandro Trujillo	21		
Richard Kotzenmacher	12	William Cross	25	Nelson Clinch	7	Christopher Wieczorek	21		
James Smith	13	Gregory Savitske	25	Ryan Smith	8	Stanley Greer	22		
Henry Di Toro	14	David Frazier	26	Lawrence Cook	11	Stephen Kappes	22		
William Felmlee	15	Wolfgang Richter	26	Richard Deitos	11	Alan Cigich	25		
Peter Gillard	15	William Stack	26	Nicholas Lellock	11	James Robinson	26		
Lawrence Novack	15	Thomas Hogan	27	Arnaldo Morello	11	Timothy Semler	26		
Rolando Santos	15	Kevin Kleponis	27	Matthew Ram	11	John Ferriss	28		
Phil Jackson	17	Leone Monticone	28	David Meredith	12	George Jayne	28		
Nathan Rasmussen	17	Justin Scher	28	William Turner	12	Philip Krebs	28		
Denis Brosnan	18	Ender Ozgul	29	Thomas Donovan	14	Alessio Blangiardo	30		
Paul Cutlip	18	Stephen Davis	30	Manuel Garcia	14	Lawrence Novack	30		
Christopher Sheridan	18	Stephen Kehoe	31	Amando Madan	14	Pierre Saverot	30		
				Christopher Perih	14	James Caputo	31		
						Timothy Hogan	31		

## Pro-Life ACE Wings

Society now permits the killing of an innocent child in the womb. We must continue to support any Pro-Life event. At the State Pre-organization meeting, a new pin was announced for those supporting the end of abortion - Pro-Life ACE Wings. A person supports pro-life without Apology, without Compromise, and without Exception

The "Precious Feet" on the Pro-Life ACE Wings are the size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception.

### Requirements for Receiving the Virginia State Council Pro-Life ACE Wings

A minimum of five (5) Public Pro-Life events are required to qualify for the Virginia State Council Pro-Life ACE Wings. Our Holy Father has called us to be Pro-Life, from conception to natural death, therefore we must remember to include those who are forgotten and left to die. Since it is legal to kill a baby in the womb we must keep this in the forefront, this is why in order to obtain the ACE Wings one must complete four (4) items that deal with our most vulnerable, the unborn. The following items are common events, you may enter events other than these, however, they will be reviewed to ensure they meet requirements.

Pro-Life Mass	Sidewalk Counseling*	40 Days for Life	Pro-Life Conventions
Volunteer at Pregnancy Resource Center	March for Life**	Be a Marshall at the March for Life***	
Participate in the Silver Rose	Pro-Life Dinner	Pro-Life Presentations to Youth Group	
Rosary Outside Abortion Clinics	Attend the Virginia March for Life in Richmond**		
This event can be repeated*	This event will qualify for 2 events**	This event will qualify for 3 events***	

Private Pro-Life events (such as saying the Rosary privately or at a Council meeting, or offering up a private intention at Mass), while always encouraged, do not count as ACE Wings items. The 5th item can be either a Pro Life item as described above, or it can be an item such as:

Special Olympics Volunteer, Prayers during Inmate Executions, Providing entertainment, working/volunteering at a hospice, nursing home, or Veteran Hospital, Being part of any American Wheelchair Mission events

The member receiving the set of wings may request a set of wings for his spouse/child(ren) (Child(ren) must be age 12 or older to receive ACE Wings), the member will be required to pay \$7.00 (including shipping) for each set of wings. Payment must be received in advance. The member will not have to pay for his original set of wings. Any lost or damaged ACE Wings can be replaced for \$7.00.

See Grand Knight, Gib Flodine for the form.



## May 2019 Knights of the Month

We would like to recognize two brothers for the tremendous work they have done to support our council. PGK **Tim Tilson** consistently shows great leadership to both our council and parish. Tim is one of the captains that manages our Parish Family Breakfast. Our breakfast takes a lot of work and leadership and his great work is vital to our parish families and is a focal point in our parish life. Tim was also helpful in the yard sale. Our yard sale is a semiannual

event raises a lot of money for several charities that we support. The next brother Knight that I wish to recognize is PGK **Joe Gesker**. Joe took the lead in coordinating a play that helped to raise funds for KOVAR. This play is an event that we have been holding twice a year and has not only become a favorite event for our families, but the event also raises much needed funds to support those with intellectual disabilities. Joe was helped to coordinate our inaugural Shredding Event. This event raises funds for both the Marian Homes and KOVAR. Both these organizations work to provide loving care to people with special needs. Please take time to congratulate both Tim and Joe as Knights of the Month for June 2019.

## May 2019 Family of the Month

What is Family Breakfast without this family? Every month, this person can be found preparing omelets for our parishioners. Either his son Nick or daughter Virginia are there assisting serving food or delivering it to the customers. There is always a smile on their fac-

es. Thank you **Doug Feher, Nick & Virginia** for what you do for the church and community.



## The Catholic Difference

The Catholic Difference. What does that mean, "Discover the Catholic Difference?" Is it just a marketing slogan, or is there a real meaning behind it?

Let's look at that at several levels. Our Catholicity, as an organization forms all that we do. Founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; as a Catholic business, we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect. In all our dealings, we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Our money, from insurance premiums and annuity deposits, is managed by our investment department colleagues, the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 million, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That's a Catholic Difference!

Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes, and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because *we* are Catholic. That's what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more the 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians, and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That's a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let's talk about the "Discover the Catholic Difference" there. Here are a few examples: First, we design our products with our members' needs in mind. For example, I'm not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit; and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue-collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it's not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother Knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has a guaranteed purchase option. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members. So stay tuned! Now that's the Catholic Difference!

If you'd like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know. Call me today at 703-622-2068 and get the Catholic difference working for you.

Thanks, Leo



# Get In The Picture



Tim Tilson, Linda & Herb Zimmerman  
at the Yard Sale on June 1



Yard Sale held on June 1



I think this is Herb trying to tell us he just hiked  
the 1,972 miles from Katahdin, Maine

## Grand Knight's Ball held at the Army & Navy Country Club on June 15, 2019



PGK Dan O'Malley and his family



Grand Knight elect Gib Flodine, his wife Kim,  
and Carolyn McGuire



Don, Wendy & Steve Kehoe



Fr. Tipton, Fr. Whitestone,  
Flo & Tom Hogan



George and Thelma Billy



The Feher and Murray families



Tim Tilson and Jack Cotner



Young woman & Young Man of the Year



The Harger's, the Todd's, and the  
McMillan's



**Saturday, September 14th**

**11:00am — 3:00pm**

**Help Needed**

The St Leo's parish Picnic will be held (rain or shine) on Saturday September 14th. The Knights will again prepare and serve the food and drink. Shifts are 11:00 am – 1:00 am and 1:00 am - 3:00 pm. Knights are needed to work the grill, serving line, soda line, ice cream and beer truck.

If you can help, please email Tim Tilson at

[hmslydia@msn.com](mailto:hmslydia@msn.com)





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## **CRAB FEAST** **Saturday September 28th** **6:00 PM – 9:00 PM** **Providence Hall** 3702 Old Lee hwy Fairfax, VA 22030 **(Everyone Welcome!!)**

### All U Can Eat & Drink:

- Blue Crabs
- Corn on the Cob
- Cole Slaw
- Watermelon
- Beer, Soda, & Water
- Landlubbers – Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

- \$40 – Adults w/RSVP  
\$50 at door with no RSVP
- \$12 – “Landlubbers”



RSVP John Eldred  
E-Mail [johnboyva99@gmail.com](mailto:johnboyva99@gmail.com)  
Phone: 703-932-1322

## July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 7:30PM KofC Officers Meeting	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts
7	8 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	9	10	11 8:00PM Formation (2nd) Degree	12	13 State Meeting, Dale City VA 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
14	15	16 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	17 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20 5:00PM Corporate Communion 6:15 Installation Officers & Dinner 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts
21	22	23 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	24 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg	25	26	27 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts

## August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts
4	5	6 7:30PM Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion Crayon for Kids
11 Crayon for Kids	12 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	13	14	15	16 Floor Stripping & Waxing	17 Floor Stripping & Waxing Crayon for Kids
18 Floor Stripping & Waxing Crayon for Kids	19 Deliver Crayon for Kids	20 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	21 7:30PM - 4th Degree Mtg	22	23	24 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts
25	26	27 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Meeting	28	29	30	31 9:30-11AM Coffee/Donuts



### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2019-20

#### Officers

Grand Knight	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Chaplain	Rev. Christopher Tipton	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chancellor	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Lecturer	Ken Miller	540-729-6899
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
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
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

#### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
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Retention	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Vocations	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Budget & Finance	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Frat. Benefits	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Ins. Promotion	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

#### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Comedy Knight	TBD	
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	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
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, 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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