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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As we enter the month of October, we can all look forward to the coming beatification of our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, which will take place at a special Mass planned for Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church, he will continue to be in the forefront by becoming the first American parish priest to be beatified. He accomplished a great deal in his 38-year life, which ended due to complications from pneumonia during an outbreak of what was called the Russian flu in 1890. Fast-forward 130 years from his time and it seems some things have not changed a great deal: we are in the midst of a pandemic and Catholicism is still enduring attacks, among other national and international troubles. But as Knights we also have the benefit of Fr. McGivney's legacy and vision as informed by his – and our – Catholic faith to help us navigate a seemingly chaotic world. With good reason we pray that the example of his life and virtue may inspire us to follow Jesus Christ more closely. Fr. McGivney's founding principles of our Order – Charity, Unity, and Fraternity – each one dependent on the other two, continue to be as relevant today as they were in the 19th Century because they reflect facets of our timeless Catholic faith. Let us always strive to emulate Fr. McGivney and continue praying for his canonization. I can say that I am truly inspired by the many acts of devotion to our Order's principles and to our Church that are performed by our own Brother Knights. Thank you for all that you do and may God continue to bless us.

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Walther
Grand Knight

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**

Deputy Grand Knight's Report



My Brother Knights, Autumn is officially here, and not a moment too soon! It has been a great relief to move past the horrendously hot summer we had this year into the cooler months. While the

changing of the seasons does further highlight the difficult times we continue to find ourselves in, as people of faith, we continue to trust in the Lord and pray for his deliverance from Covid-19 through the development of a safe and effective vaccine.

Fall is my favorite season, especially because it marks the return of NFL football. Games are already underway and it is shaping up to be an exciting season. With the return of NFL football, the Knights of Columbus Virginia State Council has embarked on another year of **Football Frenzy**. This is an important state council fundraiser that gives participants a chance to win some money themselves. Tickets are available through October 28, 2020, but the earlier you purchase your tickets, the more chances you have of winning some prizes. Currently they are running a deal where you buy 2 tickets, you get a 3rd ticket free. For more information about the competition rules and how to purchase your tickets, please visit: <https://vakofc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FB20-Virginia-Knights-Directions.pdf>.

While the coronavirus has made it difficult for our Council to organize many of our regular Fall activities, it has been a testament to the flexibility and creativity of our members that we have been able to schedule two special events in September and October. First, we are coming off a very successful Jambalaya Dinner on September 25th. Special thank you to all those Brother Knights who participated in making that event possible.

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Chancellor's Report

Please join me in welcoming Tom Cannata, our newest member to Council # 6292, who was voted into Fr. Diamond Council as a transfer member this past month.

We will be holding a recruitment drive in the next month at the Parish, with announcements at the end of each Mass, and a manned table at the back of the Vestibule. Once the weekend has been confirmed, I will be reaching out to you for assistance; your help is greatly appreciated for supporting recruitment efforts!

As always, please keep our fellow brothers in your prayers, and reach out to the community to spread the word of our amazing organization. As we continue to strive toward our goal of 20 new members, please remember to remain open to possible recruitment opportunities each day. Thank you for your continued efforts.

Vivat Jesus,
John Johnson
Chancellor, Father Diamond Council 6292
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(Deputy Grand Knight's Report—continued)

Second, coming up on Saturday, October 17th, the Council will be hosting its Annual Garage Sale at St. Leo's from 9AM to Noon. We will be collecting donations for the event during the week of October 12th. If you have any treasures at home that you no longer have space or need for, please consider dropping it off at the Hall so that we can find them a new home. We also need volunteers to help get everything from the Hall to the school and back. If you are able to help, please reach out so we can figure out how you can best help make this event a success.

On a more personal note, I am overjoyed to announce that, after 3 years of trying and a lot of heartbreak, my wife Jessica is pregnant with our first child. We look forward to welcoming Baby K around the end of February. It has been a difficult journey to get to this point, and it has been particularly nerve racking for us to be expecting for the first time while the country is in lock down due to a pandemic. I want to thank all those who have prayed for us along the way and I ask for your continued prayers for a health, easy pregnancy and delivery. May God bless all of you and your families, and keep you all safe.

Kevin Kleponis
Deputy Grand Knight

Treasurer's Report – August 31, 2020

INCOME for August \$3,498.56
EXPENSES for August \$2,041.35

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

United Checking	\$35,829.85
United Checking (2)	\$1,329.51
Invest Fund	\$46,176.58
RTL Fund	\$4,524.10
Building Fund	\$45,416.88
Outstanding Scrip	\$1,300.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$89.07)
PKD & VKCCI Collections	(\$149.09)
Net Assets	\$134,338.76

October Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
Kenneth Miller	1	David Bacungan	18
John Anzalone	2	Robert Leblanc	18
Paul Kiechlin	3	Tim Tilson	18
John Jenkins	4	Brandon Salmeri	20
John Downey	5	Mazen Baroudi	21
Ricardo Valenzuela	5	Edward Pisani	21
Greg Bain	9	Jose Ramos	21
Jeff Jefferson	9	Brian Hogan	22
Adam Gruendl	10	Arie Budhinata	24
Timothy Johnston	10	Dennis Scott	25
John Johnson	11	John Trujillo	25
Tony Febbo	13	Evan Frejo	28
Carlos Calix	15	John Murray	29
Mike Purtill	15	Jose Rivera-Rodriguez	29
Dan O'Malley	17	Vic Young	29
Jorge Zavala	17	Gabriel Migala	31

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month—September 2020

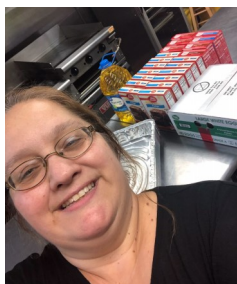
In his characteristically humble way, **Hal Guidry** contributed his particular knowledge of Cajun-style food to our council's initial Jambalaya Dinner event. While participating in the multiple committee planning sessions, Hal served as the expert consultant on the jambalaya recipe as well as on the make-up of the rest of the menu to assure a true Cajun experience. Thank you, Hal, for sharing your knowledge and helping to prepare the ingredients for what promises to be a delicious jambalaya dinner (and much-needed fundraiser)! Hal has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 41 years and has been an active member most of that time. He is active with the Gray Ghosts, cooking for their luncheons and he works hard to sell Christmas Trees. We are proud to feature him as our Knight of the Month for September.

FAMILY of the MONTH

Family of the Month—September 2020

It is clear that the Clinch family can be counted upon to quickly and efficiently organize just about any food-related fundraising operation, even when – most impressively – it is a first for our council. After it was determined that our usual crab feast would not be feasible this year, Herb Zimmerman came up with the suggestion of replacing it with a jambalaya dinner. Once the need for a chairman became clear, Nelson Clinch stepped up to take charge of this new event. Before long he and wife Julie were meeting and brainstorming with others on the committee (Herb, Gib Flodine, Charlie Kraiger, Hal Guidry, and Pat McGuire). Important elements such as the jambalaya recipe, sides, portion size, dessert, packaging (designed for pick-up), price point, provision for placing orders, dine-in and pick-up logistics, and event promotion were hammered out in no time. With the help of their son, Greg (who has assisted with many similar events in the past), and her husband Nelson, Julie plans to employ her well known cooking and baking skills to make this event a success. At last check, there were close to 125 pre-orders received! For all their work with the committee in a short amount of time to bring this new fundraising event to fruition, we are happy to name **Nelson, Julie, and Greg Clinch** our September Family of the Month.

Get in the Picture—Jambalaya Dinner



Dessert Chef Julie Clinch



150 perfect brownies



Assistant Dessert Chef
Nelson Clinch

Adding the shrimp—
mmm



Hal stirring in the
"Cajun" - I guaran-
teeeeee



Chefs Hal Guidry, Gib Flodine,
Charlie Kraiger, & Herb
Zimmerman



Nelson Clinch & Mark Walther
cutting the sausages



The Jambalaya Crew—Julie, Nelson & Greg Clinch,
Herb Zimmerman and Linda Baringhaus, Charlie
Kraiger, Gib Flodine, Hal Guidry, Kathleen Murray,
James Turner

Your KofC Field Agent's Message



Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

Vivat Jesus!

John V Giordano
Field Agent, The Abbate Agency

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Another Great Virtual Seminar October 22nd @ 7pm: "Maximizing Your Catholic Company's Benefit"

- a. Sponsored: The Abbate Agency
- b. Presenter: Nick Abbate

Quick Bio: Nick Abbate is the Assistant General Agent for the Abbate Agency. Nick started as the "Rookie of the Year" for the entire Knights of Columbus. Nick has finished in the top 1% multiple times culminating as the #1 Assistant General Agent for 2019. Nick is a former Air Force Aviation Officer and, like Ben, knows that planning is key to success. Nick has been in finance since 2005, which is a key year, because he learned the value of diversification of assets. Nick will help you maximize your fraternal benefit, a not-for-profit Catholic company, to make sure you come out on top!

- c. Registration is Required; Link to be provided

Chicken Pot Pies for KOVAR

The Knights of Columbus will be selling homemade Chicken Pot Pies. Cost \$15.00 for a 9 inch pie (feeds 4) or \$5.00 for a single pie. This is strictly a pickup only event. No eat in. **All orders must be received prior to Tuesday, October 20th.**

Pies will be picked up on **Saturday October 24th** at Providence Hall between 5-7PM.

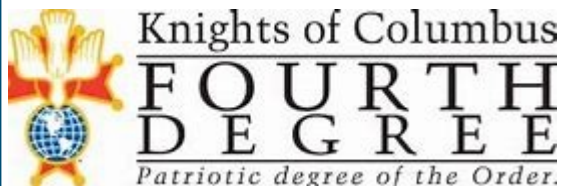
Orders can be made by emailing kofckitchen6292@gmail.com.

When ordering please state time you will pick up!

Thank you for your support!

Gib Flodine, KOVAR Chairman





4th Degree Exemplification October 31, 2020

Brothers,

The next 4th Degree Exemplification for the Virginia District is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. Incidentally, that will be the same day our Order's founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, will be Beatified, bringing him one step closer to Sainthood!

Originally, the Exemplification was planned to be in Virginia Beach... however, this morning it was announced that it will be done as a virtual live-stream event. To accommodate a viewing of the Exemplification, we have already reserved the school gym at St. Leo's.

Any 3rd Degree member of the Order interested in taking the 4th Degree on this occasion is encouraged to do so... if for no other reason, to honor our Order's founder! All you need to do is complete a Form 4 (Application for 4th Degree), and submit a check for \$50 (this Initiation Fee is set by Supreme!). Then on October 31st, we would ask you to arrive at the school gym no later than 11:30 AM for the Noon Exemplification (we have some processing we need to do upon your arrival, including notifying the District Master of your attendance). The Exemplification takes about an hour and a half... so it should be completed by 1:30 PM. We will have someone on hand to Knight each Candidate at the conclusion of the ceremony. Attire for Candidates is dark suit (black, blue, or dark gray; jacket & trousers should match), white dress shirt (no button down collars or French cuffs), conservative/traditional style tie (no bow-tie or bolo tie), and dark dress shoes & dark socks.

Any 4th Degree Sir Knight who wishes to attend is welcome to do so. We will need a good number of Sir Knights in Official Regalia Dress-Service to be available to assist as Escorts. All other Sir Knights may attend in Official Regalia Dress-Social, or in Social Dress Uniform (if you do not have the ORD).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at djtoddjr@gmail.com, or by phone at (703) 463-1499 (text preferred!).

Fraternally,

SK David J. Todd, Jr., PGK, PFN
Faithful Navigator

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17—GIANT K of C GARAGE SALE

Got "treasures" you want to share with the community? Are you finished with your quarantine cleaning and straightening? Then donate these "treasures" to the Council's Giant garage Sale to be held on Saturday, October 17. **Those who help to sort and organize on Friday (10/16) will have "priority" in purchasing the treasures.** All Brother Knights and their wives are invited to help Friday night and Saturday morning.

You can drop off your treasures at the KofC Hall on Monday (10/12), Wednesday (10/14), and Friday (10/16) from 3:30PM thru 8:00 PM.

NO CLOTHING or FURNITURE—PLEASE!!



October 2020

The October calendar has been updated based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. Please watch your emails for last minute updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6 7:30PM Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8:00 AM Rosary to End Abortion
11	12 3:30 thru 8:00 PM Accept Garage Sale Items @ Hall	13 7:30 Rosary 8:00PM Business Mtg	14 3:30 thru 8:00 PM Accept Garage Sale Items @hall	15	16 3:30 thru 8:00 PM Accept Garage sale Items @hall	17 7AM - Noon - Garage Sale KCIC Sales Begin
18	19	20 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Mtg	21 7:30 4th Degree Mtg	22	23	24
25	26	27 7:30 Rosary 8PM Business Mtg	28	29	30	31 11:30 4th Degree Exemplification

November 2020

The November calendar has minor updates based on the latest information and directives from, the Diocese of Arlington, local, state and federal Government and the Supreme Council. However, at this time we do not know which "PHASE" we will be in by that time. Revisions to the November Calendar will be distributed via the Council Membership Email server as well as the November LOOKOUT newsletter.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30PM Officers Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 7:30 Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	11	12	13	14 8:00AM Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Breakfast after 7:00 & 9AM masses 9:00 AM Corp Communion Widows' Breakfast after mass	16	17 11:00AM Greys Gost Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	18 7:00PM 4th Degree Mtg	19	20	21 10AM Food Basket Deliv 11AM Feed the Homeless
22	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 9:30AM Christmas Tree Setup	28 9:30AM Christmas Tree Delivery 6:00PM Crèche Lighting 6:30PM Spaghetti Dinner
29	30					

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2020-21

Officers

Grand Knight	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chaplain	Father Nguyen	703-273-5369
Deputy GK	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Chancellor	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Bill Lane	703-585-4634
Recorder	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Lecturer	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Mike Purtill	202 251 8424
Inside Guard	Charlie Kraiger	703-667-0241
Outside Guard	James Beauchamp	703-915-3504
Outside Guard	Philip C Krebs, HLM	703-587-0610
3yr Trustee	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
2yr Trustee	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
1yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

Program Directors

Programs	Kevin Kleponis	305-804-1407
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477

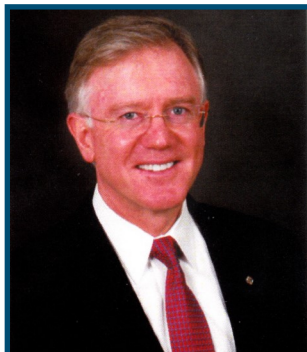
Committee Chairmen

Charity	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Admissions	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Retention	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
Vocations	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Budget & Finance	Mark Walther	703-766-5054

Hall Manager	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Frat. Benefits	John Giordano	703-626-7715
Ins. Promotion	John Giordano	703-626-7715
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team		
2nd Deg. Team		
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Comedy Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Email Updates	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Fall Festival	Tim Hogan	703-385-1292
Family Breakfast	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Food Baskets	Joe Burg	484-883-9537
Fourth Deg.	David Todd, Jr	703-463-1499
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Al Leightley	703-273-2089
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
Newsletter	Herb Zimmerman	703-623-6299
Night of Magic	Pat Leffas	703-436-2717
Parish Picnic	Tim Tilson + deputy	703-273-9436
March-for-Life	Mike Plumstead	703-250-2367
Scout Troop	Roger Rosenberger	703-591-7750
Scrip Sales	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
St. Patrick's Party	Pat Murray	703-383-3436



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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.

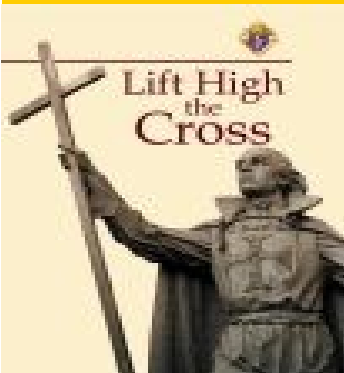
How does it work? Father Diamond council buys food gift cards at a discount (5% for Giant and Safeway). We sell them to anyone at face value. If you, your family, friends or neighbors shop at any of these stores you can help the Council raise money for our scholarship funds.

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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