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Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights and Families, As we close out the month of February and stand at the threshold of the Lenten Season, we at once reflect on the good works we have done these last four weeks and begin to prepare ourselves spiritually through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the coming Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Along the way, we can look forward to some important March council events.

Pray the Rosary Daily

First, a look back at our February accomplishments: <u>District Basketball Free-Throw Challenge</u> (Feb. 12) – Thanks to the efforts of Chairman Pat Murray and Dan O'Malley, this event was staged in the school gym for KoC District 16, to the delight of a number of youths who participated.

<u>SLSM Food Pantry Distribution (Feb. 19)</u> - Thanks are in order for Joe Schrama, Steve Rodgers, Pat McGuire, Dean Storm, Sipa Sikaulu, Edgar Lizarraga, and the ever-present Adam Gruendl who helped to assemble

food orders and assist with the pickup by SLSM food pantry clients, among other tasks. Thank you all! <u>Night of Magic</u> (Feb. 19)– Thanks go to Chairman Pat Leffas for his organizational (and physical) work and to all those who helped, especially with the food - its preparation, transportation to the gym, and serving to attendees. The packed house was very pleased, and the council earned a considerable margin that is now available to support further charitable works and causes.

<u>Family Breakfast (Feb. 20)</u> – This seems to continue to see small gains in attendance each month. We thank Chairman Tim Tilson and his team for preparing and serving a variety of tasty breakfast foods after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses.

In March, we have the following upcoming events:

<u>Virginia State Council Spring Quarterly Meeting (Mar. 5)</u> – We are the host council and the main meeting venue will be the school gym where State Deputy Mark Janda will preside. Other meetings will be taking place in Providence Hall and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room in The Olde Parish Hall. Volunteers are still needed for various tasks associated with this large event, so you are asked to visit the online Signup Genius at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b45aeaa2baafb6-state. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help!

<u>Men's Retreat (</u>Mar. 12)– James Beauchamp and Herb Zimmerman have collaborated with Fr. Jonathan to bring us this wonderful opportunity for spiritual reflection. Please see the included fiver for details

us this wonderful opportunity for spiritual reflection. Please see the included flyer for details. <u>St. Patrick's Day Party</u> (Mar. 19) – This family-friendly event will be open to all those who purchase tickets in advance. Please see the pages below for details. If history is any indication, this will be one you wouldn't want to miss!

Vivat Jesus!



Chancellor's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor

Brother Knights, Congratulations to Matthew Shufflebarger who recently completed his Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and became a Third Degree Knight. I invite all Knights who have not yet reached their Third Degree to attend the next virtual Combined Exemplification, which will be Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 pm. I will email a reminder with the link. Please let me know if you are interested. If you know of any Catholic gentleman who might be interested in joining our

Council, please let me know and I will reach out to him. Finally, don't forget our Council's Annual Men's Retreat which will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. The title of our retreat is "Do This in Remembrance of Me" and focus on the Eucharist. Please see the flier insert for more details. The RSVP due date is March 7. Vivat Jesus

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Brothers and families,

March is known for being either 'in like a lamb, out like a lion,' or vice-versa. This year, it another 'L' word starts early in the month: Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. During this penitential season, the Council offers opportunities for prayerful reflection, charitable works, fraternal activities, and support for the councils throughout the state, as well. March 5 the

Deputy Grand Knight's Report Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

council welcomes brothers from throughout the state to the State Deputy's guarterly meeting in the St. Leo the Great School Gym as well as other locations on campus. Help is needed setting up from 6 to 8 PM on Friday, March 4 and throughout the day Saturday. There are many volunteer slots, and members are encouraged to sign up at the following link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b45aeaa2baafb6-state</u>. The following Saturday, March 12, the Council holds its monthly rosary for an end to abortion at 8 AM as well as the Council Men's Retreat, which starts with coffee and donuts before 9 AM mass, so please 'give up' the donuts for one day and pray with us by the statue of Our Lady inside the church, then stay for the retreat. Please let James Beauchamp or Herb Zimmerman at JGB5806@verizon.net, herb2777@yahoo.com, 703-915-3504, or 703-623-6299 by March 7. Switching gears a bit, the Council plans to host its St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 19 in Providence Hall. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 per child, and a \$50 household cap. Reserve your ticket with Patrick Murray or Gerard McGuire at pimurray@att.net or GIMcGuire@gmail.com. The meal includes corned beef, cabbage, beverages, and a performance by Irish step dancers. Regularly-scheduled events like the family breakfast (3/13), council meetings (3/8 & 3/22), gray gosts luncheon and the ladies meeting (both 3/15), and the Fr. Malloy Assembly meeting 3/16 are also on the agenda. We end the month and open April with KOVAR collections to help people with intellectual disabilities. Once the list of locations and times comes out, please sign up for as many shifts as possible. The more shifts we are able to cover, the more we can raise to help those who need it. Gib Flodine is this year's chairman, so please sign up in Providence Hall or contact Gib at gib lbkim@yahoo.com for available shifts and locations. Further ahead, we have Feed the Homeless April 16, Easter April 17, and Fairfax History Day April 23. Please mark your calendars. Wishing all members of our Council and the Order a peaceful, prayerful Lent, and many thanks for your faith, fraternalism, and volunteerism! Vivat Jesus!



All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2022 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call Dan O'Malley at 571 294-2636.

Treasurer's Report – 01/31/2021

INCOME for \$8,952.04 (, Dues, Scrip, Breakfast, etc.) EXPENSES for \$6,788.70 (Auto Raffle, Bus March for Life, etc.)

United Checking	\$53,869.60
United Checking (2)	\$ 1,615.76
Invest Fund	\$46,328.51
RTL Fun	\$ 4,538.81
Building Fund	\$45,564.40
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 1,700.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (1,516.98)
PKD Collections	\$ (794.91)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (201.84)
let Assets	\$152,023.35

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Nelson Clinch, Charlie Kraiger, Pat Leffas, and Julie Clinch Preparing the Night of Magic taco bar, Chairman Leffas had his hands in all aspects of the event

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March Birthday WishesNameDayDayNameDayNameNameDay								
Michael Passey	1	Mark Marple	6	Pat Dunne	11	Richard Worthington	24	
Rene Gutierrez	2	Jose Trujillo Jr	6	Daniel Conway	12	lason Detten	25	
Chris Botticelli	3	Pat Mc Guire	7	John Alexander Jr	13	Christopher Yablonski	27	
Connor Cuevo	3	David Knapp	8	Don Kehoe	14	Charles Brancato Ir	30	
Luis Roa	3		0			,		
Matthew Shufflebarger	3	Ed Cuccias	9	Bill Lane Jr	14	James Hogan	30	
Joseph Daniel	5	Cesar Pena	10	Jose Lopez	14	Mark Walther	30	
Polo Leyendecker	6	Gerry Pepin	10	Joe Underwood	16	Charles Buchanan	31	



Chairmen Pat Murray assisted by Dan O'Malley held another successful Basketball Challenge







\$5.00 for an individual \$18.00 for a 4 serving Pickup frozen - Heat and Eat

Ground Beef, Carrots, Onion, Celery, Thyme, Rosemary, Mashed Potatoes Ladies of Father Diamond Council Fundraiser

To order email: kofckitchen6292@gmail.com

Pickup Saturday March 26, 2022 * 4:30 - 6:30 pm Knights Hall 3702 Old Lee Hwy Fairfax, VA 22030



Family of The Month– February

The Leffas family always appears to find much joy in being immersed in activities that support St. Leo Church, our council, and the local community. Patrick (Pat) has been a KoC member for 21 years, and for the last several of those he has proven to be quite adept at overseeing our council's annual Night of Magic. The latest production on February 19th was enjoyed by an especially large crowd and earned an exceptional amount for such an event. Fortunately, he has been able to count on his wife, Kathleen (Kathy), and their five children Anastasia, Gabriel, Jude, Felicity, and Cecilia (eldest to youngest, ages 17-3 years approximately) to help with these events. They can all be seen attending Sunday Mass together where at times Gabriel is an Altar Server and Jude (and occasionally Pat) helps the ushers collect during the Offertory. Kathy is a teacher at St. Paul VI Catholic High School, where Anastasia is finishing her senior year. Kathy is also a leader with the American Heritage Girls and is actively involved with the Mothers Group here at St. Leo Church. This is by no means an exhaustive list of the family's many involvements, all the more reason for naming the Leffases our Family of the Month for February!

KNIGHT MONTH

Knight of The Month– February

As a relatively new member or ours (just over a year in the KoC), Dean Storm has really hit the ground

running. During the month of February, he was especially helpful in answering the call and volunteering with the St. Leo Social Ministry food pantry on more than one occasion and on relatively short notice. At the pantry food distributions to the food insecure, Dean was present to both assemble and assist with the curbside loading of clients' food and household items orders. He and his wife, Dorothy, also made home deliveries to clients unable to come by the pantry. Finally, Dean was our go-to Knight when the need arose for a volunteer to transport a 500+ pound portion of food in his own vehicle to the St. Lucy Project facility in Manassas. With sincere gratitude for all his good work, we name Dean Storm our Knight of the Month for February!

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KOVAR 2022

KOVAR collections will be taking place Thursday March 31,2022 through Sunday April 3, 2022. We will be collecting at 3 ABC Stores:

> Store 90 12965 Fairfax Lakes Shopping Center Fairfax, VA 22030

> > Store 241 11725 Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030

Store 368 Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center 10308 Willard Way Fairfax, VA 22030

Shifts at these stores will be noon-2:00PM, 2:00PM-4:00PM, 4:00-6:00PM and 6:00-8:00P We will be also collecting at IHOP Picket Street on Saturday and Sunday. Shifts will be 8:00-10:00AM, 10:00-noon, noon-2:00PM and 2:00PM-4:00PM

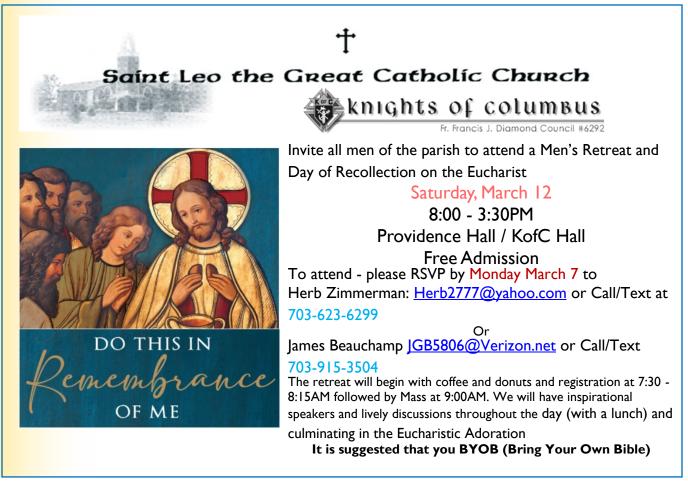
Volunteers are needed as Road Runners at the intersection of Route 50 and Picket Street on Thursday and Friday from 7:00 -8:30AM.

Finally, we will be collecting after Saturday evening mass and all Sunday masses.

If you can volunteer for any of the times, please contact Gib Flodine KOVAR Chairman (**703-201-0477** email

giblbkim@yahoo.com (gee-eye-bee-one-bee-kay-eye-em))

Men's Retreat 2022



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Please join us for the Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Celebration Saturday, March 19, 2022 _{6pm 'til whenever} St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Hall



Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers Ceili Dancing, Irish Sing A-Long

A Family Event with Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage

and beverages - all inclusive \$20 per adult, \$10 per child under 14, \$50 family max

Advanced ticket sales/RSVP: Pat Murray - pjmurray@att.net or Gerard Maguire - Gjmaguire@gmail.com Page 6

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<u>Sun</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5 Spring Quarterly Mtg Fairfax, VA (St Leo the Great)
6	7	8 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting Nomination Committee formed	9	10	11	12 8AM Rosary to End Abortion Council Men's Retreat
13 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9AM Masses	14	15 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	16 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	17	18	19 6PM St. Patrick's Day Party
20	21	22 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 KOVAR Collections	1 KOVAR Collections	2 KOVAR Collections

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3 KOVAR Collec- tions	4	5 7:30PM Hybrid Officers' Mtg	6	7	8 Knights of Colum- bus	9 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
10 Palm Sunday	11 Bingo@Ffx Nurs- ing Ctr?	12 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Hybrid Business Meeting	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday	16 Holy Saturday
17 Easter Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM, 11AM and 1PM Masses	18	19	20 7:30PM 4th De- gree Mtg	21	22	23 Fairfax Historical Day
24	25	26	27	28	29 State Convention - VA Beach	30 State Convention VA Beach

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Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613	Combined Deg. Te		
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Warden	James Hogan	703-731-7164	Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241	Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
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3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477	Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010		Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
lyr Trustee	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124	Food Baskets		
Program Directors			Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Ir	703-463-1499
Programs	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505	Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
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Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477	Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Committee Chairn	nen		Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Charity			Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
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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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