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The Lookout



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Grand Knight's Message:



Whether you are calling it Snowpocalypse or Snowmageddon, I hope you all survived the giant snow storm and are completely dug out by now. Hopefully we are done with the snow for this season. Unfortunately, many of our programs and events had to be cancelled or postponed due to the dangerous conditions. I would like to take a moment to thank all the individuals that helped shovel the snow from in front of the council hall. The average age of the first shift of shovelers was 71 years young! Also, special thanks go out to Brother Joe Monnin for taking upon himself to act as the second wave of shovelers and shoveling the stairs in front of the hall by himself.

By the time you are reading this message, we will be into the Lenten Season. A time to reflect on our lives and how to transform ourselves. I hope each of you is taking this time to think how you can adjust your life and how you can help others and the community more.

At the end of January, before the snow took over our lives, our council was able to participate in the annual March for Life. Once again, the council collected money to help Nellie Gray defray the costs of the March. I'm proud to announce that the council set a record for the amount of money collected. We collected an amazing \$32,317.50!! This surpassed our record of over \$28,000 raised last year. Way to go everyone!! Thanks so much to Mike and Li Plumstead for coordinating everything with the collection. Also, I would like to extend a word of thanks to Tom Hogan for all the work he has done this year and every year to make sure the March is a complete success.

At the present, it looks as if we are actually getting close to renovating the hall. It feels like we wrote this same message at this time last year, but I promise we are getting close. The plans for the renovations have been approved by the diocese and we are awaiting final approval by the city to proceed. It looks as if we are on schedule to begin renovations in the beginning of May. So, we will be coordinating the cleaning and storage of everything in the hall soon. Please watch your email for information on when it will be taking place, and please plan to come out and help out for an afternoon. Many hands make light work.

The **Family of the Month for January** is a couple that has been very helpful to the council, especially during the March for Life. They spent the afternoon helping to count the money we collected, count it again, and reconcile everything. Congratulations to **Tom and Mary Lou Gross**. As Brother Urban said, "If it wasn't for their help, I would still be at the hall counting the money." The Knight of the Month for January is a man that has supported the knights and all the work we've done for many years. He is always there to help us when we have problems or questions, and quietly goes about all the great work he does for the council and community. Great thanks to our **Knight of the Month for January, Father Whitestone**.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me any time at mvpurtill@gmail.com. Until next time, here's hoping we are done with snow!

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



Wow! This is my 16th winter in northern Virginia, and I have never seen a winter like this here! My time in the Buffalo-Rochester area is a different

story, but the weather here certainly wreaked havoc on our December and February calendars. Given the weather, some of the events were cancelled and others will be rescheduled. For instance, out of thanks for all of the Council's hard work, the Fraternalism Night scheduled for February 5 will be moved to a date to be determined. The date for the Grand Knight's Ball has been set, though! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 5 at Army-Navy Country Club in Fairfax. The event begins with cocktails at 6 PM. More details will be shared when they are final.

One of our big weekends in March is our Open House weekend. Many Knights are needed after all masses at St. Leo's on March 6-7 to discuss the benefits of Knighthood with prospective members. Please contact Keith Morrison at mwcrkm@aol.com to volunteer to help after the mass you attend.

Charity Events

In conjunction with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, our Council will once again be helping with Easter food baskets for the needy in our area. Food transfer and basket assembly occur on Friday, March 26 beginning around 3:30 PM. Delivery is scheduled for the following day, beginning at 10 AM. Please contact Greg Skorupski at gregskisr@aol.com to offer assistance.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for help transferring donations from the vestibule to their food pantry after all masses the weekends of March 13-14 and 27-28. Please help after the mass you attend.

Church events

Thanks to John Berg, Lillian Feta, and Vincent Feta who a) got the word of the location change, b) were able to make it out of their neighborhoods, and c) joined

me to pray the rosary for an end to abortion on February 13. Due to unsafe sidewalk conditions near the abortion facility, we squeezed in 15 of our usual 20 decades between 9:00 mass' conclusion and setup for an 11:00 funeral at St. Leo's Church. The next rosary is scheduled for March 13 at 8 AM near the corner of Chain Bridge Road (123) and Eaton to pray that all come to understand the travesty of decisions "that a child must die so that you may live as you wish," as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta is quoted to have said.

Council events

The monthly Grey Gost social and luncheon is March 16 beginning at 11 AM. That same night at 7:00 PM, the Columbiettes will host their annual Soup Supper in Providence Hall. All Knights and their wives are invited to bring soup to share at this evening of fellowship, with a speaker scheduled for 7:30. Please contact Ann Todd at (703) 352-2724 or datodd@verizon.net for further information.

Many declare Erin Go Bragh! ("Ireland Forever") on or around March 17. Unfortunately, we could not schedule the St. Patrick's Day Party around that date. Instead, our St. Patrick's Day party will be Saturday, March 27 at 6 PM in the St. Leo's School gymnasium. Please RSVP to Dan Purtill at dpurtill@gmail.com if you would

like to attend. Irish Dancers have been contacted for the event.

Family activities

On March 21, the Blue Team is scheduled cook at the Family Breakfast after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses in the St. Leo's School gym. Donations are appreciated for those who partake of breakfast, and volunteers are always needed to join the breakfast teams and help with this service to the Parish. Please contact Mike Purtill at mvpurtill@gmail.com to join a team or for further information.

Community activities

A few individuals are needed to help Fairfax Nursing Center's residents enjoy an evening of BINGO. The next BINGO night is scheduled for March 8. Please contact Bob Bilko at rabilko@hotmail.com to offer your assistance, then arrive at the Center on Main Street (236) around 6:50 PM. The event is scheduled for the fourth floor community room.

With any luck, the weather will turn more favorable to the many events we have scheduled in the coming weeks.

Vivat Jesus!

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Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes have several things planned over the next several months. In March the Columbiettes will host their annual Soup Supper. The event will be held on Tuesday

March 16. We will plan to eat at 7:00, with a Lenten reflection to follow. Please bring a homemade soup to share with Brother Knights and their ladies.

After taking a year off, we will hold our annual bake sale over Memorial Day Weekend. Proceeds from this bake sale will go towards the Haitian Relief efforts. We will have access to the gym and kitchen for baking and arranging items again this year. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

We have also secured a date for our Spring Fling. We will have an Italian themed event on Saturday June 12 after the 5:00 Mass. Look for more details over the next couple of months.

Looking well beyond the next few months, the Columbiettes have scheduled a date for our 2nd annual craft fair. We are excited to announce that this event will be held on Sunday October 24. We will be getting more information about this event out over the next few months.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2010. We will be accepting nominations for next year's slate of officers at this meeting.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to 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 **Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813** or steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net.



Council News & Events

Nursing Home Bingo— This is Fun!

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on **Monday, March 8** at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at

bwatd@6292.kofcva.org or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details or wish to volunteer to be the new chairman.



Rosary at the Abortion Facility—

February's rosary was "SNOWED OUT". However, Brother John Berg organized a rosary outside St Leo's Church in front of our Lady of Providence statue which is dedicated to the Right to Life Movement.

On the second Saturday of the March, Knights will again meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.



IT's WORKING!!! Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!

GRAND KNIGHT's BALL—Date Set

This year's formal Grand Night's Ball, including dinner, dancing and awards ceremony, will be held at the Army-Navy Country Club on Old Lee Highway on Saturday, June 5. Chairman for this event is Herb Zimmerman. Watch this newsletter for more information.

Catholic Educational Opportunities—

The Institute of Catholic Culture (www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org) is a stand alone group here in the diocese that does lectures. Here is a schedule of upcoming lectures :

- **The Lives of the Apostolic Fathers** - Mar 2,9,16 & 23 at St Michael's
- **True Justice & the Mercy of God—An Introduction to the Cardinal Virtues** - Mar 13 @ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at Saint Leo the Great
- **True Faith & the Unknown: An Introduction to the Theological Virtues** - Mar 20 @ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at Saint Leo the Great
- **Living the Virtuous Life**—Mar 27 7:30 PM at St Thomas More

Brother Knight—Kevin McGrail - Honoree

Each time the KOVAR Board awards a grant, it selects an honoree, someone who has done significant work relating to KOVAR, the council, or to an organization that supports those with Intellectual Disabilities.

At the 12 December 2009 KOVAR Board meeting, the board approved a grant of \$5,769 to the Parents of Autistic Children-Vo VA. The grant will be used to help POAC-NoVA pay for and conduct training sessions for parents, teachers and therapists of autistic children. In view of his many years of service as the President of POAC-NoVA Kevin McGrail was selected as the honoree.

Several members of Fr Diamond Council #6292 accompanied Tim Tilson, State KOVAR Chairman, to Kevin's company office at **Peregrine Computer Systems** (which hosts our Council's website (<http://www.6292.kofcva.org/>)). for the award ceremony.



Knights and Knight Families Honored

Knight of the Month
January
Father Whitestone

Family of the Month
January
Tom and Mary Lou Gross





KOVAR, an acronym for Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded, is a Virginia chartered statewide non profit organization providing funds to organizations that provide for those with intellectual disabilities. A major fund raiser is done once a year throughout

the state, shortly after Easter, by distributing specially marked Tootsie Rolls in front of local businesses and asking for donations.

Father Diamond Council #6292, first participated in KOVAR in 1975 and since then we have raised **\$501,075**. Since KOVAR started our Council has been a major contributor of funds for the program. Our established goal for this years drive is \$25,290, last year we raised \$23,965.

One of our sources of income toward our goal is your contributions to KOVAR through the annual United

Way, Combined Federal Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaigns. If you did make a pledge to KOVAR this past fall please give a copy of your pledge document to Herb Zimmerman, our Treasurer. We need a copy of your pledge so that we can have the documentation to get credit for that pledge toward our goal

This years drive is the 15th to 18th of April. Please save some time that weekend to help in our collection effort, the more sites that we can cover the better our overall result will be. Please call **Steve Kehoe at (703) 591-6813** if you can help, enlist you wife and children to help, children make great collectors. If you can't help, please consider making a tax deductible donation to help us achieve our goal. Make out check to KOVAR and send it to the Council or bring it in no later than April 16th.



St. Patrick's Day Party Saturday, March 27 (only a wee bit late)



Time: 6:00 PM (right after 5:00 Mass)

Place: PAC Center

Menu: **All-u-can-eat (and drink)** Corned beef (what else?), cabbage, potatoes, salad, colcannon (classic Irish potato and cabbage dish), deserts and drinks (beer, sodas, water, coffee)

Entertainment: Irish Dancers from the McGrath Academy of Irish Dance

Cost : \$15 per adult—\$5 per child 14 and under—\$40 **MAXIMUM** per family!!

RSVP: So that we can be sure to have enough food, contact:
Dan Purtill—(703) 641-8948 (home)
or Email dpurtill@gmail.com

mcgrath academy of irish dance



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

Basic knowledge on insurance products

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

Whole life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection, and calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another 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 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." With this per-



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manent product you pay premiums until you reach 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 wife 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.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or Dennis.Riley@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.
Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA
Field Agent

Don't Forget—Soup Supper at K of C Hall—March 16—7:00 PM
Hosted by the Columbiettes—free to all Knights & families

Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very impor-

Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15th of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send your info to Herb Zimmerman at herb2777@yahoo.com.

Use Food Cards to Buy Your Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas Presents (Gift Cards)— 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 **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 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,



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1930 Officer's Meeting	3	4	5	6 Open House VA Regional Qtrly Mtg
7 Open House	8 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	9 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	10	11	12 1900 District 16 Meeting	13 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive
14 Food Drive	15	16 1100 Grey Gosts 1900 Soup Supper	17 St. Patrick's Day 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	18 1930 Admissions Committee	19 District 16 Meeting	20
21 Family Breakfast-Blue Team	22	23 1930 Mass 2000 1st Degree	24	25 2000 2nd Degree	26 1600 Food Basket Transfer 1800 Food Basket Assembly	27 1000 Food Basket Delivery 1130 Feed the Homeless 1800 1800 St. Pat's Day Party Food Drive
28 Palm Sunday Food Drive	29	30	31			

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 1130 Feed the Homeless RCIA reception
4 Easter	5	6 1930 Officer's Meeting	7	8	9	10 0800 Rosary to end Abortion Food Drive
11 Food Drive	12 1845 Bingo @ FFX Nursing Home	13 1930 Rosary 2000 Business Meeting	14	15 KOVAR	16 KOVAR	17 KOVAR
18 KOVAR Family Breakfast-Gold Team	19	20 1100 Grey Gosts 1930 Columbiettes	21 1930 Rosary 2000 4th Degree Meeting	22	23	24 1200 Salute to Seniors Food Drive 1830 Night of Magic??
25 Food Drive	26	27 1930 Mass 2000 Business Meeting	28	29	30	

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2009-10

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1yr Trustee	Hank Urban	703 591 9244

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Church	John Berg	703-219-2096
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Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	John Leonard	303-808-1245

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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
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Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
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Best-of-the-Worst Pun Challenge

Some people do not believe PUNS are real humor. However they can be both clever and funny. For this reason, I am willing to publish the "best of the worst" puns submitted to me by Brother Knights of Council #6292.

Send your favorite pun to herb2777@yahoo.com.



Topical Joke of the Month

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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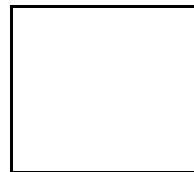
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****Meetings—every 2nd and 4th Tuesday—8:00 PM****

Inside: Brother Kevin McGrail Honored

March 16—Columbiettes' Soup Supper

March 21—Family Breakfast

March 27—St. Patrick's Day Party (a wee bit late)

