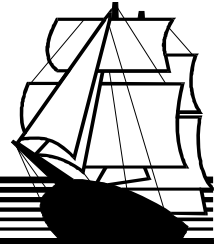


# MARINER



K N I G H T S O F C O L U M B U S

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## Council Community Programs: Let's All Get Involved

*Get involved in community activities. It feels good. We have a real crunch of projects mid-April to mid-May; so pencil in some weekends then for us. In the meantime, the next two months of November and December afford some good starter projects. Find out more about our more-than-a-dozen ongoing activities at the council Web site or by contacting the individual program leaders, whom we list here, or Gene Molinelli at [e.molinelli@att.net](mailto:e.molinelli@att.net) or 703-250-4150.*

\* **Community Programs Phone Tree.** We have need for Knights with e-mail access and a telephone to help program leaders roust up the membership for these activities. As a member of the phone tree, you spend about one hour spread over 10 days for each of four or five events a year (a total commitment of about six hours a year). You call 20 Knights on a list e-mailed to you for each event. And the best part — you don't get called for the event you are calling about! Great duty for knights who can't make the heavier lifting events. Contact Gene Molinelli at [e.molinelli@att.net](mailto:e.molinelli@att.net) or 703-250-3927 to join the phone tree. Thanks to the phone tree, we obtained a good turnout for the Route 123 Cleanup and NVTC Oktoberfest. Callers have begun to remind Knights of the annual Charity Ball/Silent Auction for Marian Homes. The callers for these events included: Paul Armstrong, Steve Brown, Mike Burbach, Tom Clohisy, Tom Copeland, John Enzmann, David Evans, Pete Garry, Mark Haaland, Kurt Meinsen, Scott Leitch, Jack McCole, Tom McFarland, Gene Molinelli, Steve Morales, Carlos Otal, Bob Ritchie, John Steinbicker and Roger Wesley. Without these knights leading these efforts, we'd have to scale back our community involvement considerably.

\* **Route 123 Cleanup.** Our council has adopted a two-mile stretch of Ox Road from Fairfax Station Road south to Chapel Road. David Evans leads this effort. Many hands make light work, and the job is done under two hours with a dozen Knights working.

The last cleanup on Saturday, September 29, was performed by Knights with last names beginning with the letters A through G. Fifteen Knights (and one Knight's

son) participated, which allowed us to finish in 1.5 hours by 10 a.m.. Thanks to all who participated: Edward Barker, Richard Bulova, Don Even, Jim Cella, Gene

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## Grand Knight's Message



*Knights of Council 8600:  
Making a Difference*

### Brothers,

As a Knight of Council 8600, are you fulfilling Fr. McGivney's vision? Have you made an impact? Are you making a difference, knowing that One Man Can Make a Difference, Because One Man Already Has: **Fr. Michael J. McGivney?**

In 1882, Fr. McGivney's conception was to form an organization of Catholic men who would band together to:

- aid one another in times of sickness and death;
- strengthen their families and themselves in faith;
- provide strong support for the priests; and
- to be of service to the Church and their community.

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## Grand Knight's Message

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From that humble beginning, what a difference Fr. McGivney's vision has made for the world. Today, the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic service organization in the world. We are 1.7 million strong and Fr. McGivney is even being considered for sainthood.

This past weekend, we conducted a Membership Drive and asked the parishioners of St. Mary of Sorrows: **Who Are These Men They Call Knights?**

We conveyed that we are in our search for the next generation of Knights; we are looking for men . . .

- of character and conviction who are driven by their faith and conscience to selflessly serve our families, our Church and our community;

- who are guided by Our Four Core Principles—**Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism;**

- that speak out for religious and moral values;
- that will actively encourage and promote religious vocations;

- that support our priests, parish and community; and
- who defend and promote the "Sanctity of Life."

We see our Knights . . .

- supporting our Church on the pastoral board, in

parish social ministry, as lectors, as ushers, as leaders and sponsors for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RICA), as Eucharistic Ministers, as members of choir. etc.;

- supporting First Friday Adorations, our parish sick and disabled, and other parish activities;

- actively participating in our fund raising events such as pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, Christmas tree sales;

- in our community, helping out those in need with our "Improve-a-Home" program, Special Olympics, NOVA Training Center, Annual KOVAR drive, Marion Homes, Wounded Warrior, Hurricane Relief, Fairfax Hypothermia, Scouting, Squires and Squire Roses, Rt. 123 Road Cleanup, etc.

Expectations as a Knight of Columbus are "High." We are challenged by our priests, parish and community to "Walk the Talk." These are not hollow words.

Continue to lead by example and be a Knight that is "Making a Difference."

Who Are These Men They Call Knights? They are the Knights of St. Mary of Sorrows Council 8600.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Johnny D. Restivo*

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September 4, 2007

Brother Knights and Friends,

I'm back in circulation after four months medical and rehab treatment for a severe stroke I suffered in mid-April. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for what Council 8600 has done for my wife and me over the last few weeks. In particular I would like to recognize and thank Brother Dan Turgeon for his many hours of the absolutely professional work he has done, all with his characteristic smile and good humor, in making my home safe for my return by installing three levels of stairway railings, two sets of safety bars and access steps so that I can get around my home safely, and thanks to the Council for providing the funds for the project. For my wife and I, this was surely a gift from God, and exemplified the true spirit of our Order. My wife and I will be ever in your debt, and hope that we can in some way and at some time, reciprocate your kindness and thoughtfulness.

*Donna and Peter Drake*

# The Chaplain's Corner

## JESUS THE GOD MAN



Over the centuries, the Church has reflected on the divinity and humanity of Jesus. Various early councils of the Church spoke on Jesus' identity. These teachings can be captured in the statement of Jesus' identity by the Council of Chalcedon, 451 AD. Jesus is "One and the same Christ, only begotten son and Lord who must be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion or change or division or separation, with no removal of the difference between natures on account of their union, but rather with the preservation of characteristics of each nature, both united in one person ... not separated or divided into two persons ..."

To appreciate this statement we must understand the terms *nature* and *person*.

If someone were to tell us about a flying horse, we might be skeptical because it is not in the nature of a horse to fly. In talking about *human nature*, we might say that it is against human nature to enjoy pain and not enjoy life. If we apply this to Jesus, we say that Jesus had a human nature. He was fully and truly human. However, at the same time we would say that he had a *divine nature*, which is to say that he was fully and truly God. Jesus then had two natures—divine and human. He was true God and true man.

But the use of the term nature is not enough to describe what it means to be either divine or human. As an example, you can point at a table and ask the question, "What is that?" inquiring as to the nature of the table. This can be done to any *thing* that can be seen, we are asking what is *it*. But we cannot point at a family member or a fellow office worker and ask, "What is that?" This question can only be

asked and answered in terms of human nature.

We can say that *what* our family member is is a human being. However to be a human means to not only have a nature, i.e., to be a "what," but also it means to be a *who*. That is to be a *person*. Therefore the Council of Chalcedon, building upon the earlier teaching of the Council of Ephesus, proclaimed that in Jesus there are two natures, divine and human, but only one person.

This one person, Jesus, who is the second person of the Trinity and has a divine nature, fully takes upon himself his human nature and makes it his own. Therefore Jesus has two natures that are divine and human, but is also one divine person. So God in Jesus takes on *what man is* while at the same time remaining *what God is*. Jesus according to the Gospel of John is the Word made flesh, or God made man, Jesus the God-man.

In the Creed we say that "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God ..." stressing his divine nature, but we also say, "He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried ..." stressing his human nature. Perhaps in our prayer time we can reflect on Jesus' human and divine nature as we slowly recite the Creed.



God bless you all,  
Father James S. Barkett

# Community Programs

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Molinelli, Dan Graser, Frank Adams, J.J. Basanes, Sean Alger, Tyler Alger (Sean's son), Dale Allen, Craig Anderson, Mike Burbach, Richard Holihan, Dave Evans and Jacques Gerard.

The next date is Saturday, December 1, 2007, to have the road looking good for the holidays. All Knights with last names beginning with the letters H through O are asked to meet at the parking lot of the Historic St. Mary of Sorrows Church at 8 a.m. for coffee, donuts, safety vests, spiked poles and marching orders. Contact Dave at [devans1957@verizon.net](mailto:devans1957@verizon.net) or 703-425-7246 to let him know you are coming (or risk a phone call from the phone tree!).

\* **NVTC (Northern Virginia Training Center)** is an assisted living facility for severely handicapped Fairfax residents. We sponsor an annual **Oktoberfest** and provide volunteers to escort residents at this and other events during the year that provide diversions for residents who cannot even express their deeply felt gratitude for our attentions. Gerard Durback leads these efforts. This year Oktoberfest was held Friday October 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 17 Knights and family/friends participated including: Louis Roi Deha, Russ DeRose and 4 Squire Roses, Gerard Durback, Cathy Miller, Carlos and Alina Ota, Paul Rinderle, Frank Romano, Julius Rothstein, Bob Storch, Ann Stouffer, and Fred Walker and granddaughter, Lizzi Nguyen. A \$500 donation was provided by the council.

\* **April Improve-A-Home** project led by Brother Tim Shea is now active year round. If you know of a home in the parish or geographic area that needs a lift, contact Tim at [tgshea@verizon.net](mailto:tgshea@verizon.net) or 250-8716. If you would like to lead a team at a house or wrangle a whole house, contact Tim. Otherwise pencil in the last Saturday in April or second Saturday in May to bring your tools and any know-how (none required). Look for further announcements in April.

\* **Fall Clothing Drive** is led by Brother Pete Garry.

\* **Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets** collection and delivery led by Brother Mark Haaland. Look for help requests elsewhere in the current *Mariner*. Donate food baskets or help deliver them or both. Sign up at a meeting or contact Mark at [MTHaaland@aol.com](mailto:MTHaaland@aol.com) or 703-239-1609. Mark

coordinates the Knights efforts with the parish social action volunteers.

\* **Food for Others** in which surplus food from area groceries are distributed to whomever shows up at two collection sites in Burke. The Monday teams are led by Brother Mike Perri and his wife Kris; and the Wednesday teams are led by Brother Pete Garry. The Monday Teams include: Team A: Mike and Kris Perri and James Wallis; Team B: Dave and Dixie Lopez and Gene Molinelli; Team C: John Enzmann; and Rich Murphy; and Team D: Nick Yanarell and Jim Connors. Each team works one Monday every 4 weeks. The Friday Teams include: Geoff and Eileen Smith; Merrill and Kathy Phelan; Frank Romano and Dan Joyce; Dave and Laura Burke, and Pete Garry and Joe Osborne.

\* **Lamb Center** is a Christian assistance program for the homeless in Fairfax County. Our council's liaison is Charlie Hoover. There are ongoing opportunities here. Check with Charlie.

\* **Marian Homes**. This is a separate organization that runs a group home for five handicapped women and is funded by our council. A major fundraiser is being held November 3 as a Charity Ball, black tie optional, and silent auction at Fairfax Country Club. See Dan Cronin after Mass in the Worship Center for tickets. Look for a report in a future *Mariner*. If you missed the event you can still make donations by writing a check to Marian Homes and sending it c/o Knights of Columbus, Attn: Financial Secretary, PO Box 339, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-0339.



## WEAR YOUR BADGE

We are a fraternal order involved in our community and church activities. Let others know you are a Knight. Wear your badge at Mass and at other St. Mary activities.

# Chancellor's Report

Why not make your New Years resolution early — plan to take your Second and Third Degrees in 2008? All it takes is an e-mail or a call to me to get the ball rolling: [djturgeon@aol.com](mailto:djturgeon@aol.com)/or 703-239-8644. The schedule for degrees next year in the local area is as follows:

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<b>Second Degrees</b>		
January 16	Springfield Council 6153	St. Bernadette
February 26	Holy Spirit Council 11922	Holy Spirit
April 27	St. Mary's Council 8600	OSMH
<b>Third Degrees</b>		
19 January 2008	Council 6292	Fairfax
16 February 2008	Council 6175	Sterling
9 March 2008	Council 2473	Arlington
April 2008	Council 7877	Stafford
14 June 2008	Council 6332	Manassas

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We had a good showing during the membership blitz that started with the Labor Day picnic with a total of 14 new applications, 1 transfer and 2 reactivations being registered, but we cannot remain complacent. We must always be looking for the next generation of Knights to take our place. Most of us know at least one Catholic gentleman that would make a great addition to our ranks. The most common answer given when asked why someone didn't become a Knight, is that they were never asked. So make a second resolu-

tion in 2008 to ask at least one Catholic gentleman to become a Knight of Columbus. Besides, did you know that there are fraternal benefits to those that sign up a new Knight? Points are awarded that allow you to purchase items from the Knights of Columbus website. So help make a difference in some man's life.

*Dan Turgeon*  
Chancellor

# Congratulations . . . . . . to the following

Knights of Council 8600 who have made their First, Second, Third and Fourth Degree Exemplifications:

## **First Degree**

Richard (Dick) P. Berger (August 12), Eusebio (EJ) J. Bernabe (August 12), Louis (Luie) Roi Deha (September 18).

## **Second Degree**

Mark A. Melson (August 14), Edward (Ed) B. Miller (September 25) and John D. Steinbecker (September 25).

## **Third Degree**

William (Bill) C. Baker (September 29), Jimmy A. Bosso (September 29), John (Jack) J. Finnerty (September 29), Rev. Cyprien Ephrem Houndje (September 29), R. David Lopez (September 29), Robert (Bob) B. Sasson (September 29) and Francis L. Villapando (September 29).

## **Fourth Degree (Sir Knights)**

David (Dave) U. Burke (October 20), Rev. Cyprien Ephrem Houndje (October 20), Ngoc H. Le (October 20), Ulises V. Martinez (October 20) and Robert (Bob) B. Sasson (October 20).

## Thanksgiving Dinner Collections

Each year, our council participates in providing and delivering Thanksgiving dinners.

You can help out by providing food for a family of 5-6 as follows:

turkey ~15 pounds

disposable foil roaster pan

stuffing mix (such as "Stovetop")

fresh white potatoes

packaged gravy

canned sweet potatoes

bag of marshmallows

2 cans of yellow and 2 cans of green vegetables.

canned pumpkin pie mix (spices included in ingredients)

evaporated milk for pumpkin pie mix

pie crust

add additional items as desired to make the meal special

**Deliver Date:** November 17, 2007, 8 - 9 a.m.

**Locations:** Parish Center

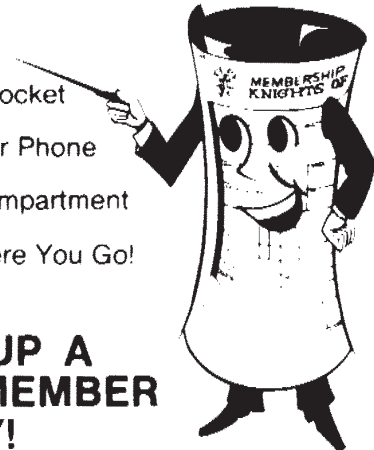
**Questions?** Call Mark Haaland

703-239-1609 (home)



## Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



## From Our Field Agent . . .

**W**e sometimes get an answer and don't have the question. God's plan for us is very complex. We go through life and sometimes have challenges. Fifty years ago my sister attended summer school at Holy Cross High School in Maryland. My mother would drive in the morning and pick up a girl named Patricia Sweeney, and then her mother would drive them home after class. I was just going along for the ride, the Beltway was being constructed between Connecticut Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue. Fifty years pass, and I attended school, college, got married, had a family, worked, dealt with losing my wife to cancer. I was married to Patricia Sweeney August 24. The same name, different person, I never knew that the answer to my question of finding happiness again was given to me 50 years ago.

Father McGivney gave us all the answer 125 years ago when he founded the Knights of Columbus. His vision of protecting the family from economic destruction and misery was the beginning of the Insurance Program. We need to ask the questions of ourselves. How much is needed? When is the best time to purchase protection for our family? Your Knights of Columbus Field Agent will be able to help you with the answers. Please feel free to call me for an appointment.

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## COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND CHAIRMEN FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2007-08

### Youth Program

#### Joseph W. (Joe) Osborne

Scholarships (Fred Walker)  
Young Man / Young Woman of the Year Awards  
(Fred Walker)  
High School Graduation Parties (Dick Lee)  
Parish Children's Christmas Party (Steve  
Schaefer)  
Scouting — Cub, Boy and Venture (Dave Sharp)  
Free Throw Contest (Steve Lisi)  
Squires & Squire Roses (Steve Schaefer)  
Work Camp (Dave Sharp)

### Council

#### R. David Lopez

Meetings & Officer Installation (GK, DD, Don  
Wilkinson)  
Christmas Trees (Geoff Smith)  
*Mariner* (Frank Romano)  
Softball Team (Dennis Connaughton)  
Membership (Dan Turgeon)  
OSMH Renovation and Maintenance (Erc  
Barone)

### Church

#### Bob Richie

Sanctuary for Life (Bob Richie, Joe Marotta)  
Christmas Cards (Bob Richie, David Burke)  
Eucharistic Adoration (Chaplain, Bob Richie)  
Car Raffle for St. Mary's Capital Fund (Jim  
Cella)  
KofC Memorial Masses (Bob Richie)

### Community Program

#### Gene Molinelli

Marian Homes (Mike Sakraida)  
Celebrate Fairfax (Mike Burbach)  
April Improve-A-Home (Tim Shea, John  
Enzman)  
Special Olympics (Roger Wesley)  
Northern Virginia Training Center (Gerard  
Durback)  
KOVAR (Scott Leitch)  
Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets (Mark  
Haaland)

St. Mary's Food Ministry (Pete Garry)  
Route 123 Cleanup (David Evans)

### Family

#### Fidel J. Rodriguez

Parties/Reception/Outings (Erc Barone, et al.)  
Spaghetti Suppers (Jim Cella, Johnny Restivo)  
Pancake Breakfasts (Joe Marotta, Paul Ciatti)  
Hope of Northern VA (Pete Garry)

### Special Committees

Admissions (Al Obuchowski, Tony Vanderbeek)  
Database & Web site (Mike Sakraida, Paul  
Armstrong)  
Charity (Dennis Halpin)  
KOVAR (Pat Phillips)  
Pro Life (Tony DiGregorio)  
Public Relations (Tony De Christofaro, Dave  
Evans)  
Athletic Director (Jerry Hovan)

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TELEPHONE TREE

The Community Programs telephone tree has been a great boon to the programs and project leaders mentioned elsewhere in this issue. We still need additional volunteers to make calls to up to 20 fellow Knights about five or six times a year (about 10 hours work per year). This is great duty for Knights who are gregarious or busy or infirmed, in any combination. This is not cold calling. Each Knight you call is a current member; and most are glad to hear from you and be given the opportunity to participate in a worthy activity. Usually, schedule or infirmity are the reasons for getting a "no" to your request for volunteers. Contact Gene Molinelli at [e.molinelli@att.net](mailto:e.molinelli@att.net) or 703-259-4150 if you can help.



# 2007-08 CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

- 2 First Friday Adoration, Worship Center
- 3 Marian Home Charity Ball, Fairfax Country Club, 6:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.
- 4 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m-12:45 p.m., FH Team Marotta (Want to help? Contact Fidel Rodrigues.)
- 6 Council Open Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
- 12 Veterans Day Mass and Brunch 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 17 Christmas Tree Setup, 8 a.m. to 12 noon OSMH
- 17 Thanksgiving Basket Collection 9 a.m. to 12 noon, OSMH
- 20 First Degree Exemplification, 8 p.m. OSMH
- 23 Christmas Tree Offload, 8 a.m. to 12 noon OSMH
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin (through Dec. 21)



## DECEMBER

- 1 Rt. 123 Cleanup, 8:30 a.m., OSMH
- 4 Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
- 7 First Friday Adoration, 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Worship Center
- 8 Children's Christmas Party, 12 to 4 p.m., FH
- 8 Christmas Food Basket Collection 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. OSMH, Mark Haaland
- 8 Spaghetti Dinner, 4 to 8 p.m., FH
- 9 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., FH Team Mahoney (Want to help? Contact Fidel Rodrigues.)
- 16 Christmas Party, 2 to 7 p.m. Home of Grand Knight
- 18 Council Social Meeting, 8 to 10:30 p.m. OSMH



## JANUARY

- 4 First Friday Adoration, Worship Center
- 8 Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH First Degree Exemplification
- 12 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 13 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m-12:45 p.m., FH Team Ciatti (Want to help? Contact Fidel Rodrigues.)
- 17 Second Degree Exemplification St. Bernadette, Council 6153, Springfield
- 19 Third Degree Exemplification Fr. Diamond, Council 6292, Fairfax
- 21 March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- 22 Council Open Meeting and Chili Cook-off 8 to 10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 29 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- TBD Third Degree Exemplification Good Samaritan, Council 6175m Sterling
- TBD Parish FACETS Hypothermia Shelter Support

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# The Mighty Caseys 2007 Season is Over



**Overall Record: 7 wins and 9 losses**

**Fairfax County Church Softball**



April 29	St Stephen's Methodists 2,	Mighty Caseys 1	Loss
April 29	St Stephen's Methodists 17,	Mighty Caseys 6	Loss
May 3	Springfield Methodists 8,	Mighty Caseys 9	Win
May 3	Springfield Methodists 12,	Mighty Caseys 13	Win
May 7	St Stephen's Methodists 22,	Mighty Caseys 2	Loss
May 7	St Stephen's Methodists 22,	Mighty Caseys 10	Loss
May 13	Bush Hill Baptist 11,	Mighty Caseys 10	Loss
May 13	Bush Hill Baptist 5,	Mighty Caseys 22	Win
May 20	Vienna 7th Day Adventists 14,	Mighty Caseys 15	Win
May 20	Vienna 7th Day Adventists 19,	Mighty Caseys 12	Loss
May 31	Bush Hill Baptist 11,	Mighty Caseys 22	Win
May 31	Bush Hill Baptist 5,	Mighty Caseys 8	Win
June 10	Springfield Methodist 11,	Mighty Caseys 13	Win
June 10	Springfield Methodist 8,	Mighty Caseys 5	Loss
June 17	Vienna 7th Day Adventists 15,	Mighty Caseys 6	Loss
June 17	Vienna 7th Day Adventists 14,	Mighty Caseys 13	Loss