

The Lookout

March 2006



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292

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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I'd like to thank everyone that helped with our two major activities in January: the March for Life and the 3rd Degree. About 18 people helped collect money at the March, some of whom were personally greeted by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick; and about 40 candidates took their 3rd Degree, including three priests; our chaplain Fr. Tran was one of the three! Also in January we had a very successful Free Throw Contest with 27 young men and women taking part. The high shooter made 14 of 15 free throws.

The Knight of the Month for January was PGK Tom Kelley who resumed his former duties as 1st Degree Team Captain and began preparing the team for the new 1st Degree ceremony. As the District Nominator for District 16, Tom is also involved in the nominating process for next year's slate of state officers.

The Family of the Month for January was PGK Tom Hogan along with his son, PGK Tim Hogan, for their heavy involvement in the March for Life. Our support for the March for Life remains one of our most visible positions in the Right to Life movement and I am very grateful to have Tom on our council since he takes a high visibility position every year in planning the March itself and working with Nellie Gray.

When you read this article the council's Nominating Committee will be considering the slate of officers for next fraternal year. I encourage any interested 3rd degree member to contact myself or Deputy Grand Knight Bill Ward, or any member of the nominating committee (which I haven't named as I write this!). Elected positions include: Grand Knight; Deputy Grand Knight; Chancellor; Treasurer; Recorder; Advocate; Warden; Inside Guard; two Outside Guards; and three Trustees. Normally members join the

officer cadre as Guards or the Advocate but everyone is free to run for any position.

As I write this message, newspapers are filled with stories about the Muslim response to European newspapers printing images of the Prophet Muhammed. Flags are burned and Christians are attacked, and at least one Danish business has closed its doors as a result of the boycott. In all the news you may have missed the story of Father Andrea Santoro, an Italian missionary priest who was killed by a Muslim zealot in Turkey. On February 8th during his regular weekly address, Pope Benedict XVI said, "We cannot fail to remember Father Andrea Santoro today"; and prayed that "the sacrifice of his life may contribute to dialogue between religious and peace among peoples". My understanding is that the newspapers' original reason for printing these images was to project Western standards of free speech and tolerance for other belief systems into the Muslim world. It is very interesting and important to see how all parties react to the Muslim reaction. A major issue for Western Catholicism – maybe the major issue, aside from the pro-life movement – is the growing influence of Islamic culture in Western Europe. Many centuries ago there was a flourishing Christian movement in the Near East. Those churches and cathedrals that still exist now are museums or mosques. Just recently a Christian attendee at an ecumenical conference asked a Saudi imam how many churches there were in Saudi Arabia; the answer was "None".

Dave Miller
Grand Knight

Father Francis J. Diamond Council, 6292 March 2006

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Chancellor's Message:

We had a very busy "degree blitz week" during the week of January 23rd. My thanks to all for their help and for the Degree teams who did a great job. We are now at 13 new members for the 2005-2006 fraternal year. Our goal (as set by Supreme Council) is 20 new members. We are getting there. As of this time we are at 13 (by my records) and this includes the two that took their 1st Degree in January – please welcome Patrick Miller and Paul Kiechlin. In December we welcomed Jorge Zavala and Daniel Brosnon.

As you can see we need 7 more members to reach our goal. I know we can do it. The last Open House was a great success and my thanks to all who helped, including Bob Bilko, Jim Essig, Tim Tilson, and Larry Gottschalk. We have four more months to reach our goal. As an added incentive, beginning January 1, 2006 and thru June 30, 2006, any Knight who recruits a new 1st Degree member, I will buy your meal and drink on the night of that member's 1st Degree. Here are the remaining Council Degrees for this fraternal year:

1st Degrees

March 28th
May 13th
June 13th

2nd Degrees

March 30th
May 25th

Question – where is your Form 100? Just checking. If you know of any one interested in joining the Knights, please contact me with their info. Also, if you have any ideas for recruiting new members, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-307-9163 or Wweich@yahoo.com. I am always interested in new ideas!

Fraternally,

Bill Weich
Worthy Chancellor

Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month
January 2006



Family of the Month
January 2006



Brother Paul Cooke Reaches a Milestone

As you may have heard, our Brother Knight, Paul Cooke, reached his 50th anniversary as a Knight of Columbus last month! Paul is also a Past Grand Knight, Former District Deputy, and former Financial Secretary, to name just a few of his accomplishments with the Order. Be sure to congratulate Paul the next time you get a chance.

Chaplain takes the 3rd Degree

Our Chaplain, Fr. Augustine Tran took the 3rd Degree when it was offered at our Council this past January. Congratulate him the next time you see him (and get him ready for the 4th Degree this Fall!)

News & Events

March for Life

On Monday January 23, 2006, Fr. Diamond Council once again participated as Marshals at the Right to Life March in the District.

Our Council had 19 Brother Knights plus one Columbiette (Li Plumstead) and one other family member of a Knight (Larry Gottschalk's granddaughter, Elysia, who flew in from the West Coast) participate in the collection effort. As a result of this good turnout, we collected \$15,684; our previous high was \$24,534 in 2004. Our first effort in 1994 netted \$1,855. Since we started collecting at the March, we have collected a total of \$191,138 to help defray the expenses of the Marches.

Host Families Needed for Northern Ireland Peace Program

The Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland (CFPNI) is seeking local families to help with the peace and reconciliation effort in Northern Ireland. Please consider hosting a Protestant and Catholic youth (ages 15-18) in your home for four weeks this summer. To be eligible, families must provide a safe, neutral setting for the two teens to get to know each other, a single bedroom for them to share, and day-long adult supervision. During the teens' stay, they participate in various activities designed to build trust, encourage cooperation and break down barriers. The majority of their time is spent enjoying the host family's normal routine.

CFPNI is a non-political, non-denominational, and all-volunteer peace program aimed at building trust, understanding and friendship among the next generation of leaders in Northern Ireland, where division still exists.

To obtain a host family application, or to get information on our fundraising event on March 11, contact Tamera Drozd at (703) 255-1628, or visit our website at www.cfpni.org. Host applications must be received by April 8th.

Lenten Fish Dinner

Come and join your fellow parishioners at the Annual Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner! Lenten Fish Dinner! Mark your calendars for March 31, 2006, 6:00 – 8:30pm in the St. Leo's Parish Activity Center (Gym). Please RSVP to Bill Ward: (703) 273-6289 or e-mail: bward@6292.kofcva.org

Saint Patrick's Day Party



Our party this year will be held on Saturday March 18, 2006 at 6:00pm in Providence Hall. The traditional corned beef & cabbage will be served with Irish beer and stout available. The excellent step dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing (www.oneilljameschool.com/index.html) will again be on hand to provide entertainment.

The cost will be \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under age of 14. The maximum cost per family is \$25. Guests are welcome, but RSVP early as space is limited! Contact Dan Purtill (703-641-8948 or dpurtill@gmail.com) to RSVP or offer to help.

Judges Requested for Diocesan Science Fair

We have been asked by Ms. Janet Vetrano, Arlington Diocese Office of Catholic Schools, to help find Judges for the upcoming 7th and 8th Grade Diocesan Science Fair. The Science Fair is April 29, 2006, at Bishop O'Connell High School. Judges will be needed from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Coffee and breakfast rolls will be served at 8:00 A.M. followed by instructions for judging. Details and instructions are available on the Council website at www.6292.kofcva.org. Please help if you can.

Night of Magic

The annual magic show will be on Saturday, March 25, 2006 in the St. Leo's PAC at 6:00pm. Pizza and soft drinks will be served while some truly amazing magicians perform for the kids (and adults, too!). Contact Family Chairman, Nelson Clinch at (703) 385-2146 for details.

Columbiettes Soup Supper

The Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Soup Supper on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7:00pm in Providence Hall. Come join your fellow Knights and their families for a fun evening of great food and company. Bring a soup dish to share and show off what a great cook you are! Note, this is a change from last month's newsletter, which incorrectly said the supper would be in February.



Anniversaries

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

March Birthdays

Michael S. Passey	3/1
Ronnie S. Granada	3/3
Thomas A. Belz	3/4
Edgar Novack PGK	3/4
Francis W Mc Dermott	3/5
Jose A. Trujillo Jr	3/6
Samuel K. Stafford	3/6
Joseph F. Paratore	3/7
Edward J Hogan	3/7
Daniel E. Purtill	3/7
Thomas S. Huestis	3/8
Daniel Solares	3/8
Karl S. Reiner	3/9
Edward P Cuccias	3/9
Gerard R Pepin PGK	3/10
Thomas J. Wronski	3/10
Patrick E McGrane	3/11
Sebastiao P. Cordeiro	3/12
Daniel J Conway	3/12
Bart F. Bingham	3/12
Daniel M Fleming	3/13
Timothy J Cooke PGK	3/13
James P. Cooke	3/13
Donald R Kehoe PSD	3/14
Peter D. Mazzocchi	3/14
Joseph P Underwood	3/16
David J Hahn	3/20
Bruce A. Stuebner	3/20
Ronald J. Thornton	3/21
Peter G. Gallas	3/26
John L. Okay PGK	3/27
Thomas V Kelley PGK	3/29
Paul G Hartley	3/29
Craig A. Radcliff	3/29

March Wedding Anniversaries

Years Married

Edward & Mary Rodriguez	3/3	62
Manuel & Larue Garcia	3/7	30
Raymond & Nancy Kruep	3/13	34
Timothy & Erin Cooke PGK	3/16	10
William & Geny Cross	3/23	21
Robin & Lynda Parker	3/25	33
John & Barbara Bruno	3/31	2

“Whole life insurance calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may want to consider a permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

“Twenty Pay Life” is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for only 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our “Life Paid Up at 65.” You buy this permanent product and you only pay premiums to age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It’s possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I’ll meet with you and your spouse to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor



Knights of Columbus
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Officers & Chairmen

Officers

Grand Knight	Dave Miller	517-3430
Chaplain	Fr. Augustine Tran	273-5369
D Grand Knight	Bill Ward	273-6289
Chancellor	Bill Weich	307-9163
Treasurer	Al Leightley	273-2089
Lecturer	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Financial Sec.	Al Botticelli	278-0379
Recorder	Dave Mann	691-9160
Advocate	Dennis Makurat	383-0233
Warden	Stephen Kehoe	591-6813
Inside Guard	George Schuld	255-0362
Outside Guard	Stephen Davis	591-5694
Outside Guard	Matt West	359-4652
3yr Trustee	Greg Hartley	352-2797
2yr Trustee	Hank Urban	591-9244
1yr Trustee	Tim Cooke	766-2911

Program Directors

Programs	Bill Ward	273-6289
Church	Mike Plumstead	250-2367
Community	Matt West	359-4652
Council	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Family	Nelson Clinch	385-2146
Youth	Bob Bilko	359-6824
Membership	Bill Weich	307-9163

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Greg Skorupski	978-8280
Admissions	Tim Cooke	766-2911
Retention	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Vocations	Bill Weich	307-9163
Budget & Fin.	Al Leightley	273-2089
Hall Mgt	John Judge	385-3804
Frat. Bene.	Dennis Riley	450-6100
Insurance	Nelson Clinch	385-2146

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Tim Hogan	385-1292
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd	352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	591-7739
Christmas Trees	Jac Cerny	255-9484
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	385-1292
Family Breakfast	Dave Miller	517-3430
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	978-6137
KCIC	Herb Zimmerman	385-9455
KOVAR	Greg Hartley	352-2797
Newsletter	Dan Purtill	641-8948
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	352-0848
Scout Troop	Paul Cutlip	691-0712
Scrip	Larry Novack	978-6137

For Your Edification

Our Founder's Vision

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

On March 29, we will celebrate the 123rd anniversary of our founding. On that day in 1882, the state of Connecticut officially recognized the Knights of Columbus as a legal corporation. We plan to celebrate this date by recognizing the 1.7 millionth member of the Order and by welcoming the 100,000th member into the Father McGivney Guild.

Your participation in both these initiatives is needed. Recruit a new member and send in his Form #100 immediately so he can be included in the drawing. Both the [1.7 millionth Knight](#) and his recruiter will win a trip to New Haven.

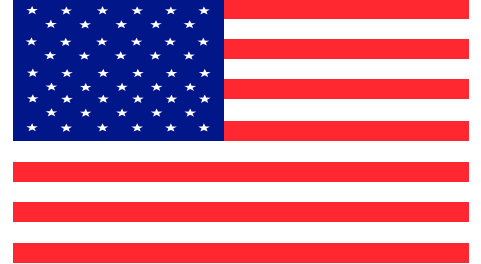
If you have not joined the Father McGivney Guild to help promote the cause for sainthood of the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, do so today. To enroll, go to <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/guild/join/register.cfm?CFID=17335&CFTOKEN=64040710>

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus during a time of great social change and difficulty. His sole goal was to provide spiritual and material support to families. He spent his short time on this earth worrying about and providing for others: his widowed mother and his siblings; his parishioners; inmates in the New Haven jail; widows and orphans, and those first brother Knights. He had a youthful optimism and practical, problem-solving approach to life's difficulties that should inspire us.

No matter the situation, and even in failing health, Father McGivney's hope never diminished. Surely this is rooted in his life of prayer and his openness to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Father McGivney left us more than the Knights of Columbus as an organization. He left us his work, his vision and his spirituality. These live on in us today. It is up to us, however, to make sure his legacy carries on to the next generation and beyond. We need Father McGivney's model to guide and inspire us. We need more Knights and Guild members to keep his vision alive for the Church and the world.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL, 6292



Saint Patrick's Day Party



Come join us for a great time and prove that there's a little Irish in us all. We will be feasting on a traditional menu:

- Corned Beef
- Cabbage
- Potatoes and Carrots
- Colcannon
- Soda Bread
- Desserts
- Drinks for folks of all ages



Entertainment will be provided by the dancers of the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing.

Where: Providence Hall
3702 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22030

When: Saturday, March 18, 2006 Doors Open at 6:00pm

Who: All Council Members and Guests are invited.

Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 for children under 14; \$25 maximum per family

RSVP to Dan Purtill (703) 641-8948 or dpurtill@gmail.com

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 SEMIANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT**

FOR PERIOD ENDED Dec 31, 2005 Due By: Feb 15



COUNCIL NO. 6292 CITY Fairfax STATE Virginia

SCHEDULE A -- MEMBERSHIP

ADDITIONS . . .	INS	ASSO.	TOT	DEDUCTIONS . . .	INS	ASSO.	TOT
Total Members Start of Period	174	235	409	Suspensions Initiations	0	0	0
Initiations	0	7	7	Deaths	0	1	1
Transfers from other councils	0	1	1	Final Withdrawals	0	0	0
Transfers--Assoc, to Ins.	4	0	4	Transfers--Assoc. to Insurance	0	4	4
Transfers--Ins. to Assoc	0	2	2	Transfers--Ins. to Associates	2	0	2
Reinstatements & Readmissions	0	1	1	Transfers to Other Councils	2	1	3
Total for Period	178	246	424	Total Deductions	4	6	10
Minus Total Deductions	4	6	10				
Number Members End of Period	174	240	414				

SCHEDULE B -- CASH TRANSACTIONS

FINANCIAL SECRETARY			
Cash on Hand Beginning of Period	\$ -	Cash on Hand Begin. Period	\$ 13,415.42
Cash Received--Dues, Initiations	\$ 7,520.00	Received from Fin. Sec	\$ 88,352.59
Cash Received from other Sources:		Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 1,852.90
(Explain Kind and Amount)		Total Receipts	\$ 103,620.91
Fund Raising \$ 22,471.68		Disbursements	
Program \$ 57,029.27		Per Capita: Supreme	\$ 577.41
All Others \$ 1,331.64	\$ 80,832.59	State Council	\$ 800.00
Total Cash Received	\$ 88,352.59	General Council Expenses	\$ 70,881.56
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 88,352.59	Transfers to Sav. & Invest. Accts	\$ 10,238.01
Cash on Hand at End of Period	\$ -	Miscellaneous	\$ -
		Total Disbursements	\$ 81,119.57
		Net Balance on Hand	\$ 22,501.34

SCHEDULE C -- ASSETS LIABILITIES

ASSETS			
Cash:		Due Supreme Council:	
Undeposited Funds	0.00	Per Capita	0.00
Bank -- General -- Acct.	\$ 22,501.34	Supplies	0.00
Special Acct.	\$ 3,618.50	Catholic Adv.	0.00
Savings & Investment Acct	\$ 134,626.22	Other	0.00
Due From <u>45</u> Members	\$ 4,275.00	Due State Council	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 165,021.06	Advance Payments By <u>348</u> Member	\$ 7,080.00
Less: Current Liabilities	\$ 11,651.00	Misc. Liabilities	
Net Current Assets	\$ 153,370.06	Vendors	\$ -
Investments:		PKD & KOVAR	\$ 4,571.00
*Real Estate	0.00		\$ -
*Furniture	0.00	Total Current Liabilities	\$ 11,651.00
*Stocks & Bonds	0.00		
Total Investment	0.00		
Less: Investment Liabilities	0.00		
Net Investment Assets	\$ -		
Total Assets	\$ 153,370.06		

Signed this 07 day of Feb. 2006 2003

 David Miller Grand Knight

 Timothy Cooke Trustee

 Henry Urban Jr. Trustee

 Paul G. Hartley Trustee

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Dates to Remember in March

Mar 1	Ash Wednesday	Mar 19	Family Breakfast
Mar 4	State Quarterly Meeting	Mar 21	Grey GOSTS
Mar 5	Blood Drive	Mar 21	Columbiettes Soup Supper
Mar 7	Officers' Meeting	Mar 23	Admissions Committee
Mar 8	BUNCO/Ladies' Night Out	Mar 25 & 26	Food Drive
Mar 11 & 12	Food Drive	Mar 26	Donuts & Coffee
Mar 11	Rosary at Abortion Facility	Mar 28	Mass/Business Meeting/1st Degree
Mar 13	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Mar 29	Founder's Day
Mar 14	Rosary/Business Meeting	Mar 30	2nd Degree
Mar 15	4th Degree Rosary/Business Meeting	Mar 31	Lenten Fish Dinner
Mar 18	St. Patrick's Day Party		

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4 State Quarterly Meeting
5 Blood Drive Scout Sunday Breakfast	6 VS #10	7 1930 Officers Meeting	8 1930 Ladies Night Out/BUNCO	9	10	11 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary
12 Food Drive	13 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #GG	14 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	15 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 1800 St. Patrick's Party
19 Family Breakfast - Blue Team	20 VS #1	21 1100 Gray GOSTS 1900 Columbiettes Soup Supper	22	23 1930 Admissions Committee	24	25 Food Drive 1800 Night of Magic
26 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	27 VS #2	28 1930 Mass/Business Mtg/ 1 st Degree	29 Founder's Day	30 2000 2 nd Degree	31 1800 Lenten Fish Dinner	

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April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 VS #3	4 1930 Officers Meeting	5	6	7 1930 Food Transfer	8 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 0900 Food Basket Delivery
9 Food Drive Palm Sunday	10 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #4	11 1930 Rosary/Business Mtg	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15 1100 Feed The Homeless 1800 RCIA Reception
16 Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt	17 VS #5	18 1100 Gray GOSTS	19 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	20 KOVAR	21 KOVAR	22 Food Drive KOVAR
23 Food Drive KOVAR 1145 Donuts & Coffee	24 VS #6	25 1930 Mass/Business Mtg	26	27	28 1930 Ice Cream Social	29
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