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February 2026



Grand Knight's Message

Patrick "Pat" Murray, Grand Knight

Men,

January has again seen many initiatives and efforts led by Brother Knights which continue to demonstrate our commitment to our mission of service to our Priests, Our Church and our Community. Many thanks to Mark Woznak for his leadership and service in leading the breakdown of the creche as we get back to Ordinary time in the Church calendar. During January, Tim Hogan and team including James Hogan, Dennis McNaughton and Keith Morrison continued the work on ceilings which, as of now, only the Men's Room Ceiling remains to be completed with some other small pieces throughout the Hall. Additionally, with the support of Larry Cook and Tony Pierno, we started to prepare the Hall for painting which will occur on the weekends of Feb 7/8 and 14/15. Additional help is needed to finalize preparations for painting on Sunday Feb 1.

Thanks also go out to Mark Cameron for his leadership on the March for Life collection campaign, with collections totaling over \$7,300. While the collection totals are smaller than in previous years, we are reminded by the many return marchers, of the importance of a visible presence of the Knights of Columbus standing for Life at the March.

As we enter into the month of February, our minds begin to think about the sacrifices we are planning during this upcoming Lent as Ash Wednesday is Wednesday Feb 18th. In February, we will need support at the Soup Suppers starting on Feb 21st and our Open Council meeting on February 24th. This will be the second of three reflections, titled Holy Silence – Removing distractions to focus on our Lord. Let us remember the words of Pope Benedict XVI – “The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”

Patrick Murray, Grand Knight

100 Man
Initiative
2025



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Daniel "Dan" Perugini, Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

As we enter the month of February we remember it is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Special thanks to those who helped with the March for Life. 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 February where we could use your support:

February 3rd – 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

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

February 8th – Stewardship Sunday

February 10th – Business Meeting 8PM

February 14th – Rosary to End Abortion, Trivia Night, Fat Tuesday

February 24th – Business Meeting 8 PM/COR Holy Silence



KOVAR Pot Pies 2026 (L to R: Mark, Beth, Julie, Nelson)

All Saints Car Raffle

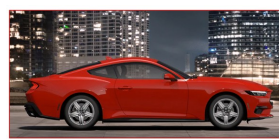
All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited St. Leo Church parishioners to participate in their Multi-Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas: Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid), and Bronco Sport. One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$42,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes. Parishioners will receive tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. For additional tickets, please contact James Beauchamp, jgb5806@verizon.net or 703-915-3504. Feel free to stop by to say Hi and/or to assist at the ticket table in the church vestibule after Masses on Feb. 28-March 1 and March 7-8. The vehicles pictured here are representative of, not the actual, prize vehicles.



2026 Ford Escape



2026 Ford Maverick Truck



2026 Ford Mustang



2026 Ford Bronco Sport

Financial Advisor Report



Robert "Bob" Canter Jr.
 Do you have goals in mind for this year?
 It may be February, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health.

You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time. If you've gotten married, welcomed or are expecting a baby, changed careers or purchased a home, these are good reasons to evaluate your life insurance coverage.

Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working.

It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably?

It's not too late to set goals for 2026. If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!
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Chancellor Report



Daniel "Dan" Drummond, Chancellor
 This year's March for Life brought out tens of thousands of people supporting the sanctity of life, an end to abortion, and for a nation to care for the weakest among us - the unborn. It was also a time when our fellow Knights came together to support this seminal event.

And our Council certainly did its part, standing among the crowd with buckets in hand, asking people to donate to the March. As people dropped in coins and bills, they came up to the Knights to make a donation. They also offered words of thanks. In return, we thanked them for being there.

What we did in those few hours mattered and showed the power the Knights of Columbus can have within a community. God has been so good to us, too, as our numbers continue to increase and we see ever-increasing participation in our programming and activities. The Knights in our Council are doing great work by asking their fellow Catholic men whether they are interested in joining our order. Many are, and I continue to look forward to setting up interviews, getting men through the process, and eventually to Exemplification.

In February, we will have an open house on February 24, and I ask that all of us in the Council invite their Catholic men to a "Knight Out" so they can learn more about us, what we do, and how they can be involved. We can even sign men up that night!

Now is a great time to be part of 6292, so share the good news and seek other men who will only make us stronger in service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

KOVAR 2025-2026

One of our biggest fundraisers is **KOVAR**, where from throughout the state of Virginia raise money to support individuals with intellectual disabilities. Throughout the years, has been a leader in this worthy cause. Let's continue the tradition – please be generous. There are several ways to contribute:

KOVAR is listed with both the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the United Way of the Greater DC Area and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign State Employees

CFC - #42569

United Way Campaigns in the Greater D.C. Area - #8838

Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign - State Employees - #200467

Checks may be submitted:

Written to Father Diamond Council 6292. Place **KOVAR** in memo field (6292 in the memo field)

Send checks to:

KOVAR

P.O. Box 20872

Roanoke, VA 24018-0088

Anyone participating in contributing to KOVAR through these programs, please give a photocopy of your receipt with your signature and membership number to James Beauchamp, KOVAR Chairman.

You can make an online payment to KOVAR, by using the link: [KOVAR](#) or the QR code

Please enter council number **6292** in appropriate field.



HELP NEEDED

ABC Store Weekend: April 10-12, 2026
 St. Leo's: April 25-26, 2026

Contact James Hogan if you can help out
Hoganjames105@gmail.com

February Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day
John P Cesarini	1	Marc R Surette	6
Timothy Delaney	2	Frank J Cuccias	10
Scott D Gaboury	5	Eric S Vallone	11
Michael P Johnson	6	Charles A Kraiger	12
Joseph M Gesker	13	Jose A Trujillo Sr	20
Harold J Guidry	13	Robert J Mc Mahon	22
Steven P Blaine	15	Rev. Fr John Baptist Ku	26
Francis J Loughney, PSD	19	Raul E Rojas	27

Treasurer's Report – 12/1-31/2025

INCOME for December \$41,673.02
 EXPENSES for December \$24,221.01
 Operating Fund Net \$17,282.40

United Checking	\$43,658.53
United Checking (2)	\$773.08
Investment Fund	\$61,384.93
RTL Fun	\$4,872.21
Contingency Fund	\$37,135.70
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$1,650.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$1,130.00)
PKD Collections	(\$689.72)
VKCCI Collections	(\$148.00)

Net Assets \$ 150,474.45



Knight of the Month – January

Larry Cook

Larry is one of those Knights that can always be counted on to support the Councils mission. He answers the call to help at the many different activities, selling trees, supporting Parish Picnic, helping at Altar Server Picnic, and most recently helping to prepare the Hall for painting. He is one of the many Brother Knights who contribute quietly but always has a presence. Larry serves as Lector and represents the Lector Ministry at the monthly First Friday Holy Hour in the early morning. Our Council would not be able to fulfill its mission without men like Larry. Congratulations to Larry Cook, the January Knight of the Month.



Family of the Month— January

The Cameron Family

Mark in his role as the March For Life Chairman has made it a family affair. Mark with of course the support of his wife Melanie and his children plan and coordinate the notification to the Council, supplies, and counting efforts at the Hall for the March for Life collection. At the March, Mark is there with his family representing the Knights and Standing for Life. Congratulations to the Cameron Family, the January Father Diamond Council Family of the Month.

Blessed Michael McGivney Guild

Website:
fathermcgivney.org



Benefits:
 quarterly news-
 letter (updates
 on the canoni-
 zation cause)

a weekly Mass
 offered



GK Pat gives PGK James his PGK award.

Providence Hall Schedule for January 2026

Date	Group/Time
Feb. 2	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 3	Council Officer's Meeting/7:30pm-9:00pm
Feb. 4	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm Assembly Officer's Meeting/7:30-9:00
Feb. 7	Hall Painting Project/All Day
Feb. 8	Hall Painting Project/All Day
Feb. 9	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 10	Funeral Reception/9:00am-2:00pm Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 11	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm Assembly Meeting/4:00pm-9:30pm
Feb. 14	Hall Painting Project/All Day
Feb. 15	Hall Painting Project/All Day
Feb. 16	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 17	Gray GOST Luncheon/9:00am-1:00pm Faith Formation Ministry/5:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 18	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm
Feb. 21	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am
Feb. 23	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 24	Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
Feb. 25	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm
Feb. 28	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am American Heritage Girls Meeting/8:00am-9:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am



Chaplain's Message

Rev. Fr. James Joseph, Council Chaplain

Last year in February, I drew attention to the feast of Candlemas, on which we celebrate the growing Light of Christ in the darkness of midwinter. This is the feast of our Lady's Purification, in which she submitted to the Law of Moses to redeem her firstborn son in the Temple in Jerusalem. But this is not the only unfortunately overlooked feast in February.

February 14 is still observed in some places as the feast of St. Valentine, commonly called Valentine's Day by many who often do not know he is a saint. There is some difficulty with St. Valentine, as there appear to be several martyr saints by that name from late antiquity. 'Valens' means 'strong,' (there was an emperor called Valens, r. 364-378) and was a very popular name at the time. The Roman Martyrology, however, the Church's official listing of the martyrs, makes note of a martyr called Valentine who died on the *via Flaminia*, the road out of Rome leading northeast. He is thought to have lived somewhere around the third century. According to tradition, the remains of St. Valentine were kept for many years in his burial place, a catacomb on the *via Flaminia*. Later, they were placed in churches in Rome. A discerning pilgrim can still find his skull in a reliquary house by the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin – more famous for the Mouth of Truth, a stone face outside the church, in the mouth of which tourists stick their hands. The legend (made famous in the 1953 movie *Roman Holiday*) is that the mouth will bite off the hand of someone who swears falsely.

The story of St. Valentine is uncertain, as all that is known for sure is his name and his martyrdom. He may have been a priest of Rome, or perhaps the bishop of Terni, a city that still reveres a bishop named Valentine as its patron. But there are other common stories about him. The tale is often told that he preached before the emperor, enraging him and causing his own beheading. That he performed miracles. And most common of all, that he married Christian couples in secret, after the emperor forbade marriage for a time to encourage the focused training of his soldiers. This last is how he became a patron of love and romance.

Because of the uncertainty of information about him, he was dropped from the universal calendar in 1969. But St. Valentine remains a saint, and whatever the truth about him, he is still in heaven and can pray for us.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Meeting	28	29	30	31
1	2	3 Officers Meeting	4	5	6	7 1-2AM Adoration
8	9	10 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Meeting	11 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion
15	16	17 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20 Parish Soup Suppers	21
22	23	24 6:45PM Dinner 7:30PM Rosary 8PM Meeting	25	26 Tentative Degree	27 Parish Soup Suppers	28

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30 PM Officers Meeting	4	5	6 Parish Soup Suppers	7 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration
8	9	10 8PM Meeting	11	12	13 Parish Soup Suppers	14 8:30AM Rosary to End Abortion
15	16	17 11AM Gray Gost Luncheon	18 8PM 4th Degree Meeting	19	20 Parish Soup Suppers	21 Men's Retreat
22	23	24 6:45PM Dinner 8PM Meeting	25	26	27 Parish Soup Suppers	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration