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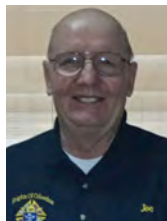


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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights and Families,
"Hello, hello, again, my dear friends!" A not so subtle theme resonates through all **Father David Whitestone's** and **Father David Dufresne's** homilies during Lent: that we, through our prayers, sacrifices and alms, are drawn closer to Christ. My reflection about such spiritual devotion during Lent, precipitated memories of two stories of atonement, recovery and redemption: the first involving a *Stradivari* violin, one of the most treasured musi-



cal instruments in the world and another, an Olympic champion, Nautical "*The Horse with the Flying Tail.*"



A number of years ago, when I assisted the "Agape Program" (for high school students) at St. John Neu-

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

March is a very busy and fun month with lots of great events in need of support. Some of our events that we hope to see everyone participate in and as always we need help and support are the following.

On Saturday, March 17, we will be having our annual St Patrick's Day Party. I hope all can attend and if you are able to help please reach out to Pat Murray for direction.

On March 23rd, the Council will be preparing the soups for the Soup Supper in Our Lady of Guadalupe room. We greatly appreciate everyone's help and support and if your able here is a link if you able to cook soup on that day.

[Soup Sign-up for Friday, March 23rd](#)

We will be having a Family Breakfast on March 18th following the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. I hope everyone can attend and as always help is needed.

Anyone wishing to participate in the annual Feed the Homeless on Sat, March 31st should contact Thelma or George Billy at (703) 323- 6470. This event feeds between 550-650 homeless persons. The event takes place in front of the Center For Creative Non-Violence at the corner of D & 6th Sts, Washington, DC. A car pool leaves the Billy home in Burke.

The Easter bunny will be coming to St. Leo's on Easter Sunday and he needs some assistance. We need volunteers to help distribute plastic eggs on the grounds during the 9AM and 11AM masses. The bunny also needs help holding up the rope prior to the mad dash and a personal assistant. It is amazing how aggressive kids can get when candy is involved.

Vivat Jesus,

Dan O'Malley

Deputy Grand Knight

Get ready for the **KOVAR** Tootsie Roll Campaign on **April 19, 20, 21 and 22**. Contact **Keith Morrison** at **(703) 304-8540 (Cell)** or email **mwcrkm@aol.com**.

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mann Catholic Church in Reston, we shared in a very inspirational film, *In the Master's Hands*, that conveyed beautiful lessons in faith, perseverance, redemption and human dignity. A priceless Stradivari, discarded by a pampered child, was retrieved from the trash and ultimately, through the knowing care of a master craftsman, restored to its authentic vitality, purpose and, hence, deserved appreciation. Perhaps, we can visualize our souls, through Lenten practices, being similarly restored by a "Master Craftsman." The magnitude of such a merciful treasure, from a musical perspective, might be imagined, today, by listening to a Stradivari artfully managed by such maestros as Josh Bell (actually witnessed his performance when taking PVI AP European History students to the Kennedy Center) Isaac Perlman or, the cellist, Yo Yo Ma.

Nautical's story, too, is a source of inspiration. Nautical experienced early rejection: relegated to an existence of servitude then, the pasture. Similar to the incident of the Stradivari, Nautical's equestrian prowess and potential for competition were recognized by another "master," Olympian, Hugh Wiley. Mr. Wiley gracefully nurtured Nautical to the stature of an Olympic champion, the "*Horse with the Flying Tail*." (I actually saw Nautical perform in the 1960s at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.) The point is that Our Blessed Lord, as our "*Master Craftsman*" calls on our love and devotion to Him, through Lenten practices, perhaps, so that we may better serve Him by discovering the hidden treasures of this world. Father Diamond

Knights ardently pursued that mission in February: by a splendid muster and final salute of respect to our Charity Chairman, **Doug Schneyman** (Thank you, **Matt West** and **Father Malloy Assembly**); enthusiastic preparation and support of the Boy Scout Breakfast (Thank you, **Pat Murray**, **Pat McGuire**, **Herb Zimmerman** and **Gib Flodine**; organization and conduct (Thank you, **Pat Murray** and **family**) of the District 16 Basketball Free Throw Challenge (17 competitors from St. Leo's alone); again, arrangement of a very successful Family Breakfast (Thank you, **Tim Tilson**!); preparations for the Lenten Soup Suppers (Thank you, **Pat McGuire**); and the organization of two Father Diamond Bowling Teams to compete in the Virginia State Bowling Tournament! (Thank you, **Dave Whitcomb** and **Keith Morrison**!) A rousing Dilly! Dilly! To all!



May St. Joseph (March 19), in his quiet, thoughtful way be our guide as we in Father Diamond Council anticipate the welcome challenges to be offered by the month of March: State Quarterly Meeting in Richmond, Lenten Soup Suppers, St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Easter Feed the Homeless and Food Basket arrangement, and Holy Week Devotions.

"And, until we meet, again, may God hold you in the palm of His Hand."

Vivat Jesus; Orare et Labore

Joe Gesker

Grand Knight, Father Diamond Council 6292

Chancellor's Corner

Sunday March 11, EDW Council #2473 in Arlington is holding a Knighthood Celebration starting at 11:00AM. Any candidate holding a 2nd degree membership card may participate in this event. Please contact Joe Gesker (jgesker@verizon.net), Joel Levesque (mainejil@aol.com) and myself (gib1bkim@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

Tuesday March 27, we will hold a Formation Celebration (2nd degree) in Providence Hall. Schedule for the evening is:

7:30PM – Rosary/Candidate Registration

8:00PM – Admission Celebration

A meeting will be held after the completion of the Formation Celebration. Dinner & refreshments will be served after the meeting. Any brother who currently has a first degree membership card, may move up in the council. Please contact Joe Gesker or myself if you wish to participate in the Formation Celebration.

Want to save some money? The first ten brothers of Father Diamond Council #6292, who submit Form 100s for two candidates and the candidates participate in the Admission Celebration, these brothers will have their \$40.00 dues paid for a year.

Yours In Christ,

Gib Flodine

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292

Northeast Tennessee Honor Flight - Fairfax Marriott Fair Oaks

Please consider joining us on Friday evening, **April 27th**, in the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. in Fairfax, Virginia. at 7pm as WWII and Korean War Veterans traveling with the Northeast Tennessee Honor Flight arrive for their Tour of Honor in our Nation's Capital to see their respective memorials.

Because they travel into our area by bus, these brave men and women who served so many years ago do not get the opportunity to experience the Hero's Welcome Reception other veteran groups receive when they arrive at Dulles, Reagan, and BWI airports. This is a very Family Friendly Patriotic event. You could even invite your neighbors and make this a community event.

As the late Will Rogers once said, "We can't all be Heroes. Some of us have to stand on the sidelines and cheer." We can never repay these Veterans for the sacrifices they made for our country but we can show them our appreciation. We hope to see you and your families on April 27th.

Thank you all for your consideration supporting this wonderful event for our Senior Veterans.

Comedy Knight Plan On It — May 26, 2018



We have the Comedians Booked!

Two professional Comedians, Jason Douglas and Robert Mac who will provide professional and clean (it's in their contract) comedy entertainment. Plus a surprise performer, new to the business, and who is an alum of St Leo the Great Catholic School (Class President in his last year) and the son of one of our brother Knights.

The tickets are ready for sale!

See, call or email John Berg to get your tickets JVABERG@AOL.COM – phone 703-219-2096. It is a great opportunity to invite friends who would enjoy a great night of entertainment and have a chance to bid on some real special Silent Auction Items plus dozens of Door Prizes. If you book a table of 8 (only \$200), we will reserve a table down front for you.

This year's Co-Chairmen are:

Herb Zimmerman, PGK 703-623-6299 – herb2777@yahoo.com and John Johnson (802-236-2192—

John.a.johnson.IV@gmail.com. We are in the planning stages right now and have a great Committee already working on the details.

We are asking all members to seek or donate Silent Auction items.

A great Silent Auction is what makes the evening a successful fund raiser for our charities! If you have any of these items, or know someone who would like to donate something to the Knights of Columbus, contact Herb or John right away. Some examples of great Auction Items that bring large bids are:

- Football Tickets
- Baseball Tickets
- Basketball Tickets
- Soccer Tickets
- Concert or Event Tickets
- Collectible or Memorabilia
- Vacation Home (weekend or full week)
- Art Objects
- Home made crafts such as paintings, quilts, etc.
- Antiques
- Sports Memorabilia

March Birthday Wishes

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

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|------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| Jose Mendoza | 1 | Patrick McGrane | 11 |
| Michael Passey | 1 | Geoffrey Okelo | 11 |
| Rene Gutierrez | 2 | Daniel Conway | 12 |
| Christopher Botticelli | 3 | John Alexander | 13 |
| Joseph Daniel | 5 | Daniel Fleming | 13 |
| Kenneth Flood | 5 | Donald Kehoe | 14 |
| Leopoldo Leyendecker | 6 | Jose Lopez | 14 |
| Mark Marple | 6 | Joseph Underwood | 16 |
| Jose Trujillo | 6 | Thomas Goss | 21 |
| Patrick Mc Guire | 7 | Ronald Thornton | 21 |
| Joseph Paratore, Sr. | 7 | Patrick Martin | 22 |
| Daniel Purtill | 7 | Yerko Baptista-Garvizu | 23 |
| Edward Cuccias | 9 | Christopher Yablonski | 27 |
| Darin Jablonski | 9 | Paul Hartley | 29 |
| Karl Reiner | 9 | James Hogan | 30 |
| Gerard Pepin | 10 | Mark Walther | 30 |
| Patrick Dunne | 11 | Charles Buchanan | 31 |

Paint Night!

Unleash Your Creativity

Friday March 16th at the Hall 7-9pm



Create a work of art to take home!

\$35—Includes:

Step by Step Instructions

All Materials

Snacks & Drinks, BYOB

Given by Ana Cerera of Artbug

Only 20 Seats! Reserve [HERE](#) or
Call Lynne Morrison (703) 691-8838

Sponsored by The Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Join The Ladies of Father Diamond Council for Their Annual



Tuesday, March 20th at the Hall 7pm

FREE to all Knights, Wives and Their Guests

Offering a Variety of Soups With & Without Meat

Guest Speaker

February 2018 Knight of the Month



treasure in the person of **Mark Walther**. Mark, besides his

“A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price no sum can balance his worth.”

Sirach 6, 14 – 17. Father Diamond Council is privy to a magnificent

diligent service as our council’s recorder, enthusiastically assists at Family Breakfasts, bowls with conspicuous resolve, ushers at Sunday Mass, and dignifies our assessments of our community’s high school students’ academic prowess by evaluating scholarship applications and “Right to Life” oratorical competition. Most important, he is, in fact a “sturdy shelter” to our Grand Knight. In all of his endeavors, Mark’s performance accentuates benevolence, serenity and good cheer. We are, indeed, honored to recognize Mark as our February, “Knight of the Month.”

February 2018 Family of the Month

“We should face the challenges the new culture launches with the positive values of the human person.” Pope Francis’s address to The International Child Bureau, April 11, 2014, *Give Us This Day Our Daily Love Pope Francis on the Family, 2015, p 68*. “The positive values of the human person” – what a perfect introduction for **Keith** and **Lynne Morrison** and their beautiful children: **Jennifer**, **Katherine** and **Kelly (Rush)** and son-in-law, **Allan Rush**. By their grandiose, but humble, service to the St. Leo’s parish community, St. Leo’s Catholic School and the Knights of Columbus they have exuded, in extraordinary fashion, the love inherent in the gift of the human person as visualized by Pope Francis. **Keith**, a Past Grand Knight, now a Three Year Trustee, leads the Father Diamond Council KOVAR Campaign, co-chairs the Knights of Columbus Bowling League, and, as if that is not sufficient practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy, assumed the responsibility of Head Usher St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

Lynne, past president (two years) of the Ladies of Father Diamond Council, 6292, graciously exonerates her Catholic faith as a proud member of the church choir, an exuberant, accomplished teammate in the bowling league and as a very kind and generous provider of cookies and other treats at almost every council event. **Kelly** is a gentle steward much admired for her careful nurturing of the children of St. Leo the Great Catholic School. **Allan** brings joy to us all by his cheerful participation in all council activities. **Jennifer** and **Katherine** glow as exemplars of their parents’ faith, thoughtfulness and generosity. As individuals and collectively, **Keith** and **Lynne’s family** serve us all as an extraordinary source of “the positive values of the human person.”



Get In the Picture



Participants from the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest held February 11th



Father Diamond Birthday Party held on February 13th



Recruitment Drive held at all masses the weekend of February 24th and 25th

Pray the Rosary





Please join us for the Annual Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 17, 2018 6pm 'til whenever

St. Leo the Great School Gym

Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers

Ceili Dancing Irish Sing A-Long

Plus

St. Patrick's Day Raffle

**Win One Round Trip Ticket to
Ireland or \$750 Cash**

Only 75 Tickets will be Sold!
Tickets \$20

A Family Event with Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage, and beverages - All Inclusive
\$15 per adult, \$5 per child under 14, \$35 family max

Advanced ticket sales/RSVP:

Pat Murray- pjmurray@att.net or

James Welch- james.c.welch77@gmail.com

March 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----|---|--|
| 25 | 26 | 27 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg | 28 | 1 | 2 6PM Parish Soup Supper in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room | 3 State Meeting - Richmond 6PM Wine Tasting 20 SEATS ONLY |
| 4 | 5 | 6 7:30 Officers Meeting | 7 | 8 | 9 6PM Parish Soup Supper in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room | 10 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion 9:45 Adopt-a-Spot |
| 11 | 12 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr | 13 7:00 Rosary 7:30 Meal 8:00 Business Meeting | 14 | 15 | 16 6PM Parish Soup Supper in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room Paint Night 7pm | 17 St Patrick's Day 6:00 St. Patrick's Day Celebration |
| 18 Family Breakfast After 7:30 & 9:00 masses | 19 | 20 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon Ladies Annual Soup Supper 7pm | 21 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg | 22 | 23 6PM Parish Soup Supper – Council Sponsored in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room | 24 |
| 25 Palm Sunday | 26 | 27 7:30 Rosary 8:00 2nd Degree | 28 | 29 | 30 Good Friday | 31 11:00 Feed the Homeless |

April 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 EASTER Easter Egg Hunt after 9, 11 & 1PM masses | 2 | 3 7:30 Officers Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 11:00 Corporate Communion | 9 7:15 Bingo@Fairfax Nursing Ctr | 10 7:30 Rosary 8:00 Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion |
| 15 Family Breakfast After St. Leo's 7:30 & 9:00 masses | 16 | 17 11 AM Gray GOST Luncheon 7:00 Ladies Meeting | 18 7:30 Fr. Malloy 4th Degree Mtg | 19 KOVAR | 20 KOVAR | 21 KOVAR |
| 22 KOVAR | 23 | 24 7:30 Rosary 8:00 1st Degree & Mtg | 25 | 26 | 27 NE Tennessee Honor Flight Marriott Fair Oaks 7pm | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 1 7:30 Officers Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 State Annual Meeting? | 5 State Annual Meeting? |

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2017-18

Officers

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| Blood Drive | John Eldred | 703-932-1322 |
| Bowling Team | Dave Whitcomb | 703-591-7739 |
| Christmas Trees | Tim Tilson | 703-273-9436 |
| Car Raffle | Herb Zimmerman | 703-385-9455 |
| Comedy Knight | Greg Hartley | 703-352-2797 |
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| Fall Festival | Tim Hogan | 703-385-1292 |
| Family Breakfast | Pat McGuire | 703-209-5288 |
| | Tim Tilson | 703-273-9436 |
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| Fourth Deg. | Matt West | 703-359-4652 |
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| Night of Magic | Pat Leffas | 703-436-2717 |
| Parish Picnic | Tim Tilson + deputy | 703-273-9436 |
| Right-to-Life | TBD | |
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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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