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Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Progress in pushing back the pandemic is being made. As a result, we were informed last month of policy changes beginning at the level of the Commonwealth of Virginia on down to Fr. Whitestone that allow a maximum of 40 sociallydistant, mask-wearing, individuals in Providence Hall. This led last Tuesday to our first hybrid (virtual/in-person) council business meeting since early November. It was very satisfying indeed to be able to pray the Rosary and interact with those of you who attended at the Hall. Let's pray for continued progress on this front.

Recounting the accomplishments of last month, council volunteers assisted George and Thelma Billy in the Feed the Homeless Project – Easter Meal on April 3^{rd,} (more information in the Family of the Month). Our heartfelt thanks go George and Thelma, who have headed this effort for years, as well as to our brother Knights who helped prepare, package, and serve the meals.

Also taking place last month was our major KOVAR collections campaign. Despite the uncertainties introduced into the process over coronavirus concerns, our collections were quite robust thanks to the successful efforts of KOVAR Chairman Gib Flodine and a host of brother Knights who donned the familiar yellow aprons with red lettering – along with their face masks. We are grateful to those who devoted time and energy to collecting, as well as to those who generously gave monetarily to help the intellectually disabled across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As we begin May, remember that all are welcome to join in praying the Rosary to End Abortion on the Saturday, the 8th at 8:00 AM. Later in the month, we have an especially important hybrid business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th at 8:00 PM (Rosary at 7:30) where we will elect a slate of officers to serve during the next fraternal year that begins July 1st. Please join me in thanking the Nominating Committee – Tim Tilson, Don Kehoe, and Dan O'Malley – for completing the challenging task of developing the list of nominees appearing in the following pages. Finally, it is with sadness that we mark the passing of brother Knight Larry Novack, PGK, HLM on April 8. Years ago (well before I was a member), I understand Larry served as our council's Financial Secretary for a period of nearly 25 years. Such lengthy service in a demanding position, and his total 61 years as a Knights of Columbus member, are quite impressive, but I personally remember him simply for the engaging conversations we used to have outside of church following the 9:00 Sunday Mass. He will be missed by a good many of us.

Vivat Jesus! Mark Walther Pray the Rosary Daily



Deputy Grand Knight's Report Kevin Kleponis, Deputy Grand



Chancellor's Report

John Johnson, Chancellor

Thank you for continuing to find new member recruiting opportuni-

ties each day as we continue to strive toward our goal of 15 new members. Please feel free to pass on my contact information to anyone you meet

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who is interested in learning more about becoming a knight.



Thank you for your continued efforts.

Slate of Officers 2021-2022

Our Nominating Committee consisting of Tim Tilson, Don Kehoe, and Dan O'Malley has put forth this slate of Officers for the 21-22 Fraternal year. Elections are scheduled for last business meeting in May on the 25th.

Grand Knight	Mark D. Walther		
Deputy Grand Knight	Nelson R. Clinch		
Chancellor	James Beauchamp		
Warden	James T. Hogan		
Advocate	Timothy J. Hogan		
Recorder	Anthony Pierno		
Treasurer	William Lane		
Inside Guard	Charles A. Kraiger		
Outside Guard	Patrick J. Murphy		
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen		

3 Year Trustee	Gilbert Flodine			
2 year Trustee	Daniel J. O'Malley			
I Year Trustee	Mark F. Woznak			
Grand Knight Delegate	Mark D. Walther			
PGK Delegate	Gilbert Flodine			
Alternate Grand Knight Delegate Nelson R. Clinch				
Alternate Immediate PGK Delegate Daniel J. O'Malley				

Treasurer's Report – Feb. 28, 2021

INCOME for Jan **\$4,507.84** (Dues, Scrip, St. Pat's, Hall use, Kovar, PKD, VKCCI, Supreme Collection) EXPENSES for Jan **\$3,978.00** (Grocery cards, St. Pat's Men's Retreat, Scholarships, etc) ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$48,812.75
United Checking (2)	\$ 2,244.81
Invest Fund	\$46,281.73
RTL Fund	\$ 4,534.21
Building Fund	\$45,518.38
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 5 <i>,</i> 800.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$ 4,947.89)
PKD Collections	(\$ 1,190.87)
VKCCI Collections	(\$ 455.65)
Net Assets	\$146,597.47

Bill Lane, Treasurer

May Birthday Wishes					
Name	Day	Name	Day		
Dcn Marques Silva	I	Michael Reisz	9		
Mark La Croix	2	William Schouviller	9		
Tony Rizzuto	2	Gib Flodine	П		
Roger Rosenberger	2	Douglas Hazelgrove	П		
Fr Christopher Tipton	2	Rich Markus	П		
Gerard Tumelty	3	Rafa Velez	12		
John Curtin	5	Edward Geiger	15		
Anthony Simon	5	Pat Leffas	17		
Al Ugaz	5	Jeremy Gandy	22		
Dale Allen	6	Gerald Kelso	25		
Dennis Lamb	6	Ben Gomez	26		
Fr Christopher Christensen	7	Howard Pierce	26		
Joe Janiak	8	Wenceslao Cerezo	28		
Todd Badolato	9	Joseph Lukas	29		
Michael Dolan	9	Joe Monnin	29		



Knight of the Month—April 2021

For the month of April, it was difficult to limit our choice to a single Knight of the Month. There were so many council members who answered the call and came to the aid of KOVAR chairman, **Gib Flodine**, making our annual collection a success, that it is fitting they all be recognized:

Brother Knights **Tim Tilson** and **Tim Hogan** did a great job as Road Runners, collecting donations from passing motorists at a major intersection.

Brother Knights Francisco Klein, James Robinson, Steve Rodgers, Charlie Kraiger, Sean Wilson, Joe Gesker Scott Gaboury and Tim Tilson collected outside IHOP restaurant.

Brother Knights Mark Woznak, Stan Greer, Brian Wilson, Doug Fehrer, John Cesarini, Mike Plumstead, Phil Coletti, James Messig, Pat McGuire and Bill Weich volunteered to collect outside Shoppers supermarket.

Brother Knights Charlie Kraiger, James Hogan, Tim Holleran, Al Leightley, Phil Krebs, Peter Furey, Tom Cannata, and Tony Pierno collected outside St. Leo's Church after Masses.

We wish to express a resounding Thank You to all the KOVAR collectors above, our Knights of the Month for April.

Family of the Month—April 2021

This couple's constant devotion to the mission of feeding the needy and the homeless in our midst has taken on added importance in the era of the coronavirus pandemic.



Beginning 26 years ago, **George and Thelma Billy** have led other volunteers from among our council's ranks in large-scale operations to provide hot meals to the homeless men and women at the Center for Creative Non-Violence in northwest Washington, DC. On April 3rd, they conducted the Feed the Homeless Project - Easter Meal at that shelter. It was yet another in a long line of such corporal acts of mercy at the CCNV location, feeding between 300 and 400 homeless individuals the day before Easter Sunday. George and Thelma do not confine their efforts to holiday events alone, as they are always on the lookout for ways to connect sources of food to those in need. If anyone has an excess of prepared or packaged food they wish to donate, the Billys are there to see that it is transferred to where it is most needed. They regularly work in concert with the St. Leo's Social Ministry food pantry where, for example, they assisted with accepting and organizing the influx of food donated through the Boy Scouts' Scouting for Food project.

George, a Past Grand Knight, has been and remains very active in numerous other ways in our council. His wife, Thelma, has over the years, dependably and graciously cooked delicious meals for our council's meeting nights. She has also been known to assist the Ladies of Council 6292 with their food-related events. We shine a light on George and Thelma Billy as our Family of the Month for April, for remaining to us all beacons of charity and love of neighbor.

2021 Scholarship winners

Father Diamond Scholarship: Maia Olivia Riate Cerezo

Corporal Nicholas Kirven Scholarship: Paula Roa

PGK Gerald Broyles Memorial Scholarship: Liam Drummond

Congratulations to the winners and we wish you all the best of luck in the upcoming school year.

Get in the Picture

Pictured below are Brother Knights Gib Flodine and Charlie Kraiger getting ready for KOVAR collections.





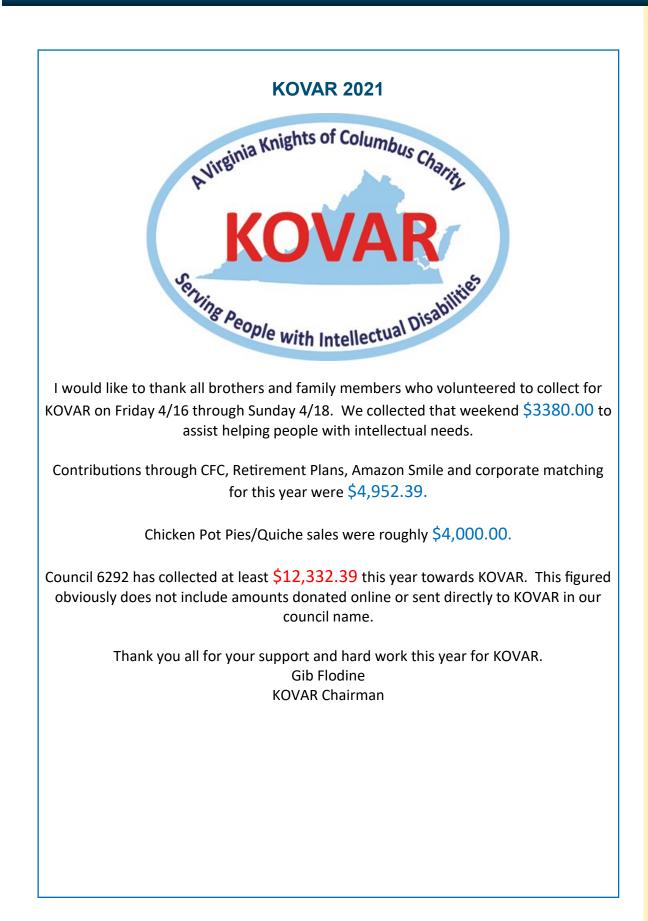
With Covid restrictions loosening, the Grey Ghosts got together, like they did so often, to have their monthly luncheon. This month they decided to honor Larry Novack (pictured below), PGK of another council, who did so much for our council. It is nice to see so many brother knights gather and practice one of our main principles (Fraternity) and honor a fallen brother.







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Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25		26	27 7:30PM Hybrid Bus. Meeting	28	29	30 State Convention- Herndon (virtual)	I State Convention- Herndon (virtual)
	Conven- Ierndon al)	3	4 7:30PM Hybrid Offic- ers Mtg	5	6	7	8 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
9		10	11 7:30PM Rosary, 8 PM Hybrid Bus. Meeting	12	13	14	15
16		17	18 I 1:00AM Grey Ghost Luncheon 7:00PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30 4th Degree Mtg	20	21	22
23		24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Mtg & Elections	26	27	28	29
30		31	I 7:30PM Officers Meet- ing	2	3	4	5

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Junes' calendar is constantly updating, Please pay attention to your emails throughout the month.

Sur	n Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		7:30PM Officers Meeting				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Mtg				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Mtg	7:30 4Th Degree Mtg			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		6:30 Rosary 7PM Steak Night - mtg after				
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

Officers			Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054	Ŭ		
Chaplain	Father Nguyen	703-273-5369	Frat. Benefits	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407	Ins. Promotion	Juan Carlos Fierro	703-499-1244
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192			
Financial Sec.	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299	Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634	Project Chairmen		
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435	Ist Deg. Team		
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540	2nd Deg. Team		
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146	Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424	Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241	Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504	Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610	Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477	Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
lyr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811		Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Program Directors	5		Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407	Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299	Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288	Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010	KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477	KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Committee Chairr	nen		Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537	Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192	Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Retention	loe Gesker	703-435-4811	March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192	Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054	Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
-			St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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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.

