

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL



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March 2021



Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

During Lent, we are called upon to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. In service to this goal, we held our Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection in the school gym on Feb. 20th, attracting a crowd of over 55 men seeking to learn more about St. Joseph's life and how he serves as a model for us all. We are most grateful to Pastor Fr. Whitestone, Fr. Nguyen, Fr. Christensen, and Deacon Averia for the presentations they gave by which they shared their particular knowledge, and for leading the group in lively discussions. Thanks also go to co-Chairs Herb Zimmerman and Mike Plumstead and the group they led in planning and executing the event, including Pat McGuire, Joe Gesker, Kevin Kleponis, John Johnson, Charlie Kraiger, Matt West, and Tim Tilson, along with the many others who helped with the setting up and taking down in the school gym. It was a job well done as noted by Fr. Whitestone himself.

Looking ahead, March begins with a Quarterly State Meeting (virtual) on the Saturday the 6th, which will be attended by certain officers of this council. The monthly Rosary to End Abortion, which is open to all comers, will be prayed on March 13 at 8:00 AM, followed later that evening by our St. Patrick's Day (takeout) Dinner from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Providence Hall. More details are in the flyer included in the following pages.

Please also note that the next Exemplification of the 4th (Patriotic) Degree for the Virginia District will take place Saturday, April 17th at Noon. All 3rd Degree members are eligible and encouraged to attend. It is indeed inspiring to see what this council can accomplish in the current pandemic environment. Vivat Jesus!

*In Memoriam
Brother Knight Michael J. Simpson
June 12, 1947 - February 18, 2021*



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Kevin Kleponis, Deputy Grand Knight

6292 council would like to wish DGK Kevin Kleponis and his wife, Jessica, a congratulations on the birth of their son, Nathaniel.

Kevin is enjoying his time as a father and please send prayers their way due to their sleepless nights ahead.

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Chancellor's Report

John Johnson, Chancellor

Please join me in welcoming Charles Bancato, Dean Storm and Jeff Schenkel to Council 6292!

Thank you for continuing to find new member recruiting opportunities each day as we continue to strive toward our goal of 20 new members. Please feel free to pass on my contact information to anyone you meet who is interested in learning more about becoming a knight.

Thank you for your continued efforts.



2021 Men's Retreat and Day of Reflection a Great Success



On Saturday, February 20, Father Diamond Council and St. Leo the Great Church held a very successful Men's Retreat and Day of Reflection. This was our third annual Men's Retreat. It was held in the school gym to accommodate social separation in compliance with the CDC's, State of Virginia and the Arlington Diocese requirements for holding safe religious based events.

We had 55 men from the parish and the KofC community attend. Everyone enjoyed the insightful speeches about St. Joseph – A Man of God by Father Whitestone, St Joseph – A Chaste Spouse by Deacon Averia, and St. Joseph – a Loving Father by Father Christensen. Emcee for the event was Father Nguyen (our Council's Chaplain). Lively discussion followed each speech and many questions were posed and answered. This was a great day of reflection and comradery that allowed the men in our community to interact with one another and examine our roles in the church, family and community in light of St. Joseph as our model.

This outstanding event was Co-Chaired by Herb Zimmerman and Mike Plumstead with Father Nguyen as our spiritual advisor. Other committee members were Mark Walther, John Johnson, Charlie Kraiger, Pat McGuire, Joe Gesker, Kevin Kleponis, Tim Tilson, and Matt West. Many thanks to the many other Knights that helped with weekend mass signup and Friday night setup of the gym. Many thanks to Chick-Fil-A at Fairfax Circle for the fantastic lunch.

Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2020

INCOME for Jan **\$6,187.73**

(dues, scrip, donations. KCIC, KOVAR, PKD, VKCCI)

EXPENSES for Jan **\$7,704.17** (Car raffle, billing envelopes, BLA, BSA troop, Spec Olympics, Scrip)

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$47,153.47
United Checking (2)	\$ 2,023.66
Invest Fund	\$46,251.87
RTL Fund	\$ 4,531.28
Building Fund	\$45,489.02
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,550.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$ 3,077.02)
PKD & VKCCI Collections	(\$ 1,229.20)

Net Assets \$145,693.08

Bill Lane, Treasurer

March Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Michael Passey	1	Daniel Conway	12
Rene Gutierrez	2	John Alexander Jr	13
Chris Botticelli	3	Daniel Fleming	13
Connor Cuevo	3	Don Kehoe	14
Luis Roa	3	Bill Lane Jr	14
Joseph Daniel	5	Jose Lopez	14
Polo Leyendecker	6	Joe Underwood	16
Mark Marple	6	Richard Worthington	24
Jose Trujillo Jr	6	Jason Detten	25
Pat Mc Guire	7	Christopher Yablonski	27
David Knapp	8	Greg Hartley	29
Ed Cuccias	9	Charles Brancato Jr	30
Gerry Pepin	10	James Hogan	30
		Mark Walther	30
Pat Dunne	11	Charles Buchanan	31

Knight of the Month—February 2021



It is for good reason this brother Knight has had a hand in so many facets of our council and wears multiple hats. He has the skills and experience necessary to effect positive outcomes in many different situations. He is at once Financial Secretary, Hall Manager, and Admissions Committee member, not to mention a member of other committees (as needed) as well as counselor to many. In February, he headed up the Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection, an event that was universally praised for its superb execution and the quality of experience it afforded. It drew a total attendance of over 55 men from St. Leo's and other parishes, an impressive amount that rivaled the last year's event. Laying the groundwork began weeks in advance and involved choosing a theme, lining up speakers, assembling information packets, and working out the logistics for the event. It went so well that many expressed looking forward to coming back for another retreat next year. We hold Herbert Zimmerman, our Knight of the Month, in high esteem for his demonstrated devotion to the Church and to our council.

Family of the Month—February 2021



The Knights of Columbus Council 6292 has been very fortunate over the last few years for the exceptionally generous contributions made by the Natolly family to our in-person events benefitting the local community, St. Leo the Great Parish, the school, and the Knights of Columbus Council. Brother Knight John Natolly, the owner/operator of the Fairfax Circle Chick-fil-A restaurant, has been exceedingly generous on multiple occasions in donating to St. Leo the Great, boxed meals containing the signature Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich and accoutrements to feed the participants of our events. A recent example was in February for the Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection that took place at St. Leo's School, when over 60 piping hot boxed meals were provided in heated and insulated bags for hungry retreat attendees. Knowing the meal was taken care of allowed our event organizers to concentrate their efforts on making other aspects of the retreat successful and fulfilling. In view of the support the Natollys provide to the parish, the council, and the local community, we find it altogether fitting to name John Natolly, his wife, Sanam, and their son, as our Family of the Month for February.

Ladies of Father Diamond Council 6292

Filipino take out Dinner Fundraiser

Pre-order required RSVP by March 4, 2021

Dinners can be picked up Saturday March 6, 2021 from 4:00 – 7:00PM at the Knights Hall 3702 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax, VA



Dinner is \$12.00 and Includes:
 Chicken Adobo: choice of dark or white meat
 (If you do not specify you will get dark meat)
 Pancit (Filipino noodles)
 Steamed Rice
 2 Lumpia (type of spring roll) choice of beef or vegetable w/ sauce
 (If you do not specify you will get beef)
 Extra Lumpia may be ordered
 \$10.00 for 1 dozen
 Please let us know:
 if you want beef or vegetable
and
 if you want them cooked (ready to eat) or frozen (you cook)
 To order please fill out this google form
<https://forms.gle/TbqYk4QpGSHULKMJ7>



Questions: contact kofckitchen6292@gmail.com

Pray the Rosary Supporting the Sanctity of Life

The Knight's of Columbus believe in the sanctity of life and are dedicated to Mary and demonstrate that dedication through the recitation of the Holy Rosary as often as possible. Here are two outstanding opportunities in March for you to join in the Holy Rosary to end abortion.



Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary to End Abortion on Saturday, **March 13 2021 at 08:00 A.M.**, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 3700 Old Lee Highway.

Venue: Pleasant weather at Our Lady Of Providence Memorial in front of the church; inclement weather inside at statue of Blessed Mother left front of church.

"What a wonderful thing to have Jesus Christ in our midst! And the only thing we have to do to get Him to come is to say the Rosary in a group. This is why the early Christians often gathered to pray in spite of all the Roman Emperor's persecutions and the fact that assemblies were forbidden. They preferred to risk the danger of death rather than to miss their gatherings, at which Our Lord was present." The Secret of the Rosary by Saint Louis Mary De Montfort, translated by Mary Barbour Montfort Publications, Bay Shore, New York 11706, p 96.

Or join A Rosary for America's Conversion & Reparation For the sins against the Sanctity of Marriage and the Unborn. **Saturday, March 20th 2021, at noon.** Next to St. Leo the Great Parish at Van Dyke Park entrance.

"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy. The Holy Mother Church guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated Public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." - Saint Louis de Montfort in, The Secret of the Rosary.



Get in the Picture



15 tables 55 participants



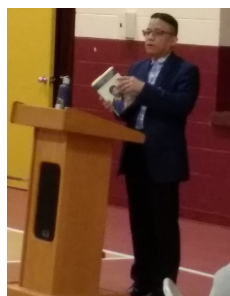
Father Nguyen



Father Christensen



Father Whitestone



Deacon Averia



Charlie Kraiger & Pat McGuire picking up our lunch

TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF TAKE OUT DINNER

Saturday, March 13, 2021

ORDER IN ADVANCE - MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY MARCH 11

To order send email to:

KofCKitchen6292@Gmail.com



Traditional Boiled Dinner includes:

Corned Beef, Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots

Irish Soda Bread, Shortbread cookies

- \$15 Individual Meal
- \$25 serves 2 (family style)
- \$40 for family of 4 (family style)
- \$60 for family of 6 (family style)

Larger orders available – Email/Call for price.



4th degree Exemplification

The next Exemplification for the Virginia District of the 4th Degree will be conducted on **Saturday, April 17th**, beginning at Noon. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this Exemplification will be held virtually. Fr.

Malloy Assembly will host an in-person viewing of the Exemplification in the gym of St. Leo the Great Catholic School. The benefits of attending the viewing include: coffee & donuts will be made available prior to the ceremony; Candidates will be Knighted at the conclusion of the ceremony (those attending from home will be Knighted at a later time); and lunch will be provided after the ceremony. Cost is \$50 per Candidate (this is set by Supreme!); only requirement is that a Candidate **MUST** be a 3rd Degree Knight prior to the Exemplification. For more details, contact Faithful Navigator SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN, at djtoddjr@gmail.com. If you are currently a 1st or 2nd Degree member, you would first need to spend 30 minutes participating in a virtual (on-demand or live-streamed) Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (the "Combined Degree").

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2 7:30PM Virtual Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 7:30PM Virtual Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion 6:00PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Take Out Only
14	15	16 7:30PM Virtual Ladies Meeting	17 7:00PM Virtual 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:30PM Virtual Business Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

April 2021

April's calendar is constantly updating. Please pay attention to your emails throughout the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 7:30PM Virtual Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
11	12	13 7:30PM Virtual Business Meeting	14	15 KOVAR	16 KOVAR	17 KOVAR
18 KOVAR	19	20 11AM Gray Ghost Luncheon 7:30PM Virtual Ladies Meeting	21 7:00PM Virtual 4th Degree Meeting	22	23	24 7AM Historical Fairfax Conces. Tentative
25	26	27 7:30PM Virtual Business Meeting	28	29	30 State Convention-Herndon	1 State Convention-Herndon

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chaplain	Father Nguyen	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424
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	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

Program Directors

Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Committee Chairmen

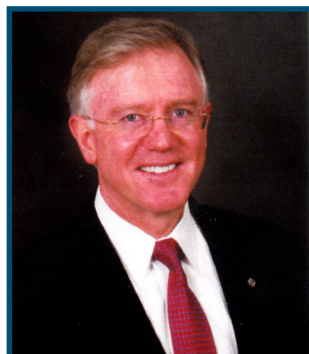
Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Retention	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244

Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
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Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team		
2nd Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
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.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA scrip) for Giant, and Safeway 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 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.

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