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Rosary
Daily

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November 2023

Grand Knight's Message

James "Jim" Beauchamp, Grand Knight



Brother Knights,
I realize that November and December are busy months as we head into the hectic holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas which place so many demands on our precious time. But I do strongly suggest volunteering some of your time to one of our upcoming charitable works such as **Scouting for Food, Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets, or Feed the Homeless**. We could also use all the help we can get at our biggest fundraiser of the year – the **Christmas Tree sale**. Also don't forget the **KCIC** (Keep Christ in Christmas) card sale. This is very important also. Please read further in the newsletter for additional details about these worthy programs.
With the coming of November, of course we think of Thanksgiving – a uniquely American holiday. Below is a portion of an article I wrote about Thanksgiving nearly 20 years ago.

*It's commonly believed that the first Thanksgiving in America was the harvest celebration of the early Pilgrims and Native Americans in Plymouth Massachusetts in 1621. But, did you know that a day of Thanksgiving was celebrated two years earlier in Virginia? On December 4, 1619, when a group of 38 English settlers first arrived at Berkeley Plantation, in what is now Charles City, Virginia, they formally gave thanks as required by their charter. Unfortunately, this particular Virginia colony and its thanksgiving celebration lasted for only a few years. Prior to the American Revolution, New Englanders continued to set aside a special day of thanksgiving. After the American victory over the British at Saratoga, New York, the Continental Congress proclaimed December 18, 1777 as a day of "Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise". This was the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. To honor the formation of the United States government, **President George Washington** proclaimed November 26, 1789 to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. Despite these early occurrences, by the early 19th century, Thanksgiving had failed to become an annual, national tradition. A magazine editor, named **Sarah Josepha Hale**, spent several decades promoting the idea of setting aside a national day of giving thanks. Finally, her efforts were rewarded on October 3, 1863, when **President Abraham Lincoln** proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day "of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father". After this, Thanksgiving continued to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November until the presidency of **Franklin Roosevelt**. In 1939, President Roosevelt moved it up to the next-to-last Thursday in November, perhaps to create a longer Christmas shopping season. This was rather controversial. Only about half the states followed Roosevelt's wishes. To settle matters, in 1941 Congress passed legislation designating the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. In this way, the holiday sometimes falls on the last Thursday and other times on the next-to-last*

*Thursday.
Vivat Jesus,
Jim Beauchamp*



New Event, Parish Sundays.
This week was coffee and donuts
→



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

James Hogan, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As usually to start off our month we have Eucharistic Adoration from 1-2AM on November 4th. Later on that day from 8-6pm, we have Scouting for Food. Over the last few years we have been collecting more than 10,000lbs of food!!!! This is a great event to come out to and meet many different groups all working towards the same goal, feeding the needy in our community.

The following week, we have our officers meeting at 7:30PM on Nov 7th (Election Day). On November 11 we have 7AM Holy Hour for Men followed by our Council's monthly Rosary to end Abortion at 8AM. Turn out for this event has been poorly attended, please reflect on joining in an hour of prayer for the end of abortions. Sunday Nov. 12th we have our Corporate Communion, at the 9AM Mass with special intention for all our deceased brothers. After Mass we will be having a light breakfast in the Hall. We will have a section reserved, so come sit with your fellow brothers and enjoy a breakfast afterwards.

On the 14th we have one of our monthly business meeting at 8PM with rosary at 7:30PM. The following weekend, 18th and 19th we have Feed the Homeless, a task that the Billy's have been doing for decades in DC. As well as our Council's annual Food Basket Distribution. More info to come on Food Baskets, but a list of items can be found on pg. 5. We will also be starting our Council's annual Keep Christ In Christmas sales after all the masses until the 17th of Dec. If you can help sell at any of the masses this year, please contact me at jthlogan3@gmail.com or (703)-731-7164.

Finally we have week the of Thanksgiving, hope your week is full of blessings, we have Christmas tree lot setup and delivery of the trees, see Tim Tilson's article pg. 5 for more details. Then we have our 2nd monthly meeting on the 28th (7:30 Rosary and 8:00PM meeting). We will be having a specially prepared meal by our warden at 6:45PM, see Tim Hogan's on pg. 5 for more details.

James Hogan, DGK

Treasurer's Report – 9/1-30/2023

INCOME for Sept \$ 124.00

EXPENSES for Sept \$ 8,071.97

Operating Fund Net \$ (7,947.97)

United Checking	\$ 35,949.40
United Checking (2)	\$ 507.49
Invest Fund	\$ 42,904.98
RTL Fun	\$ 4,564.02
Building Fund	\$ 49,133.26
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,780.00
KOVAR Collections	\$ (286.35)
PKD Collections	\$ (138.72)
VKCCI Collections	\$ (11.00)

Net Assets

\$138,385.08



Chancellor's Report

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Chancellor

Many thanks to all who have helped with our recruiting efforts. We will be having a degree ceremony on Thursday November 16th at 8PM. Our recruitment efforts will continue at the Parish Celebration for the Feast of St. Leo on Saturday November 11 at 1PM. Knights will have a table at the event and we will be actively recruiting new members. We are continuing to recruit heavily at the St. Leo the Great School but there are good men throughout the Parish who are candidates. Please continue to reach out to discuss the great value of our brotherhood of Men, Growing closer to Christ through fraternity, prayer, and Charity. Pat Murray
Chancellor, Father Diamond Council
703 447 9190



Fr. Diamond Council donated to ship a box of medical equipment for the handicapped to the Philippines. Thelma Billy, wife of PGK George Billy acquired the wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and canes over the last few months and arranged to ship them to the St. Theresa of Avila Council in Iloilo. Here's a picture of Thelma with some of the boxes outside the Billy residence. Thank you to the Council for your generosity.



Knight of the Month – Oct.

One of the most important positions in any Council is that of the Financial Secretary (FS). He makes sure that all the checks get written and delivered along with getting all the forms filled out on time. The Financial Secretary can make the Grand Knight's life a lot easier. Since assuming the office of Financial Secretary, **Phil Coletti** has done that. The transition from past FS **Herb Zimmermann** to Phil has been seamless and I commend both gentlemen for this. Phil has also been looking into several things that could save the Council a lot of time and money. Before assuming this new role, Phil spoiled us with some great dinners as our Warden. For this and all that he has done for our Council, he is our **Knight of the Month for October 2023.**



Family of the Month—Oct.

The Hogan family has been an integral part of the Fr. Francis Diamond Council for decades. **PGK Tim Hogan** recently stepped in to fill the vacant Warden position and has slightly altered the second business meeting of each month to be more 'fraternal' by upgrading the meal a little bit and serving it before the meeting. His son, **James Hogan**, has ably been our Newsletter editor these past several years and has now assumed the demanding role of Deputy Grand Knight. Last month they were all set to coordinate our efforts at the



Fairfax Fall Festival, which is a major fundraiser for the Council. Unfortunately, rainy weather forced us to cancel. They have also been very much involved in our Christmas Tree sales, KCIC, and the March for Life. For all these reasons, they are our **Family of the Month for October 2023.**

November Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Peter F Furey	2	James H Baker Sr	13	Benjamin R Ogletree	17
Michael A Cuccias	4	Philip A Hogan	13	David Mancini	19
Robert Keith Morrison	6	Francisco V Munoz-Rovira	15	John F Natolly	19
Mark C Lundblad	7	Bernard J Schaefer	15	Daniel L Brosnan	22
Joseph W White	9	Kevin M Crossin	16	Paul W Bobowiec	24
Robert B Wright	9	David R Mc Culloch	16	Ryan Patrick Mc Guire	24
Jeffrey B Murphy	10	F Michael Dell	17	Matthew T West	28
Charles D Stimley	11	Peter K Mburu	17	Gregory J Skorupski Sr	29



KOVAR 2023-2024

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

Written to KOVAR. Place **6292** in memo field.
Send checks to:

KOVAR
P.O. Box 20872
Roanoke, VA 24018-0088

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 maybe submitted:

Written to Father Diamond Council 6292. Place **KOVAR** in memo field

Send checks to: Knights of Columbus

St. Leo the Great Church

3700 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link: [KOVAR Corporation \(givedirect.org\)](https://vakofc.org)

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

The above link can be accessed through <https://vakofc.org>

Click donations. Drop down and select KOVAR.



Chaplain's Message

Father Jonathan Fioramonti, Council Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

This Month of November begins with the great Solemnity of All Saints. A day the church remembers that, **"we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses"** (Heb.12:1) of men and women **"from every nation, race, people, and tongue.... Who stand before the throne and before the Lamb."** (Rev. 7:9) For us as Catholic men and Knights of Columbus, The So-

lemnity of All Saints is a good day to remember what the great Catholic Novelist, Leon Bloy once said, *"The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint!"* We are reminded that Holiness is not a spiritual luxury or exceptional way for us as Catholics. Indeed, it is the Normal goal of the Christian Life, and the only road, the only formula, the only program for abiding happiness in this life and the next. Our Mother Church reminded us of Our "Universal Call to Holiness" in the document Lumen Gentium reminding us that *"All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect."* (LG 11) Let us hear again, with new urgency Our Blessed Lord's words said to us personally, **"Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."** (Matthew 5:48). He has called us. He is expecting us.

As we are inspired by the example of Saints like St. John Paul II, St. Thomas More, King St Louis IX, St. Louis Martin, and St Joseph and reminded of Our own call to holiness I would like to extend an invitation to you as your Chaplain. I am currently speaking with Our Grand Knight, James Beauchamp about implementing a new ministry within the Father Diamond Council. And this ministry is meant to minister to you! The ministry is called Cor (Latin word for heart) and the mission is, *"to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities."* <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html> James has introduced this ministry already, but I myself would encourage you to seriously discern coming to our future Cor gatherings once we begin. I plan to be involved In Cor as your chaplain and helping to begin this new ministry in Our Council. In the Acts of the Apostles we hear the program for holiness laid out as the early Christian communities who, **"devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching (formation) and the fellowship (fraternity), to the breaking of bread (code for the mass/sacraments) and the prayers (life of prayer)."** (Acts 2:42) We are aiming to provide the same "devotions" for you as brother knights through Cor.

Lastly, as we enter into the month of November, the Month dedicated to praying for the Poor Souls, we remember one of the Knights pillars, *"Tempus fugit. Memento mori"* — *"Time flies. Remember death."* I would encourage you this month to spend time praying for the Poor souls in Purgatory. Maybe by praying a rosary each day throughout the month, or going to daily mass once a week, or visiting a cemetery of a loved one or a friend to pray for them (As a reminder: A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted each and every day from November 1st to Nov 8th, to those who devoutly visit a cemetery and there pray, if only mentally, for the departed. Grant #29.1.1)

Thank you for all you do for our council, our community, and our Church! Know of my prayers for you and your families.

Peace in Christ,

Father Jonathan

FS Memo

Member annual billing statements will be prepared in December. In the past all members of the Council have received their annual statement via USPS. We now have the ability to email annual billing statements to all members with an email on file. Going forward, the Council intends to take advantage of email billing in order to reduce postal costs.

All members with an email on file will receive their annual statement via email in December. All members with no email address on file, will continue to receive annual statements via USPS. Those members with a valid email address that wish receive their billing statement via USPS mail are asked to contact the Financial Secretary at peco-letti@aol.com by December 1, 2023.

Phil

Creche Lighting Setup

Volunteers are needed to assist in the setup of the outdoor nativity scene. The setup will begin following the 9:00 am Mass on Saturday, Dec. 9. As the date approaches, if it appears the weather will be inclement, we will do the assembly on Friday, Dec. 8. If you can help, please contact Mark Woznak at woznakmark@gmail.com, or at (703) 280-4124.



Christmas Trees 2023

Well, if it is November and Thanksgiving, can Christmas be far behind? And if it is Christmas, then it is time to sell Christmas trees. This is the largest fundraiser in the council where we raise over \$6,000 in just a few weeks of hard work. To do so we need everyone's help. Everyone who can still lift trees is assigned to a tree team. The team in turn is given a schedule of day and time. The schedule will be finalized by early November. So, if your tree team captain hasn't called you with dates/times, contact Tim Tilson at hsmlydia@msn.com. We need helping getting set up and on tree arrival as follows:

Friday November 24 at 0930. Tree Lots Set Up. Bring some tools wrenches/socket wrenches etc.

Saturday November 25 at 0930. Trees arrive. We need lots of hands to make this go fast. So, bring family members if they are so inclined.

Warden's Report

My Brother Knights,

On Tuesday October 24th our council had another nice meal before our meeting.

If you missed it; please come out on **Tuesday November 28th at 6:45 pm** for a delicious

Turkey meal complete with Stuffing, Mash Potatoes, and Vegetables. Dessert will be Pumkin Pie.

Please try and make an effort to come out and meet other Brother Knights during this season of **Thanksgiving!**

The Rosary will be said at 7:30 and a meeting at 8pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Tim Hogan

Food List (Thanksgiving)

Coffee - ground or instant
Green tea
Black tea
Foil or Parchment Paper
Sugar
Flour
Cooking Oil
Cooking Spray
Couscous - white
Canned Potatoes
Broth - Beef

Broth - Chicken
Broth - Vegetable
Evaporated Milk
Box of shelf milk
Box of cereal
Jam (plastic jar)
Mayo
Ketchup
Mustard
Spices (optional)
Black pepper, cumin,
thyme, oregano, smoked paprika

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3	4 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM
5	6	7 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	8	9	10 Feast of St. Leo the Great	11 7 AM Holy Hour for Men 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Veterans Day
12 9 AM Mass - Corporate Communion in Memory of Deceased Knights	13	14 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	15 7:30 PM 4th Degree Mtg	16 8PM Knights Degree	17	18 Food Basket Distribution Feed the Homeless
19	20	21 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Mtg	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 9:30AM Tree lot set up	25 Christmas Tree delivery
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg Fraternal Benefits Night	29	30	1	2 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM St. Leo's Craft Fair

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg	29	30	1	2 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM St. Leo's Craft Fair
3 First Sunday of Advent	4	5 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	6	7 Feast of St. Ambrose	8 Immaculate Conception	9 7 AM Holy Hour 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Creche lighting, 6:30 PM
10 Family Breakfast 7:30AM and 9AM	11	12 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM Business Mtg Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14	15	16 6 PM Council Party
17	18	19 11 AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30 PM Ladies Mtg	20 7:30 PM 4th Degree Mtg	21	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29	30
31 KOVAR Collection	1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's	2 7:30PM Officer's Mtg	3	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration 1-2 AM

Sunday Night Bowling League

Looking for bowlers! Any level ~men/women

This is a fun league so no experience necessary!

starts January 7th 2024 6pm

Short Season!

at Bowl America Fairfax

Get your team together or just show up and be placed on a team!

Questions???

Contact: Keith Morrison (703) 304-8540 MWCRKM@aol.com or

Tim Hogan (703) 926-4347 TimHogan@yahoo.com



Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2023-24

Officers

Grand Knight	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
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Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Tony Pierno	516-445-3613
Advocate	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Warden	Tim Hogan	703-926-4347
Inside Guard	Jason Johnsrud	
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	
Outside Guard	Nathan T. Rasmussen	703-385-2991
3yr Trustee	Nelson Clinch	703-209-8505
2yr Trustee	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
1yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

Program Directors

Programs	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Mark Cameron	703-475-3516


Committee Chairmen

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Admissions		
Retention	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Vocations	James Hogan	703-731-7164
Budget & Finance	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Hall Scheduler	Mark Woznak	703-280-4124

Hall Manager	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Frat. Benefits	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Ins. Promotion	Max Abbate	866-868-1492
Providence Hall	Kitchen or Office	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

Combined Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
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	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Fourth Deg.	George Billy	
Fraternal Prayer		
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-731-7164
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	James Hogan	703-731-7164
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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- a weekly Mass offered



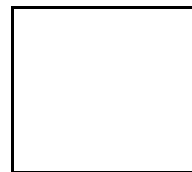
Giant and Safeway Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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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