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July/August 2020

Immediate Past Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights.

This State Theme this past Fraternal Year 2019-2020 was Let Your Light Shine. As we continue to struggle through possibly the worst pandemic in our nation, you and your families have done a wonderful job serving our church and community. The work you do is well known across this state.

During this several months, the Knights of Columbus has continued to project Faith, Hope and Charity. The Knights have reached out to:

- Assist with confessions
- Assist with mass
- Donate blood
- Purchase supplies for area pantries
- Contribute sheets to assist those preparing face masks for our community
- Making masks
- Deliver food and medicine to those who have medical reasons not to leave the homes

I am grateful for all who stepped forward to assist when asked and especially those who stepped forward without asking. You have made our council a stronger organization with your dedication. Please continue this fraternal year giving our new Grand Knight Mark Walther, Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Kleponis and Chancellor John Johnson the support when needed. I know I will be there for them!

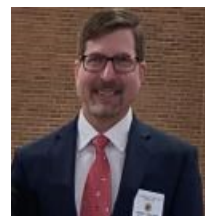
I would like to thank Past Grand Knights for their valuable insight into the predicaments of being a Grand Knight.

My fellow officers and committee chairman, thank you for being there when needed.

It was joy and privilege to serve this past year as your Grand Knight!

Vivat Jesus
Gib Flodine
Past Grand Knight

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Grand Knight for Fraternal

Year 2020-21 in which we will mark the 50th anniversary of Father Diamond Council's founding. I can only pray that I will be the equal of those who have preceded me, the most recent being our immediate Past Grand Knight, Gib Flodine.

Through his renowned hard work and dedication, Gib steered us through to what by all accounts was a very successful year. This is no easy task in even the best of circumstances, let alone in a pandemic, but Gib found ways for us to continue functioning in what became an ever-changing environment. I also owe him a personal debt of gratitude for preparing me for the job and for his ongoing assistance. Indeed, I will need to ask for everyone's assistance and cooperation as we continue to face new challenges to our old ways of doing things.

Fortunately, the Supreme Council and Virginia State Council leadership have been providing guidance on how local councils can best operate in the current pandemic environment. I am confident we will continue translating that guidance into what we do on a council level so that we can continue activities that express our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

To help make this happen, I ask that each of you become an active member in the council, whether that be volunteering to help with one of our activities you find particularly fulfilling or becoming a committee or program chairman overseeing an activity or function (openings are still available!). By doing so, you would be embodying our State Deputy's theme "Here I am Lord."

In that same vein, if you are asked, please give new Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Kleponis your support on a specific activity or project.

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Grand Knight's Report (Continued)

If you know of a Catholic gentleman who in these difficult times desires fraternity and spiritual support, seeks to become a better Catholic husband/father, or wants to help the parish and local community, please steer him to our new Chancellor, John Johnson, so that that gentleman can join our order. I also encourage everyone to share any and all ideas you may have for new approaches we can take in such areas as fundraising and charitable activities. As is evident in our council's nearly 50-year history, we can accomplish quite a lot by working together in unity.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther
Grand Knight

Chancellor's Report

Brother Knights,
I am honored and privileged that you have selected me to be the Chancellor for fraternal year 2020-2021. I look forward to serving the council by helping us to grow with new and active members. I pray that you all have a safe, happy, and healthy summer. Please reach out to me if you know of any practical Catholic gentlemen over the age of 18 who may be interested in learning more about the knights and joining our amazing organization.

Vivat Jesus,
John Johnson

Ever want to be a Website Assistant?

Brother **Kevin McGrail** is looking for someone to assist him with our council's website. No experience is necessary, Kevin will show you what to do. If interested, please contact him at kevin.mcgrail@mcgrail.com.

**Treasurer's Report –
May 30, 2020****BALANCES:**

Operating Accounts		
United Checking	\$37,431.48	
United Checking (2)	\$1,319.50	
Invest Fund	\$47,805.63	
RTL Fund	\$4,504.36	
Oper Acct Total		\$91,060.97
Outstanding Scrip		\$3,650.00
Bldg Fund Balances -----	-	\$43,449.51
Total Assets		\$138,160.48

COVID Quip—www.bizwaremagic.com

DAY SEVEN of Social Distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today, Seems nice. He's a Web Designer

July Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Jack Cerny	2	Chris Sheridan	18
Reid Frankhauser	3	Kurt De Soto	19
Dennis Makurat	5	Francisco Klein	23
Brian Quigley	7	Brian Wilson	23
Tom Gross	10	Manuel Calix	24
Richard Kotzenmacher	12	Greg Savitske	25
Henry Di Toro	14	David Frazier	26
Bill Felmlee	15	Tom Hogan	27
Peter Gillard	15	Kevin Kleponis	27
Larry Novack	15	Leone Monticone	28
Phil Jackson	17	Justin Scher	28
Nate Rasmussen	17	Steve Davis	30
Denis Brosnan	18	Scott Krushinski	30
Paul Cutlip	18	Steve Kehoe	31

August Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Timothy Goodwin	3	Joseph Schrama	16
Vince Fetta	4	James Pierce	17
Paul Kyle	5	Mike Pipan	17
Martin Woscek	6	Mike Plumstead	17
Nelson Clinch	7	Alex Trujillo	21
Ryan Smith	8	Chris Wiczorek	21
Lawrence Cook	11	Stanley Greer	22
Dick Deitos	11	Steve Kappes	22
Nicholas Lellock	11	Alan Cigich	25
Matthew Ram	11	Jimmy Robinson	26
David Meredith	12	Bill Jayne	28
Willy Turner	12	Phil Krebs	28
Tom Donovan	14	Alex Blangiardo	30
Manuel Garcia	14	Larry Novack	30
Amando Madan	14	James Caputo	31
Christopher Perih	14	Tim Hogan	31
Stephen Rodgers	16		

Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brothers,

I pray you and all your families are healthy and well as we continue to navigate the Covid 19 pandemic. This has been a difficult time for all of us, especially without access to Mass and the Eucharist, particularly during the Easter season. They say absence makes the heart grow fonder. I know this forced fast from receiving our Lord sacramentally has strengthened my faith, as I have developed a greater appreciation for the awesome graces that flow through the Eucharist, and a newfound love of making spiritual communion. It has also given me time to reorient my life, taking time to make sure our Lord is at the center of all I do.

I want to thank Fr. Whitestone and our parish priests, and all my brother Knights who volunteered through the pandemic to assist our parish priests, for their efforts to continue providing access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time. Even though we have been unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, His mercy in the Sacrament of Penance has never run dry at St Leo the Great parish.

With the uncertainty that continues to persist due to Covid 19, it will be essential that we all remain flexible for the foreseeable future. Events going forward will likely be more low key and RSVP only. As your new Deputy Grand Knight, I will do my best to make sure that all our upcoming events will be done with proper safety and hygiene in mind to reduce the risk of spreading this illness. Please continue to take all recommended precautions yourselves.

In July we will be having a social event, Steak Night, on Tuesday July 28th at 7:00 PM in Providence Hall. RSVP is required to attend.

We will also have a service opportunity, the Diocesan Altar Servers' Picnic, on Wednesday July 29th. This will go on most of the day and will involve preparing food for the event. Please contact myself or Brother Pat McGuire if you would like to volunteer.

I look forward to serving as your Deputy Grand Knight this year and thank you in advance for all the many hours you all will contribute to making this as great a fraternal year as possible. If you need to get a hold of me, feel free to email me at kevinkleponis@gmail.com or call me at (305) 804-1407

Vivat Jesus

Kevin Kleponis

Deputy Grand Knight

Special Family of the Month

We always think of a family as a group related through ancestry. However, a family can be a group that works together toward a common goal. This month's Family of the Month is the **2020 Honor Society from St. Leo the Great Catholic School**. President **Kathleen Murray** along with **Emma Mont, Annie Nguyen, J.P. Loyko, James Turner, Vince Gude and Paddy McCarthy** assisted in collecting can top tabs.

This organization collected enough tabs to fill a 5-gallon water container. This marvelous work will assist the Sisters of St. Joseph in Buffalo with their work with Ronald McDonald House. many will benefit from this great endeavor. Thank you for hard work for the church and community.



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Installation Dinner July 18, 2020

The Installation of Officers for Fraternal Year 2020-2021 will take place on Saturday July 18th following the 5:00PM mass. Upon completion a meal will be served in Providence Hall.***

Menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Vegetables, Dessert

Due to the COVID-19, all those wishing to attend must RSVP. A count is necessary to arrange room for social distancing.

RSVP by Tuesday July 14, 2020 to Dave Todd Jr
(djtoddjr@gmail.com) or call 703-463-1499.

No RSVP will be accepted after that date. No walk-ins will be accepted that night of the dinner.

*** If we have a large RSVP request, there is a possibility the dinner will be in the school gym. A broadcast message will announce if a location change occurs.

Grand Knights Dinner August 15, 2020

The Grand Knights Dinner will be held on Saturday August 15, 2020 in Providence Hall***

Complimentary wine and beverages start at 6:30PM (and all evening)

Dinner: 7:00PM

Menu includes: Baked Chicken / Ham, Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert

Cost \$50.00/person

Due to the COVID-19, all those wishing to attend must RSVP. A count is necessary to arrange room for social distancing.

RSVP by Wednesday August 12, 2020 to Pat McGuire
(ffxmacman@gmail.com) or call 703-209-5288

No RSVP will be accepted after that date. No walk-ins will be accepted that night of the dinner.

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Long Term Care insurance is so important now!

With the impact of COVID-19, the need for Long Term Home Care is greater now than ever. According to Terry Savage, a registered investment advisor (terrysavage.com), 42% of all COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. have come from a nursing home or assisted living facilities. My uncle passed away from COVID-19 in April, which he contracted from his assisted living facility. Obviously, home care is a safer alternative, but only if you can afford it.

I first became aware of the need for long term care in 1995 when the spouse of a colleague developed Alzheimer's and required full-time nursing home care. My colleague ended up filing for divorce from her Physician husband because the home care cost was so high that even with a generous retirement plan, she could not afford his care and expect to have any funds left for her retirement years. So, her financial advisor recommended she divorce the only man she ever loved. That way, she could split the remaining assets. That is what she did, and when his assets were gone, he was able to qualify for state Medicaid and was moved to a facility of the state's choosing where he lived until he passed. She then strongly advised us to make sure we invested in Long Term Care insurance.

Since I have become a field agent, I have had numerous occasions to see for myself the economic tragedy that happens to families who must provide Long Term Care without the insurance. It is tough and often tragic. Families are forced to come up with \$7,500 or more per month for facility care. Or family members must quit their job to provide the care. That economic cost does not include the mental or psychological damage and resentment that families may suffer as a result of providing the care. Long Term Care insurance turns a financial and psychological disaster into a manageable problem.

As a Knight of Columbus, you have the benefit of one of the premier Long-Term Care insurance providers. We offer many options to choose from, and we can customize a policy for you that meets your family's needs and budget.

Call me, Leo Duran, today at **703-622-2068** and, let's get started on your Long Term Care solution.

Leo Duran FIC
The Abbate Agency
Knights of Columbus

Steak Night — Tuesday, July 28

This year's Steak Night Dinner will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in Providence Hal. **Complimentary beer, wine and other beverages is provided courtesy of our Immediate Past Grand Knight, Gib Flodine.**

Rosary begins at 6:30 and Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM

Menu includes: Rib Eye Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad and Dessert—Cost \$25/person

Due to the COVID-19, all those wishing to attend must RSVP. A count is necessary to arrange room for social distancing.

RSVP by Friday, July 24, 2020 to Pat McGuire (ffxmacman@gmail.com) or call 703-209-5288

No RSVP will be accepted after that date. No walk-ins will be accepted the night of the dinner.

4Th Degree Exemplification

We congratulate and welcome to the Father Malloy Assembly the following Father Diamond Members:

- Rev. SK Thomas V. Nguyen
- SK Allen L. Cline, Jr.
- SK Lawrence J. Cook
- SK Francis J. Cuccias
- SK Patrick L. Cuccias
- SK James M. Essig
- SK Brian D. Knapp
- SK David H. Knapp
- SK Philip C. Krebs
- SK Scott M. Krushinski
- SK Ryan P. McGuire
- SK Kenneth J. Miller
- SK Mark E. Mitchell
- SK David M. Pizzano, Sr.
- SK David M. Pizzano, Jr.



From Left to right—SK Ryan McGuire; SK Philip C. Krebs; SK Mark E. Mitchell (incoming Grand Knight at St. Philip's Council); SK Lawrence J. Cook; SK Allen L. Cline, Jr. (St. Philip's Council); Very Rev. SK Philip S. Majka (Faithful Friar of Fr. Malloy Assembly); SK David H. Knapp; SK David J. Todd, Sr., PFN; SK Brian D. Knapp; SK Scott M. Krushinski; SK Kenneth H. Miller; SK David M. Pizzano, Sr.; SK David M. Pizzano, Jr.; SK Carroll D. Glass, PFN; SK William W. Weich, PFN; and SK George H. Billy, PFN



SK Ryan McGuire, SK Kevin McGuire (dad), and SK Pat McGuire (Grandfather), Rev Majka

, "What's better than a Dave, Sr. & Dave, Jr.? TWO Dave, Srs. & Dave, Jrs.!"

David M. Pizzano, Jr.; David M. Pizzano, Sr.; David J. Todd, Sr., FDD, PGK, PFN; David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN.



July 2020

The July calendar has been updated based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. Please watch your emails for last minute updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	8	9	10	11 ** Tentative ** 8:00AM Rosary to End Abortion
12	13	14	15 4th Degree Mtg	16	17	18 5:00PM Corporate Communion 6:15PM Install. of Officers 7PM Dinner
19	20	21 11AM Grey Gost Lunch (Tent.) 7:30PM Ladies Meeting (Tent.)	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:30 Rosary 7:00 - Steak Night	29 Diocesan Altar Server Picnic	30	31	1

August 2020

The August calendar has minor updates based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. However, at this time we do not know "PHASE" we will be in by that time. Revisions to the July Calendar will be distributed via the Council Membership Email server as well as the June LOOKOUT newsletter.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 6:30 Rosary 7:00 - Steak Night	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 7:30PM Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 8:00Am Rosary to End Abortion
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 6:30PM GK Dinner
16	17	18 11:00Am Grey Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Mtg	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 7:30PM Officers Mtg	2	3	4	5

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chaplain	TBD	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Lecturer	TBD	
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424
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	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

Program Directors

Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
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

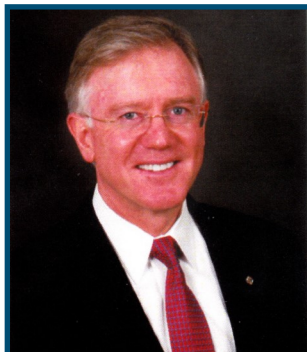
Committee Chairmen

Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Retention	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
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		
2nd 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	703-385-2146
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.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
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
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.

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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