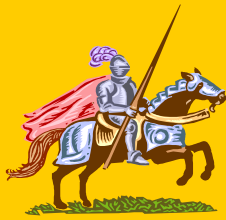


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# The Lookout



2009-10 Fraternal Year, Issue 4

November 2009

## *Grand Knight's Message:*



The pages of the calendar seem to be changing quickly this time of year, and I'm amazed to see that we are already into the month of November! As the holidays approach, we all need to take stock and be thankful for all that we have. Please try to spend some time with family, friends, and brother knights and strive to live out the holiday spirit this season and help those less fortunate than we are. The council will be offering a couple of ways to help this month. Please consider helping in our Annual Thanksgiving food basket program or by helping George and Thelma Billy feed the homeless in downtown DC this month. Details can be found later in the newsletter.

Also, I would like to take this time to thank a few people for the great work that they have been putting forward within the council. I would like to say a big thank you to Tim Hogan for all the work he put in to making this year's Fairfax Fall Festival a success. Though it started off with bad weather, Tim was able to lead the troops and make it a productive day. Thanks also to all those individuals that helped with the setup, cooking and cleaning up afterward. I would also like to give a big thanks to the Columbiettes for putting on a great inaugural Craft Show this past month. There were a good number of attendees and participants for this being the first one ever done. Great job and thank you!

Special thanks go out to John Eldred for saving the day with the donation of a brand new, high powered, NCST

computer. Our old computer (also donated by John many years ago) just died. John, coming to the rescue, brought us a brand new machine within 2 days. Not only that, but John's capable IT crew at NCST were able to rescue all our data from the defunct hard drive on the old machine. We really appreciate John's generosity and brother hood.

Coming up in November are several important events that Nelson will speak on later, but none is more important than our Corporate Communion Mass on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. This mass is in memory of all brother Knights that have passed on and are no longer with us. It is important that we come together as a council and show our support to the families of our dearly departed brothers. Please plan to attend this mass and sit in the area reserved for the Knights of Columbus to show our support as a community.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Knight of the Month for September, Tim Tilson. Tim continues to be a great asset to our organization by heading up the Parish Picnic, gold breakfast team, Christmas trees, and much more. The Family of the Month for September is Herb Zimmerman and Linda Baringhaus for their annual Oktoberfest celebration. If you didn't make it this year, you missed out.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Mike Purtil, Grand Knight  
[mvpurtill@gmail.com](mailto:mvpurtill@gmail.com)  
202-251-8424

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* reminds us that "charity is the greatest social commandment." The month of November begins a period when we

Knights both live this virtue and prepare for future charitable contributions. Many of the events listed below exemplify this charity or the preparations for future charity.

### Charity events

Donations are being accepted to help the council provide Thanksgiving Baskets to local needy families. Please contact Greg Skorupski at [gregskisr@aol.com](mailto:gregskisr@aol.com) to donate. The council will be assembling the baskets on November 20 and delivering the next day. Please contact Greg Skorupski to offer assistance.

George and Thelma Billy are once again heading up the Feed the Homeless program that will be offering meals at the Center for Creative Nonviolence in DC on November 21. The event typically leaves Fairfax around 11:30 and returns in the 2:00 hour. Contact George at [GeoBilly@aol.com](mailto:GeoBilly@aol.com) to let him know you can help.

As always, we knights will help the St. Vincent de Paul Society with their twice-monthly food drives, which are at all masses the weekends of November 14-15 and 28-29. Help in transferring the collections to St. Vincent de Paul's store-room is always appreciated.

### Church events

Thanks to those who prayed the rosary for an end to abortion on October 10. Although attendance was down from September, our presence and our prayers are important. Therefore, please join us on November 14 at 8 AM near the corner of 123 and Eaton.

Please also join your fellow Knights in the reserved area of St. Leo's Church on November 15 at the 9 AM mass for our quarterly Corporate Communion, followed by a reception in Providence Hall.

### Council events

Many thanks to Steve Kehoe and all who helped our council host the quarterly state meeting on October 3 in the St. Leo the Great school gym. The council has received recognition for their efforts in putting on this event.

The monthly Grey Ghosts social is November 17 at 11 AM. Any knight can join in the luncheon activities. That same night at 7 PM, the Columbiettes meet in Providence Hall. All knights' wives are welcome to join the Columbiettes for their monthly meeting. Past meetings included planning for the Atlantic City trip October 5, the Amish trip October 15, and the craft fair October 17. I would like to offer my thanks to the Columbiettes for offering these social opportunities.

### Family activities

A family breakfast is scheduled for November 22 after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses. Please join us for a hot, made-to-order

breakfast for a donation. The Blue breakfast team is scheduled for this event.

### Community activities

Thanks to Tim Hogan for coordinating the council's efforts to sell food as a fundraiser at the city of Fairfax Fall Festival. Further thanks to all who helped with the event.

St. Leo's will host a Blood Drive on November 8 from 8 AM to 1 PM in Providence Hall. Breakfast will be available for donors. Please consider the charitable act of donating blood in support of life and general good health among humankind.

I wish all fellow knights, their families, and the local community as a whole a Happy Thanksgiving!

Nelson Clinch  
Deputy Grand Knight  
[clinch5va@yahoo.com](mailto:clinch5va@yahoo.com)  
703-385-2146

## Columbiettes' Corner

The Columbiettes had a busy October. We hosted 2 bus trips; one to Atlantic City and another to an Amish Farm in Pennsylvania. Thank you to Flo Hogan and Ann Todd for coordinating these trips. We also hosted our first craft fair in several years, in which over 30 vendors participated. Thank you to all of the Knights and Columbiettes who helped out with this event, but a special thank you to Linda Baringhaus who was the "face" of the fair as she handled all of the registrations and vendor questions, and helped us take care of some last minute legal issues. We ended the month with our annual Wine and Cheese social that was enjoyed by many.

Looking forward, we will have a business meeting in November which will be followed by a cooking demonstration by Thelma Billy. At our meeting we will finish planning for our special December project that will be geared towards helping moms and babies at the Paul Stefan Home. In December we will have a cookie exchange in lieu of our regular meeting. More details to follow.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2009. We will have a business meeting followed by another cooking demonstration by Thelma Billy.

All wives of Knights are Columbiettes and are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings or at any of our other events. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Providence Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be placed on the email distribution list, please contact Wendy Kehoe at 703-591-6813 or [steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net](mailto:steve.wendykehoe@verizon.net).



## Council News & Events

### Thanksgiving Baskets

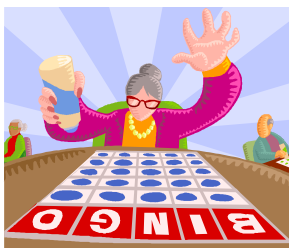


Our Council, in cooperation with the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of St. Leo's Parish, will be collecting food and/or cash to provide underprivileged families with a food basket for Thanksgiving. The council donates a turkey and a gift certificate for purchase of perishables to go with the baskets. It has been a tradition in our Council that Council members (or groups of members) adopt a family and purchase a basket with the suggested items on our adopt-a-family shopping list. The Council has set a goal of providing 45 baskets to SVDP from our membership - sign up sheet is on a bulleting board in Providence Hall or contact Greg Skorupski at [gregskisr@aol.com](mailto:gregskisr@aol.com).

Each month Bill Ward, PGK, runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday September 14 at 6:45PM to run bingo for the residents. We should be finished by 8:15PM. Please contact Bill Ward at [bward@6292.kofcva.org](mailto:bward@6292.kofcva.org) or call at (703) 273-6289 with any questions about details or wish to volunteer to be the new chairman.

### Nursing Home Bingo— Need a new Chairman

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**Creche Lighting & Spaghetti Supper**—The annual lighting of the Creche outside the church will be right after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 28. A scrumptious Spaghetti and Meat Ball dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center at about 6:30. Call Bill Weich at 703-307-9163 if you want to help or to make reservations for dinner.



**Rosary at the Abortion Facility**— **IT's WORKING!!!** Our efforts have borne fruit. One of the two abortion clinics on Eaton Place has closed its doors. Lets keep up the effort!!



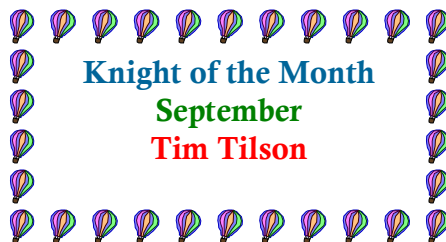
On the second Saturday of the month, Knights will meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (across the street from the Best Western at Route 123 and I-66). It doesn't take too long to pray the whole Rosary, and is a great way to start your day. Come join us, and bring the whole family.

### Christmas Tree Sales —Sunday, November 29

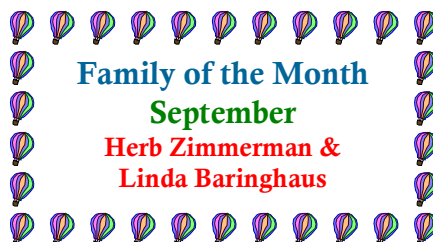
Christmas trees arrive on Saturday, November 28 and the Lot opens the following day. All Christmas Tree Teams have received their schedules and Tree Team captains will be calling you to volunteer for a shift or two. Tim Tilson [703-273-9436] and Jac Cerney [703-255-9484] are co-chairmen this year. Anyone interested in helping set up the lot, please show up at the school at 0800 (8:00 AM) on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Work off that fattening Thanksgiving dinner. It only takes a couple hours when there are a lot of hands to help.



### Knights and Knight Families Honored



**Knight of the Month**  
**September**  
**Tim Tilson**



**Family of the Month**  
**September**  
**Herb Zimmerman & Linda Baringhaus**



### Newsletter Deadlines

In order to ensure timely delivery of the newsletter, the deadline for submissions to *The Lookout* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to when you want your information published. Early submissions are appreciated. You can send

## REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL

The Father Diamond Council Tradition of all Redskin Games at the Hall will continue this year; renovation construction permitting.

**ALL GAMES—** Peanuts and other crunchables free. All beverages at Warden Posted Prices. Coffee and Tea free

**ONE PM GAMES—** Menu above with hot Nacho Cheese added on free list. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at cost. Warden Beverages as posted.



**FOUR PM GAMES—** Hot Meal with trimmings provided at reasonable price. Hot Dogs for kids, and, everything on above Menus.

**NIGHT GAMES—** Peanuts, Munchies and Beverages Only

Special Events will be announced via E-Mail and at Meetings. Families and guests welcome. Special rules for Giant and Cowboy fans. Special rules for Eagles fans will be verbal because of illiteracy problem. Special rules posted in Rest Rooms.

Opposing team fans—that is other than Redskins— must limit cheering to TV commercial breaks or outdoors.

### SPECIAL DINNER GAME Sunday, December 13

The first scheduled 4:00 Redskin game is with the Oakland Raiders on Dec. 13. That will be the date for the Annual Cerney Smoked Turkey Dinner slated for **half-time--about 6:00 PM.**

Menu:

- Two Cerney smoked turkeys
- Rosemary's Grecian salad
- Stuffing
- Nacho cheese/sweet peppers potatoes au gratin

There will, of course, be the usual snacks and hot dogs for the kids.

**Cost:** only **\$3.00/person all-you-can-eat** event with beverages at Warden's prices.



### Use Food Cards to Buy Your Thanksgiving Baskets This Year — A Great Deal for Everyone !



Food 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 Larry Novak—703-978-6137 or email—[ZLRN01@aol.com](mailto:ZLRN01@aol.com) for information. Available at **Providence Hall every weekday at 3:00 PM** or at meetings.

How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse, and 4% for 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-U's, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Blockbuster, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. Every \$100 you spend at Safeway entitles you to a **\$.10 discount per gallon of gas** if you have a Safeway membership card. You save money on gas and the Knights and PTO profit from food gift card sales. **Win -Win**



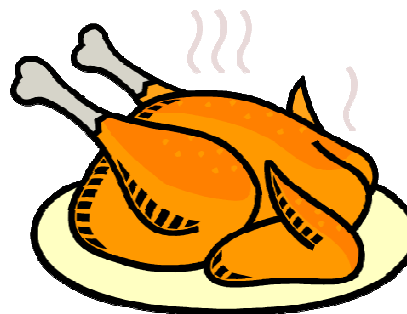


# Thanksgiving Meal

We are a group from the Fairfax area that have been preparing and serving hot meals to the homeless at the large CCNV shelter at 2<sup>nd</sup> and D St. NW Washington, D.C. for the past 14 years. Special meals are prepared before the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Our next meal is Saturday, November 21st. This is a good opportunity to help the less fortunate and for youth service hours. Donations of food items are always appreciated. If you would like to help, or have any questions please call Thelma Billy at 703-323-6470. We leave from Thelma's house in Fairfax at 11:30 a.m. and return about 2:30 p.m.

**Food items needed:** Turkey, chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, canned vegetables, yams, soft drinks, plates, cups, knives/forks

**Donations appreciated, Thank You!**



## Help Feed the Homeless

### *Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message*

#### **The grass is rarely greener**

We all know the old adage, "the grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence." When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying, "Read the fine print."

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. There are two major potential pitfalls of replacing coverage. Be sure that any agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener covers these key factors.

First, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that

one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

Second, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period (typically two years) after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

If someone encourages you to replace – or worse, drop – your existing coverage with any insurer, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

I'm at 703-450-6100 or [Dennis.Riley@kofc.org](mailto:Dennis.Riley@kofc.org). Call me – let's talk.

Dennis Riley, FICF, CSA  
Field Agent



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## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2009-10

### Officers

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Warden	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Inside Guard	Matt West	703-359-4652
Outside Guard	John Leonard	303-808-1245
Outside Guard	John Berg	703-219-2096
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2yr Trustee	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
1yr Trustee	Hank Urban	703 591 9244

### Program Directors

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Community	Bob Bilko	703-359-6824
Council	Charles "Scott" Buchannon	703-978-0045
Family	Pat Leffas	703-934-9716
Youth	John Leonard	303-808-1245

### Committee Chairmen

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### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
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Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Ent'ment Books	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Food Drive	Ben Schaefer	703-591-3188
Fourth Deg.	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
Gray Ghosts	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	Dave Todd	703-352-2724
KOVAR	Steve Kehoe	703-591-6813
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Email Updates	Hank Urban	703 591 9244

### Fraternal Prayer Contact

Brother Jack Cotner is the Council's Fraternal Prayer Contact. If you wish to request prayers from the council for a brother Knight or relative who is sick or in distress (or has passed away), please contact Jack at cotnerjohn@aol.com or (703) 323-5785. A special thanks to Jack for taking on this very important role in the council.

### Dinner-Dance to Benefit Philippines Flood Victims

Association of Ilonggo Metropolitan, Inc. (AIM) cordially invites you to a Dinner-Dance on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 6 p.m. to midnight to benefit the recent flood victims of Luzon and Iloilo in the Philippines. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. with dancing to midnight.

**Venue: Woods Community Center**  
**10100 Wards Grove Circle**  
**Burke, VA 22015**

**Donation of \$25 per person (tax deductible) payable to AIM.**



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy...." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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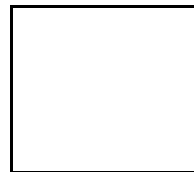
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**\*\*Meetings—every 2nd and 4th Tuesday—8:00 PM\*\***

**Redskins Games at the Hall— Check Schedule**

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets Delivery—Nov. 21**

**Christmas Tree Lot Opens—Sunday, November 29**

