

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL



Happy St. Patrick's
Day ... the Editor

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March 2020



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers,
It just seems like I took the Christmas tree down and now we are in the Lenten Season. As an adult, I guess it is true "Time does fly!"

As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, along with prayer and fasting, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God," according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. ...Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life."

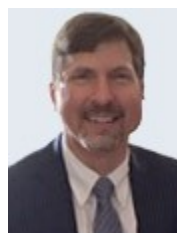
As we enter into March and the beginning of Lent, it is a time for reflection about what it means to be Catholic and how we can deepen our faith. We can do this by many means such as attending extra Masses, sacrificing, helping others, or contributing to the Bishop's Lenten appeal. We can grow in Faith as a Council by gathering in front of St Leo's to pray the Rosary to end abortion on March 14th. Our parish soup suppers have begun and continue each Friday evening (6 pm) through the season. Our Council will be providing a meatless soup to share with our fellow Knights and parishioners on April 3th. On March 21, 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.

As you can see, there are many things one can do to let your light shine! Come join and get involved. We would love to see you!

Vivat Jesus
Gib Flodine
Grand Knight

Mardi Gras Theme Meeting

If you missed the last KofC meeting then you really missed a good time. Thanks to Warden Pat McGuire, Chef Herb Zimmerman and Mixologist Matt West for hosting a fun evening with great jambalaya, hurricanes and king cake. Casual dress and beads added to the festivities. Look forward to more theme meetings. In the future.



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,
The month of March arrives with plenty of activities that will keep us busy:

Rosary to End Abortion – March 14 at 8:00 AM in front of St. Leo's Church, if the weather conditions are nice, inside the church in case of cold or inclement weather. All church members are welcome to participate.

Family Breakfast – March 15 after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in Providence Hall. All help is welcome as assistance will be needed with setup (beginning around 6:00 AM), cooking, serving the food, and cleanup afterwards (starting around 10:30 AM). Student Confirmation candidates can help and earn service credit hours in the process. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Pat McGuire (ffxmacman@gmail.com).

St. Patrick's Day Party – March 21 at Providence Hall, doors opening at 6:00 PM. This family event seems to get bigger every year! You are encouraged to contact Pat Murray (pjmurray@att.net, (703) 383-3436) if you can help at all with this event.

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – March 29 at 3:00 PM in Providence Hall (or St. Leo's School gym if more capacity is needed). This will be the first exemplification under the new degree format. Family members are welcome to attend as well, but please inform the Grand Knight and Chancellor if you plan to attend either as an observer or as a degree candidate.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther
Deputy Grand Knight

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Chancellor's Report

There has been a change in how a Catholic man becomes a fully vested member in the Knights of Columbus. Full membership is now conferred after a candidate completes the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Our exemplification ceremonies are no longer secret and we invite family and friends to participate in the ceremony. Our first Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity will take place on Sunday 3/29/2020 at 3:00PM in Providence Hall. It is expected to last 30-45 minutes and a reception will follow the ceremony. Everyone attending is invited to include their family in the ceremony. All members who are not fully vested Knights (holding a 1st or 2nd degree card) are invited to participate in this ceremony. All family members are invited to attend. Candidates should arrive at 2:30PM. Candidates' attire is sport coat and tie. Please contact Kevin Kleponis (kevinkleponis@gmail.com) or Gib Flodine (giblbkim@yahoo.com) if you wish advance in the ceremony. Also inform us how many from your family will be attending. Any brother wishing to observe the Exemplification should also inform us if they are attending. If we have a large group attending, we will move the degree to the gym.

INTO THE BREACH

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our need to repent. We are reminded of our need to grow. We are reminded of our need for Christ.

The Into the Breach video series seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Answer the call of authentic Christian masculinity and step into the breach this Lent.

Watch and share the episodes now!

The Knights of Columbus has produced a 12-episode video series inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation Into the Breach written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix. Each episode features a man's personal story and major Catholic figures such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Mike Schmitz, former NFL player Matt Birk, FOCUS founder Curtis Martin and others who break down and explore the virtues of Catholic masculinity. All episodes are available for **FREE** at kofc.org/intothebreach. Or enter the following URL into your browser

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

March 28—KofC Hall Spring Cleaning

Save the date. Looking for a good turnout at the KofC hall from **8:00 to 1:00** to take on a list of small fix-up and clean-up jobs at the KofC Hall. Help make our fraternal home look good. Projects include lightbulb replacements, Warden's Closet cleaning/rearranging, Fort Apache clean-up. New door closer installation, office cleaning, kitchen cleaning, and a few other miscellaneous tasks. **Many hands make light work.**



2020 CAR RAFFLE

The 2020 Car raffle is underway. Sell or buy your tickets as quickly as possible. For only \$5 a chance to win 5 cars and thousand\$ of dollars in cash, THEY SELL THEMSELVES.

If you did not receive tickets, have any questions or want more tickets to sell, please contact Joe Gesker at 703-435-4811 or via email at

jgesker@verizon.net



Look forward to seeing one of the five cars you can win outside the church on



March 21/22 (Honda CRV Sports Utility), March 28/29 (Honda Civic), and April 4/5 (Honda Odyssey Van).

March Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Jose Mendoza	1	Geoffrey Okelo	11
Michael Passey	1	Daniel Conway	12
Rene Gutierrez	2	John Alexander	13
Chris Botticelli	3	Daniel Fleming	13
Connor Cuevo	3	Don Kehoe	14
Luis Roa	3	Bill Lane	14
Joseph Daniel	5	Jose Lopez	14
Kenneth Flood	5	Joe Underwood	16
Polo Leyendecker	6	Yerko Baptista-Garvizu	23
Mark Marple	6	Richard Worthington	24
Jose Trujillo	6	Christopher Yablonski	27
Pat McGuire	7	Greg Hartley	29
Ed Cuccias	9	James Hogan	30
Gerry Pepin	10	Mark Walther	30
Patrick Dunne	11	Scott Buchanan	31

Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2020

Income for January was \$ 9,708.82; expenses were \$ 9,039.14. Account balances as of January 31 were:

United Bank Checking: \$ 43,038.90
 Capital One Investment Fund: \$ 47,530.33
 Capital One Building Fund: \$ 43,198.77
 Right to Life Memorial Fund: \$ 4,478.37
 Grocery Gift Cards: \$ 5,150.00

Total Assets: \$ 143,396.37

Home for Christmas Project

Thelma Billy, wife of PGK George Billy, and Zenaida Phillips, wife of Robert Phillips, recently completed their journey to the Philippines to build homes for people who lost their last October due to a 6.5 magnitude earthquake in Mindanao. They held a fundraiser in early January, and then travelled to the Philippines in late January to start the reconstruction. They went to a remote mountainous area - Barangay Buenavida, Makilala, Cotabato province, Mindanao where families live who work on nearby rubber plantations- a 45 minutes journey from Makilala via dirt road to the mountain top.

They were able to complete 11 homes with construction ongoing for four more with the funds available from generous donors (many from the council). The homes are simple bahay-kubos that allowed the families to move from the tents they were living under. Below are some pictures of the homes taken during the house blessings in February. See the happy faces of the recipient families! Members from local KofC councils in Makilala and Kidapawan attended the house blessings.

There is still a great need to build additional homes if more donations are received. Zenaida's brother Alphonso (a former seminarian) lives nearby in Makilala and will supervise the construction.

Also, through generous donations from Fr. Diamond Council and Fr. Malloy Assembly reconstruction of the chapel is well-underway and the roof was put up last week. They are trying to complete it before the start of the rainy season. Donations are still needed to complete the walls surrounding the sanctuary. This is a missionary chapel, and Masses are celebrated on Tuesday's and Sunday's.



February 2020 Knight of the Month

May the God of peace, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with good for doing his will.—Hebrews 13:20-21



During many workshops at the State Meetings, we hear of many councils not receiving the support from their pastors. But for us at Father Diamond Council, we so lucky to have the enthusiastic and fraternal support of both our Pastor Father David Whitestone and Vicar Father Christopher Tipton, both brother Knights. Running a parish of this size can be extremely hectic and challenging. The new Combined Charity, Unity and Fraternalism degree ceremony has added more work for them; but they graciously accept the new responsibilities. They will make time to give our new Knighthood degree ceremony the proper attention. We thoroughly enjoy the working relationship between our council and our priests. Thank you Father

Whitestone and Father Tipton for all that you do for our church, community, and our Council and we honor you as our Knights of the Month for February.

February 2020 Family of the Month

“Other things may change us, but we start and end with family” – Composer Anthony Brandt

Mark and Melanie Cameron and their children, the oldest is around 11-12. Ester, Phillip, John Paul, Samuel and Xavier help to expand the love they have for each other to our parish. Mark a PGK of the George Mason Council, cook's omelets with Tim Tilson's group and has taught CCD for around 6-7 years. His wife, Melanie operates a part-time shop that sells second-hand bridal dresses. Her business, supporting the Sacrament of Matrimony is a 501 (c)(3). The kids also help at the family breakfast serving our parish members breakfast. It is for all their loving support that we recognize the Cameron Family as the Family of the Month for February. We are grateful for all you do for the church and community!



Field Agent's Corner

March brings thoughts of spring. Soon it will be time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer. For us here in northern Virginia, it means looking forward to the dogwood and cherry blossoms. Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. Spring is a time of renewal and revival. While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and freshening the house, now is a great time to do some sprucing up with a fresh look at your family's financial security.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I am trained to help you through that important exercise. Sit down with me for a free financial needs analysis using our Profiles+ Forecaster program. The Profiles + Forecaster program performs a similar financial needs analysis that you would have to pay 500 dollars for at a financial analyst, but with us, it is free and better because it is tailored for the Catholic family needs. The Profiles + Forecaster program will help you plan for retirement and college tuition planning, as well as your Long Term Care and life insurance needs. And I will be there to walk you through the process. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs, and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those needs. And rest assured that all your personal information is kept safe and confidential. We at the Knights of Columbus take our fiduciary responsibilities seriously, and you can rest assured that we have only your best financial interest in mind.



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With a wide range of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement annuities, I can help you plan for your family's financial security now and for many years to come. All this with knowing the safety and security of dealing with a well-run company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests following Church teachings. We also have a new life insurance product, the Protector NLG Universal Life. It may be a fit for your particular needs.

Get your financial house spruced up with help from the Knights of Columbus. It's easy! Call me at 703-622-2068 to schedule a friendly visit from me, a brother Knight who enjoys and wants to help other brother Knights meet and exceed their financial goals.

St Patrick's Party and Grand Prize Raffle - March 21

- save the date -


The Annual St. Patrick's Day Party will take place on **Saturday March 21** at 6PM at the Hall. This is a great event, with a new 4 piece Irish band this year and Irish Dance show. Tickets are all inclusive, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Beer/Wine/soda for \$15 each, \$5 for kids with a \$40 family max. This is a hot ticket (we have already sold 60 tickets) and the event will likely sell out.

We are also selling raffle tickets To support the event. Grand Prize is \$1,000 cash. Drawing will be at 8pm on the 21st. There is only 100 tickets sold. Tickets are \$20 each.



Please let us know as soon as you can if you are interested. Please contact **Pat Murray**, pjmurray@att.net, (703) 383-3436 or **Gerard Maguire**, gma-guire@gmail.com, (410) 330-9340 for

Join the Ladies of Father Diamond Council For Our Annual



Free

Tuesday March 17th-7pm
Open to All Knights, Wives, and their Guests

You-it is Lent-But this is not a Lenten Meal
We will offer a Wide Variety of Soups-With/Without Meat

Guest Speaker!



Paint Party!

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SUNDAY MARCH 22ND 2-4:30PM At St. Leo's KofC Hall

Given by Ana Cerezo of **Art bug**



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Or Contact Lynne Morrison Phone: 703 691-8838 or Email: Lmodule@aol.com

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March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30PM Officers Meeting	4	5	6 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	7 State Meeting, Charlottesville
8	9 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	10 Nominating Committee starts 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	11	12	13 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	14 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Breakfast after 7:30AM & 9:00AM masses	16	17 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	18 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	19	20 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	21 6:00PM St. Patrick's Day Party Car Raffle Honda CRV SUV
22 Car Raffle Honda CRV SUV	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	25	26	27 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	28 Car Raffle Honda Civic
29 3PM Degree Ceremony Car Raffle Honda Civic	30	31	1	2	3 (KofC Sponsored) 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	4 10AM Food Basket Delivery 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Car Raffle Honda Odyssey Van

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 3PM Degree Ceremony Car Raffle Honda Civic	30	31	1	2	3 (KofC Sponsored) 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	4 10AM Food Basket Delivery 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Car Raffle Honda Odyssey Van
5 Palm Sunday Car Raffle Honda Odyssey Van	6	7 7:30PM Officers Meeting	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11 Holy Saturday 11:00AM Feed the Homeless
12 Easter Egg Hunt (9, 11, 1) Easter	13 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	14 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	16 KOVAR	17 KOVAR	18 KOVAR
19 KOVAR 9:00AM Corporate Communion	20	21 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	22 7:30PM 4th Degree Officers Mtg	23	24	25 Fairfax Historical Day
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	29	30	1 State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA	2 State Annual Meeting Richmond, VA

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2019-20

Officers

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Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	John Johnson	802-236-2192
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Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
2yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
1yr Trustee	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540

Program Directors

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Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

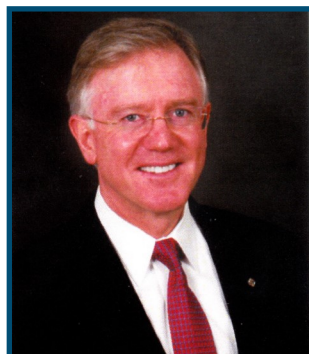
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Retention	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Vocations	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
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Car Raffle	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
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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 Tom Gross at 703-273-0631 for information. Available at Providence Hall before or after 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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