



# The Lookout



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September 2014

## Grand Knight's Message



Gentlemen of the Knights of Columbus;

Wow, this summer went by fast. It seems just like yesterday that we had the installation of Officers dinner.

I just came back from a wonderful Alaskan cruise with several of our brother Knights and their families, and Fr Baez. These trips are a lot of fun where we can all enjoy ourselves, deepen our friendships, and not be working. I would like to see more of these events planned for the future. In fact, Paul Cooke has planned a great trip to Radio City Music Hall and I hear it is sold out. That will be a fun time.

I am also happy to announce that our slate of officers is now complete. Our new Chancellor is Vince Wilson and our new Warden is Joe Gesker.

As the Council begins the month we will be busy. Starting on September 6th with the Parish picnic.

## Devil's Advocate Debates

Join the Arlington Diocese's Outreach Office for three nights of powerful debates this September at Bishop O'Connell High School!

Have you ever asked yourself: If women are just as capable as men, why won't the Church allow women to be priests? Aren't biblical stories like Adam & Eve obviously just myths? And if divorce allows couples to escape toxic, unhappy marriages, how can the Church disallow it?

If you've asked questions like these and gotten soft or unsatisfactory answers, come to The Devil's Advocate <<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/devilsadvocate/index.aspx>> series on September 8th, 15th, and 22nd at Bishop O'Connell High School auditorium. This series is designed as a dialogue between an antagonist and a defender of the teachings of the Catholic Church. It aims to answer the hardest questions for the Church by engaging with other viewpoints seriously and fairly. Topics will include "The Bible: Fact or Fiction," "Adapting to the Modern Family," and "When will the Church Get with the Times?" A \$5 donation will be suggested at the door.

This event is open to everyone - men, women, Catholics, non-Catholics - so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

On the serious side, because of the loss of our Chancellor at the beginning of the Fraternal Year, we are behind on recruiting new members

Our new Chancellor Vince Wilson is going to need a lot of support from all Knights. Each year Supreme gives each Council goals to meet. Our goal the Fraternal year is 28 new members. To reach this number it will take strong effort on our part. What I am asking is for all of us to work with our new Chancellor, giving Vince Wilson all the support he needs. If each of you brings a friend or neighbor, who is a practical Catholic, into the Order, we would have double the dynamic organization that we have today. You would have half the work to do and a friend to do it with. That's a win-win for everyone.

Vivat Jesus,

Pat McQuire, GK

## Knight of the Month—July

In July our Council along with Steve Burnley's, the newly elected Virginia State Deputy, council sponsored the State Planning Meeting here in Northern Virginia.

St Leo's is one of the parishes that has the facilities capable of handling such a large gathering of State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and others that need to attend the quarterly State Meetings.

Our Knight of the month for July coordinated all the planning for hosting the State Meeting here at St Leo's. He coordinated the efforts of many councils within the two districts involved in hosting the event. He represented Fr. Diamond Council's interests and ensured that this State Meeting did not cost the council anything other than manpower.

There were over 20 of our Knights involved in this effort along with a similar number from other councils within the area.

Father Whitestone was very pleased with how the event was handled and how we handled the parking so as not to interfere with weddings and masses occurring that weekend.

At the banquet on Saturday night our council was recognized by the State Deputy on what a great weekend it was and personally thanked Fr Whitestone for the use of St Leo's facilities.

For all the planning, coordination and work he put into this event which garnered many kudos from everyone attending the State Meeting we are presenting the Knight of the Month Award to David Todd, Jr.

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 2014-15 Fraternal Year. The past two months have been, as usual slow for the council. We all look forward to July and August as "down time".

Throughout the year we give a lot to our community and the Council, volunteering for various civic and charitable events such as the Parish Picnic, feeding the needy and homeless (food baskets, food drives, Feed -The-Homeless in DC), bingo at the Fairfax Nursing Home, Right-to-Life March, KOVAR fundraising for the mentally disabled in Virginia and the fundraisers to support our charitable donations program.

June and July are months where the council only has one meeting a month (the 4th Tuesday) and very few activities planned. This is a time when, hopefully, everyone has taken some time to relax on a vacation, fishing trip, or just quality time alone or with family or ourselves.

July/August did see some action, however. The Installation Banquet was held on July 12 and was very well attended. We co-hosted the State of Virginia Knights of Columbus Annual Planning Meeting for 400+ Knights and their ladies.

The Officers met and developed a budget for 2014-15 and filled out the year's calendar (see the calendar at our website at <http://www.6292.kofc.com>). And we elected a new Warden, Joe Gesker and a new Chancellor, Vince Wilson.

September will be a fun month. Beginning with the Parish Picnic (chaired by Tim Tilson) on September 6 where we will hold the annual Soccer Challenge (Mike Tocci is looking for some help), followed by the Zimmerman's Oktoberfest party on September 20 and ending with the Crab Feast on September 27 (chaired by Charlie Kraiger). More details about all these events can be found in other sections of this newsletter.

There is something going on in September that is of interest to everybody. This is the time for all of you to invite your neighbors and friends to come out to one of our events. Let them get to know the great families that make up this council. Ask those catholic men you know to join us as Knights. The Knights offer many avenues to participate in our church and our community. We offer the best Fraternal Insurance program that can be found. We offer friendship, camaraderie, brotherhood, and purpose for all our members.

Fraternally yours,

Herb Zimmerman

Deputy Grand Knight

## Congratulations to New Officers



**Our New Chancellor is:**  
**SK Vince Wilson, PGK**

At the August 26th meeting the council accepted nominations from the floor for two vacant officer positions. Each candidate was asked to speak of their qualifications and were duly elected to the positions of Chancellor and Warden. They will assume their duties immediately.

**Our New Warden is:**  
**Joe Gesker**



## Ladies of Father Diamond Council

Hello Ladies! We look forward to starting a new year. Please be sure to check your calendars and RSVP to these awesome events and activities we have coming up! Our next meeting will be Monday September 15 at 7:00 PM at Providence Hall (Knights Hall); please join us. Remember all wives (and daughters over 17) are automatically members of the Ladies of Father Diamond Council #6292.

Thursday October 9, 2014 we will be going on our annual trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country to the farm for the noon, authentic Amish cooked meal. We will then go to the Kitchen Kettle for shopping. There are limited seats, as we are combining the trip with St. Andrew the Apostle Parish. If you and any of your family or friends are interested in the trip, please let Ann Todd know as soon as possible. There are only 26 slots available. The cost is \$65.00 per person and includes transportation, lunch, gratuities and fun. Please RSVP to Ann Todd at 703-352-2724 or [da-todd@verizon.net](mailto:da-todd@verizon.net).

Sunday October 19, 2014 is the annual craft fair from 8:30 to 1 pm. Any interested vendors can use the email [Ladiesof.FatherDiamondCouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:Ladiesof.FatherDiamondCouncil@yahoo.com) to receive more information. Table fees remain \$40 (electrical access is an additional \$10).

May the grace of God be with you,  
Ruth West  
President, Ladies of Father Diamond Council #6292  
See you at the September Meeting!  
Ruth West  
[mtwest1@verizon.net](mailto:mtwest1@verizon.net)

## Upcoming Council Events and Recognition

### Rosary to End Abortion — September 13

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.



### Nursing Home Bingo — September 8

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 — September 16

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.



### NEW YORK CITY TRIP - DECEMBER 10,

2014—is Sold Out—Contact Paul Cooke for at 703-691-0825 or paulcooke@cox.net to get on the waiting list.

**STATE ORGANIZATION MEETING** Districts 13 & 16 hosted the annual State Organizational Meeting in the gym at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church on Saturday, July 19. Dave Todd, Jr led the planning and coordination of a meeting of over 400 State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and other Council Officers, and Ladies of Virginia here at St. Leo's. Events were held Friday night, all day Saturday, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. This was a VERY successful meeting and our council received many kudos and thanks from the State Deputy for our efforts. This is another example of how the Father Diamond Council can work together to accomplish great things. Thanks to all council members who volunteered for set-up, parking detail, banquet bartending, take-down and the many other activities that occurred during the weekend.

### Installation of 2014-2015 Council Officers and Dinner afterward —a huge success!

The Council's 2014-15 Officers were installed in the church at St. Leo the Great on July 12. Nearly all officers were able to attend even though this is "prime time" for summer vacations. Those who were unable to attend arranged for stand-ins from the Council and it was a memorable ceremony. Led by the District Deputy, our own Bill Weich, and assisted by Deacon Maurer, each officer was installed. Officer's ladies were presented with roses. The dinner afterward in the KofC Hall was well attended. Thanks to Greg Hartley for preparing a delicious and tender roast of beef and Linda Baringhaus for cooking the ham. Pot luck dinner was delicious with entries and desserts provided by everyone attending.

### Parish Picnic—September 6

This year's Parish Picnic is promising to be another wonderful time for parishioners here at St. Leo the Great. As everyone knows, the picnic is provided by the parish and Father Diamond Council provides nearly all the labor for food shopping, event set-up, preparing the foods, serving the beverages (beer, sodas, waters). This event is huge and the planning for it takes a very experienced team led by PGK Tim Tilson. Tim and his team have been planning for this event for the past month. Tim is looking for volunteers at all positions (Grill, beer truck, beverage tables, ice cream truck, set-up and break-down, etc.) to make this another huge success. Please call Tim at **703-273-9436** to provide your assistance.



### Crab Feast—September 27

Charlie Kraiger is this year's Crab Feast chairman. The Crab Feast was postponed to September to try and get a better price on crabs (they're very high this year) and allow us to make a profit on the event. By doing so, Charlie is keeping the price down to \$35 for adults and \$10 for non-crab eaters. Still all-u-can-eat! See the flyer later in this newsletter for details, **Call Charlie at 703-667-0241** to make reservations. **No reservation will cost you \$45!**



### Oktoberfest—September 20

The Zimmerman's are holding their 13th Oktoberfest here at the Hall. It has been on hiatus for the past 2 year's due to Herb's travel. All brother knights and families are invited. RSVP is necessary. See the flyer later in this newsletter for details.







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**Ask eligible men to join :**

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Member-ship growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

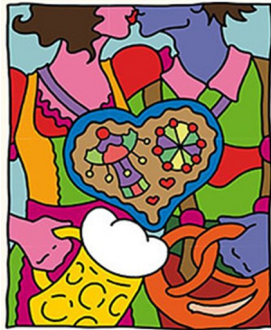
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All Knights & Families are invited to the **13TH**  
**ZIMMERMAN/BARINGHAUS**  
**OKTOBERFEST**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**  
**at the K of C Hall**



OKTOBERFEST MÜNCHEN  
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**Traditional German Menu**  
**Knockwursts**  
**Bratwursts**  
**Hennen (chicken)**  
**German Potato Salad**  
**Red Cabbage**

Please—R.S.V.P. by Monday, September 15th  
 Phone—703-385-9455  
 Or Email: herb2777@yahoo.com  
 Or Email: lindamb3510@yahoo.com



**RSVP By No Later Than**  
**September 23**

**2014 Crab**  
**FEAST**

**Saturday September 27th**  
**6:00 PM**  
**K of C Hall**  
**(Everyone Welcome!!)**



**All U Can Eat:**

- Blue Crabs
- Hot Dogs
- Hamburgers
- Corn on the Cob
- Cole Slaw
- Dessert

- **\$35 – Adults w/RSVP**  
     **\$45 at door with no RSVP**
- **\$10 – “Landlubbers” & Kids (no crabs)**

**RSVP: Charlie Kraiger– [kraigerca@gmail.com](mailto:kraigerca@gmail.com)**  
**or Phone – 703-667-0241**  
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## September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Labor Day	2 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	3	4	5	6 11 AM - Parish Picnic Soccer Challenge @ Picnic
7 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	8 7:15 PM-Bingo@FFx Nursing Home	9 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion
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21 Family Breakfast after 7:30 & 9:00 AM Masses 1:00 Redskins Game @ Hall	22	23 7:00 PM Rosary 8:00 PM - 1st Degree & Bus Mtg	24	25 8:30PM Redskins Game @ Hall	26	27 6:00PM Crab Feast
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 State Qtrly Meeting

## October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 State Qtrly Meeting
5	6 Atlantic City Trip (tentative) - sponsored by Columbiettes 8:30PM Redskins Game @ Hall	7 7:30 PM - Officer's Mtg @ Hall	8	9 Amish Trip (tentative) - sponsored by Columbiettes	10 7 PM-Fall Festival-load trlk	11 8 AM Rosary to end Abortion 8AM-5PM - Fall Festival Trlk
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 Assembly 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	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

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2014-15

### Officers

Grand Knight	Pat McGuire	703-218-2986
Chaplain	Deacon David Mauer	703-273-5369
D Grand Knight	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Chancellor	Vince Wilson	713-828-3081
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	Greg Savitske	703-385-8007
Lecturer	Ed Cuccias	703-408-0180
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	Phill 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

### PRAYERS :

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED, "NOW, JOHNNY, TELL ME, DO YOU SAY PRAYERS BEFORE EATING?" "NO SIR," HE REPLIED, "WE DON'T HAVE TO, MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK!"

### GRANDMA'S AGE

LITTLE JOHNNY ASKED HIS GRANDMA HOW OLD SHE WAS. GRANDMA ANSWERED, "39 AND HOLDING." JOHNNY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN SAID, "AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU BE IF YOU LET GO?"

### LIFE AFTER DEATH

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN LIFE AFTER DEATH?" THE BOSS ASKED ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES.

"YES, SIR," THE NEW EMPLOYEE REPLIED.

"WELL, THEN, THAT MAKES EVERYTHING JUST FINE," THE BOSS WENT ON. "AFTER YOU LEFT EARLY YESTERDAY TO GO TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FUNERAL, SHE STOPPED IN TO SEE YOU!"

A young boy walked up to his father and asked, "Dad, does a lawyer ever tell the truth?"

The father thought for a moment. "Yes, son. Sometimes a lawyer will do anything to win a case."



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](mailto: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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