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Grand Knight's Message

Mark Walther, Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I am happy to report that we closed out October having exceeded our fundraising expectations for the Fairfax Fall Festival, thereby increasing our ability to fund charitable causes. Our thanks go to Tim Hogan for organizing and managing the council's food vending operation at the Festival, as well as to the many members and their families who volunteered to make it all happen. The month's Family Breakfast did not see the robust attendance of pre-coronavirus days, but we have to be patient as parishioners slowly return to such social gatherings. I can report, though, that the food was as delicious as ever (especially the western omelet and the waffles)!

As we head into November, thoughts turn to the upcoming holiday season just a few weeks away. We will again be doing our part to help provide for the food insecure in our local community. Please save the date of Saturday, November 13th when volunteers will be needed to help the St. Leo Social Ministry food pantry receive the influx of food donations gathered by local troops of the Boy Scouts of America through their Scouting for Food campaign. Look for additional details in an upcoming council-wide email.

We are also accepting pledges of food baskets and/or cash donations towards our annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets Project. Our council's goal is again 50 baskets. Thank you to those who have already made pledges. In the meantime, if you would like to donate one or more food baskets, please let me know by email (markwalther7@yahoo.com) or phone call (H - 703-766-5054). Food basket drop-offs will most likely occur the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 19th at Providence Hall. Additionally, monetary donations towards food gift cards can be made by check (pay to the order of "Knights of Columbus," with memo line "Thanksgiving/Xmas Baskets Project") and either placed in the Financial Secretary's mailbox in Providence Hall or mailed to Mark Walther, 9702 St. Andrews Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.

George and Thelma Billy will also need volunteers for Feed the Homeless at Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 20th. They usually welcome assistance with pre-packaging hot meals for transport to Washington, DC and/or the distribution of the meals to the food insecure at the designated site.

By contributing in these ways, we can make it possible for the less fortunate among us to share in the bounty of the season.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Nelson Clinch, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers and families,

November is a time for giving thanks, and I am thankful for many things.

As I mentioned at the last council meeting, the end of October to beginning of November marks 20 years of survival after I suffered a brain hemorrhage. Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in part for members to help each other, and I can truly say the Council was there for me with both prayers and other types of assistance when my family needed it. Please continue to pray for your fellow members and their families, and I suggest any Knight who needs assistance reach out to the Council to see how we can serve.

November also marks the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving later in the month. We all can give thanks for the freedoms this country provides, and on that note, I sincerely wish to thank all Veterans of the U.S. military for defending those freedoms, especially as we approach Veterans Day on the 11th.

The Council doesn't strictly provide assistance only to members, though, and as the adage goes, many hands make light work. Therefore, please encourage Catholic non-Knights to join our Order, especially before the meeting on the 9th so that we can vote on their applications before the degree ceremony November 18.

Some of the activities this month help Fr. Diamond Council exemplify the principle of Charity, and we need members to help those who may not have as much for which to give thanks.

Council events this month include:

The Rosary for an end to abortion at 8 AM on 11/13 at St. Leo the Great Church,

The fraternal gray ghost luncheon on Tuesday, 11/16. Any member available can join for the social hour at 11 AM, followed by luncheon.

Food Basket Distribution to those in need on Saturday, the 20th at 10 AM on the St. Leo campus,

Feed the Homeless at the Center for Creative non-Violence in DC on 11/20 (meet at Thelma and George Billy's house at 11 AM),

The Family Breakfast in Providence Hall after the 7:30 and 9 AM masses on the 21st, for which help is ALWAYS needed,

Christmas Tree lot setup next to St. Leo the Great School on 11/26 at 9 AM,

Christmas Tree delivery and unloading the following morning at 9 AM, and

The Creche lighting in front of St. Leo the Great Church about 6 PM on November 27, followed by the Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30 in the

School gym. Please reach out to Pat McGuire at ffxmacman@gmail.com if you can assist.

In addition, Christmas Tree sales begin November 28, so please respond to your tree team captain to assist with this important council fund-raising event. If you do not know which tree team you are on, please contact Tim Tilson at hmslydia@msn.com.

In thanksgiving for life, liberty, and my Brother Knights,
Nelson Clinch



Chancellor's Report

James (Jim) Beauchamp, Chancellor

Our District's monthly Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity will be held at St. Leo the Great on Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 PM. This will be a great opportunity for Knights seeking to reach their Third Degree. Also, keep in mind that there is a convenient online option for the Combined Exemplification.

The Knights of Columbus has traditionally supported religious vocations. Just as we did last year, we are again offering some financial support to seminarian Timothy Courtney. Mr. Courtney is from Fairfax, VA and is attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He will be ordained a deacon in 2022. Please remember to pray for him and all men and women discerning religious vocations.



Spaghetti Dinner

Tired of turkey after Thanksgiving? Come to the Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Activity Center on Saturday, November 27th at 6:30 PM, after the Creche Lighting. Cost: \$10 per person, \$25 per family.

November Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
James C Welch	1	Murph" Murphy	10	Kevin M Crossin	16	Ricardo S Silva	23
Peter F Furey	2	Chuck Stimley	11	David R Mc Culloch	16	Paul W Bobowiec	24
Greg W Miller	2	Robert Phillips	12	Mike Dell	17	Ryan Patrick McGuire	24
Michael A Cuccias	4	James H Baker	13	Peter K Mburu	17	Bill P Puschmann	25
Keith Morrison	6	John H Griggs	13	Benjamin R Ogletree	17	Jose Raul Mar-roquin	26
Mark C Lundblad	7	Philip A Hogan	13	David Mancini	19	Matt T West	28
Joseph W White	9	Frank Munoz-Rovira	15	John F Natolly	19		
Robert B Wright	9	Ben J Schaefer	15	Danny L Brosnan	22		

Omelet Chefs



Brian Sharkey and his daughter cooking up omelets at this past Family Breakfast.

Knight of The Month– October



Our Knight of the Month is well known for heading up this particular fundraising event. After last year's hiatus, the City of Fairfax's Fall Festival resumed this year, and Tim Hogan did not hesitate to take the reins for us. He figured out all the logistics, beginning the night before the event with the packing up of all the equipment and supplies needed into the Boy Scouts trailer, followed early the next morning with using his own truck to tow the trailer to the designated spot at the Festival site where he oversaw the whole cooking and vending operation. After putting in about a 12-hour day, he had returned all the equipment and leftovers to Providence Hall and the trailer to its storage spot at St. Leo School. The vending operation was extremely successful and raised more funds than expected for our charitable works. For all his hard work and the resulting benefit to the council, we resoundingly thank Tim Hogan, Knight of the Month for October.

Family of The Month – October



This family has been incrementally increasing its involvement in our events over the last several months. Phil Coletti, a member of our order and our council for six years, has been making a concerted effort to weave participation in our projects between his professional commitments. He wholeheartedly joined in our food vending efforts at the Fairfax Fall Festival, cooking hotdogs, kielbasa, and burgers for the many hungry festivalgoers that day. He and his daughter, a student at St. Leo School, also helped with waffle making and food serving, respectively, at the October Family Breakfast. Phil, together with his wife and daughter, typically attend 9:00AM Sunday Mass where he has volunteered to assist as an usher when needed (and has said he may do so on a more regular basis in the future) and also pitched in to help with the headcount of parishioners required by the diocese. Our church, the community, and our council are all uplifted by the commitment to faith, volunteerism, and service exhibited by the Coletti family, our October Family of the Month.

2021 Thanksgiving Food Basket Items List

PANCAKE SYRUP	1	SHELF MILK (1 carton box)	2	BLACK BEANS	2	PEANUT BUTTER (reg size; 2 reg = 1 lg)	2
PANCAKE MIX or BISQUICK	1	CORN MUFFIN MIX (1 box or 2 sm packs)	2	CHICKPEAS	2	JAM (in sealed bag if glass)	2
FLOUR	1	PUMPKIN PUREE/MIX (can)	1	KIDNEY BEANS	2	CRACKERS (sm boxes preferred, <u>not</u> lg saltines)	2
SUGAR	1	CONDENSED CREAM OF MUSHROOM (reg size)	2	DRY BEANS (2 diffn't kinds)	2	GROUND COFFEE (or instant)	1
COOKING SPRAY or SM COOKING OIL	1	PASTA SAUCE (in sealed bag if glass container)	2	WHITE NORTHERN OR CANNELLINI (if avail)	1	BOX OF GREEN TEA	1
OATMEAL (canister or box of packets)	1	MASHED POTATOES (box or bag)	1	BROTH (2 cans or 1 carton)	1	CHICKEN BREAST CAN	2
BROWNIE or COOKIE MIX	1	POTATOES (can)	2	DICED or CRUSHED TOMATOES (cans)	2	CHILI (can)	1
MILK - EVAPORATED or CONDENSED	2	MIXED VEG or CARROT (can)	1	TOMATO SAUCE or PEELED WHOLE TOMATOES	1	CATSUP OR MAYO	1

KOVAR 2021-2022

KOVAR desperately needs our assistance. Donations have been down the last couple of years due to COVID. You can help immensely. There are several ways to contribute: KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way of the Greater DC Area and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees

CFC - #42569

United Way Campaigns in the Greater
D.C. Area - #8838

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign -
State Employees - #200467



Anyone participating in contributing to KOVAR through these programs, please give a photocopy of your receipt with your signature and membership number to Gib Flodine, KOVAR Chairman.

Checks may be submitted:

Written to Knights of Columbus. Place **KOVAR** in memo field

Send checks to:

Knights of Columbus

St. Leo the Great Church

3700 Old Lee Highway

Fairfax, VA 22030

Written to KOVAR. Place **6292** in memo field.

Send checks to:

KOVAR

5588 Needleton Avenue

Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link:

<https://kovarva.org/donate/>

Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field.

Think of joining **Amazon Smiles**. If you select KOVAR as your organization, 0.5% of all your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases, will be donated to KOVAR. Please give any receipts for contributions through Amazon Smiles to Gib Flodine.

Christmas Trees 2021

Christmas Tree Sales. This is our biggest and most man power intensive operation. We raised around \$7,000 from this. There are three areas we will need help from everyone. Tree Lot Set up. Friday 26 November starting at 9:30 a.m. we will assemble the tree lot. Meet outside the school. Bring tools i.e. cordless drills, hammers, screwdrivers and wrenches. Should take about 90-120 minutes. Tree Unloading. Saturday 27 November. This will commence around 9:30 a.m. after the truck make its delivery to St Luke's in Mclean. Although BSA troop 1113 does help us, this is our fund raiser. So lots of hands make short work of unloading our 405 trees.

Tree Sales. Sunday 28 November, we will start at 9:00 a.m. We will not sell on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday-Friday we will sell from 3:30-9:00 pm. Saturday we sell from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday we sell from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Everyone has been assigned to a team. So if you haven't heard from your team captain by mid-November, let me know. There is no minimum requirement. We simply ask each man to work as he can.

Tim Tilson hmslydia@msn.com

Grey Ghost October Luncheon



Treasurer's Report – Sept 31, 2021

INCOME for Sept \$ **4,622.73**(Scrip, Dues, KOVAR, etc)
EXPENSES for Sept \$**17,474.26**(Christmas Trees, Scrip, etc)

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$33,899.65
United Checking (2)	\$ 490.65
Invest Fund	\$46,312.91
RTL Fund	\$ 4,537.27
Building Fund	\$45,549.05
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,400.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (952.00)
PKD Collections	\$ (110.14)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (1.00)
Net Assets	\$135,126.39

Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Providence Hall

During the **Dallas- Washington** NFL Game

The game starts at 1:00 PM

Please bring entries to the Hall by 1:00 PM

Chili Cook Off – All are Welcome

The NFL game will be shown during the event
Bring your best chili and compete in the cook-off!

Entries should be at the Hall by 1:00 PM. Judging will take place before halftime of the game. If your chili is best presented with "fixin's" (cheese, onions, oysters crackers, sour cream, etc.), bring those along for the judging.

If making chili isn't your thing . . .

Come out and watch the Redskins game at Providence Hall and partake in the chili, hot dogs, nachos, and other snacks for \$7 per person. Lemonade is included.

The winning chili receives a PRIZE along with bragging rights!

If you have any questions, please email Julie and Nelson Clinch at clinch5va@yahoo.com.

Donations will benefit The Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center, Inc., an amazing 501(c)(3) charity. Tom Beiter, brother / brother-in-law of Kathy & Bill Weich, was the first client of TRRC. Tom had Down Syndrome and loved his horse Fudger. Clients learn to care for the animals as well as enjoy riding them. Please help us in supporting this charity.

<https://www.trrcmd.org/>

Hope to see you for the Cook-off!

November 2021

<u>Sun</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 7:30PM Hybrid Officers Mtg	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Hybrid Busi- ness Mtg	10	11 Federal Holiday Veterans' Day	12	13 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
14	15	16 11AM Gray Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	17 7:30PM 4th De- gree Mtg	18 7:30PM Degree Ceremony	19	20 10AM Food Bas- ket Deliveries 11AM Feed the Homeless
21 Family Breakfast after 7:30& 9AM Masses 9AM Corporate Communion Memorial Mass	22	23 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Hybrid Busi- ness Mtg	24	25 Federal Holiday - Thanksgiving	26 9AM Christmas Tree Lot Setup	27 9AM Christmas Trees Delivery 6PM Creche Lighting 6:30PM Spaghetti Dinner
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 6:30PM Holiday Party

December 2021

<u>Sun</u>	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 6:30PM Holiday Party
5	6	7 7:30PM Hybrid Officers Mtg	8	9	10	11 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
12	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Hybrid Business Mtg	15 7:30PM 4th Degree Mtg	16	17	18 11AM Feed the Homeless 10AM Food & Gift Distribution
19 Santa Breakfast (gym) after 7:30 & 9AM Masses	20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS!
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2021-22

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Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
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2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Mark Woznak	

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Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

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Retention		
Vocations	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

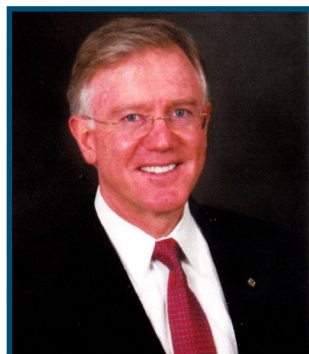
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Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
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Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436

Food Baskets		
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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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