

# THE LOOKOUT

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## **Grand Knight's Message**



Dear Brother Knights, I want to thank everyone for their continued hard work in February. We had Fraternalism Night, Scout Breakfast, Rosary to end abortion, Car Raffle Ticket sales, Family Breakfast, Adopt-a-Spot, and a business meeting with an Admissions

Degree.

As we roll into March and the beginning of Lent, it is a time for reflection about what it means to be Catholic and how we can deepen our faith. We can do this by many means such as attending extra Masses, almsgiving, sacrificing, helping others, or giving to the Bishop's Lenten appeal. We can grow in Faith as a Council by gathering in front of St Leo's to pray the Rosary to end abortion on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our parish soup suppers begin on March 3 and continue each Friday evening (6 pm) through April 7. Our Council will have the honor of providing a meatless soup to share with our fellow Knights and parishioners on April 7<sup>th</sup>. On March 18, after the 6 o'clock Mass, we will have our annual St Patrick's Day Party in Providence Hall. Please join your fellow Knights, families, and St. Leo's school families. We will be enjoying an Irish trio, traditional Irish fare, Irish dancers and maybe a sing along. Tickets are limited call Pat Murray 703-383-3436 or James Welch 203-942-0102 for more information.

On February 21 the Ladies of Father Diamond Council graciously shared their meeting time with the Knights. Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life, was our special guest. She gave a brief overview of the march from a behind the scenes perspective and thanked us for the many years of collecting donations for this event. The talk was very informative and included insight on the many aspects of putting on the

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# Deputy Grand Knight's Reflections: The "Distaff Side of the House."

**Our Ladies of Council 6292** 

With February serving as the month for our annual recognition of Valentine's Day, it is appropriate that we pause to applaud those who, at least within military communities, are often hailed as the "Distaff side of the house." In that environment, too, one may also be asked, "How is your young bride?" Regardless, the connotation is positive and simply reflects an overture of respect for those who are often unheralded as to their many contributions to our daily lives. Certainly, we may stand and cheer the profound benevolence of our Ladies of Council 6292. Their sweet charity is omnipresent in every charitable endeavor pursued by Father Diamond Council, and then some, as evidenced by their own initiatives to help those who can't help themselves or to promote the temporal and spiritual interests of St. Leo's church. school and community. They count contributions received from our March for Life staff. For all major celebrations they make Providence Hall a more appealing venue for a repast. They package food for the homeless and school essentials for those children less able to afford same. Their legacy is dramatically underwritten by a history of special "sales' to help families in need. They join us in solemn prayer at corporate communions. They offer a gentle touch in assisting elderly participants enjoy rounds of Bingo at nursing homes. Speak for our interests at State meetings. On the lighter side, they add a joyful and, competitive, presence to our bowling league and help us to relax with timely wine and cheese events.

For all of the above, we are not a bit abashed to have asked our "Distaff side of the house," our Ladies of Council 6292 to be our special "Valentines!"

Orare et Labore Joe Gesker Deputy Grand Knight

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# **Pray Everyday**

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March, such as security, sound, permits, etc. We had a great crowd and a wonderful reception. I would like to thank the Ladies for providing the food and drinks and making it a great evening for all!

Faithfully in Christ, Keith Morrison Grand Knight

#### **Ladies of Father Diamond Council**

LOFD Members-here are some of the exciting events coming up this month!

Our annual *Soup Supper* will be held on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm. Sign up to bring your favorite soup to share! Our guest speaker will be Joe Kanyan of the Institute of Catholic Culture.

Join us for a fun Paint Night Fri March 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Create a work of art to take home! Our exciting trip to Lancaster to include dinner and a show will take place in June. Further details coming soon!

Join us for our next business meeting on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Hope to see you there!

God Bless,

Lynne Morrison, President

# Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Irish Dance Show

Saturday March 18th, 6:00pm at Providence Hall

The event includes Live Irish Music, Raffle drawings, sing-along and the traditional Corned Beef dinner, Soda bread, Beer and wine. Students from St. Leo's School and the Maple School of Irish Dance will be performing.

Tickets are being sold in advance for \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids under 14. Family Max is \$35.

This promises to be a lively show for the entire family - come celebrate your Irish Heritage. For more information contact Pat Murray,

pimurray@att.net (703) 383 3436 or James

Welch, <u>james.c.welch77@gmail.com</u> (203) 942 0102.



#### **March Birthday Wishes**

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of March a very Happy Birthday:

Michael Passey	1	<b>Daniel Conway</b>	12
Rene Gutierrez	2	John Alexander	13
Christopher Botticelli	3	Daniel Fleming	13
Kenneth Flood	5	Donald Kehoe	14
Leopoldo Leyendecker	6	Jose Lopez	14
Mark Marple	6	Joseph Underwood	16
Jose Trujillo	6	Joseph Cannon	18
Patrick McGuire	7	Ronald Thornton	21
Joseph Paratore (Sr.)	7	Patrick Martin	22
Daniel Purtill	7	Yerko	
Edward Cuccias	9	Baptista-Garvizu	23
Karl Reiner	9	Christopher Yablonski	27
Gerard Pepin	10	Paul Hartley	29
Patrick Dunne	П	James Hogan	30
Patrick Mcgrane	11	Mark Walther	30
Geoffrey Okelo	П	Charles Buchanan	3 I
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# Join the 4th Degree



The next 4th Degree Exemplification for the Virginia District will be conducted on Saturday, April 1st, at All Saints School in Manassas. This is a great opportunity to learn the lessons of Patriotism and receive the fullness of Knighthood in our Honored Order without the hassle of having to travel to another part of the Commonwealth. The only requirement to take the 4th Degree is that a Candidate must be a 3rd Degree member of the Order in good standing. There is a \$70 fee to take the 4th Degree, and candidates must wear a tuxedo (active duty Military and First Responders may wear their Dress Blues/Mess Dress; Clergy may wear their Clerics). The Exemplification will be followed by a luncheon in George Brent Council Home (located at All Saints)... Candidate's tickets to the luncheon are included in the fee; additional tickets may be purchased for \$30 each. Form 4's (Applications for Membership in the 4th Degree) must be received no later than Wednesday, March 15. Anyone who is interested should contact Faithful Navigator Dave Todd, Jr. at djtoddjr@gmail.com, Faithful Captain Matt West at askmekofc@yahoo.com, Faithful Admiral Dennis Makurat at denmak38@yahoo.com, or Faithful Comptroller Bill Weich at wweich@yahoo.com. If you have not already done so, come join the 4th Degree!

## 4th Degree Corner

- All 3rd Degree members are invited and encouraged to take the 4th Degree on Saturday, April 1, at All Saints School in Manassas. For more information, please contact Dave Todd, Jr., at <a href="ditoddjr@gmail.com">ditoddjr@gmail.com</a>, Matt West at <a href="askmekofc@yahoo.com">askmekofc@yahoo.com</a>, Dennis Makurat at <a href="denmak38@yahoo.com">denmak38@yahoo.com</a>, or Bill Weich at <a href="www.weich@yahoo.com">www.weich@yahoo.com</a>.
- 4th Degree members are needed to serve as Escorts
  during the Exemplification. Anyone willing to serve as
  an Escort should contact Dave Todd, Jr., at
  djtoddjr@gmail.com as soon as possible.
- Next meeting for Fr. Malloy Assembly will be Wednesday, March 15. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30PM, followed by 4th Degree Café (Irish theme, thanks to Pat McGuire!). The meeting should begin about 8:20, and will hopefully be completed by 9PM. Be sure to bring any Form 4's as this will be the last opportunity to vote on Candidates!
- Nominating Committee is in the process of selecting a Slate of Officers to be presented at the April meeting. Any Sir Knight interested in an office should contact the Committee as soon as possible.

## February 2017 Knight of the Month



The 2017 March for Life celebration which enamored its advocates in Washington, DC on 27 January, 2017, is recognized as one of the most successful of its genre to ever grace the pavement of Pennsylvania Avenue. Inherent in the story of the extraordinary suc-

cess of that specific event in collecting public contributions for its perpetuation is the magnificent effort in that regard by the Knights

of Columbus, Father Diamond Council, 6292. Brother Mark E. Cameron distinguished himself as he, and his children, cheerfully held sway in the middle of the front line facing the devout, enthusiastic thousands of marchers, thus inspiring his council to achieve success in their collection endeavor - \$46,139.60. Such selfless commitment to a "higher law" and to his fellow man as exemplified by his active participation in the March is merely synonymous with his personal character and his dedication to St. Leo's parish and the Knights of Columbus. He, too, manifests his inclination to noblesse oblige as a cook (scrambled eggs!) for our council's Sunday family breakfasts.

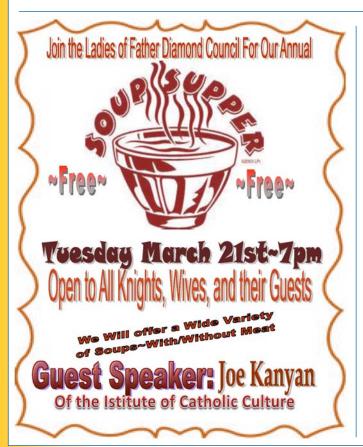
#### **February 2017 Family of the Month**

The Knights of Columbus, Father Diamond Council, 6292, on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, in Providence Hall, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia, presented a check for \$46,139.60 to the chairperson for the 2017 March for Life. This grand occasion, hosted by the Ladies of Council 6292, was, in fact, the stirring pinnacle of a most successful and magnificent testimony to the sanctity of the human experience as expressed by the public contributions in the aforementioned amount collected during the March. **Michael and Li Plumstead**, working together, brought this exercise to its joyous fruition. They coordinated all aspects of support with Virginia State Knights of Columbus. They arranged for transportation and refreshments for Father Diamond

Council collectors. They ensured an accounting plan was in place to tabulate the funds. Most important, by their warm, gracious welcome to all council participants, they inspired a genuine sense of harmony and an indelible aura of



pride in helping those who can't help themselves. Michael and Li, by their charity and industry on this occasion, practiced the most revered virtues of the Catholic Church and honored principles of the Knights of Columbus.



#### **Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?**

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. Call or email me today. You will be happy you did. Thanks Leo

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# **Get In the Picture**



GK Keith Morrison and PSD Don Kehoe present the 2017 March for Life check to Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life.



SS Steve, Wendi, and PSD Don Kehoe, Jeanne Mancini, GK Keith Morrison, and DD Bill Weich are more than pleased with the 2017 collection results.



## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg ** Fat Tuesday**	Ash Wednesday	2	Parish Soup Suppers (begin)	4 9-3:30 Diocese Men's Conf
5	6	7 7:30 Officers Meeting	8	9	Parish Soup Suppers	11 State Meeting - Charlottsville 8:00 Rosary to End Abortion Car Raffle ticket sales
Car Raffle ticket sales	7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	16	17 St Patrick's Day Parish Soup Suppers	St Patrick's Dinner 6:00pm
Family Breakfast After 7:30 & 9:00 Masses	20	21 11 AM Gray Gost luncheon 7:00 Ladies' Soup Supper	22	23	Parish Soup Suppers	25
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree & Mtg	29	30	Parish Soup Suppers	1

## **April 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree & Mtg	29	30	Parish Soup Suppers	1
2	3	7:30 Officers Meeting	5	6	Council Sponsored Parish Soup Suppers	8:00 Rosary to End Abortion
Corporate Communion 5PM Mass	7:15 Bingo @ FFx Nursing Hm	11 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting	12	13	14	10:00 Food Basket Delivery 10:30 Feed Homeless in DC
16 EASTER! Easter Egg Hunt - after 9, 11 and 1 o'clock masses	17	7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg 11:00 AM Gray Gosts Luncheon	7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	** KOVAR Collections **	** KOVAR Collections **	** KOVAR Collections **
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30	1	2 7:30 Officers Meeting	3	4	5 State Convention - Wlmsburg	6 State Convention - Wimsburg

#### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2016-17

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	Chancellor	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007
	Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724	Project Chairme	en	
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	Advocate	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
	Warden	John Eldred	703-932-1322	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241	Car Raffle	Pat McGuire	703-273-7430
	Outside Guard	Gib Flodine	703-698-9497	Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-207-3200
	Outside Guard	Alphonso Munevar	703-795-6445	Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-332-2777
	3yr Trustee	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455	Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
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	lyr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652	Tairing Di Cakiasc	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
	Program Direct	ors		Food Drive	TBD	TBD
	Programs	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540	Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Ir	703-463-1499
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	Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
	Council	John Eldred	703-932-1322	KCÍC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
	Family	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717	KOVAR	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
	Youth	James Hogan	703-385-1292	Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
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	Retention	Matt West	703-359-4652	Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
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#### 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-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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