



The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



Brother Knights and family members,

As a famous singer once warbled, "The end is near..." My sincere thanks to all of you for the support provided to Father Diamond Council and me for the last eleven months. All

of the Council's achievements are due to your efforts. It was nice to see 44 members attend the Election Night Meeting. I think they were afraid I would try to hold on to my position for another term. I'm confident that newly elected Grand Knight Dan Purtill will provide us with his guidance to keep us on track to continued success. Dan's help to me as Deputy Grand Knight during this year was the fire that kept me going and I give him a very special thanks and promise that I will support him in his tenure as Grand Knight.

May saw a successful Night of Magic due to the efforts of PGK Mike Purtill and his band of happy warriors. Mike had more than enough help from fellow Knights and their families to serve the hungry crowd. Sincere thanks to all of you. The next major event of the month was the Antique Car Show food stand. Chairman Joe Monnin with help from PGK Purtill and many others had a very successful day. With the excellent weather they sold out of food and drink and made a nice profit for our Charity Programs. PGK Nelson Clinch with his wife and I attended the Virginia State Council Convention in Williamsburg on the weekend of the Car Show and missed the fun.

I delivered the Council checks for our Virginia KofC Charities and PKD Vocations donations as well as our KOVAR funds. With the pledges made by you to the Combined Federal Campaign and United Way we exceed

our KOVAR goal of \$18,000. These are just more examples of your generous nature. I am now going to repeat something. It should never be forgotten that Father Diamond Council has contributed more than \$550,000 of the \$14 million donated to KOVAR by the 140 Councils in Virginia. Each of you and your family members who help at the collection points are to be congratulated for long and arduous hours of work for this very worthwhile program.

A new slate of Officers was elected at the May 22nd meeting and with your help we look forward to another year of the achievements for which Father Diamond Council is noted. The results of the election appear elsewhere in this issue.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has request all Catholics to observe two weeks where we are called to both prayer for our country and education on issues important to the Catholic Church and our country. The dates are from June 21st to July 4th. If we watch the news we see why this period is necessary. We need to bring the nation back on the road that was paved by our founding fathers. More information on this program will be provided to you later this month.

Family of the Month for May is our Chancellor Matt West and his wife Ruth and their children. Knight of the Month for May is Joseph Monnin.

The Council Pig Roast and Columbiettes Bake Sale took place memorial Day weekend. There was a lot of activity at St Leo's that weekend. Read about it on Page 3.

In closing I repeat my thanks to all who made my year as Grand Knight a sincere pleasure.

Fraternally,
Greg Skorupski
Grand Knight

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Brothers,

The end of the Fraternal Year is upon us. This has been a busy year, under the superior guidance of our Worthy Grand Knight. Please take the time to thank Greg for his leadership and another successful year for the Council.

Besides our regular monthly activities, we have a few special events this month. The first is our **Yard Sale**, led by Greg Hartley and Tim Tilson. This effort will be on **Saturday, June 2nd**. This is a great opportunity to clear out some of the unwanted items that are cluttering up your house and to raise funds for the Council's charitable works.

The very next day (**June 3rd**) we will be hosting a **blood drive** in the Hall. Lots of help is needed throughout the morning and into the afternoon. Please come buy to lend a hand after Mass or around the lunch hour. Contact Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824 if you can help.

The Council will be holding the annual **Grand Knight's Ball on Saturday, June 16th** at the Army-Navy Country Club (you Air Force guys are also welcome to attend). We will enjoy a menu of fine food and the opportunity to reflect upon the year. More information is available in this newsletter.

June 26th is our last meeting of the year and, as is tradition, will be the **Council's Steak Night**. Please RSVP to our Hall Manager, Mike Purtill, at mvpurtill@gmail.com so we can be sure to have sufficient food for everyone. If you don't RSVP, we can't guarantee a steak for you!

As usual, we also will be holding our regular monthly events, such as the Rosary at the abortion facility on the 9th; Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Center on the 11th; and our Council Business Meeting on the 12th, which will also feature a Second Degree. We will also be conducting an Open House after the Masses on the 9th and 10th; it's important that we have a good showing from the membership, so stop by for a few minutes after Mass to talk to the men who show an interest in joining the Council. Recruit those new members and contact our

Chancellor Matt West at (703) 359-4652 for more information.

Looking forward to July, we will be cleaning the Hall on Saturday, July 14th; if there's anything you don't want thrown away, be sure to join us. **Saturday July 21st** will be our **Installation of Officers** after the Vigil Mass; please join us as the new officer's for the year ceremonially assume their duties. Also worth noting, the Officer's Meeting for July has been moved to Tuesday the 10th due to the Independence Day holiday and we will have only one business meeting in July, Tuesday the 24th.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Purtill
Deputy Grand Knight

Columbiettes' Corner

The Memorial Weekend Bake Sale was May 26 and 27 was held to support the Military Families using an area Fisher House.

During our May meeting, the slate of officers elected for next year are **Julie Clinch, Chairman; Kathy Weich, Vice Chairman; Ruth West, Treasurer and Wendy Kehoe, Secretary**. Officers will be installed on July 21.

The date of the Fall Craft Show has been set as Sunday, October 21. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or Email:columbiettes6292@yahoo.com for additional details and registration information.

The Columbiettes have been asked to decorate one of the outdoor altars for a June 10 parish Corpus Christi celebration. Ann Todd will be chairing our participating in this set up.

The next meeting of the Columbiettes is June 19 in Providence Hall beginning at 7:30 pm. All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are encouraged join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Linda Baringhaus at 703-385-9455 or lindamb3510@yahoo.com.

Council News & Events



Time Change—Nursing Home Bingo

Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on

Monday, June 11 at **7:15** to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:30PM. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—**your time and love**. Call **Bob Bilko at (703) 359-6824** to volunteer.

Rosary to End Abortion —

Please join us in praying the Rosary across the street from the abortion facility (located on Eaton Place... we meet across the street from the Best Western) on **Saturday, June 9** at 8 AM. Even if you can only come for part of the Rosary (we pray all 20 decades of our Lady's Rosary, usually ending by 8:45), your time will be well spent. Family members are also welcomed to join us in praying for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion.



Newsletter/Bulletin Box Editor Needed



90% of the content of the newsletter is provided by the Officers and Chairmen. All you have to do is assemble (and sometimes edit) the material. Newsletter Editor is an investment of about 5 hours—total a month. This is an interesting job and keeps you tuned

in on what's happening in the council.

Bulletin Box preparation takes about 1 hour every 6 weeks. Material comes from our calendar which is online. Call herb at 703-623-7180 or email to herb2777@yahoo.com

Magic Night—lots of fun for everyone

Mike Purtill and his crew hosted a very well attended and fun evening of magic last month. The Society of American Magicians (SAM) who use our hall for their meetings (third Thursday of each month at 7:30—if interested), put on a very professional show of prestidigitation. Prior to the show while everyone was enjoying their pizza, magicians went around the room performing



various table and close-up magic tricks for the “kids of all ages”. This was followed by a full stage show featuring eight very exciting acts. Kids were front-and-center and really enjoyed the show.

Antique Auto Show



Joe Monnin, chairman of the Antique Auto Show, had a full crew at Fairfax City hall for this year's Auto Show. We do concessions at the event and were sold out of everything by 2:30 in the afternoon. We had to make trips back to the hall for more coffee in the morning. Mike Purtill made his Texas style chili, which was the best \$3 bowl of chili I have ever tasted (a great bargain).

Columbiettes Bake Sale



Memorial Day weekend saw many events, but the tastiest was the annual Columbiettes bake sale. Columbiettes, their husbands and several of the kids spent Saturday afternoon baking cookies, pies, cakes, muffins, and all kinds of goodies for the sale after all masses.

Many Columbiettes, friends and parishioners also donated baked good for the sale. Money raised from the sale is designated to support the Military Families using an area Fisher House

Pig Roast

Greg Hartley, along with his “Cajun crew” (including Pyro Joe) were at the pit from 4:30 AM until 6:00 PM last Saturday cooking the pigs just like brother Pat LaCour taught us years ago. This annual event, for members and families, is an annual Memorial Day weekend event that everyone looks forward to. The dinner included succulent open-pit roasted pigs, dirty rice, coleslaw, lots of beer (and other beverages), and desserts.



Picture

Grand Knight's Ball — June 16

*** Date Change ***

This years Grand Knight Ball will be on **Saturday, 16**. It will be at the Army & Navy Country Club in Fairfax. Cocktails begin at 6:30, dinner at 7:00, awards and dancing to follow. See flyer in this newsletter.

Knight of the Month**May****Joe Monnin**

Joe is our Monthly Breakfast guru and Chaired the very successful Antique Car Show. He is always available to assist at every Council event. He is a perfect example of what being a Knight of Columbus should be.

Family of the Month**May****Matt & Ruth West**

Matt's yearlong effort in recruiting new members was made easier with his family's help.. Ruth prepared an eye-catching display of snacks for Open House receptions and was responsible for excellent food at a couple of our meetings. The whole West family is involved in all these events.

***Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*****The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance**

There are very few people who do not have a "long term care experience" somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, a disability or both. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, "waiting until next year" or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annuities to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 35,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty (or stopped selling the product altogether), our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I can help you select the plan that's right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, a combination of both. Let's talk today.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field Agent

Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones — A Great Deal for Everyone !

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—703-978-6137 or email—ZLRN01@aol.com for information. Available at the **Old Parish 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 4% for 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-U's, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win –Win**



You are cordially invited to attend the 2011-2012

Grand Knight's Ball

Saturday, June 16, 2012

at

Army/Navay Country Club

3315 Old Lee Highway

Fairfax, Virginia

Cocktails (Cash Bar) – 6:30 PM

Buffet Dinner – 7:00 PM

(Prime Rib, Chicken and Tilapia)

Tickets \$40.00 per person

Music and Dancing – 8:00 PM until ?

Music by our own Matt Hogan

Please RSVP to Matt West at askmekofc@yahoo.com

or Gregory Skorupski—(703) 978-8280

gregskisr@aol.com

Early reservations encouraged. Seating is limited

2012-2013 OFFICERS ELECTED

On Tuesday, May 22, the Council elected the following slate of Officers for the 2012-2013 council year. The Installation Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, July 21. Everyone is invited.

Grand Knight – Dan Purtil

Deputy Grand Knight – Matt West

Chancellor – Pat McGuire

Warden – Chris Botticelli

Advocate – Ed Cuccias

Treasurer – Herb Zimmerman

Recorder – Jose Costacamps

Inside Guard – John Cesarini

Outside Guard – John Anzalone

Outside Guard – Jeffrey Wolfhope

3-Yr Trustee – Greg Skorupski, Sr

2-Tr Trustee—Nelson Clinch

1-Yr Trustee—Michael Purtil

GK Delegate – Dan Purtil

Alt. GK Delegate – Matt West

PGK Delegate – Greg Skorupski, Sr

Alt. PGK Delegate – Nelson Clinch

Financial Secretary: Al Botticelli—Appointed by Supreme

Chaplain: Appointed by Grand Knight

Lecturer: Appointed by Grand Knight



Huge KofC Yard Sale—June 2

May 29 thru June 1 —Yard Sale Household Goods Needed. Father Diamond Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Yard Sale on June 2. Knights and parishioners may make donations of serviceable household goods at Providence Hall from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 PM from Tuesday May 29 through Friday June 1. Thank you for your generosity.

June 2—8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to support charitable activities.

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <u>0800 Yard Sale</u>
3 <u>Blood Drive 8-1</u>	4 St. Leo's Field Day	5 1930 Officers' Meeting 0900 St. Leo's Award Ceremony	6	7	8	9 <u>0800 Rosary to end Abortion</u> Food Drive Open House
10 Food Drive	11 1845 Bingo at Ffx Nursing Ctr	12 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting Second Degree	13	14	15	16 <u>1800 Grand Knight's Ball</u> 1000 Adopt A Spot
17 Family Breakfast - Gold Team Father's Day	18	19 <u>1100 Grey GOSTS</u> 1930 Columbiettes	20 <u>1930 Malloy Assembly</u>	21 <u>Fortnight for Freedom Begins</u>	22	23 1000 Hall Cleaning Food Drive
24 Food Drive	25	26 1900 Rosary 2000 Steak Night	27	28	29	30

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Fortnight for Freedom Ends	5	6	7
8	9	10 <u>7:30 PM Officer's Meeting</u>	11	12	13	14 <u>10 AM THOROUGH Hall Cleaning</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <u>6:00 PM Officer Installation</u>
22	23	24 <u>7:30 PM Mass 8 PM Meeting</u>	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

July's Calendar is not yet fully populated. Please refer to our website (<http://www.6292.kofc.com>) or the July/August Newsletter for the July events calendar.

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2011-12

Officers

Grand Knight	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280
Chaplain	Fr. Robert Wagner	703-273-5369
Dpty Grand Knight	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Chancellor	Matt West	703-359-4652
Treasurer	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Lecturer	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	703-278-0379
Recorder	Carlos Jaramillo	703-385-0064
Advocate	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Warden	Jeff Stevens	703-868-5333
Inside Guard	John Cesarini	703-865-4955
Outside Guard	Patrick Kiechlin	703-978-4028
Outside Guard	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499

3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
2yr Trustee	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
1yr Trustee	Stephen Kehoe	703-591-6813

Program Directors

Programs	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Church	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	TBD	
Family	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Youth	Bill Weich	301-527-1207

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Admissions	Matt West	703-359-4652
Retention	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Vocations	Matt West	703-359-4652

Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mile Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits Insurance	Dennis Riley TBD	703-450-6100

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson Jac Cerny	703-273-9436 703-255-9484
Car Raffle	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Fraternal Prayer Contact	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146

THE WAY

Movie Review (by Tim Tilson)

This was a very unique movie and of interest to all. While not Catholic per se, it does involve one of the oldest Catholic devotionals, the pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago (or the Way of St James). This pilgrimage route is over 1,000 years old and normally starts on the French side of the Pyrenees. It continues for 500 miles across northern Spain to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela and the grave of St James.

The plot of the movie involves a young man (Emilio Estevez) who dies on the first day of the start of his pilgrimage. His father (Martin Sheen) comes to France to claim the body and then decides on the spur of the moment to continue the pilgrimage in his son's name. The movie revolves around his adventures along the way and the characters he meets.

The movie is not overtly Catholic. However it does highlight sights and places of the Pilgrim's route because it was filmed on location. And like all "road pictures" the characters grow and change along the way. I highly recommend it.

Hoodies (contributed by Jack Cotner)

Saint Peter is sitting at the Pearly Gates when two guys wearing hoodies arrive. St. Peter looked out through the Gates and said "Wait here. I will be right back." St. Peter goes over to God's chambers and tells him who is waiting to come in.

God says to Peter: "How many times do I have to tell you, you can't be judgmental here.

This is heaven. All are loved. All are brothers. Go back and let them in!"

St. Peter goes back to the Gates, looks around, and lets out a heavy sigh. He returns to

God's chambers and says "Well, they're gone."

The guys wearing hoodies?" asked God.

"No. The Pearly Gates."



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