



The Lookout



2014-15 Fraternal Year, Issue 3

October 2014

Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

From his own experience as a member of the immigrant community, Fr. Michael J. McGivney saw first hand the devastating effect on families of the untimely death of the father and wage earner.

On March 29, 1882, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a small group of parishioners, while he was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's church in New Haven, Connecticut. The purpose of the group was to strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind in the form of fraternal insurance. Insurance companies would not insure Catholics at that time.

Today the Knights of Columbus have over 1.8 million members families and over 15,000 councils world wide. During the Fraternal year of 2012 \$167 million and 70 million man-hours were donated to charity by the order.

Your Council #6292, has nearly 400 Knights. We run >40 activities/year and donate over \$14,000 to charities.

I want to encourage Knights to get involved in the council's activities. I would like to see more Knights at the meetings. Come & see what is going on. Get involved in the charitable programs we are running, come out for family programs and participate, and have some fun.

We are now finishing the month of September and are getting into our very busy months, Keep Christ In Christmas card sales start this month. James Hogan, the chairman of the program, will be reaching out for help. Please, if you have time, volunteer.

Also, new members are the lifeline to future success. During the month of October we will be having a recruiting blitz at St. Leo's. Our Chancellor Vince Wilson will be needing Brother Knights to assist in this effort. More information will follow.

One Knight Per Month Per Council

Patrick A. McGuire
Grand Knight

PS: Knight of the Month for September will be announced and awarded at the Meeting on October 14.

Chancellor's Message

Please help me in extending a warm welcome to the newest member of our council, **Nicholas (Nick) Sutingco who made his First Degree on September 23rd**. Let us also extend our congratulations to **Gerald Kelso who made his Third Degree on September 27th**.

We will be conducting a Membership Blitz in October. Consider participating in this very important event for our council in the coming weeks. Reach out to that fellow Catholic you've been thinking about asking to join our ranks and invite him to come see what we're all about.

There are tri-folds in the council office listing all of the services and activities we support throughout the year to help you explain the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this effort.

Vivat Jesus!
Vince Wilson, Chancellor
713-576-4755

Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Happy October, Ladies!

In October, the Ladies of Father Diamond Council #6292 provide many opportunities for fellowship:

On Tuesday October 6, 2014, Flo Hogan has

arranged the annual Atlantic City trip,

On Thursday October 9, 2014, Ann Todd has arranged the annual trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country.

On Sunday October 19, 2014, the annual Craft Fair is from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the St. Leo the Great Gymnasium..

On Tuesday October 21, 2014, All Knights and their Ladies are invited to the Wine and Cheese Social at 7:30 PM. This is a free social event in Providence Hall. In addition, we will have volunteer signup sheets for upcoming events including the Thanksgiving basket and the Christmas family.

On Monday November 17, 2014, we will have our next business meeting. I hope to see everyone there as we plan our holiday season.

I expect to see as many of you as possible several times this month!

Ruth G West
President of the Ladies of Father Diamond
Council 6292

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

It sure seems like the months of August and September were long and full of activities. With the kids going back to school, there was a lot of activity in shopping for their supplies, new clothes, getting doctor's appointments and shots, taking them to ball games, soccer practices and games, gymnastics and probably a dozen other activities. As parents, the kids (and grandkids) are the center of our lives right now. Back-to-school time is exciting and busy for everyone.

I want to thank all you brother knights who also took time out from your busy schedules to help out with Knights of Columbus activities in August and September. The Crayons-4-Kids campaign was very successful and several of our members assisted the Girl Scouts and Brownies with that event delivering the supplies into DC. (The Girl Scout Troop sent us a "Thank You" for our help). Charlie Kraiger started his publicity campaign for the Crab Feast (in August), went down to Captain White's and negotiated a great price for crabs. Many, many thanks to Tim Tilson and just about every brother Knight I know (and some I don't know) who ran the Parish Picnic the first weekend in September. This is one of the largest one-day events we run every year for the benefit of St Leo the Great's parishioners. Lots of planning went into this effort and Tim's team, as usual, did a phenomenal job.

One of the greatest benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus is the fraternalism that is shared with every brother Knight and their families. Every year my wife and I put on an Oktoberfest party to share our joy and some of our ethnic heritage with the many friends that we have made over the years. It used to be in my back yard but we kept borrowing all the equipment from the Council. So we have moved it to the KofC grounds. Many of our long time friends are families from the Father Diamond Council. Nearly half of everyone who came this year were friends from the Knights. And as usual, my Brother knights jumped in to help with the setup, breakdown, cooking of brats and knocks, and of course consuming the food and beer. I want to thank everyone of them for their help this year.

As a "family" this Council has and will experience periods of hard work, periods of joy, periods of sorrow, trials and tribulations, and triumphs. These experiences strengthen us as a family! Right now we are experiencing a period of sorrow. In the past 2 weeks we have lost two beloved friends. Florence Urban, widow of Hank Urban and John Hogan, PGK (one of the founders of our Council) brother of Tom Hogan. Our prayers are with the Urban and Hogan families.

October is offering us many opportunities to continuing working and playing together. One of our largest fund raisers for the year is the **Fairfax Fall Festival on Saturday, October 11**. Tim Hogan, our chairman for this even is asking for brother Knights to help out with our concession stand at the Festival.

He has 3 shifts (6:00-10:00AM, 10:00—2:00PM, and 2:00-6:00 PM). Please contact Tim at TimHogan@yahoo.com or call him at **703-385-1292** and volunteer some of your time.

There are many other events coming up in October that you and your family may wish to participate in (Atlantic City Trip, Pennsylvania Dutch Country Trip, Wine and Cheese Party, Redskins Game at the Hall, etc.). Read more information about all of these in the pages to follow. Post our calendar to your refrigerator.

See you at the meetings or the events,

Vivat Jesus

Herb Zimmerman, DGK

Family of the Month—September

Family of the Month is recognition of a KofC Family who best exemplifies what we believe in as Catholic Families. Adam Gruendl's family is our choice for Family of the Month. Adam and his family have provided foster homes for over 50 children, and have adopted 2. They have a total of 7 children. His wife Diane has worked tirelessly to provide weekend meals for kids in need at Daniels Run school. She, through Adam, appealed to our Council for financial support. Our council donates to this effort. We are honored to have Adam and Dianne as our Family of the Month.

The National Columbus Celebration Association and

The National Park Service
cordially invite you to participate in the
Columbus Day Ceremony

When? Monday, October 13, 2014 — MUSIC PRELUDE

10:45 A.M. PROGRAM 11:00 A.M.

(4th Degree Knights in regalia—please assemble behind the statue of Christopher Columbus at 10:30 AM)

Where? Columbus Plaza—Union Station in Washington, D.C.

Program Highlights:

United States Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard
Knights of Columbus Color Corps
United States Military Band
Diplomatic Corps—Italy Spain Commonwealth of the

Bahamas Organization of American States

Presentation of National Youth Essay Contest Winner Co-sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Italian American Foundation

Wreath Presentations—by Fraternal, Civic, Military Service, and Patriotic Societies

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STATION

On street parking near the plaza
(holiday—few restrictions)



Upcoming Council Events and Recognition

Parish Picnic—Held—September 6

This year's Parish Picnic was another great success. There was spectacular weather, lots of parishioners and fun for everyone. The usual fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, sodas, ice cream and oh yes, beer, was enjoyed by an estimated 300+ parishioners. Our council, led by the capable and super experienced Tim Tilson and his crew of merry men put on this event like no other team could. It seems that every Knight in the Council comes out to help in some way. It is so great to see them and their families helping to put on this wonderful annual event. Every table and chair we owned along with as many tents as we could find were set up in a matter of an hour and broke down in the same amount of time. The organization that goes into this event is amazing.



Father Whitestone and Father Dufresne took turns in the dunking booth to the delight of all the kids.

The Knights, led by Mike Tocci teamed with several councils in our District to hold the Council and District Soccer Challenge that same day on the field. There was something for everyone, young and old.

Crab Feast—Held—September 27

Kraiger's Krew (Charlie Kraiger and several brother Knights) did a "bang" up job on this year's Crab Feast. The banging of Crab hammers was heard throughout the KofC hall this past Saturday evening. Charlie, along with Greg Hartley, were able to negotiate a more reasonable price for the crabs and we were able to offer all-u-can-drink beverages. We had nearly 100 people attend. Landlubbers enjoyed the Knight's gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers. Plenty of corn and coleslaw was consumed along with beer, soda and water. Our profits for this event exceeded our expectations.



Atlantic City Trip—Monday, October 6



All invited—The Ladies of Fr. Diamond Council #6292 are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City. The bus leaves St. Leo's parking lot at 6:00 AM. The price (\$50 per person) includes the bus ride and \$30 slot money from the Taj Mahal Casino. Call **Flo Hogan at 703-280-2343** for reservations and more information.

Pennsylvania Dutch Country Trip—Thursday, October 9—Sold Out—

Taking Standby Reservations
Call **Ann Todd at 703-352-2724** or todd@verizon.net. The cost is \$65.



Rosary to End Abortion — October 11

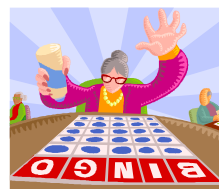
We will meet at 8:00am on Saturday outside the church next to the statue of Mary to pray the Rosary. It takes about 45 minutes for the entire 20 decades and is a great way to start your day. If there is inclement weather the group moves inside to the left side of the church near the statue of Mary. Come join us, and bring the whole family. We usually have a very good turnout.



Fall Festival Concessions—October 11

This year's Fall Festival concessions are being chaired by Tim Hogan. We will sell hot dogs, Bratwursts, and soft drinks. This is a big fund raiser for the Council and Tim could use 4-6 guys for each of 3 shifts. (6-10:00, 10-2:00, and 2-6:00). Since you get free admission as a concessionaire, you will get a chance to walk the Festival before or after your shift. Wives and kids are invited to help as well. Call Tim Hogan at 703-385-1292 or email timlhogan@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Nursing Home Bingo — October 13



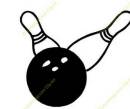
Each month the council runs a bingo game for the seniors at the Fairfax Nursing Center. Brothers and their families are encouraged to meet on Monday at 7:15pm to help out. We are usually finished by 8:30pm. What a wonderful opportunity to give the most valuable gift—your time and love. Call Tim Tilson at (703) 273-9436 to volunteer.

Grey GOSTs Luncheon — October 21

All knights are welcome to join the Grey GOSTs (consisting of members who are retired or wish to meet on a weekday) for a monthly social meeting starting at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon. Greg Skorupski usually cooks up a delicious meal for the cost of \$5. Usual wrap-up is around 1pm.



Think About it—Bowling League



Our non-sanctioned bowling league starts the first Sunday in January. We bowl at Bowl America in the City of Fairfax. Bowling starts about 6:15pm (right after 5:00pm Mass). The league is open to men and women (including teens). Council members, families and friends are invited to join. Contact David Whitcomb (703-591-7739) or Nelson Clinch (703-385-2146) if you are interested.



Fall Craft Fair
Sponsored by the Ladies
of Father Diamond Council #6292

Door Prizes



Sunday October 19th
8am-1pm

**At St. Leo the Great
Parish Activity Center**
3700 Old Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22030

Food

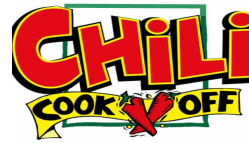


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**If you are a vender and would like to purchase
space please**

Contact: Lynne Morrison 703-691-8838 or

Email: Ladiesof.fatherdiamondcouncil@yahoo.com



Second Annual Fr. Diamond Chili Cook-off

Come join your fellow council members for the 2nd annual

Fr. Diamond Chili Cook-off

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Entries should be at Providence Hall by 1pm.

Judging will take place starting at 1:15pm and the winner will be announced during half-time of the Redskins game (Approximately 2:30).

If you would like to compete, email Mike Purtill at mvpurtill@gmail.com.

Due to lack of cooking space for everyone, please bring chili hot and ready to serve. Preferably in a crock pot

Cost to eat the chili will be \$3/person—proceeds to the Fr. Diamond Redskins Game Fund

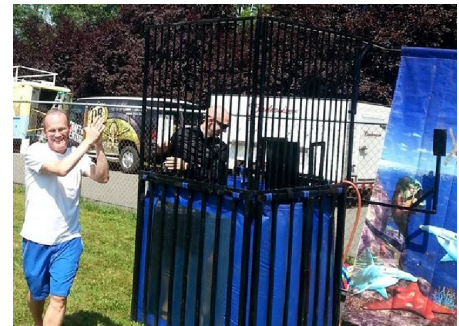


Father David—daring the kids to try and dunk him!

Fun at the Parish Picnic



Father Whitestone leads us in sing-along with VISION



One of the joyful "kids" who dunked Father David



Where blue crabs come from

Fun at the Crab Feast

We went thru 7 bushels of crabs! Lots of Old Bay!



Concentrate—Tom!!



And the crowd just kept getting bigger!!



Crab Eaters and Landlubbers all had a good time!





In Memory—John Hogan, PGK

John F. Hogan, brother of Tom Hogan, PSD, passed away on September 23, 2014 at age 82. John was very active in the early days of Council 6292. He was the 3rd GK (1974-75) and the 17th GK (1988-89). John is a Past Faithful Navigator of Commodore John Barry Assembly in Arlington, and served as a State Council Chairman several times. He was two-time District Deputy in the 1970's. He moved then Providence Council #6292 from St. Ambrose to St. Leo the Great parish in 1975. He was the force behind the start of Christmas tree sales program, bingo, providing O.

hall monitors for CCD, the 1st renovation of Providence Hall and many other activities of

our Council. John also began and operated the St. Leo School bus system at one time. John transferred to Holy Family Council #6831 in Leesburg, where he resided in recent years. John gave much of his time to the Knights of Columbus and Father Diamond Council and will be missed by many of his brother knights. Please pray for John and his family.



Fraternal Benefits Advisor Message

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Contact me today to learn more about our products.

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Email: phillip.freda@kofc.org

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 State Qtrly Meeting
5	6 Atlantic City Trip Sponsored by Ladies of #6292 8:30PM Redskins Game @ Hall	7 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	8	9 Amish Trip Sponsored by Ladies of #6292	10 7 PM-Fall Festival-load trlr	11 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion 8AM-5PM - Fall Festival Trlr
12 4:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	13 Columbus Day 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	14 7:30PM Rosary 8 PM - Business Meeting	15 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assbly Mtg	16	17	18 KCIC Sales Start @ 5PM Mass
19 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall Ladies' Craft Fair- school gym	20 7:30 PM-Ladies of #6292-Mtg	21 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon 7 PM Ladies' Wine & Cheese	22	23	24 7:30 - Fraternal Night	25
26	27 8:30PM Redskins Game @ Hall	28 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 2nd Degree & Bus Mtg	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day 4TH Deg. Exemplification in Richmond

November 2014

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26	27 8:30PM Redskins Game @ Hall	28 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 2nd Degree & Bus Mtg	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day 4TH Deg. Exemplification in Richmond
2 1PM Redskins Game- Chili Cookof	3	4 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	5	6	7	8 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
9 9AM Corporate Communion Memorial Mass & Reception	10 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	11 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	17	18 11 AM - Gray GOST Luncheon	19 7:30PM-Fr. Malloy Assbly Mtg Welcome Dinner - New members	20	21 Food basket Assembly @ Hall	22 10 AM -distribute Food Baskets 11 AM - Feed Homeless in DC
23 4:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	24 7:30PM Ladies of #6292-Mtg	25 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28 Time TBD - Creche Setup & Tree Lot Setup	29 7 AM - Trees Arrive 6 PM - Creche Lighting 6:45 PM - Spaghetti Dinner
30 Advent Begins 12 Noon - Tree Sales Begin 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	1	2 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	3	4	5	6 6:30PM- Christmas Party @ Hall (tentative)

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

Officers

Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
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Recorder	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
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Advocate	Greg Hartley	703-352-2797
Warden	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Inside Guard	Nate Rasmussen	703-385-2991
Outside Guard	Joseph Burg	484-883-9537
Outside Guard	James Hogan	703-385-1292
3yr Trustee	Matt West	703-359-4652
2yr Trustee	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
1yr Trustee	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Program Directors

Programs	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Church	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Community	TBD	703-385-8007
Council	TBD	703-385-8007
Family	Patrick Leffas	703-436-2717
Youth	Mike Tocci	469-877-3285

Committee Chairmen

Charity	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Admissions	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Retention	Greg Skorupski	703-978-8280

Vocations	TBD	703-385-8007
Budget & Fin.	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Hall Mgt	Mike Purtill	202-251-8424
Frat. Benefits	Phil Freda	703-638-8904
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	Dan Purtill	703-641-8948
Comedy Knight	Mike Torrey	703-273-2588
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Joe Monnin	703-266-9741
Food Drive	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
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	Matt West	703-359-4652
Newsletter	TBD	
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	Larry Novak	703-978-6137
St. Patrick's Party	Dan & Mike Purtill	703-641-8948

REDSKIN GAMES AT THE HALL

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.

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



Use Food Cards to Buy Presents (Gift Cards) for your Loved Ones



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 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-Us, 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. **Win – Win**

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