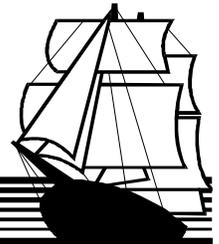


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Grand Knight's Message

THE CHALLENGE TO TAKE THE RISK

Brothers,

In every age, and in every human culture, knights are the ones who have set out on the adventure of faith and chivalry, and their stories provide us with a map to follow. The knights left their comfort zones and embarked on a great adventure. No matter what their background, their quest was based on a desire to discover and to serve the needs of others. We, like the knights of old have all completed the first three stages of Knighthood; the discernment stage, the invitation stage, and the installation stage, but have we completed the fourth stage?

The discernment stage is the stage where we questioned our life, felt we had fallen into a rut, thought we had heard a Call, or questioned the Call. But, our future depended on what type of a fool we were. Were we an "Old Fool" who responded by turning back to our youth for answers? Were we a "Steadfast Fool" who was afraid to begin something new to refresh our life? Were we a "Bitter Fool" who turned to despair, cynicism or anger? Or were we a "Holy Fool," a wise man who realized the answer was simply Knighthood and its principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to bring the ultimate fulfillment?

The second stage, the invitation stage, is where, just like St. Peter we are asked to step out of the boat and walk on the waves. But it is not Jesus

asking us to step out of the safety of the boat but it is the Knights of Columbus from St. Mary of Sorrows Parish that is inviting you to check us out, step out of the boat



and fill out a Form 100. This may be an exciting and difficult thing to do. It is difficult for potential members to take the risk because they do not see the time available to step into our new open-ended, vital and dynamic world. We all know of potential members who have completed a Form 100 but haven't moved to the installations stage. Like on the road to Emmaus, we must extend our hand, invite them to the next level and "open their eyes." Let's step up and be an active Knight and sponsor those who have completed a Form 100 but haven't begun the installation phase.

The third stage or installation stage, as you can imagine, is where our candidates begin moving through the different levels of Knighthood. In our current process we let each individual flounder through the degrees at his own pace. I challenge each proposer to become a mentor and to

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accompany the Knight-to-be through the First, Second and Third Degree ceremonies. I highly recommend that you drive them to ensure they get there, observe the ceremony, and discuss it with them after they are done to stress the significant themes. Ensure that they become a "Full Knight" within Knights of Columbus.

The final stage is the radical discipleship stage. This is where Knights, old and new, begin growing in their Knighthood. On a daily basis we see men who are able to take risks for their careers, for their families, for their sports, or for their country, but have not learned to take that risk required for their own personal growth. Even after entering "Full Knighthood" the fledgling Knight does not participate unless specifically invited. They are still fighting the battle of the "Fools" and have yet to become a complete "Holy Fool." Without their demonstrated charitable efforts these Knights, are as the British would say, "all mouth and no trousers." These Knights only learn to take the "risks of Knighthood" by observing those who have gone before and routinely "walking the talk" as a Knight in our community.

This final stage requires us all to step out of our comfort zones, examine ourselves and embark on the adventure of Knighthood. In every age people have heard the call to become a knight, whether is it Martin of Tours, Joan of Arc, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney, or you and me. Those who have gone before us inspire and encourage us, and call to us to do the same for those who follow. The Letter to the Hebrews, Verses 1-3, sums it up best when it says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despised the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Radical discipleship can begin with something as simple as coming to a meeting once a year or joining the McGivney Guild. The McGivney Guild is one way to stay informed about the progress of Fr. McGivney's progress toward canonization. This Free Guild is a way to help our brothers through the power of prayer. Information can be found on the Web at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>. Please consider becoming a member—did I say it was FREE!

As the Grand Knight of Council 8600, I challenge all Catholic men to make the quest for Knighthood. I also challenge each of you to enter the fourth stage of Knighthood with me and become an example for those to follow. As long as I am able, I will promote our principles and "walk our talk." Come and join me on this wonderful opportunity to take risks and to live as a full Knight of Columbus. In closing, remember the Knights are our brother's keeper. Let's make the love of God visible in Fairfax, Burke and Fairfax Station through our actions.

Vivat Jesus!
David Sharp



ST. MARY'S AND THE CAR MINISTRY

This year one of the agencies that St. Mary's Tithing Fund is helping is the Car Ministry, 929 West Broad Street, Falls Church, Va. 22046. Two of our Knights, Pete Garry and Carlos Gargiulo are the St. Mary's point people for helping the Car Ministry. The Car Ministry is a small not-for-profit charitable agency that processes and repairs donated vehicles that are given to needy families and persons who have been referred by pastors and social workers. The vehicles are thoroughly checked out and fixed up to ensure they pass inspection and then given at no cost to someone in need of transportation. Social workers have said that having a car is the number-one ingredient in keeping people employed. A car transforms a person's life because it can make him or her able to obtain a job and become self-sufficient.

Last year the ministry provided 52 vehicles to needy people. At present there are over 70 people on its list of people who urgently need a car. For the most part, employment opportunities for the needy, whom the Car Ministry serves, are entry-level jobs such as lawn service, providing health care assistance, etc. The Car Ministry also places a priority on helping single

mothers. Areas where volunteer help is needed include:

- helping with publicity, such as marketing the need for cars;
- transporting people to the Car Ministry Office to pick up cars;
- transporting cars from the Car Ministry Office to the repair shop; and
- helping to prioritize the list of who is in most need of a car.

We urge you to find out more about the Car Ministry and how you could help by calling Brother Knights Peter Garry (703-978-1163) or Carlos Gargiulo (703-426-4564) or Car Ministry President Roger Penn (703-278-9299).

We would also ask that if you are in a position to do so consider donating a car to the Car Ministry. Not only would you have the satisfaction of making a big difference in the life of another person by providing them transportation that will transform their life, but also the IRS would allow you to take the fair market value of the car for income tax purposes.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8600 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

Surprising as it seems, even in Fairfax County we have many families and single people living in our community who are hungry. Our council has an opportunity once again this holiday season to perform a corporal act of mercy by providing a Thanksgiving food basket to a less fortunate person or family. Please consider joining in on this effort. We will collect meals on Saturday morning, November 19, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Parish Center. Pete Garry (703-978-1173 or pgarry1@verizon.net) is our council coordinator. Please contact Pete if you can provide a Thanksgiving food basket.

Suggested food items are for a family of 5-6. Please add additional items as desired to make the meal special.

- \$15-20 grocery card from Giant or Safeway;
- disposable foil roaster pan;

- stuffing mix (such as "Stovetop");
- fresh white potatoes;
- packaged gravy;
- canned sweet potatoes;
- bag of marshmallows;
- two cans of yellow and two cans of green vegetables;
- canned pumpkin pie mix (spices included in ingredients);
- evaporated milk for pumpkin pie mix; and
- pie crust.

Our council food basket drive supports our parish and is part of a well-organized county-wide social action event. Conducted each year the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Saint Mary's with the help of our council, collects and distributes more than 150 meals.

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St. Mary of Sorrows Council 8600

Grand Knights

1. S. James Rannazzisi	1984 – 1985	24. Johnny Restivo	2007 – 2008
2. Alphonse Obuchowski	1985 – 1986	25. Paul Maltagliati	2008 – 2009
3. Ercole Barone	1986 – 1987	26. Daniel Turgeon	2009 – 2010
4. Anthony DiGregorio	1987 – 1988	27. Donald Wilkinson	2010 – 2011
5. Paul Muldoon	1988 – 1989	28. David Sharp	2011 – 2012
6. Carl Kaczmarek	1989 – 1990		
7. Michael Stephens	1990 – 1991		
8. Paul Gauthier	1991 – 1992		
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12. Neil Buttimer	1995 – 1996		
13. Curtis Winters	1996 – 1997		
14. Peter Garry	1997 – 1998		
15. William Crowder	1998 – 1999		
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17. James Cella	2000 – 2001		
18. Timothy Donovan	2001 – 2002		
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20. Michael Sakraida	2003 – 2004		
21. Kurt Meinsen	2004 – 2005		
22. Gerald Hovan	2005 – 2006		
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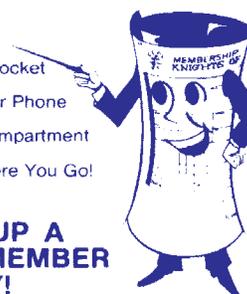
If you are also able to deliver a few meals, the parish could use your help from as early as 9 a.m., to about 12 noon, Saturday, November 19th.

Those who have been able to help in the past, particularly with distributing meals to families, know first hand that our efforts are greatly appreciated by those who receive a Thanksgiving meal. Our council helps to make a difference through this simple yet important corporal act of mercy.

Thank you so much.
Pete Garry

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



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