



# THE LOOKOUT



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November 2015

## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

October has been both a rewarding and active, yet sad month for our Council. The most exciting and memorable events happened on Columbus Day weekend. The first

and most surprising event was our concessions at the City of Fairfax Fall Festival. It was such a nice day that we couldn't have predicted the huge crowd. Our Fall Festival Chairman, Tim Hogan, actually had to run to Safeway for more hot dogs, hamburgers and buns. Not just once but twice! The crew manning the concessions worked extremely hard to keep up with the demand. Overall it was a very successful day.

That was only the beginning! Our Chancellor, Joe Gesker, along with many brother knights conducted a successful Membership Drive at all masses that weekend. I was able to speak at the 5pm Saturday, the 9 and 11am masses on Sunday. Joe Gesker covered the 7:30am, 1 and 5pm masses. Many of you helped by greeting and talking to young men of the parish as they left mass. As a result of your efforts we have many candidates to talk to about becoming Knights.

The most rewarding event on Columbus Day weekend was our Corporate Communion at the 9:30 Mass. We honored all deceased Knights from our council. Jack Cotner helped send out letters to all the widows of our deceased members inviting them to the mass and a reception afterwards. Lee and Mike Plumstead arranged for roses and John Eldred arranged for food at the reception. It was a heartwarming event and we presented roses to 10 of the widows who attended.

On Monday, the Knights of Columbus participated in the Columbus Day celebration in front of Union Station in downtown DC. Brother Tom Hogan is very involved in the Columbus Day Celebration Committee. To complete the weekend, the Knights laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

We demonstrated all four principals of the order in one

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## The Chancellor's Chronicle

Brothers,

Congratulations Brother Knight **Charles Stimley** for Advancement to Third Degree and Brother Knights **Manuel Calix, Philip Coletti, Lawrence Cook, Gilbert Flodine, Joseph Kanyan, and James Pierce** for advancement to Second Degree!

Brother Knights, Father Diamond Council Needs You! Form 100's welcome! November, as reflected below, offers many opportunities for installation to First Degree!

### "Degrees of Interest" - November Proximate Exemplifications

#### *First Degree:*

5 November, Springfield

16 November, Gainesville

17 November, Clifton

18 November, Chantilly

19 November, Chantilly

**24 November, Fairfax, Council 6292, Father Diamond, St. Leo the Great**

#### *Second Degree:*

10 November, Fairfax Station

#### *Third Degree:*

24 October, Chantilly, Council 7369

21 November, Burke, Council 7992

Again, thank you all for your continued support of Council 6292 Recruitment.

Your friend in Christ,

Joe Gesker

Chancellor, Father Diamond Council, 6292

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## Grand Knight's Report

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single weekend. *Charity* with the funds raised at the Fall Festival.

*Unity* when we participated in the sacrament of Communion as a council. *Fraternalism* by honoring our deceased members and demonstrating our love and support for their widows. Finally, *Patriotism* as we provided the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor guard and flag ceremony at the Columbus Day Celebration and the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Sadly, on Oct. 14 we lost a Brother Knight, Pat Laing. Pat suffered from diabetes and we, as a council, have been working to provide safer access to his home. The outpouring of love from our council has insured we will finish that project and provide some financial assistance to the family. I am proud to be a member of the Fr. Diamond Council, one of the most dynamic active and caring KofC Councils in Virginia.

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman, Grand Knight

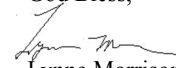
## Ladies of Father Diamond Council

A great time was had at The Wine & Cheese Social! Special thanks to Ann Todd who headed up this event and made it special. Thank you also to Katherine Seburnia for putting together our Thanksgiving Food Basket sign-up sheet!

The Fall Craft Fair was a great success. Thanks to our hard working team of Ladies and Knights!: Beth Ward, Ruth West, Nancy Rosenkranz, Julie and Nelson Clinch, Thelma and George Billy, Wendy and Steve Kehoe, Priscilla and Tim Hogan, Gib Flodine, and Keith Morrison. We could not have pulled this event off without you. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Our next business meeting will be on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be discussing and finalizing our plans for our annual Christmas charity. Hope to see you there!

God Bless,

  
Lynne Morrison, President

## In Memory of Brother Patrick Laing

On October 14th Brother Knight, Patrick Laing, passed away on at the age of 50 due to complications from diabetes. Patrick's wake was held Monday, October 19th at Demaine's Funeral Home where his Brother Knight's lined up to recite the rosary. The funeral was held at St. Leo The Great Church on Tuesday, October 20th. Several people have asked how they can provide financial support to the Laing family. Fr. Diamond Council has set up a "pass through" account for processing funds for the family. Checks should be made out to "Fr. Diamond Council, Knights of Columbus" and annotated "Pat Laing Fund". The checks may be dropped off in the council hall or mailed to "Knights of Columbus, Father Diamond Council, No. 6292, David J. Todd, Sr., 3137 Plantation Pkwy., Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2117". Please remember Pat and his wife Alice, and their four children: Jennifer, Molly, Peter and Kevin, in this time of sorrow.

John Eldred is still proceeding with the replacement of the Laing's deck. The current structure is an accident waiting to happen. Volunteers are needed with the demolition of the concrete porch on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. The goal is to get the porch removed and dig footers for the replacement deck, then call for an inspection on Friday and have all the remaining materials delivered. Actual deck construction will start on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. If you are unable to assist with the work on Thursday maybe you can find time to assist on Saturday. Many hands make light work.

## REDSKINS GAMES AT THE HALL

**Come out and support our team this season.**

**All Welcome — Family, friends, prospective members or just Redskin Fans.**

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

**1 pm GAMES:** Menu above with hot Nacho Cheese added on free list. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at cost. Warden Beverages as posted.

**4 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 newly renovated Rest Rooms.





## 2015 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS PROJECT

Please contact Mark Walther at (703) 999-2791 or [markwalther7@yahoo.com](mailto:markwalther7@yahoo.com). If you'd like to donate and shop for a food basket, donate cash (which will go towards the purchase of Food Gift Certificates to be included in the baskets), and/or help deliver the baskets the weekend before Thanksgiving.

### SUGGESTED FOOD LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chilli, Beef Stew, Etc.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit 6 Cans              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Mix/Syrup         | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Sauce 2 Jars        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee or Tea                | <input type="checkbox"/> Jell-O Pudding 2 Boxes    | <input type="checkbox"/> Peas 2 Cans               | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti/Ravioli 2 Cans      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Oil                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jelly or Jam              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pie Crust Mix 1 Box       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn 2 Cans                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni & Cheese 2 Boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Pork & Beans 2 Cans       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing Mix                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers (Snack or Saltines) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mashed Potatoes           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkin Pie Mix 1 Can     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes 2 Cans               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry Sauce              | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk Canned or Powdered   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice (Instant or Regular) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna Fish 2 Cans (or more)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Cereal 2 Boxes           | <input type="checkbox"/> Noodles/Pasta             | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt and/or Pepper        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yams 1 Can                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flour                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Oatmeal (Hot Cereal)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup 6 Cans               | <input type="checkbox"/> Treats (Candy, Cookies, etc.) |

*(Please also consider the purchase of other items such as toiletries and baby food)*

**Another Suggestion:** Before shopping, contact Larry Novack at (703) 978-6137 or [zlrm01@aol.com](mailto:zlrm01@aol.com) to purchase food gift cards for use at Giant, Safeway, or Shoppers Food. By buying food gift cards from the Knights, a portion of your purchase benefits our Council and St Leo's School even as you are assisting the needy. You may also wish to consider picking up some food gift cards for yourself!



### Fourth Degree News

It was previously announced that Fr. Malloy Assembly was looking into the possibility of creating a new Assembly at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax Station. At this time, over 60 Sir Knights have committed to joining the new Assembly with more to come, which means we are proceeding with the split. All Sir Knights from Fr. Diamond Council are encouraged to become more active in the Assembly... there are great opportunities for taking an active role in the Assembly, including (but not limited to) leadership positions.

The next Assembly meeting will be Wednesday, November 18. We will begin with Rosary at 7:30PM, with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Café to follow (normal contribution requested is \$5). The meeting should begin about 8:15, and is typically finished by 9:00PM.

Your friend in Christ,

Dave Todd, Jr.

# Pray Everyday





## October 2015 Knight 's of the Month

### KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This month I would like to recognize the efforts and dedication of two Brother Knights. Both gentlemen have contributed a significant amount of time and effort to the council this month. On October 13 we took 56

Sisters of the Poor and their home residents to see the first North American the Basilica of the Assumption and St. Mary's Spiritual Center in Baltimore, Maryland. All the planning organizing and a significant amount of the funding for this event was conducted and raised by one Brother Knight. He engaged the assistance of one other Brother Knight and one of the Ladies of Council #6292, Linda Baringhaus, to assist on the day of the event. A bus was provided along with lunch (from Chick-Fil-A), beverages and other snacks along with a souvenir book on the Basilica was

provided for everyone. At the Basilica we took the guided tour of the crypts below the Basilica. Lunch was served in the Diocesan Meeting hall across from the Basilica. We are proud to recognize the dedicated and focused efforts of Brother **Kevin Darr** as one of our Knights of the Month for October.

The second Knight of the Month for October is a brother Knight that has been involved in nearly everything this month. He has worked at our membership drive on Columbus Day Weekend and the Corporate Communion Reception, he worked the Family Breakfast, and he was the other Brother Knight who assisted Kevin Darr with the Sisters of the Poor trip to Baltimore. He took on the responsibility of working with our contractor to get the Council Hall shed repaired and worked with Boy Scouts working on their Eagle Scout Project, which resulted in the repairs to our handicapped ramp. This brother Knight has tirelessly supported the council all month. We are proud to select **Charlie Kraiger** as Knight of the Month for October.



November 28 at 6:30 pm after the Creche Lighting in the PAC



## October 2015 Family of the Month

### FAMILY of the MONTH

The month of October has presented our council with some unique challenges and events. Plans and schedules have changed and some unexpected events have occurred such as the death of

one of our brother Knights. This month's Family of the Month has been there to support the Council throughout the month. The council's calendar on our website and the reminder emails to all members has

been up-to-date primarily due to the diligence of this Brother Knight. He has also assumed the responsibility of coordinating the Bingo game at the Fairfax Nursing Home. This brother's wife is very involved with the Ladies of Council #6292 assisting with the Lady's Wine and Cheese Tasting event and providing a strong supporting role one efforts at the Lady's Craft Show. This family works together all the time, where ever needed both of them are there. They also coordinate all of the Redskin's Game events at the hall on Sundays making sure everyone has hot dogs, nachos and popcorn. Recently we lost a brother Knight and this family organized and put on the post-funeral reception at the hall as well as helping the Laing family in any way they could. We are proud to recognize the **Nelson and Julie Clinch family** as Family of the Month for October.



## *Father Diamond Council Christmas Party*

### **Saturday, December 5th at Providence Hall**

*Appetizers - 6:00 pm*  
*Buffet Dinner - 7:00 pm*

**Council Provides: Main Dishes including Turkey, Roast, & Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter, and Beverages (beer, wine, soda)**

**RSVP to Dave Todd, Jr.**  
**(703) 463-1499 or**  
[djtoddjr@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddjr@yahoo.com)



*Dancing & Fun 8 pm until ??*  
*\$20 per person*

**Please Bring Either: Appetizer or Dessert**  
**PLEASE: do not bring anything to be heated, warmed or otherwise prepared in kitchen**

**Please advise how many and the names of those Attending, and what you will bring to share with others**

### **Christmas Tree Selling Time Once Again**

With Halloween behind us, it's time to look ahead to Christmas and that means Christmas trees. Everyone has been assigned to a team. If your team captain hasn't contacted you by Thanksgiving about working a shift or two, contact me at [hmslydia@msn.com](mailto:hmslydia@msn.com). We will set up the tree lot on Friday 27 November starting at 0930. Anyone who can help is invited to come on by. Please bring tools i.e. ratchets and hammers. We should be done by noon at the latest. The trees will arrive and be unloaded at 0830 on Saturday 28 November. The truck will first go to to council at St John's in McLean, hopefully at 0700. So a start time at our place of 0830 **should** work out about right. Bring gloves and a strong back.



## November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day NO Redskins game - bye week	2	3 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	4	5	6	7
8 Redskins @ Patriots	9 7:15 Bingo - Fairfax Nursing Home	10 Attend St. Leo's 40 Hours 8:30PM Meeting @ hall	11  <b>Veterans' Day</b>	12	13	14 8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion 10:15 AM Adopt-a- Spot (tent)
15 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses @ Hall 1:00 PM Saints vs Redskins	16 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	17 11:00AM- Gray Gost Luncheon	18 7:30 Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	19	20 5:00 Food Basket Assembly	21 10:00 Food Basket Delivery 11:00 Feed the Homeless
22 1:00 PM Redskins @ Panthers	23	24 8:00 Meeting & 1st Degree 7:00 Rosary	25	26  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	27 Creche Set-Up  9:30 AM Tree Lot Set-up	28 8:30AM Trees Delivered 6:00PM Creche Lighting 6:30PM Spaghetti Dinner
29 Advent Begins 9:00 AM Tree Sales Begin 1:00 PM Giants vs Redskins	30	1 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	2	3	4	5  <b>Christmas Dinner</b>

## December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Advent Begins 9:00 Tree Sales Begin 1:00 PM Giants @ Redskins	30	1 7:30-Officers Mtg @ Hall	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner
6	7 8:30 PM Cowboys vs Redskins	8 7:30 PM Holy Day - Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30PM Meeting @ hall	9 7:00 Ladies of #6292 Mtg	10	11	12 8:00 AM Rosary to end Abortion
13 1:00 PM Redskins @ Bears	14 7:15 Bingo - FFx Nursing Home	15 11:00AM- Gray Gost Luncheon	16 7:30 PM-Fr Malloy Assembly Mtg	17	18	19 10:00 Food Basket Delivery 11:00 Feed the Homeless (?)
20 Santa Breakfast @ Gym after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses 1:00 PM Bills vs Redskins	21	22  *** NO MEETING ***	23	24 6-9:00PM KOVAR @ ABC Stores	25  <b>CHRISTMAS!</b>	26 8:25 PM Redskins @ Eagles
27	28	29	30	31 6-9:00PM KOVAR @ ABC Stores	1	2

### Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2015-16

#### Officers

Grand Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Chancellor	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
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Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Advocate	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
Warden	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
2yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
1yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948

#### Program Directors

Programs	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Council	John Eldred	703-932-1322
Family	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	James Hogan	703-385-1292

#### Committee Chairmen

Charity	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Admissions	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Retention	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Culture of Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Vocations	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785

Budget & Fin.	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Hall Manager	TBD	703-385-9455
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
Ins. Promotion	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

#### Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Dennis Makurat	703-383-0233
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Blood Drive	John Brophy	703-425-7169
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Matt West	703-359-4652
Comedy Knight	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Drive	TBD	TBD
Fourth Deg.	Dave Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Newsletter	Joe Paratore	703-283-4515
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
Right-to-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

### Hall Manager Needed

We want to thank Mike Purtill for all his hard work as our hall manager. Unfortunately, due to pressures on his time from work and other areas, Mike will be resigning as Hall Manager effective July 1. We are in need of someone who has the time and inclination to manage our hall. Mike has documented all the duties. This is a great job for someone who is retired or has flexible hours. Please call Herb Zimmerman at 703-385-9455 if you are interested.

### Thought for the Day:

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

— Isaiah 41:10



### Giant, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards

#### Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

Food Gift Cards (AKA 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 at 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 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.

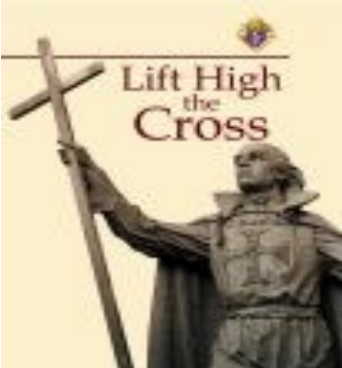
### How you can save even more by using Safeway food Gift Cards?

**Safeway sells gift cards for many stores** (Home Depot, Kohls, Toys-R-Us, Bed Bath & Beyond, I-Tunes, Marriott, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Sears, Macy's, Old Navy, Southwest, etc.). They can be purchased using Safeway Scrip. **Win - Win**



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