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Grand Knight's Message

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Grand Knight

Men,

This newsletter note is written on Thanksgiving Weekend, where I am truly thankful for the Men of the Father Diamond Council. As I look back on our Council's activities and accomplishments over the month of the November, I am reminded how fortunate we are to have a group of Men unified in Faith, committed to Charity, and dedicated to the growth of Order. The Council again demonstrated our commitment to support those in need through the great effort put in by Mark Walther, Pat McGuire, Gib Flodine, Adam Gruendl and other Knights who worked for many weeks collecting money and food baskets so those less fortunate can celebrate Thanksgiving. We must also mention Fellow Knight Francisco Klein, who for the past several years has spearheaded the Council's Coats for Kids Campaign donating new coats to local schools. After the solemn observance of Veterans Day, original known as Armistice Day, the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month, recognizing at our meeting those who have served our Great Nation in Uniform. The responsibility to grow our Order was evident with the great participation and response during our November 15th recruiting weekend. Our Council was represented well and through everyone's help we are attracting many Men who seek to serve and ensure the 50-year legacy of service at St. Leo the Great Parish. Finally, our Corporate Communion was celebrated in November, where we silently prayed for all the Knights who have earned the eternal reward. The Celebration of Mass together is the highest form of Prayer we as Knights can participate as a Council, recognizing the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and who we glorify through our works as a Council. We are so truly blessed as Council for commitment of Men and the many hours of service and sacrifice for our Church, and for our Community.

As we enter into Advent and prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas, let us remember the word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "coming". During the four weeks of Advent, we are preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the readings at Mass, we are asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Preparations are important during Advent. We prepare at home and at the church. But the most important preparation is the preparation of our hearts. Prayer is a beautiful way to help cut away from distractions of the season and open your heart to prepare for the joy and hope of Christ's birth. As we enter December, we have our Christmas Tree Sales throughout the month, First Friday holy hour at 1 AM on Dec 6, Parish Sunday on December 7 where we will be recruiting again, and our Christmas reception on December 13th.

Please know of my continued prayers for my fellow Knights and your families during this time of preparation for the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

A special thanks to our 4th Degree Brothers and fellow Knights Sipa Sikalu and Mark Walther who supported the Christ the King Procession through the City of Fairfax.

Finally, we are having our 100 Man Initiative again this year on Dec 9th at 730PM with a picture at 8PM and a social hour after the picture. It is important as we close out the calendar to take time and reflect on the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that are products of our works of service here at St. Leo's. I hope to see you there,

Patrick Murray, Grand Knight



Congratulations to Ben and Dorothy Schaefer on 71 yrs of marriage

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Daniel "Dan" Perugini, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we enter the month of December, we remember month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life." — *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic
 This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone — 'our tainted nature's solitary boast'— never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sin or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." — Luis M. Martinez

Many thanks to all the Knights who have contributed in any way to our Council this past year, through service or through simple prayers. We are so fortunate through the Grace of God to have such a strong group of Men dedicated to the ideals of our order, Fraternity, Charity, and Unity.

Special thanks to those who helped with the Recruiting weekend, Christmas Cards sales, Christmas Trees Setup, and the Corporal Communion. For this and other activities that we do on behalf of the Council and

the Church the support and assistance appreciated by the parish and leadership.

We have quite a few activities in December where we could use your support:

December 2nd – 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

December 6th – 1-2 Am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary to End Abortion 830AM

December 7th – Parish Sunday (Hotdog Assistance/Recruiting Table)

December 9th – 100 Man Celebration Business Meeting 8PM

December 13th – Rosary to End Abortion, Christmas Party

December 25th – Christmas

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next t to do next; virtue is doing it." -- David Starr Jordan

Dan, Deputy Grand Knight



The legends are true about the 3 Tree Prius!!! They got 4 this time



All Knights invited **100 Man Initiative Dec 9 7:30PM**....All Council photo 8PM followed by social hour.

Come be part of the picture this year

Chaplain's Message

Rev. Fr. James Joseph, Council Chaplain



Advent is a time of many important celebrations of our Lady. Here at St. Leo's, because of the great diversity of our community, we celebrate many of them in style. To wit, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patron of the United States, our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas, Lady of Loreto, the nine-day novena of Simbang Gabi Masses, and of course the *Rorate Caeli* Masses, votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin on Saturday, traditionally celebrated by candlelight in early morning. It is such a joy to prepare for Christmas by remembering our Lady and the many ways in which she is our common mother.

One lady who is often left out, however, is St. Lucy, whom we celebrate on December 13. In centuries past, St. Lucy was one of the most popular saints. In Dante's *Divine Comedy*, the Blessed Virgin sends her to Beatrice, Dante's muse, who in turn sends the poet Vergil to him to begin his cosmic journey. In this, we see the medieval love and devotion to St. Lucy.

Santa Lucia. Her name means 'light.' Dante has her descending from the throne of the Virgin like light out of heaven to enlighten his eyes. In her biography in the *Golden Legend*, she is blessed with great wisdom. Inspired by the great St. Agatha, a native like her of Sicily, she and her mother give away all they have. They see clearly the value of heavenly things above earthly things.

When this giving away of their wealth brings the ire of her pagan fiancé, she stands firm, even when he denounces her to the magistrate. The magistrate tries everything to persuade her to apostatize. At one point, like in the story of St. Agnes, he even orders her dragged off to be abused in a brothel so she will lose her treasured chastity, but the Holy Spirit causes her to be immovable, and they cannot lift her. She declares, "It is the work of God, and if thou settest thereto yet ten thousand, they should not move me." They then throw her in a fire, which spectacularly fails to harm her at all. Finally in desperation, they cut her throat.

She is often used in medieval and later literature as a personification or a bearer of heavenly light, the light we need to tell true from false, good from evil. The Swedes famously have the tradition of wearing leafy crowns with lighted candles in them, to symbolize her light in the darkness of winter. Later legend grew up which held that she had put out her own eyes, because her beauty was leading men astray. This is why she is often pictured with her two eyes on a platter. She is consequently the patron of all diseases and disorders of the eyes.

Financial Advisor Report



Robert "Bob" Canter Jr.

As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it's undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them. These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen?

I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance. The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payments, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly. Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds of a growing financial legacy — a foundation to give your loved ones so they can continue to build upon what you've worked for.

Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives.

Bob Canter, FICF, LUTCF, CSA

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Chancellor Report



Daniel "Dan" Drummond, Chancellor

It is said that many hands make light work. And that is certainly the case of recruiting more Catholic men to the Knights of Columbus.

The month of November found me, Grand Knight Pay Murray, and so many of our men from Council 6292, fishing for men to join our fraternity. Whether it was

at Masses during the weekend of November 15-16, at the school, or in the larger community, we have been active in bringing more men into the fold.

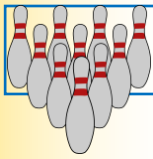
Our harvest, if you will, is yielding great results. Nearly three dozen men signed up over the course of the month, looking for more information or to join. At our last meeting in November, several men were nominated for membership. We are moving forward fast!

December 9 is going to be a special day as we hold an exemplification to officially bring men in by conferring on them their degrees. Those who are joining represent a broad demographic swath - men who have just joined the Church; others who have been involved in other ways and have discovered the Knights.

No matter the reason that a man joins the Knights, we welcome them. They are joining us to serve - their Church, their communities, and their families. We look forward to having them be part of an ever-growing order where service to others, as Jesus commands, is the core of who we are.

Vivat Jesus!

Daniel F. Drummond



Bowling League 2026

The Fr. Diamond Council invite all who wish to have fun and enjoy bowling during the winter months to come out and bowl with us starting Sunday January 4. This will be a 12 or 14-week league on Sundays at 6:30PM. We will be off on Superbowl Sunday and on Easter Sunday. We bowl at Bowl America 9699 Lee Hwy Fairfax Va 22031. We will have 3 Person teams. Bowling on most Sundays will be done by 8:30PM. You do not have to have a team to bowl we will assign you to a team. I hope you can join us. For more info contact Keith Morrison at (703) 304-8540 or Tim Hogan at (703) 926-4347.

Treasurer's Report – 10/1-31/2025

INCOME for October \$ **12,119.47**

EXPENSES for October \$ **14,667.38**

Operating Fund Net (\$ **2,547.91**)

United Checking	\$ 29,493.76
United Checking (2)	\$ 773.08
Investment Fund	\$ 41,339.23
RTL Fun	\$ 4,852.92
Contingency Fund	\$ 36,987.67
Member Asst Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$ 4,100.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$ 871.00)
PKD Collections	(\$ 369.11)
VKCCI Collections	(\$ 27.00)

Net Assets \$ 117,279.55

December Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
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Jeffrey E Fernandez	4	Herbert F Zimmerman	13	Jaime Argandona	20	Patrick J Kiechlin	27
Sam R Gaboury	7	Michael J Mc Kinley	14	Joseph M Kanyan	21	William T Mundy	27
Daniel Taggart I	7	Eugene T Ransom Jr	14	Timothy J Malloy	23	David M Pizzano	27
Michael S Pipan Jr	11	Alexander A Navarro	15	Matthew J Rodjom	24	Dennis J Howley	28
William W Weich	12	Anthony S Kirkwood	18	Albano A Garcia	27	Patrick J Murray	28
Kevin A Mc Grail	13	Anil K Arakal	20	Timothy J Hartzell	27	Daniel Csizmar	30
						Andrew J Dudik	30



Knight of the Month – November

Francisco Klein

Francisco has led the Council's Coats for Kids Effort single handedly raising monies and donating new coats for kids in need at local elementary schools. Francisco is active in the 4th Degree and participates regularly in our Council's fundraiser by selling trees every year with his tree team. We are fortunate to have Men like Francisco to lead efforts on behalf of the Council in support of our Community. We recognize Francisco Keln as thee November Father Diamond Council Knight of the Month



Family of the Month— November

George and Thelma Billy

It is so special to witness the love and sacrifice that the Feed the Homeless group does multiple times throughout the year. Unless you stop by the Hall to see the food preparation, packaging, preparation for delivery and the departure of all the people going to the Shelter, it is difficult to appreciate the effort put in to pull this program off. It is an honor to recognize George and Thelma Billy as the Father Diamond Council Family of the Month for their 30 year leadership of Feed the Homeless.

Providence Hall Schedule for Decmeber 2025

Date	Group/Time
Dec. 1	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Dec. 2	Council Officer's Meeting/7:30pm-9:00pm
Dec. 3	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm
Dec. 6	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Sons & Daughters of Italy Meeting/3:00pm-9:30pm
Dec. 8	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Dec. 9	Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
Dec. 10	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm
Dec. 13	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Council Christmas Party/10:00am-10:00pm
Dec. 15	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Dec. 16	Gray GOST Luncheon/9:00am-1:00pm Faith Formation Ministry/5:00pm-9:00pm
Dec. 17	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm Assembly Meeting/4:00pm-9:30pm
Dec. 18	Feed the Homeless Food Prep/10:00am-4:00pm
Dec. 19	Feed the Homeless Food Prep/10:00am-4:00pm
Dec. 20	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Feed the Homeless Delivery & Clean up/7:00am-2:00pm
Dec. 22	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Dec. 27	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am
Dec. 29	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm




 Father Diamond
 Knights of Columbus
Holiday Party
Saturday 13 6:30pm
December

Appetizers, Roast Loin of Pork,
 Vegetables, Potatoes,
 Salad, Dessert,
 Beer, Wine, Soda, and Coffee
Providence Hall Cost: \$20 pp

Space Limited. Walk-ins not guaranteed.
 RSVP to Tony Pierno by December 9th
 at 516-445-3613 or
 Tonyp28840@yahoo.com

Door Prizes **50/50 Raffle**
 to benefit KOVAR

Chicken Pot Pie Fundraiser!



The Knights of Columbus will be selling homemade Chicken Pot Pies!
 Take and bake (Frozen)

Cost \$25.00 for a 9 in deep dish (feeds 4) or \$7.00 for a single-serve pie.

When you place your order please indicate:

1. How many pies would you like?
2. What size pies (Family or Single)?

To order please email your order to:
foodfitforaknight@gmail.com

This is an RSVP and Pick Up ONLY event. Please order by Tuesday January 5, 2026

Pies to be picked up on Saturday January 17, 2026, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM
 at Providence Hall 3702 Blenheim Boulevard Fairfax VA, 22030

For more information about KOVAR please visit the website at <http://kovarva.org/>

Thank you for your support of KOVAR – James Hogan, KOVAR Chairman

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 Officers Meeting	3	4	5	6 1-2AM Eucharistic Adoration
7	8	9 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Business Meeting	10	11	12	13 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion 6PM Council Christmas Party
14	15	16 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon	17 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS!	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 1-2AM Adoration
4	5	6 Officers Meeting	7	8	9	10 8AM Rosary to End Abortion
11	12	13 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Meeting	14	15	16	17 KOVAR Pot Pie Pickup
18	19	20 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon	21 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	22	23 March For Life	24
25	26	27 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Meeting	28	29	30	31