

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL



Happy Valentines
Day ... the Editor

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February 2020

Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brothers,
New Years has come in with a bang for the Knights of Columbus. Effective March 1st, our council will hold degrees (exemplifications) under the new format (Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity) set forth from Supreme. All currently scheduled Admissions and Formation exemplifications will be cancelled.
This past month has been extremely hectic for our council. We were busy having an Admission Exemplification, Formation Exemplification and Knighthood Exemplification all within a few weeks. Brothers let their light shine as they stepped forward to assist in these functions. Brothers stepped forward to help with Deacon Guillermo's ordination ceremony as well. I am so grateful.
Next month we will hold our 2nd Annual Men's Retreat on Saturday, February 29. All are welcome. Brothers. Please continue to let your light shine. As I heard from state officers, our council continues to excel in our works of charity and good deeds. Keep up the excellent work.

Vivat Jesus
Gib Flodine

Parish Appreciation Christmas Party



Thank you, Father Whitestone! It was a wonderful feast and evening of fun enjoyed by all the volunteers here at St. Leo the Great.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Dear Brothers,
Thank you all for your hard work in January! We concluded a very busy month that saw us hosting three degree ceremonies, in addition to all of our usual activities.
Our upcoming February events include the following:
Rosary to End Abortion – February 8 at 8:00 AM in front of St. Leo's Church (or inside the church in case of inclement weather). All church members are welcome to participate.
Night of Magic – February 15 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center (St. Leo's School gym). Bring the whole family to enjoy the magic show along with pizza and soft drinks for a nominal entry fee (\$10/ adult, \$5/child, \$30/family max). Please RSVP to Patrick Leffas at 703-436-2717 (text/call).
Family Breakfast – February 16 after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in Providence Hall. Assistance will be needed with setup (beginning around 6:00 AM), cooking, serving the food, and cleanup afterwards (starting around 10:30 AM). Student Confirmation candidates can help and earn service credit hours in the process. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Tim Tilson

(hmslydia@msn.com).

Men's Retreat – February 29 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM in Providence Hall. This will be a free event open to all men in the parish. It will begin with registration along with coffee and donuts, followed by Mass at 9:00, and thereafter will be largely devoted to inspirational speakers and lively discussion (lunch will also be served). It will culminate with evening prayer. Please RSVP to Mike Plumstead (mplumstead@verizon.net) if you would like to participate in this rejuvenating activity.

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Walther, Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor's Report

We want to congratulate Brothers Bill Lane and Alvaro Ugaz on achieving full Knighthood on Saturday, January 25.

On January 26, 2020, Bishop Burbidge bestowed the sacrament of Holy Orders on Brother Knight Guillermo Gonzalez, making him a transitional deacon. In his homily, Bishop Burbidge spoke about the importance of God's individual calling to each of us, that he calls us all by name. Because of this, the Bishop requested that we not only pray for all our seminarians, that they will continue to grow in holiness and in their discernment, but that we do so with particularity, praying for them by name. You can find a list of our seminarians at

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/meet-our-seminarians/>.

As always please continue recruiting new members, reaching out to the men in your life and asking them why they aren't already members of the Knights of Columbus. If you need any assistance or know someone interested, please let me know and give them my email address kevinkleponis@gmail.com

God bless you all,
Kevin Kleponis—Chancellor

Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2019

Income for December was \$ 41,121.02; expenses were \$ 4,960.53. Account balances as of December 31 were:

United Bank Checking: \$ 42,514.13

Capital One Investment Fund: \$ 47,458.85

Capital One Building Fund: \$ 43,135.86

Right to Life Memorial Fund: \$ 4,471.85

Grocery Gift Cards: \$ 2,850.00

Total Assets: \$ 140,430.69

On December 30, \$10,000 was transferred from the United Bank checking account to the Capital One Investment Fund.

**Pray the
Rosary
Daily**



2020 CAR RAFFLE

If you are a St Leo the Great parishioner, you will soon receive your 10 tickets for the 2020 Car Raffle. Most parishes will be sending out 20 tickets to sell, however we decided to only ask you to sell/buy ten tickets. Please return the 10 tickets/stubs in the enclosed envelope. If you want more tickets, Joe Gesker will be very happy to get them to you. If you are in a different parish and have not received Car Raffle tickets contact Joe Gesker (info below) and he will get you some tickets.



Look forward to seeing one of the five cars you can win outside the church on March 21/22 (Honda CRV Sports Utility), March 28/29 (Honda Civic), and April 4/5 (Honda Odyssey Van).

If you did not receive tickets, have any questions or want more tickets to sell, please contact Joe Gesker at 703-435-4811 or via email at

jgesker@verizon.net



February Birthday Wishes

We want to wish all of our Brother Knights born in the month of February very Happy Birthday:

Name	Day	Name	Day
John Cesarini	1	Charles Kraiger	12
Matthew Faust	1	Joe Gesker	13
Tom Kannarkat	1	Hal Guidry	13
Kenneth Dehart	2	Leocadio Rosas Estevez	14
Reyes Frias	2	Steven Blaine	15
Scott Gaboury	5	Tom Kelly	16
Jerome Kasulatis	6	Cyrus Mcmillan	18
Marc Surette	6	Jose Trujillo	20
Kyle Van Dyke	6	Robert Mc Mahon	22
Terry Rinker	7	Frank Palladino	24
Frank Cuccias	10	Robert Clinch	25
Bob Eckert	11	John Ku	26
Mark McDevitt	11	Rodolfo Herrera	27
Eric Vallone	11	Raul Rojas	27
Matthew Hogan	12		

Get in The Picture



Allie McGuire and Mark Walther on Christmas Eve KOVAR Collections.



29 Brother Knights, wives and Paul VI Students ready to board the bus and Marshal at this year's March for Life. Several other Knights joined us downtown.

Make a New Year's Resolution to Get in the Picture for 2020

Proposed Bylaw Change to Standing Resolution #1

The Council's Building fund was established to provide a facility adequate for the needs of Father Diamond Council. In 1992 we added standing resolution #1 to our bylaws to address the situation as it existed at that time. By 2009 the Building Fund had grown to over \$120,000. At that time our pastor, Father Whitestone, implemented a significant expansion and upgrade of the building meeting all of the parish's and the council's needs for a meeting facility. Father Diamond Council contributed approximately \$80,000, from the Building Fund, and hundreds of man hours to the effort. We made additional improvements such as chair rails, cabinets, pantry shelves, new phone system, additional kitchen equipment, etc. These improvements were paid for through the building fund. Since the original standing resolution is no longer accurate, we would like to revise the standing resolution to better reflect the needs of the council. It is important that the Building Fund continue to be used only for major maintenance and/or improvement activities related to Providence Hall. Therefore all such improvements will be vetted by the Building Committee and closely coordinated with the Pastor before presentation to the whole Council for approval. The revised Standing Resolution #1 is as follows:

I. Whereas, Father Diamond Council operates its Council Providence Hall, on St. Leo's Parish property at the pleasure of the pastor; and

Whereas, The continuing needs of Father Diamond Council may require maintenance and/or improvements to Providence Hall; and

Whereas, Father Diamond Council currently has \$43,000 (plus or minus) in its building fund; now therefore

Be it resolved, That the current Grand Knight of Father Diamond Council and/or his successors appoint a Building Committee to devise a plan for the maintenance and/or improvement of Providence Hall, in coordination with the pastor, to meet the continuing needs of Father Diamond Council; and

Be it further resolved, that the status of said planning will be brought before the council periodically for information or decision by vote of the council as appropriate.

Discussion and voting in this resolution will occur at the first business meeting in February, 2020.

Thank You!!! For a Successful Knighthood Exemplification

We congratulate the 21 Brothers (2 from Fr. Diamond Council) who received the honors of Knighthood on January 25th. We also thank all those who assisted with making it a spectacular event... namely:

Set-Up of the Gym: George Billy, PGK, FDD, Tim Holleran, Nelson Clinch, PGK, Patrick Kiechlin, Dan O'Malley, PGK, and Joe Monnin

Breakfast: Jack Cotner, PGK, Scott Gaboury, Herb Zimmerman, PGK, and Charlie Kraiger

Parking Control: John Cesarini, Patrick Leffas, Francisco Klein, and Joe Monnin

Credentials: Dennis Makurat, PGK, FDD, Larry Holmes, PGK, Joe Gesker, PGK, Greg Skorupski, PGK, and Richard Healy, PGK

Warden's Aides: Dan O'Malley, PGK, and Tom Gross

Inside Guards: Joe Gesker, PGK, Kevin Kleponis, Raphael Nkurunziza, PGK, Mark Walther, and Matt Housely

Clean-Up of the Gym: Gib Flodine, GK, Raphael Nkurunziza, PGK, Joe Gesker, PGK, Kevin Kleponis, Greg Hartley, PGK, Mark Walther, (and many others...!!!)

Serving Lunch: Don Kehoe, PGK, FDD, PSD, FSS, Scott Gaboury, Greg Hartley, PGK, Hal Guidry, Matt West, PGK, Charlie Kraiger, Herb Zimmerman, PGK, and Al Leightley

Thanks to all of these gentlemen (and those whose names we missed) for all their hard work!

Fraternally,

Pat McGuire, PGK, DW & Dave Todd, Jr., PGK

January 2020 Knight of the Month



Every year our council has the distinction of helping at the March for Life to collect funds. These funds help sustain future marches as well as drawing attention to the importance of life. We are so close to the reversal of the traumatic decision of Roe vs Wade. It is with this belief that our Knight of the Month has made it a priority for the unborn. **Mike Plumstead** has led the efforts by coordinating both collections and the counting of collections. Thank you Mike for what you do for our church and the community.

January 2020 Family of the Month

The theme this year for our State Deputy is "Let your light shine". And this month's family is doing that!

During the darkness of early morning, **Bill Lane** and his sons **Connor and Ryan** assisted with setting up for the Family Breakfast. They seemed to be one-step ahead setting up tables, covering the tables and organizing the room. They left to attend 7:30AM mass and returned to help serve the parishioners their breakfast until after 10:00AM. The enthusiasm shown was overwhelming. It was a pleasure to sit and talk to Ryan and Connor. I see the potential for future brothers of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you Bill, Connor and Ryan for all that you do! It is enjoyable to have this family involved with our council.





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Field Agent's Corner

Love is in the air! We spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones during February and especially around Valentine's Day. Technically, it's St. Valentine's Day, originally the feast day of a Roman saint from the third century. We do know that this St. Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269, and the feast day was instituted by Pope Gelasius I in 496. But how did St. Valentine, a martyr, come to be associated with love and romance? Again, there is much speculation and one popular story is that he cured the blind daughter of his jailer. Before he was led off to his death, he wrote her a note and signed it "Your Valentine."

Unlike St. Valentine, most of us are not called to martyrdom, but we do think about our loved ones, and we write love notes and

greeting cards. Gifts are commonly given to the ones we love. But have you ever considered some special gifts for the ones you love?

That's what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they love someone. I bought life insurance because I love my wife and children. If I'm not here to provide for them I want to make sure they can stay in the same home we love; I want to make sure that my children will have the college education they will need; I want my family to continue to live the lifestyle I've been so fortunate to be able to provide. My whole life policy even has living benefits that I can enjoy now!

I want to make sure that if I am sick or hurt and can't work, my family still has money coming in to pay the bills. Disability Income Insurance helps provide for that.

I've been able to provide a lifestyle for my family, but sometime down the road, I'll take the assets I've accumulated and retire. Long Term Care Insurance helps me protect those assets in case I have an extended care event. I won't have to spend down all that I've saved to pay for care, I've shifted that risk to the Knights. My retirement annuities will help my wife and me enjoy our golden years. With a lifetime minimum interest rate guarantee, I know I'll always be in the black with my account.

All the products we have available are centered around protection, protection for me, for my family, and for what I've been able to save. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones?

Invite all men of the parish to attend a one day

Men's Retreat and Day of Recollection

The Next 40 Days "Get Behind Me Satan..." -
Matthew 16:23



Saturday, February 29
Knights of Columbus Hall
8:00AM – 3:30 PM
Free Admission

The retreat will begin with coffee donuts and registration at 7:45-8:00AM followed by Mass at 9:00AM. We will have inspirational speakers and lively discussions throughout the day (with a lunch) and culminating in evening prayer.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Mike Plumstead
(email - mplumstead@verizon.net)
Or

Call/Text Herb Zimmerman @ 703-623-6299

2020 Night of Magic

*Enjoy an evening of outstanding illusions performed by
The Society of American magicians Assembly #252*

Saturday, February 15th

Doors open @ 6:00 PM

Stage Show @ 7:00 PM

St. Leo the Great Catholic School Gym

3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA



Please RSVP to Patrick Leffas
703-436-2717 (text/call)



\$10 per adult
\$5 per child
(\$30 family max)

Admission includes pizza,
drinks, and close-up magic
before the stage show

St Patrick's Party and Grand Prize Raffle - March 21

- save the date -

The Knights of Columbus is hosting our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on Saturday March 21, celebrating Irish Music and Culture with a traditional Corned Beef Dinner, with live Irish music and dancing. This is a great family event with over 150 dinners served last year. Tickets are being sold in advance. Doors open at 6PM with dinner served family style. Raffle Tickets are going on sale for our St. Patrick Day Raffle, tickets are only \$20 with a limited number of tickets sold. Grand Prize is one round trip airline ticket to Ireland. Please contact **Pat Murray**, pjmurray@att.net, (703) 383-3436 or **Gerard Maguire**, gimaguire@gmail.com, (410) 330-9340 for tickets.



March For Life Collections a Huge Success!!

This year we had 26 collector ride down on the bus, including 8 students from Paul VI. Four other individuals, responsible for guarding and transporting the collections rode down in another car. We were joined by 4-5 other brother Knights who work in downtown DC and came out to help with collections. This year we collected over \$34,600 to continue funding the March for Life. Another great job by all Brother Knights of our council and especially our Chairman and his wife **Mike and Li Plumstead** who planned and coordinated the event. Thanks also to the many wives and brothers who came to the hall and counted all the money.

Field Agent's Corner (continued from Page 4)

After this Valentine's Day, let's sit down; you, me, and your wife and see where you stand. Go ahead and buy that greeting card, write her a love note, maybe even get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses. But remember, the gift of protection will be there when it's needed most.

Call me today at 703-622-2068, and we will set up a time to get together and show your love for your family by providing them the protection they deserve.

Blessings Leo

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	29	30	31	1
2 Scout Breakfast	3	4 7:30PM Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
9	10 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	11 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	12	13	14	15 6:00PM Night of Magic in gym
16 Family Breakfast after 7:30AM & 9:00AM masses	17	18 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	19 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:30PM Rosary 8:00 PM Business Meeting	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	29 8-3:30 Men's Retreat

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30PM Officers Meeting	4	5	6 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	7 State Meeting, Charlottesville
8	9 7:15PM Bingo Ffx Nursing Ctr	10 Nominating Committee starts 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	11	12	13 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	14 8AM - Rosary to End Abortion
15 Family Breakfast after 7:30AM & 9:00AM masses	16	17 11:00AM Grey Gosts Luncheon 7:30PM Ladies Meeting	18 7:30PM 4th Degree Meeting	19	20 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	21 St. Patrick's Day Party
22	23	24 7:30PM Rosary 8:00PM Business Meeting	25	26	27 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	28
29	30	31	1	2	3 (KofC Sponsored) 6PM Soup Supper-Guadalupe Room	4 8AM Rosary to End Abortion

Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen—2019-20

Officers

Grand Knight	Gib Flodine	703-201-0477
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Deputy GK	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Chancellor	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Financial Sec.	David Todd, Sr.	703-352-2724
Treasurer	Tom Gross	703-273-0631
Recorder	John Johnson	802-236-2192
Lecturer	Evan Frejo	405-831-6435
Advocate	Nelson Clinch	703-385-2146
Warden	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
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	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
2yr Trustee	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
1yr Trustee	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540

Program Directors

Programs	Mark Walther	703-766-5054
Faith	Herb Zimmerman	703-385-9455
Family	Pat McGuire	703-209-5288
Community	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
Life	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811

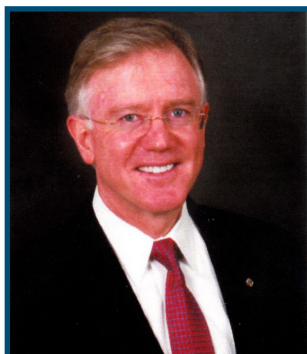
Committee Chairmen

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Admissions	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
Retention	Keith Morrison	703-304-8540
Vocations	Kevin Kleponis	304-804-1407
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Frat. Benefits	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Ins. Promotion	Leo Durán	703-622-2068
Providence Hall	Kitchen	703-385-8007

Project Chairmen

1st Deg. Team	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
2nd Deg. Team	Dave Todd, Sr	703-352-2724
Bowling Team	Dave Whitcomb	703-591-7739
Christmas Trees	Tim Tilson	703-273-9436
Car Raffle	Joe Gesker	703-435-4811
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.	Bill Weich	703-307-9163
Fraternal Prayer	Jack Cotner	703-323-5785
Gray GOSTs	Larry Novack	703-978-6137
KCIC	James Hogan	703-385-1292
KOVAR	Dan O'Malley	703-385-2010
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, Safeway and Shoppers Food Warehouse Food Cards Buy Food - Buy Gift Cards — Support the Knights

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 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 Shoppers Food Warehouse 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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