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Pray the
Rosary
Daily

Grand Knight's Message

Nelson Clinch, Grand Knight



Fraternal Families,
HOLY LENT!

Okay, I purposely used a form commonly used for swearing and (hopefully) turned it on its head, so to speak, to highlight that we are currently in the penitential period leading up to the commemoration of both Jesus' death and His resurrection. May this Lent be a truly spiritual journey that brings you each closer to God.

While we prepare for Easter, let me look back at the Council's events in February and offer my thanks for all this Council does. As usual, our members stepped up to: spend time with the Lord from 1:00 to 2:00 AM on February 4, prayed with other men of the parish at 7 AM on February 11, prayed the rosary for an end to abortion right after that 7 AM holy hour, provided the family breakfast for St. Leo the Great parishioners on February 19, and held the Gray GOST luncheon on February 21. Thanks to all who brought these events to fruition.

In addition, there were two events outside the ordinary for any given month: the Night of Magic and the Council's men's retreat.

Many thanks to Pat Leffas and the volunteers who helped him, as well as the Society of American Magicians Assembly #252 and the St. Leo the Great facilities manager Tom Browne and the corresponding staff for their efforts in both preparing for and providing what seemed to be an enjoyable evening.

I also wish to thank our Deputy Grand Knight James Beauchamp for working with Fr. Jonathan Fioramonti to set up the council's men's retreat. Thanks as well to Fr. Puigbó for supporting the effort, and to Fathers Nguyen, Azzi, and Fioramonti for their presentations to the 40ish attendees and for their support of the holy hour with which the retreat concluded. Lastly, thanks to those who attended for keeping your spiritual well-being in mind and to those who ensured: Providence Hall was set up, the attendees received any assistance they needed, and the Hall was appropriately attended to after the event.

All of these efforts help make Fr. Diamond Council a special place to practice the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Thank you all so much! I want to specifically thank February's Family of the Month, the family of Kathleen and Patrick Leffas, and the Knight of the Month, Deputy Grand Knight James Beauchamp. The contributions of these valued members and family are chronicled in its own section of this newsletter.

On the last Sunday before Lent began, at the 9 AM mass at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, part of the homily was related to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednigo being cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar. The homilist noted that while the king expected them to meet a fiery death, they instead met with fires of Divine Love. May the fires of Divine Love burn within each of you as you prayerfully prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter!

Yours in Christ,
Nelson Clinch





Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Deputy Grand Knight

It seems like it was only yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas and making New Year's resolutions that would soon be forgotten; and now we are well into Lent. *Tempus fugit*. I hope that your Lent will be a fruitful period of preparation for Easter Sunday.

As you know, Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. With that in mind, consider spending one hour in prayer with Our Lord during St. Leo's monthly **Eucharistic Adoration**, which will be held Friday evening (March 3) into Saturday morning (March 4). As before, our Council has been asked to cover 1 AM to 2 AM. If you are interested, please contact Nelson Clinch (clinch5va@yahoo.com) or James Beauchamp (jgb5806@verizon.net). Our monthly **Rosary to End Abortion** will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 8 AM to 9 AM. Most likely we will be praying inside the church near the statue of Mary. **Remember, your prayers matter.** It is more important than ever to move individual hearts so that the culture might be changed. Also, immediately before our Rosary, (7 AM – 8 AM), there is a **Holy Hour for Men**. Please consider joining other men of the parish for this important time of prayer.

The Ladies of the Fr. Diamond Council have two events in early March. The first is a dinner pickup fundraiser for the restoration a small church and houses, recently damaged by a typhoon in the Philippines. To order, contact Thelma Billy at 703-887-8150 or Julie Clinch at 703-209-8106 or email kofckitchen6292@gmail.com. Meal pickup will be on Saturday, March 4, 4-6 PM outside Providence Hall or on Sunday, March 5 outside of church after the 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM Masses. There will also be a soup supper on Thursday, March 9 at 6 PM in Providence Hall. You may sign up to bring a soup to share. Please see the email from February 27 for full details.

Our **Family Breakfast** is a longstanding Fr. Francis Diamond Council tradition at St. Leo's and a great way for parishioners to enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship on a Sunday morning. It's also a wonderful service that our Council performs for the parish. This month, mark Sunday, March 12 on your calendar and consider either volunteering or coming out for breakfast. As usual, we will be serving after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses. For more information, please contact Pat McGuire at ffxmacman@gmail.com or 703-209-5288 or Gib Flodine at giblb-kim@yahoo.com or 703-201-0477.

Always a Fr. Diamond Council and St. Leo's favorite is our **Annual St. Patrick's Day Party** to be held on Saturday, March 25 at 6 PM. Come enjoy a traditional Irish meal of corn beef and cabbage, live Irish music, Ceili dancing, and Irish Sing A-Long. There will also be a St. Patrick's Day Raffle where you can win a trip to Ireland or \$1000 cash. Advanced ticket sales are required for both so don't delay. Please see the enclosed fliers for additional details.

St. Leo's parish will again be having **Soup Suppers** on Fridays at 6:30 PM in the Guadalupe Room. Different Ministries from the parish will take turns supplying the soup. Our Council will be responsible for Friday, March 31. Additional information will be forthcoming. Our officer's meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm. Our two Rosary (7:30 PM)/Business Meetings (8:00 PM) will both be on a Tuesday, March 14 and March 28. The **Gray Gosts** luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21 at 11 AM as well as the **Ladies Meeting**, also on March 21, at 7:30 PM.



Chancellor's Report

James Hogan, Chancellor

Brother Knights,

If you know of anyone interested in joining our organization contact me by email

jth1logan3@gmail.com or by text/call 703-731-7164.

Vivat Jesus,
James Hogan



Treasurer's Report – 1/1-31/2023

INCOME for January \$11,589.17 (Scrip, KOVAR, etc.)

EXPENSES for January \$100,492.25 (Auto Raffle, Scrip,)

Operating Fund Net \$1,096.92

United Checking	\$ 50,615.81
United Checking (2)	\$ 1,985.90
Invest Fund	\$ 42,880.08
RTL Fun	\$ 4,543.37
Building Fund	\$ 49,104.75
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 1624.50
KOVAR Collections	\$ (317.18)
PKD Collections	\$ (819.36)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (173.17)

Net Assets \$150,444.70

March Birthday Wishes

Name Day Name Day

Michael Passey	1	Pat Dunne	11
Rene Gutierrez	2	Daniel Conway	12
Chris Botticelli	3	John Alexander Jr	13
Connor Cuevo	3	Don Kehoe	14
Luis Roa	3	Bill Lane Jr	14
Matthew Shufflebarger	3	Jose Lopez	14
Joseph Daniel	5	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	Charles Brancato Jr	30
Ed Cuccias	9	James Hogan	30
Cesar Pena	10	Mark Walther	30
		Charles Buchanan	31



Knight of the Month – February

There are many Knights who I thank on a regular basis, but arguably the most difficult job in the Council is that of Deputy Grand Knight (DGK). Between serving as program manager to coordinate the majority of the council's activities for fund-raising, fraternity, and spirituality and recruiting members to help with these events, the DGK is often very busy. For February, DGK Beauchamp developed the Council's Men's Retreat for February 18 with the assistance of our Chaplain, Fr. Fioramonti, Herb Zimmerman, and several council members. In addition, he helped organize volunteers for both the men's holy hour and the rosary for an end to abortion on February 11 and provided updates on council programs at both Council meetings in February. Thank you for your efforts, Brother Beauchamp!



Family of the Month - February

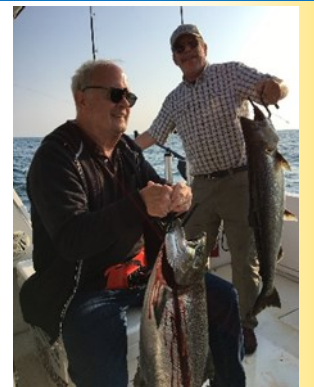
The Council has been fortunate to collaborate with the Society of American Magicians Assembly #252 for many years, dating back to PGK Bernie Kowalski's time in that assembly. Pat Leffas again ensured things went as smoothly as possible, coordinated with Assembly 252 and the parish of St. Leo the Great, and recruited Knights to help with the event. Pat recruited his oldest son to help with the event. In addition, two of the Leffas sons serve as altar servers, and their mother Kathleen serves as a leader in American Heritage Girls and is a member of the Mom's Group at St. Leo the Great Church. For all of these efforts, I am happy to name the Leffas family as Family of the Month for February!

July 12-15 Fishing Trip



Members of our Council have been making this trip to Brockport NY and fishing on Lake Ontario for over 20 years now. We go out on chartered boats (4 men to a boat) two days and have a great time. Although we have several "regulars: who go every year, we want to invite anyone in the council who are interested in a fun fishing trip to join us. We have a limited number of spaces available so call Herb Zimmerman at 703-623-6299 right away if you are interested. These pictures give you an excellent idea of the size of

the fish you can expect to catch.



Men's Retreat Synopsis

My Soul Rejoices in the Lord!

On Saturday, February 18, the Father Francis Diamond Council and St. Leo the Great parish held a very successful Men's Retreat and Day of Reflection. For this our fifth annual retreat, the theme was **My Soul Rejoices in the Lord** – a reflection on the role our Blessed Mother, Mary in our lives. About 45 men from the parish and brother Knights came to listen to talks by Fr. Nguyen, "Who is Mary?"; by Fr. Azzi, "How do I relate to Mary as a Catholic Man?"; and by Fr. Fioramonte, "How does Mary relate to Me?". Each talk was followed by insightful questions and answers. The retreat which began with Holy Mass, ended with recitation of the Rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.

A special thanks to Chick-Fil-A at Fairfax Circle for again providing us with a delicious lunch. Also, thanks to everyone who helped make this year's retreat run as smoothly as it did. This includes our Chaplain, Fr. Fioramonte, Herb Zimmerman, Pat McGuire, Bill Lane, Tony Pierno (donuts and bagels), Nelson Clinch, Charlie Kraiger, Scott Gaboury, and finally James Beauchamp.

PSA

If you have recently moved or had your street name changed, please notify the parish office and our Financial Secretary. Parish needs to know even if you participate in Faith Direct!

Lent Prayer

Take some time to pray this each Sunday of Lent either on your own or as a family. Use it as a way to recommit to having your best Lent ever through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray, Amen. ([source](#))



St. Patrick's Day RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE

A Trip to Ireland or \$1,000 Cash

Only 100 tickets SOLD

Tickets \$20

Sponsored by Father Diamond Council Knights of Columbus

Advanced ticket sales/RSVP:

Pat Murray pjmurray@att.net or Gerard McGuire gimaguire@gmail.com



Please join us for the
Annual
Knights of Columbus
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Saturday, March 25, 2023
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

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Gerard Maguire - Gjmaguire@gmail.com

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	1	2	3	4 Eucharistic Adoration 1 - 2 AM
5	6	7 7:30PM Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 7AM Holy Hour for Men 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
12 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9AM masses	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	16	17	18
19	20	21 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	22	23	24	25 6PM St. Patrick's Day Party
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
2 Palm Sunday	3	4 7:30PM Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 Eucharistic Adoration 1 - 2 AM 7AM Holy Hour for Men 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
9 EASTER! Egg Hunts after 9&11AM, plus 1PM masses	10	11 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Corporate Communion Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9 AM masses	17	18 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	20 KOVAR Collections	21 KOVAR Collections	22 KOVAR Collections
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30	1	2 7:30PM Officers Meeting	3 Feast of St. Philip Feast of St. James the Less	4	5 State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach	6 1-2AM Eucharistic Adoration State Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2022-23

Officers

Grand Knight	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Chaplain	Fr. Jonathan Fioramonti	
Deputy GK	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Chancellor	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
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Advocate	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Warden	Phil Coletti	703-945-2544
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
2yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
1yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010

Program Directors

Programs	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516

Committee Chairmen

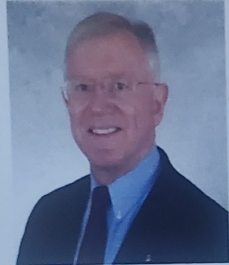
Charity		
Admissions	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Budget & Finance	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits		
Ins. Promotion		
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
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	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
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 Tim Hogan at 703-926-4347
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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