

The Lookout

September 2005



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

Just this morning (Monday August 8th) I learned that Fr. Augustine Tran is our new council chaplain. I'm very pleased to have an official chaplain again! I know everyone will welcome Fr. Tran into the council and I look forward to working with him this year.

July and August are supposed to be the slow months of the year but they seemed very busy to me. Just in terms of brand new programs, we had a bake sale (Nelson and Julie Clinch), nursing home bingo (Bill Ward and Matt West), and donuts and coffee after the 11:00 Mass (Nelson and Julie Clinch again). And last but not least, Tim Tilson organized a Habitat for Humanity construction trip to the Triangle. Thanks to everyone, and thanks also to everyone who worked all of our many programs.

Brother Knight John Judge is our Knight of the Month for July. John organized a Stroke Screening, which found: 2 "possible significances" for Carotid Artery Disease, 6 "abnormal" for Peripheral Arterial Disease, and 16 "High Risk" for Osteoporosis. John also did all the usual things he does: ordered and prepared food for the Family Breakfast, cooked food for the Columbian Challenge softball game, etc, etc. Our Family of the Month for July is Matt West and his wife Ruth and son. The three of them were the key figures at the first nursing home bingo.

Last year at about this time we were in the home stretch to put up the Right to Life Memorial statue. I see people praying in front of this beautiful statue almost every time I go to church. Our Right to Life chairman, Mike Plumstead, just sent in a new brick order and the bricks should have arrived by August 15th. By the time you read this, if everything goes well, the new bricks will be installed and the whole brick installation will be solidly in place for years to come! I want to thank everyone who ordered bricks and everyone who will help with the brick installation.

On Saturday, September 10th, at 9:00 AM, Bishop Paul Loverde will say a Pro-Life Mass at St. Leo's. Immediately afterward the Bishop will join St. Leo's parishioners to say a Rosary at the abortion facility at Eaton Place and Route 123 in Fairfax. Please accept my heart-felt invitation to each and every one of you to attend the Mass and to say the Rosary afterward. I was lucky enough to stand almost right next to Bishop Loverde the last time he came to Fairfax to lead this Rosary. This program truly expresses what the Order is all about. Please remember, we will not say our regular 8:00 AM Rosary on that day, instead we will join the Bishop's Rosary.

Lastly, please continue to keep the Torres and Rollin families in your prayers. I'm sure all of you are familiar with the story. Young Susan is doing well so far and with the grace of God may she continue to show that all children are worth fighting for, all the time. I am very grateful to Dan and Mike Purtill for working so hard on behalf of the Torres family and for so effectively spreading the story worldwide. May the image of young Susan and the memory of her mother play a part in changing our death-obsessed culture.

Vivat Jesus!

David Miller



Bishop Loverde Pro-Life Mass

Bishop Loverde will celebrate the monthly diocesan Respect Life Mass at St. Leo's on Saturday, September 10, at 9:00am.

After Mass the Bishop will join St. Leo's parishioners in praying the rosary at the abortion facility on Eaton Place in Fairfax City.

What a prayerful way to begin your Saturday with Mass and the rosary for the unborn children!

Upcoming Events September

**Bishop Loverde Pro-Life Mass
Saturday, Sept. 10**

**Parish Picnic
Free Throw Contest
Redskins Season Opener
Sunday, Sept. 11**

**Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center
Monday Sept. 12**

**Fraternalism Night
Friday Sept. 30**

Get Involved in Your Council

Just because you're not an Officer, Director, or Chairman doesn't mean we don't need your help. Get involved in the Council's many activities. They wouldn't get done if we didn't all chip in!

Did you know you're a part of a Team? You'll see on the calendar that each Monday has a notation about which team is "on call" that week (i.e. August 1st begins the week for Team VS #1). These are the same teams as your Christmas Tree Teams. Check the calendar, and if you have the time during one of your weeks, call the Event Chairman for whatever is going on that week and offer to lend a hand! Not sure which Team you're on? Call the Deputy Grand Knight and he'll be happy to fill you in.

New Email Address and Deadline For Submissions to the Newsletter

Do have some news for the Council? Do you have an upcoming event for the Council? Do you have some feedback for the newsletter editor? All are welcome and encouraged. Please submit to Dan Purtill, Lookout Editor at dpurtill@gmail.com no later than the 1st of the month preceding the next issue.

July Council Semi Annual Audit Summary Report

The audit of the Warden was conducted on July 11th. The Warden had an overall profit of \$302.43 for this accounting period which was turned over to the Financial Secretary. The Wardens starting cash bank of \$300 and an estimated \$400 worth of inventory was turned over to the incoming Warden. Greg Skorupski during his tenure did a fine job of record keeping. He also kept the cost of his supplies within reason by selective shopping and mostly buying his products when they were on sale. His profit for the Fraternal year was over \$600.

The Council Audit was conducted on July 18th. Total Council Income during this audit period was \$70,425 and General Council expenditure was \$76,108 also \$ 2845 was transferred into the Bldg and Savings accounts. The Council's current net worth is \$134, 842. Which includes \$95,759 in the Bldg Fund and \$28,630 in Savings Account CD's. The Operating Fund at the time of the audit was \$42,045. There currently are 409 members in our Council, however, 54 members are in arrears in their dues. The total in dues owed is \$3000.

H. Urban, Jr.
Trustee

Parking at the Hall

Be careful not to block the priests' exit from their parking garage when parking next to the Hall! Getting out of the parking lot has been an ongoing problem for our pastor and associates. This is not the first time this appeal has

been made, so please be more conscious of where you are parking.

September Birthdays

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|-----------------------|------|
| William T. Stevenson | 9/1 |
| Gerard M Stegmaier | 9/2 |
| Paul K. Ketcham | 9/3 |
| Douglas G Fehrer | 9/3 |
| J. Michael Hamilton | 9/6 |
| Raymond J. Kruep | 9/7 |
| Richard G. Ressa | 9/8 |
| Mark F Woznak PGK | 9/9 |
| William R. Davis | 9/9 |
| Edward J Ittner | 9/10 |
| Dr Edward J Gallagher | 9/10 |
| Victor L Warzinski | 9/11 |
| Allen B. Dobey | 9/11 |
| Matthew J Cuccias | 9/12 |
| Joseph E. Herrmann | 9/13 |
| James E Witek | 9/14 |
| Redentor I. Lacsamana | 9/14 |
| Brian J. Sharkey | 9/14 |
| Frederick G. White | 9/15 |
| Jim McIntyre | 9/15 |
| Charles F. Conaty | 9/15 |
| Michael J. Clifford | 9/16 |
| Anthony L. Conques | 9/18 |
| Daniel F. Hanley | 9/19 |
| Eric Acevedo | 9/20 |
| Francis J. Gallahan | 9/21 |
| William F Hamilton | 9/22 |
| Dennis M. Cate | 9/22 |
| Lawrence E. O'Brien | 9/22 |
| Brian D. Knapp | 9/23 |
| William J Ward | 9/25 |
| Kurt A. Pfluger | 9/26 |
| Michael D Tully | 9/26 |
| Christopher A. Duda | 9/27 |
| John J. Brophy | 9/29 |
| David K. Kreider | 9/29 |
| Richard X. Larkin | 9/29 |
| Michael E Cole | 9/30 |

September Wedding Anniversaries

| | | Years Married |
|-------------------------------|------|----------------------|
| Lawrence & Joyce Novack PGK | 9/1 | 43 |
| Joseph & Joan Ruzicka | 9/4 | 51 |
| Timothy & Priscilla Hogan PGK | 9/5 | 18 |
| Rafael & Lillian Madan | 9/7 | 53 |
| Edward & Mary Gallagher | 9/8 | 49 |
| John L. McGrail | 9/14 | 14 |
| David & Jennifer Meredith | 9/15 | 4 |
| Melvyn & Beverly Andrews | 9/19 | 41 |
| Roger Erin Azar | 9/20 | 5 |
| William & Elizabeth Ward | 9/21 | 14 |
| Jonathan & Kathleen Hadfield | 9/22 | 51 |
| John & Rita White | 9/25 | 57 |
| Thomas & Mry Lu Gross | 9/27 | 36 |
| J. Paul & Mary Balserak | 9/27 | 13 |
| Robert & Jayne Eckert | 9/30 | 44 |

FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the beneficiary originally designated to receive the proceeds from that policy needs to be updated. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse, and even your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

When I call to arrange your annual “insurance check-up,” one of the matters that we can discuss is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can usually complete the paperwork during the appointment.

I look forward to meeting with you to review all your life insurance policies - Give me a call.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
Dennis Riley
Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Did You Know?

Father McGivney Guild

Father Michael J. McGivney was a 29-year-old assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., when he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Father McGivney's holiness, devotion to priestly ministry and work to protect family life provide a powerful spiritual influence for Knights, their family members and a growing number of other Catholics.

Father McGivney's cause for canonization was opened in 1997 by then Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin of Hartford, Conn. Its diocesan phase has been completed. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican is currently reviewing Father McGivney's life and works and investigating two reported miracles attributed to his intercession.



The Knights of Columbus has established the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild to provide people with information about his life, works and spirituality.

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild visit <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/index.cfm>

(from the Father McGivney Guild website)

Progress Through the Degrees

In the First Degree ceremony, you learned the lesson of charity. It is our hope that you will spread that charity through participation in council activities. If you have not continued beyond the First Degree, we encourage you to attain the Second and Third Degrees, which teach the lessons of unity and fraternity. Third Degree members know the honor of full Knighthood and being "Knighted."

Privileges of being a Third Degree Knight include the honor of serving as a local council officer, and admission to state and Supreme Council business meetings. First and Second Degree members can attend the state and supreme Council meetings, but they are not allowed in the business sessions.



Logo of the Third Degree

The primary purpose of Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.



Logo of the Fourth Degree

As a Fourth Degree Knight you have the opportunity to become part of your assembly's color corps. As a color corps member, you will be recognized widely by the distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape and sword. Color corps members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and

wreath-laying ceremonies, and in ecclesial functions at Catholic churches.

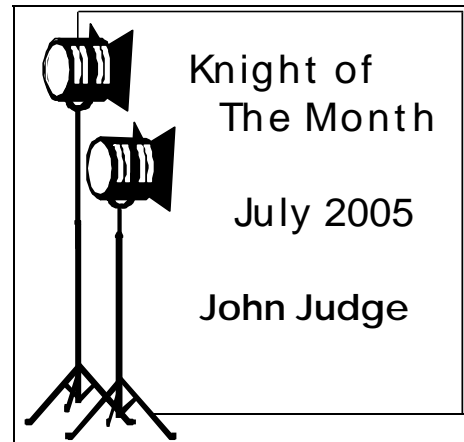
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| Parish Picnic | Tim Tilson | 273-9436 |
| Right-to-Life | Mike Plumstead | 352-0848 |
| Scout Troop | Paul Cutlip | 691-0712 |
| Scrip | Larry Novack | 978-6137 |



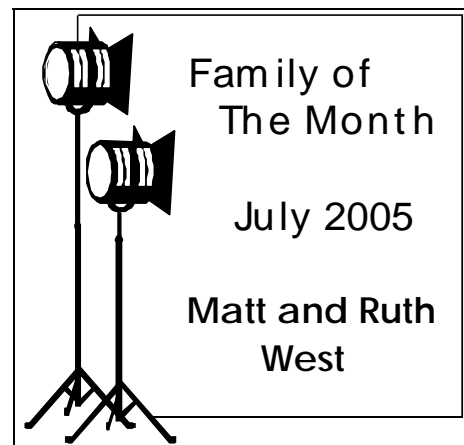
Officers

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|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Grand Knight | Dave Miller | 517-3430 |
| Chaplain | Fr. Augustine Tran | 273-5369 |
| D Grand Knight | Bill Ward | 273-6289 |
| Chancellor | Bill Weich | 307-9163 |
| Treasurer | Al Leightley | 273-2089 |
| Lecturer | Mike Plumstead | 352-0848 |
| Financial Sec. | Paul Cooke | 691-0825 |
| Recorder | Dave Mann | 691-9160 |
| Advocate | Jac Cerny | 255-9484 |
| Warden | Stephen Kehoe | 591-6813 |
| Inside Guard | George Schuld | 255-0362 |
| Outside Guard | Stephen Davis | 591-5694 |
| Outside Guard | Matt West | 359-4652 |
| 3yr Trustee | Greg Hartley | 352-2797 |
| 2yr Trustee | Hank Urban | 591-9244 |
| 1yr Trustee | Tim Cooke | 766-2911 |



Program Directors

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| Programs | Bill Ward | 273-6289 |
| Church | Mike Plumstead | 352-0848 |
| Community | Matt West | 359-4652 |
| Council | Tim Cooke | 766-2911 |
| Family | Nelson Clinch | 385-2146 |
| Youth | Bob Bilko | 359-6824 |
| Membership | Bill Weich | 307-9163 |



Committee Chairman

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| Charity | Greg Skorupski | 978-8280 |
| Admissions | Tim Cooke | 766-2911 |
| Retention | Hank Urban | 978-6137 |
| Vocations | Bill Weich | 307-9163 |
| Budget & Fin. | Al Leightley | 273-2089 |
| Hall Mgt | John Judge | 385-3804 |
| Frat. Bene. | Dennis Riley | 450-6100 |
| Insurance | Nelson Clinch | 385-2146 |

Project Chairmen

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|---------------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 st Deg. Team | Tim Hogan | 385-1292 |
| 2 nd Deg. Team | Dave Todd | 352-2724 |
| Blood Drive | John Brophy | 425-7169 |
| Bowling Team | Dave Whitcomb | 591-7739 |
| Christmas Trees | Jac Cerny | 255-9484 |
| Ent'ment Books | Dave Todd | 352-2724 |
| Fall Festival | Tim Hogan | 385-1292 |
| Family Breakfast | Dave Miller | 517-3430 |
| Food Drive | Ben Schaefer | 591-3188 |
| Fourth Deg. | Larry Novack | 978-6137 |
| Gray Ghosts | Larry Novack | 978-6137 |
| KCIC | Herb Zimmerman | 385-9455 |
| KOVAR | Greg Hartley | 352-2797 |
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Dates to Remember in September

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| Sept 6 | Officer's Meeting |
| Sept 7 | Ladies Night Out - Bunco |
| Sept 10 | Bishop's Pro-Life Mass |
| Sept 10 | Abortion Facility |
| Sept 10 | Fairfax Family Fun Fest |
| Sept 10 & 11 | Food Drive |
| Sept 11 | Redskins Game in the Hall |
| Sept 11 | Parish Picnic/Free Throw Contest |
| Sept 12 | Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center |
| Sept 13 | Rosary/Business Meeting |
| Sept 17 | Adopt-A-Spot |
| Sept 18 | Family Breakfast - Blue Team |
| Sept 19 | Redskins Game in the Hall - Monday Night |
| Sept 20 | Grey GOSTS |
| Sept 21 | Rosary/4th Degree Business Meeting |
| Sept 24 & 25 | Food Drive |
| Sept 25 | Donuts and Coffee |
| Sept 27 | Mass/1 st Degree/Social Meeting |
| Sept 30 | Fraternalism Night |

