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THE MARINER ENTERS THE 21ST CENTURY!

Loyal readers, the next issue (July-August) will be the last regularly published *Mariner* to be mailed in print. Commencing with the September *Mariner*, the newsletter will be predominantly electronic.

The reason we are doing this is to cut operating costs, as well as provide a better product to our membership. The E-Mariner has many advantages over the present form:

- It will be in color. Current printing costs prohibit color printing.
- It will be available on a specific date, since we will not have to rely on the US Postal Service for delivery. We will send out an e-mail notification to remind you to go to the Web site to read the *Mariner* when posted. Of course it will require that you ensure we have a current e-mail address on file with the council financial secretary. Please verify by e-mailing the financial secretary at FS8600@earthlink.net
- It will always be at your fingertips any time you need it at www.kofc8600.org
- It will save on printing and mailing costs; we estimate that we spent over \$1,800 last year in printing and postage alone, not to mention the man-hours spent to collate and post the mailings—that is a lot of pancakes! These savings can then be turned around to continue the good works of the council.
- It is the “green” thing to do, as it will reduce paper waste in our local landfills and save trees.

• Lastly, it will cut down on the clutter in your mailbox, and who couldn't use that?

We hope that you will find this change a benefit. Look for your E-Mariner on our Web site in September!

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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

Father Claude Lenanen was asked the question to sum up the Bible in one word. He thought deeply on this subject: Could it be love, justice or peace? He narrowed the choices and settled on forgiveness. Roberto Assagioli lamented that “Without forgiveness life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.”

Interestingly, over the past few months as we Christians celebrated Lent and then Easter, these seasons bring home the spirit of forgiveness. For that is why Jesus died on the Cross, to forgive

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Grand Knight's Message

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the sins of man. Just days after Christ had risen from the dead he appeared to the Apostles, who were hiding out for fear that some would associate them with Jesus. Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus the day of his arrest, was present in the room. Imagine how it must have felt as Christ appeared in that room, knowing not only where they were hidden, but also defeating the locked doors. His first words were not "Hey Guys what gives here, I thought we were friends and I come back to find you all denying that you knew me." No, Jesus' first words were: "Peace be with you." Forgiveness before it was even asked for. And from there he breathed onto them the Holy Spirit, and sent them forth to preach God's invitation to man.

So I question the tone and rhetoric going on amongst the conservatives and liberals of our nation. Not that it is much different than in past years; maybe I am just paying more attention, but I was struck by the thought that if the rhetoric was softened and in the spirit of forgiveness in our attempt to move forward wouldn't we be better situated to proceed? Charles "Tremendous" Jones once said that we do not need better solutions, we need better questions! Solutions tend to favor one side or another, while questions make us think. It is hard to really listen if your mind is already made up. In almost all situations, policy decisions and the like, people stake out a position and then defend it. They rarely hear the reason of the other party involved. And so we continuously argue over the small stuff, because it is just easier. In this action, we tend to blame and heap tremendous amounts of culpability on others.

Thomas Fuller, noted philosopher of the 15th Cen-

Military Veterans

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ture, said, "He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself." Hannah Arendt adds that; "Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom." If we can forgive we can at least, as Hugh Heckler said, "muddle through." If we cannot, we become cemented in the present. We as Christians need forgiveness, but just as importantly we need to forgive, as we also need to remember that forgiveness does not need a request, it just needs to be given.

The founding principles of our order are based in our need for forgiveness and for us to forgive. And in doing so, we promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. As always, look for a place in the coming months where you can serve your fellow man. If your time is short and you cannot help out in one of our events (check the calendar), then think of including the less fortunate, and even your enemies, in your prayers.



Ad Gloriam Dei
Paul Maltagliati



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host – by the Power of God – cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)

The Chaplain's Corner

“Walk by Faith”

We walk by faith and not by sight.
(2 Corinthians 5:7)

Sometimes our faith wavers because we cannot “feel” God’s action among us. We do not feel Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist, and it is hard to believe that He is there. We go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest listens to our sins and gives us absolution, and we feel nothing. We think that we cannot find God. That He hides from us.

We can find God by walking by faith. God cannot elude the gaze of faith. He cannot hide from it. There are no obstacles to seeing God by faith. It penetrates all veils.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

According to Saint Paul in the letter to the Hebrews, faith means holding firm to the things we believe and being convinced of their invisible reality. When we approach Jesus in the tabernacle and feel nothing it is as though it were empty. We say to ourselves that Jesus is there, and our faith assures us that God is there. By faith, we believe that Jesus really came from God and that He is God’s Son. By faith we possess eternal life and by our baptism have passed from death to life.

Jesus said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes,

Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.” (John 11:25-27)

By faith we believe that Jesus listens to us, that He speaks to us and instructs us without the need for words. He is the divine Master. Faith assures us that Jesus hears us, speaks to us and loves us.

God’s ways are not our ways. We normally do not find Him through our senses. But if we believe and walk by faith, we know that God is not far from us. He is at our right hand, at our left hand, above us, and below us. He sustains our being. He penetrates our lives by grace and touches the most intimate part of our soul. God is everywhere. We see Him in a beautiful blue sky, in the flowers in the fields, in the birds in the sky, in our brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, if we walk by faith we can always find God. He cannot hide from us. We can always see His action in our lives and in the world. By faith we can continually communicate with God. Faith opens us up to a new life that springs from the Spirit and is sustained by Him. We become a new creation that is Spirit-filled and whose fruits are love peace, patience, joy....



God bless you all,
Father James S. Barkett

2009 Degree Schedule

First Degrees

| Date | Time | Council # | Council Name |
|--------|--------|-----------|---------------------|
| May 16 | 9 a.m. | 8600 | St. Mary of Sorrows |
| May 26 | 8 p.m. | 11922 | Holy Spirit |

Third Degrees

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| June 6 | | 6546 | St. Edward's |
| June 7 | | 3548 | Robert B. Kealey |
| June 13 | | 5332 | George Brent |

SLATE OF OFFICERS SELECTED FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2009-2010

The following members of St. Mary of Sorrows council, all of whom are at least third degree members of the Knights of Columbus, are respectfully submitted as candidates for the individual offices shown below. This list serves as the proposed slate of candidates for elective officers of Council 8600 for fraternal year 2009-2010

Chaplain:Father James S. Barkett
 Associate Chaplain: ..Father Cyprien Ephrem Houndje
 Lecturer:Thomas (Tom) C. McFarlane
 Financial Secretary:Philip (Phil) H. Torrey

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnny D. Restivo

Grand Knight:Daniel J. Turgeon
 Deputy Grand Knight:Donald R. Wilkinson
 Chancellor:Peter W. Marzluff
 Warden:David C. Sharp
 Recorder:R. David Lopez
 Advocate:Fidel J. Rodriguez
 Treasurer:James J. Cella
 Inside Guard:Paul E. Armstrong
 Outside Guard (1):Gerard S. Rutkowski
 Outside Guard (2):Louie F. Leitao
 1-Year Trustee:Walter (Tony) A. Vanderbeek
 2-Year Trustee:Johnny D. Restivo
 3-Year Trustee:Paul A. Maltagliati
 Grand Knight Delegate:Daniel J. Turgeon
 Alt. Grand Knight Delegate:Donald R. Wilkinson
 Past Grand Knight Delegate:Paul A. Maltagliati
 Alt. Past Grand Knight Delegate:Johnny D. Restivo



MARIAN HOUSE LANDSCAPING PROJECT

Here is the list of names of the tremendous gentlemen who provided freely of their time and talent at Marion House on April 25.

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| Joe Fleming | Jim Kearney |
| Dindo Gonzalez | Gerry Hovan |
| Randy Jennings | Peter Nevlud |
| Dale Allen | Mike Burbach |
| Karl Dahlhauser | Louie Leitao |

On Friday, Joe Fleming volunteered his time and his pickup truck to assist me in getting all the shrubs, sod, top soil, mulch and many tools “prepositioned” to Marion House.

On Saturday in just a little over four hours these “Strong-Backed Knights” accomplished the following:

1. Removed 12 “stubborn” stumps / root balls from “Mother Earth.”
2. Transplanted about 16 plants to other parts of the yard.
3. Removed an additional 15 plants that were discarded.
4. Extended one of the shrub beds by about 20 feet.
5. Prepared shrub beds extending the entire length of Marion House for planting; planted 42 new shrubs in beautiful, professional fashion.
6. Spread three full yards of mulch throughout several shrub beds; prepared the areas, then put down about 100 square feet of sod.

7. Moved around 20 heavy bags of top soil and compost to plant the shrubs and sod.

8. Trimmed several trees and shrubs in the backyard to “reclaim” the shed.

9. Replaced rotted wood on one complete side of the backyard shed.

10. Loaded and removed four full pickup loads of yard waste and transported it to the dump.



Most importantly, these Knights completed all the work in joyous fashion, completely changing the look of Marion House to one that greatly enhances the appearance and feel of the home. I can’t say enough great things about the incredible effort of these fine men. It was an absolute pleasure working with all of them. I am AMAZED at how much they accomplished, and what a great job they completed, in such a short period of time.

Need to add that we got great assistance from Burke Nursery with ideas on landscaping and a 15 percent reduction on all plants and materials.

Brian Prindle



No Slackers Found at This Year's Improve-A-Home Program

This year's program included multiple projects at Marian Homes, at the Historic Church and at four private residences as over 50 volunteers undertook projects ranging from landscaping, painting, building a wheelchair ramp, and multiple repair projects. All the projects had a great humanitarian emphasis as is the tradition of the council. The projects were undertaken under the leadership of the following team leaders at each site:

- Brian Prindle's team (ably assisted by Mrs. Prindle) completely redid the landscaping at Marian Homes – replacing overgrown shrubs with an exciting mix of shrubs offering seasonal color and reopening the front vista of the house.



- Jack Dulan's team repainted three bedrooms and the hallway at Marian Homes, adding new colors chosen by the residents themselves to grace the interior.

- Gerry Rutkowski's team constructed a wheelchair ramp, carefully designed to county standards and facilitating access to and from the home.

- Bill Baker's team undertook a beautification project at the Historic Church, laying sod, creating new flower beds and spreading mulch over much of the site, including the cemetery.

- Teams lead by Fidel Rodriguez, Dave Evans and Peter Garry undertook much needed repairs at three private homes.

- Mike Soroka changed out a broken window at the Hall at the Historic Church. Dave Lopez, Bill



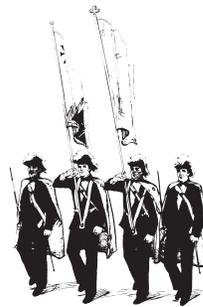
Baker and Ed Cronin powerwashed the sidewalks and patio a week earlier.

- Russ De Rose organized work done by the Squires and Squire Roses.

These teams received invaluable support from Mike Perri for electrical work, Joe Fleming for green waste removal, Sam and Sandy Dominick for lunches, and Gene Molinelli for organizing the staffing assignments.



Enjoy the photographs contributed by Sam Dominic, Tim Shea and others in this *Mariner*; you will see many of the volunteers who made this program possible. No slackers in this crowd! Program leader Tim Shea and the team leaders are most grateful to all. We have many more worthy projects that could not be undertaken all at once; a second program is being contemplated for later in the year.





2009 KOVAR Fund Drive: Another Success

From April 16-19, great charity-collecting weather and enthusiastic support by numerous Knights helped offset the loss of a KOVAR collection site this year. Our site captains did a great job organizing the efforts for this worthwhile charity. Al Obuchowski, Alan Sullivan, Tom Milos and Dale Allen once again did superlative jobs serving as the site captains at the various locations, ensuring the rest of the council could participate effectively in the annual drive. Over at the Historic Church John Moar's presence led to a significant increase in collections after Masses. Overall, the average per shift totals were up this year over past, so well over \$10,000 from St. Mary's of Sorrow's Council 8600 will be forwarded on to the statewide Knights Of Virginia Assisting God's Special People. Over 100 Knights participated in the drive, allowing these funds to be used for grants and loans for group homes, transportation needs, group home furnishing, training programs, Special Olympics and other worthwhile programs support-

ing individuals with intellectual disabilities. Other thanks go out to Phil Torrey and Jim Cella for handling the financial side of the KOVAR drive and to Bud Johnson and Fidel Rodriguez for serving as assistant site captains.

KOVAR is truly a team sport. The team once again rallied and did an outstanding job, contributing to a great cause. Please consider "fleeting up" within the KOVAR drive organization. We will be looking for Knights to take over the Council's KOVAR program and to become site captains for the next year. It's a rewarding way to share our good fortunes. Please let me (samaleitch@verizon.net) know if you would like to play a more active, rewarding part in next year's KOVAR drive. Thanks again to all the Knights who participated last month – Well Done!

Scott Leitch

MULCHING, SODDING PROJECT 2009

Early Saturday morning, April 25th, 2009, 19 Volunteers, including Knights, Squires and others, set out to mulch the landscaped area and sod several gravesites around the grounds of the St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church. Starting with donuts and coffee provided by Art De Los Santos, the volunteers gathered on the front steps for a group picture. Bill Baker, Team Leader, gave out assignments and the work commenced.

John Moar, Landscape Supervisor, provided oversight for the sodding of six gravesites. Volunteers for this task included John and Jack Ryan and Pat Halloran. The mulching operation included 80 bags spread around each side of the church and more than 20 trees. Volunteers included in this task were Tom Silva, Paul and Sharon Kourtz, Carolyn and Kathryn Lehr, Verlinda and Alice Keith, and the Squires, including Kevin Simmons, Vijay George and Edward Perez. An area in front of the grotto was cleaned up, mulched and made beautiful with the planting of 48 Impatiens. Knights involved in this task included Art De Los Santos, Tom Gilding, Steve Morales and Paul Rinderle. Sam and Sandy Dominick and Carlos Otal diligently prepared lunch and provided some 40 sandwiches, potato chips, sodas and cookies to give us the nourishment we needed after some four

hours of labor. More than 70 man-hours were provided for this project!

Thanks to St. Mary of Sorrows' Kathy Coleman for purchasing the materials and to Rick Adkins for stacking it. Thanks to Tim Shea for entrusting me with this project. Thanks to Gene Molinelli's call tree in helping to contact the Knights. And thanks to the worthy Grand Knight, Paul Maltagliati, for his resourcefulness.

Great job everyone! An exceptional group of very committed Knights and Volunteers!

Bill Baker





Father Cyprien Ephrem Houndje, Associate Chaplain of Council 8600, accepts a chalice from Grand Knight Paul Maltagliati (left) and District Deputy Al Obuchowski, who is also a Past Grand Knight of Council 8600. The chalice, complete with carrying case, was given by the council to Father Ephrem as an expression of appreciation.



2009 CALENDAR YEAR

MAY

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| <p>1-2 First Friday Devotion 1-3 K of C Annual Meeting 2 Tex-Mex Dinner, Parish Center 3 Council's Pancake Breakfast (Team Marotta) at Parish Center Squire's Pancake Breakfast at OSMH 5 Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH Rosary at 7:45 p.m. 12 Marian Homes board meeting OSMH 19 Social Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH Rosary at 7:45 p.m.</p> | <p>5-6 First Friday Devotion 9 Marian Homes Board Meeting OSMH 13-20 White Elephant Sale Collections at Parish Center 13 Council Picnic, Pavillion C Burke Lake Park 16 Social Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH Rosary at 7:45 p.m., 27 Installation of New Officers (tentative)</p> |
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JUNE

- 2 Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
 Rosary at 7:45 p.m.



During his recent visit to Guatemala, Brother David Megal presented Bishop Gabriel Peñate of Vicariato De Izabal with a check from Council 8600 in support of our sponsored seminarian, Aníbal Marel Álvarez Méndez.

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