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The Lookout



2014-15 Fraternal Year, Issue 11

June 2015

Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

The end of the Fraternal year of 2014/15 is nearly over. It has been quite a year!

The council has been very active this past year which has made it very rewarding for me and much too fast.

Looking back to the installation of officers last July, what I remember most were the past Grand Knights that offered their help and support. I would like to thank all of you for the friendship and the support given to me this year. I was fortunate to have officers that were very strong and dedicated to Fr. Diamond Council. I was able to call on them to get things done and they always responded. I will always treasure their dedication.

I followed a Grand Knight, Matt West, who turned over to me a very strong council. We have nearly 400 Brother Knights. They turn out for all of our programs and social events which enables us to raise funds that support our charity work. The Right for Life March that was attended by many Brother Knights and their families collected nearly \$25,000. This was over \$8,000 more than last year. From the Christmas tree sales to our Monthly Family Breakfast (with plenty of bacon) - all of our programs are vital for the overall success.

This year with extreme effort from you and our Chancellor, Vince Wilson, we have added 17 new Knights to our roles for this fraternal year. I want to congratulate our new Grand Knight elect Herb Zimmerman and the new officers. These Brother Knights will lead us to new heights. Please keep these new officers in you prayers.

I cannot thank you all enough for the opportunity to lead our Council this past year. Let's all pray for a very successful Fraternal Year of 2015/2016. Again, thank you for the trust you put in me as the Grand Knight. May God bless all of you.

Vivat Jesus
Patrick A. McGuire
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brothers,

Our Grand Knight Patrick McGuire has waxed poetic about this past year in his message to you this month. And rightfully so. Pat has a lot to be proud of when he goes back through this Fraternal Year. I'm sure he never anticipated how fully packed and enriching the year would be when he ran for Grand Knight.

What is truly memorable to me about the past year is Pat's comment, about half way through the year, that he has been a Knight for a little over four years. Relatively speaking, here is a new brother Knight who stepped up, took the initiative and took the leadership of one of the largest and one of the most active council's in Northern Virginia. From the time he was eligible to hold office (after he received his 3rd degree) Pat got very involved. He served a year as our Chancellor, a years as Deputy Grand Knight and now a year as Grand Knight. At the same time he served as one of the Breakfast Chairmen putting on a family breakfast for the Parish Families every other month.

I myself, have been an active Knight in this council for about 11 years and have not taken on as much responsibility as our Grand Knight has done in 4 years. What this demonstrates, very clearly, is that you don't have to be an "old timer" to be a great leader in this council. This council has a membership that pulls together all the time to support their leaders and helps to succeed in everything they do. Pat will be the first to say that it is the support of you, our fellow brothers, that makes the job both enjoyable and doable.

Thanks to the efforts of many members and through the leadership of our Chancellor, we have 17 new members in the council this year alone. By my count, over the past 3 years we have over 35 new members in the council. Every one of these new Brothers are potentials for leadership roles in the

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

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council. For example, a new member this year, Sipa Sikaulu, who has only been the council less than 6 months, has just chaired a very successful and fun Family Picnic for the council. How was Sipa so successful? For the most part because he worked hard. But he also had help from many long-time members of the council who have run projects themselves. This is true Fraternalism! This demonstrated the power of Unity!

I am excited and looking forward to the future of this Council. Let's share the excitement and fun. Let's bring in some of our friends and fellow parishioners to work side-by-side with us next year.

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman

“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.”

- Max Lucado

Note From the Chancellor

Please help me congratulate Joseph Cuccias, Michael Cuccias, Prospero Hernandez, Freddy Martinez, James Pierce, James Welch and David Wiegand who made their First Degree along with 3 other Candidates on May 12th. There is a First and Second Degree scheduled for Saturday, June 13th at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax Station. If you have a candidate you'd like to see take their First Degree or if you are a First Degree and are ready to take your Second, this would be a great opportunity. Please let me know if you are interested and I will assist you with this effort. Consider reaching out to that fellow Catholic you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks and invite him to come see what we're all about. There are tri-folds in the council hall listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Feel free to pick some up next time you're at the hall.

As this will be my last newsletter entry, I would like to thank all of you Brother Knights who contributed to the growth of our council this Fraternal Year. You all made my job very easy and I hope you will keep this great momentum going for your incoming Chancellor, Joe Gesker.

Vivat Jesus!

Vince Wilson

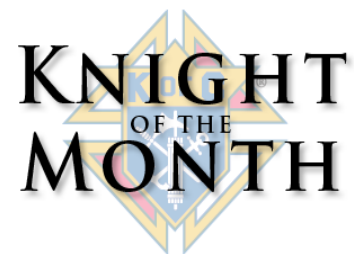
May 2015

FAMILY of the MONTH

The family of the month for May is a family that we all know and love. We have shared our fun and work with them over many years. We have watched their three kids grow up in the Knight's family. Over the past month members of this family have been involved in Bingo at the Fairfax Nursing home, attended the State Convention to support our candidate for Treasurer, Steve Kehoe, worked hard with Joe Monnin on the Antique Car Show concessions, baked pies, cakes, cookies and all kinds of goodies for the Ladies' Baked Goods Sale, shopped for the Family Picnic and helped Sipa with games and the financial reporting. We are proud to announce the Family of the Month for May, 2015 is Nelson, Julie, Vickie and Greg Clinch.

May 2015

For May we had several candidates for Knight of the Month. However, we want to recognize the initiative, desire and hard work of a very new member of our council. When we asked for volunteers to run this year's Family Picnic, this young man came up to me and asked if he could help. We immediately grabbed the opportunity to train a new leader in the council. Keith Morrison and Nelson Clinch offered to work with him to put together an event plan and budget and he took off running. Several of us received calls with questions and to discuss some of his ideas (new thinking – generates new ideas). He reached out to some of the member's wives and got their assistance with supply shopping. The day of the event he was totally in charge and we had a GREAT day. Everyone had a great time, ate hearty, and laughed and cheered at the games. We are proud to honor one of our newest Knights, Sipa Sikaulu, as our Knight of the Month for May, 2015.



Upcoming Events and Recognition

KOVAR Collectors Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP: On **June 4-7**, Brother Knights and their families will be fanning out to stores around the Fairfax City area to collect donations in support of KOVAR. We need your help as a collector!!

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity that provides grants to organizations in Virginia that work with those individuals with intellectual disabilities. A significant source of KOVAR's funds come from these collections that Councils like ours conduct.

In order to collect the funds, we need Brother Knights in front of the selected stores with Tootsie Rolls and donation cans in hand. The more Brother Knights we have out there working shifts, the more money we will collect for KOVAR. There are still a number of shifts available. Each shift is 2 to 3 hours long. After the shifts, collectors are invited back to Providence Hall for food and refreshments. Families are welcome to participate.

If you are interested in signing up for a shift, or have any questions, please contact Matt West at askmekofc@yahoo.com

Fraternal Benefits and Estate Planning Event

Mark the date, Thursday evening, **June 11**, (6:30 to 8:30) we will be holding our annual Fraternal Benefits night. This year, joining our Fraternal Benefits Advisor, Phil Freda, will be joined by Rhonda A. Miller, Managing Partner of Matsen, Miller, Cossa & Gray, PLLC. Rhonda A. Miller is a highly dedicated, skilled, and innovative legal professional. She is licensed in Virginia, California, and the District of Columbia. Rhonda has extensive background in following practice areas:

Estate Planning: Wills and Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Advance Medical Directives, Specialty Trusts, Probate and Trust Administration, Trust Litigation

Elder Law: Guardianships and Conservatorships, Medicaid Planning, Special Needs Planning, Veteran's Planning

Business Planning/Asset Protection: Entity Selection, Limited Liability Company, Succession Planning, Asset Protection Trusts, Contracts.

The evening is open to all members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and friends interested in learning more about the benefits of The Knights as well as an informative presentation on wills and trusts and a myriad of other topics. Refreshments will be served. Contact Herb Zimmerman (703-623-7180 – email herb2777@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

Search Has Started for a Comedy Knight Committee

Greg Hartley has been selected as the Comedy Knight Chairman for 2016. He is beginning the search now for Committee Chairmen to help out. If you participated in last years event your expertize is greatly needed and he will be calling you.

Comedy Knight Committee positions open:

- Co-Chairman
- Comptroller
- Ticket Sales and Collections
- Set-up/Take Down
- Silent Auction/Door prizes/Sponsors/Ads
- Solicitation (Sponsors and Ads)
- Solicitation (Silent Auction and Door prizes)
- Silent Auction Table Set-up & Collections
- Door prize set-up, ticket sales, and Give-aways
- Publicity/Promotion/Program
- Refreshments

If you can help out in any of the areas below please give Greg a call ([571-238-6273](tel:571-238-6273)) or e-mail (pghartley@hotmail.com)

“Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved.” □ St. Robert Bellarmine

Rosary to End Abortion Saturday, June 13th

We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday, **June 13**, outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout. We finish in time to attend the 9:00 mass. There is hot coffee/tea in the hall after 9:00 mass.



You are cordially invited to attend the 2014-15

Grand Knight's Ball

Sunday, June 7

at

The Army/Navy Country Club

Complimentary Wine and Beverages starting at 6:00 PM (and all evening)

Buffet Dinner – 6:30 PM

Sliced Roast Beef with mushroom sauce, Chicken Picata, Rice Pilaf, Potatoes, Chef's choice of Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Green Salad, Rolls, Desserts including White Chocolate Bread Pudding

Awards Program – 7:30

Post Program Entertainment – 8:00 PM

Tickets - \$50 per person

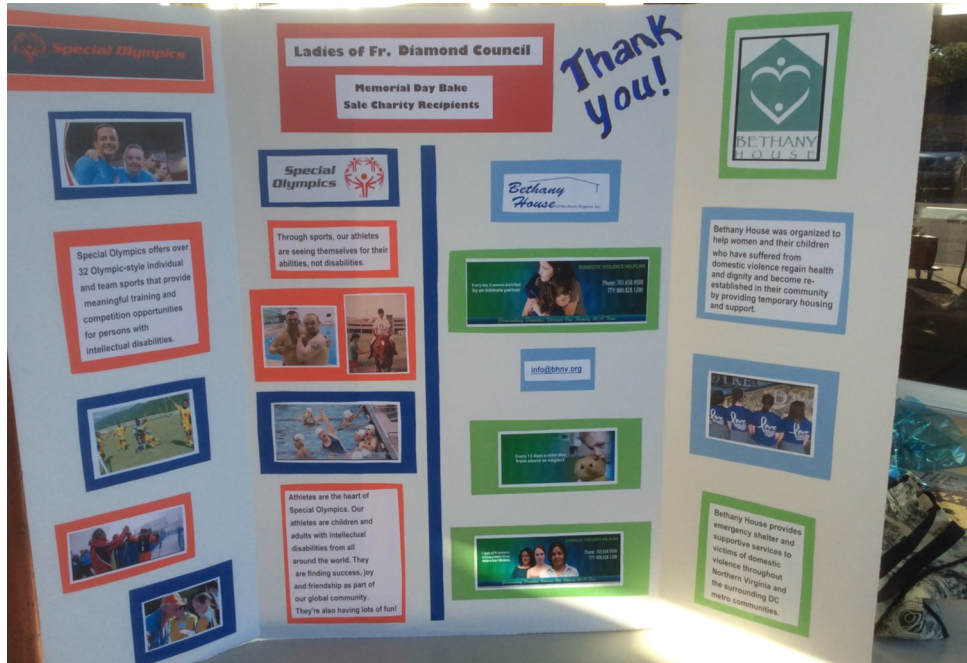
includes Dinner, Wine, Beer, and Entertainment

Please RSVP to Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455 email: herb2777@yahoo.com

(please leave a message with your name, phone number, and how many will be attending if you get voice mail)

Get in the Picture—Come Join Us

Ladies of Father Diamond Council Bakesale



June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	3	4 KOVAR Collections	5 KOVAR Collections	6 KOVAR Collections
7 KOVAR Collections 6:00 Grand Knight's Ball - Army/Navy Country Club	8 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	9 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	10	11 6:30PM Fraternal Benefits Nite	12	13 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion D14 2nd Degree - loc TBD
14 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses	15 7:30pm Ladies of #6292-Mtg	16 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	17 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assmly Mtg (Steak Night - Pass & Review)	18	19	20 District Orientation Mtg-Ten. (for new GK & DGK)
21	22	23 6:30 Rosary 7:00 PM - Steak Night & short mtg.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 End of Fraternal Year 2014-15	1 Start Fraternal Year 2015-16	2	3	4 Independence Day

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30 End of Fraternal Year 2014-15	1 Start Fraternal Year 2015-16	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	8	9	10	11 State Org. Mtg - Newport News
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 5 PM-Corporate Communion 6PM-Installation of Officers 7:30 PM-Reception in Hall
19	20 7:30 PM-Ladies of #6292-Mtg	21	22	23	24	25
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Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

Officers

Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chancellor	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Advocate	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
2yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
1yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Program Directors

Programs	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	TBD	703-385-8007
Council	TBD	703-385-8007
Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	Mike Tocci	469-877-3285

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Admissions	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	TBD	703-385-8007
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Manager	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

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	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Comedy Knight	Mike Torrey	703-273-2588
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Fourth Deg.	Dave 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	Matt West	703-359-4652
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

Hall Manager Needed

We want to thank Mike Purtill for all his hard work as our hall manager. Unfortunately, due to pressures on his time from work and other areas, Mike will be resigning as Hall Manager effective July 1. We are in need of someone who has the time and inclination to manage our hall. Mike has documented all the duties. This is a great job for someone who is retired or has flexible hours. Please call Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455 if you are interested.

Thought for the Day:

**“What you are is God's gift
to you, what you become is
your gift to God.”**

— Hans Urs von Balthasar



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 Larry Novak at 703-978-6137 or email — ZLRN01@AOL.COM for information. Available at Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM or at meetings.

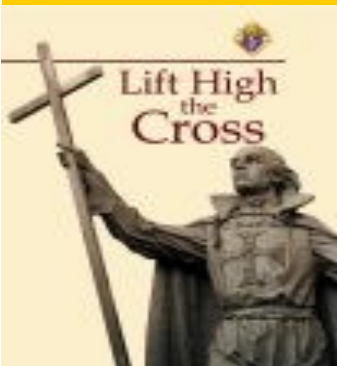
How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

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, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win – Win**

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