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March 2026

## Grand Knight's Message

*Patrick "Pat" Murray, Grand Knight*



Fellow Knights,

I want to thank everyone who has supported our continued efforts on the Hall Improvement Project. This month we completed not only the painting of the Hall, but also the ceiling tile replacement project. In March, we will have professional cleaning and maintenance of the commercial kitchen and the new venetian blinds installed and of course the purchase of the new TV.

I appreciate everyone who has purchase or contributed to the window blinds and TV, I will be in contact with everyone to complete those contributions. Needless to say this has been an extremely difficult project to coordinate and there are too many names to list for all of those who supported the Council to get this completed.

As we progress through our Lenten Journey of sacrifice and prayer, we have many opportunities for continued service and preparation for the coming of our Risen Lord at Easter.

Through participation in the Soup Suppers every Friday, our upcoming Inaugural Fish Dinner, our Lenten Retreat on March 21st or in support our Parish at the Clean-Out Day on March 14th.

Finally, A reminder for our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 14th at 630PM. Great Live Music and the best Corned Beef in town! Please consider joining us for this great event.

## Tour of Marine Corps Museum

On Saturday March 7, 2026, our Assembly is looking to take a tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at 9AM. Our Docent at the National Museum will be Kevin O'Keefe Former Colonel USMC (Retired). Kevin comes from a long line of family members in military service to our Great Nation. We are honored to have him as our Guide thru this Museum. The Marine Corps celebrates its yearlong 250th Anniversary of Service to our Nation. Please join us as we Tour this amazing Museum of the Marine Corps. We will meet at 8:45 AM in front of the Museum. The tour should last about 2 ½ hours and the if you like we can eat lunch at the restaurant there. The cost of the tour is free along with parking. This is a family event. All are welcome.

We can meet at Providence Hall on Saturday March 7 at 0800 (8AM) and carpool down to the Museum or I will see you there by 9AM  
National Museum of the Marine Corps, 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, Va.

Please RSVP to Tim Hogan 703-926-4347 or email [timlhogan@yahoo.com](mailto:timlhogan@yahoo.com) by Friday March 5, 2026

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

*Daniel "Dan" Perugini, Deputy Grand Knight*

Brothers,

As we enter the month of March, we remember this month is dedicated to the St. Joseph. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical [Quamquam Pluries](#) (*On the Devotion to St. Joseph*) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint: "Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties. ...It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ."

One hundred years later John Paul II echoes his predecessor in his 1989 Apostolic Exhortation [Redemptoris Custos](#) (Guardian of the Redeemer), hoping "that all may grow in devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church and in love for the Savior whom he served in such an exemplary manner ... In this way the whole Christian people not only will turn to St. Joseph with greater fervor and invoke his patronage with trust, but also will always keep before their eyes his humble, mature way of serving and of "taking part" in the plan of salvation." St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church. He is the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his death-bed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage.— *Jennifer Gregory Miller*

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. 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:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30 PM Officers Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting 8PM, Rosary 7:30PM

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Rosary to End Abortion 8:30AM

March 6<sup>th</sup> – 1-2 Am Eucharistic Adoration

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting 8PM, Rosary 7:30PM, Dinner 6:45PM

## 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](mailto: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.*

Brothers, Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates — for example, if your salary changed, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus.

Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition.

This might also be a good time to review your investment portfolio with a financial advisor from Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Investments have tax implications, especially with dividends, capital gains or losses, and required minimum distributions. By carefully understanding how your investments are taxed, you can work to reduce your overall tax burden while pursuing your long-term financial goals.

By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. His mission of protecting Catholic families is as important today as it was for the first members who gathered all those years ago.

I'd love to talk more if you have any questions. Please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:Hoganjames105@gmail.com)

### Soup Supper Volunteers

The Knights will again be coordinating Lenten Soup Suppers in the gym. This will be on the following Fridays: 02/20, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13, and 03/20. We could especially use help with set-up, starting at 5:30 PM, serving the food at 6:30 PM, and finally with clean up at 7:30 PM.

Additionally, the Council will not have a Friday night where we are responsible to bring soups. (Instead we will be running a fish 'fry' on March 27.) But if you wish to bring in a meatless soup on one of the Friday's mentioned above, please do. Just bring it in by 6 PM, with a list of ingredients and let me know.

If you would like to help or have questions, please call/text Jim at 703-915-3504 or via email at [jgb5806@verizon.net](mailto:jgb5806@verizon.net)

### Treasurer's Report – 1/1-31/2025

INCOME for January \$ 2,568.68  
 EXPENSES for January \$ 14,797.06  
 Operating Fund Net \$(12,423.77)

United Checking	\$31,234.76
United Checking (2)	\$773.08
Investment Fund	\$61,500.93
RTL Fun	\$4,881.42
Contingency Fund	\$37,205.88
Member Asst Fund	\$1,000.00
Outstanding Scrip	\$4,050.00
KOVAR Collections	(\$130.00)
PKD Collections	(113.82)
VKCCI Collections	(32.00)

**Net Assets \$140,370.25**



### Knight of the Month – February

This month we want to recognize **PGK**

**James Beauchamp** as the Knight of the Month. James is currently running two major initiatives in support of the Council and the Parish. As the Car Raffle Chairman he is working at each Mass selling tickets and doing the administrative back office work required to make this event successful. James is also the Chairman of the Soup Suppers....making sure the gym is set up and there is enough salad and soup for all. We are fortunate to have Men like James willing to lead and serve as an example for other Men in our Parish.



### Family of the Month— February

**Tim, James and Priscilla Hogan**

if you have been around the Hall you will have seen our new ceiling tiles. Since Christmas James and Tim have been working on multiple Saturdays to reinstall the insulation and complete the replacement of the ceiling tiles throughout the Hall. While both serve as Officers in the Knights of Columbus, the efforts in developing the plan and completing the ceiling with of course Priscilla in the background cannot be understated. Congratulations in being selected as Family of the Month.

### March Birthday Wishes

Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day
Rene L Gutierrez	2	Patrick A Mc Guire	7	Donald R Kehoe	14	Christopher Yablonski	27
Joseph M Pileggi	2	David H Knapp	8	William P Lane Jr	14	Tom Coyle Jr	28
Luis A Roa	3	Edward P Cuccias	9	Jose J Lopez	14	James T Hogan	30
Matthew L Shufflebarger	3	Cesar F Pena	10	Joseph P Underwood	16	Mark D Walther	30
Mark A Marple	6	Patrick W Dunne	11	Richard D Worthington	24	Charles S Buchanan	31
Jose A Trujillo Jr	6	John Alexander Jr	13	Jason N Detten	25		

## Providence Hall Schedule for March 2026

March 2	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
March 3	Council Officer's Meeting/7:30pm-9:00pm
March 4	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm
March 7	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am Lenten Family Movie Night/6:00pm-9:00pm
March 9	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
March 10	Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
March 12	American Heritage Girls/3:30pm-9:00pm
March 16	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
March 17	Gray GOST Luncheon/9:00am-1:00pm Faith Formation/5:00pm-9:00pm
March 18	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm Assembly Business Meeting/4:00pm-9:00pm
March 19	Kitchen Cleaning/9:00am-5:00pm
March 21	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am Men's Retreat/7:00am-3:00pm
March 23	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm
March 24	Council Business Meeting/7:00pm-9:00pm
March 25	Senior Citizen Craft Event/1:00pm-4:00pm
March 28	St. Ignatius Men's Group/5:30am-8:00am American Heritage Girls/8:00am-9:00am Coffee & Donuts/9:30am-11:00am
March 30	Cursillos Leadership Meeting/6:00pm-9:00pm



## Chaplain's Message

Rev. Fr. James Joseph, Council Chaplain

We are in the midst of Lent. The Old English word is *lencten*, which means the season of Spring, but the Latin is *Quadragesima*, or 40 days. It is that season of the year when we come face to face with ourselves, confront the ugliness within us, and ask God for pardon and help. It is a spiritual retreat for all of us that comes around – thanks be to God – every year.

Last year, I wrote in March about St. Patrick's Day. And so, I wish to make note here of a special site associated with St. Patrick and the season of Lent. In the middle of Lough Derg lies an island called Station Island, on which there is a cave known as 'St. Patrick's Purgatory.' According to ancient tradition, in a vision, our Lord showed St. Patrick in this cave an entrance to Purgatory and the saint founded a monastery here to care for the site. After the time of St. Patrick, the Canons Regular of St. Augustine took over care of the monastery. For centuries since then, Christians from all over the world have come to this place on pilgrimage – a three day retreat which consists of fasting, silent prayer, Masses and Offices, and bodily penances. Unfortunately, the cave itself has been closed since 1632 and most of the early records are lost – a result of the Penal Laws against Catholic religious practice in Ireland. But the tradition of pilgrimage to this place has never been extinguished. It remains one of the most popular retreats in Europe.

Traditions like this can be of great help to us. They remind us of the importance and usefulness of bodily penances – fasting, abstinence, and sacrifices – in a world that has largely abandoned them. They remind us of the pilgrimage not as a vacation or a trip abroad, but as itself a penance and an opportunity for prayer. They remind us of the true meaning of Lent.

St. Leo's will be visiting St. Patrick's Purgatory on our Ireland Pilgrimage, October 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. I invite you to join us! Please see the flyer in the vestibule or contact the office for more details. I hope you will be able to join us for the unique opportunity to travel in the footsteps of St. Patrick, and in doing so, come closer of God.

**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 St. Patrick's Day Party 6PM
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 Fish Fry	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 1-2 AM Eucharistic Adoration

**April 2026**

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