

APRIL-IMPROVE-A-HOME PROJECT

Tim Shea organized another productive Knights of Columbus Council 8600 April-Improve-a-Home project in 2007. We had a good turnout of knights, family, friends and parishioners on April 28 and May 12, 2007, and successfully completed all projects.

At the Marian group home for adults with disabilities on Prestwick Drive, we had a team of mulchers and appliance haulers led by Mike Sakraida. This team included Sally McGowan and daughter Catie, Leslie Hatch and daughter Annmarie Meinsen, Erc Barone, Pat Ferrari, Guy Gauthreaux, Sherrill Hebert, Ann Leggio, Carlos Otal and Richard Talbert. We also had major help from Squires and Squire Roses Karen Belita, Jordan Berner, Alex Clawson, Meaghan Grealish, William Marshall, Karen Pulju and Paul VI student Sarah Harris.

At the Wellspring group home for individuals with disabilities on Sideburn Road, Gene Molinelli's team painted the north face, demolished and cleared a shed and tree limb, and regraded the gravel driveway with major help from a Bobcat and driver supplied by the brother of Knight Mike Muldoon — Sean Muldoon of Excell Enterprises LLC of Manassas Park, Virginia. The paint crew included professional painter Mike Muldoon with his son and Mike Perri, well known painter on Knight projects. The demolition crew was led by Joe Fleming with able help from Stephen Morales, Dan Hanley and the Dave Lopez crew that included Dave's son Daniel, Joe Dulik, John Palastro and Mike Conrad. The gravel team was led by Ray Ferrari with hustle provided by Mike Burbach, Sean Cassidy, Louie Leitao and Paul VI student Andrew Reilly, among others.

At the home of a young brother knight recovering from major transplant surgery, the team of Paul Maltagliati, Art DeLosSantos and Ulises Martinez re-

moved demolition debris resulting from a major necessary repair.

At the Historic Church on Fairfax Station Road, John Enzmann organized and John Moar oversaw mulching of flower beds and the extension of the watering system to the new and future burial plot sections. The trenching and installation of pipe and faucet stands was led by Ed Koucheravy with plumbing skills provided by Dennis

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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

The new fraternal year is officially underway.

We have accumulated an incredible team that exemplifies our order's guiding principles – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism – through our officers, committee chairs, trustees, past grand knights and all our event coordinators. They are all dedicated to service for our council.

We have installed our council officers, conducted organizational meetings, audited our past year's financial health, filled all our committee chairs, developed and posted our fraternal year calendar, approved and posted our fraternal year budget, already provided support to the Point of Hope Grief Counseling Center and the Serra Club (seminarians), and have exemplified new candidates into the First Degree.

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Grand Knight's Message

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This fraternal year we have expanded some programs; added some new charitable and service programs; and we will continue to serve and support our priests.

Our Past Virginia State Deputy Cy Alba's theme and challenge to Virginia Knights was *Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Not Afraid*. Stand up and make a difference.

During our officers' installation this past June, I was happy to report to Cy that Council 8600 has met his challenge, and gone beyond: *We walked the talk*.

Some of our past scriptures focused on what makes life meaningful. They emphasized that life makes sense only if we can relate to lasting values, such as service to others.

You and your families always come forward without being asked. You lead and do what needs to be done to support and serve our brothers, families, church community, state, nation and international brothers. *You walk the talk*; these are not hollow words.

Being surrounded by knights and families such as you, makes my job as grand knight for fraternal year 2007-2008 easy, and a pleasure.

We will continue to *Be Bold, Be Brave, Be Not Afraid* and lead by example.

We will even use words if we have to.

I look forward to serving you as grand knight of Council 8600.

Vivat Jesus!
Johnny D. Restivo

**"OUT OF CLUTTER, FIND
SIMPLICITY.**

**FROM DISCORD, FIND
HARMONY.**

**IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFICULTY LIES
OPPORTUNITY."**

— Albert Einstein

To AOH/LAOH and KofC Members:

Greetings and best wishes from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Chicago.

How thoughtful and generous you all are and how quick you are to respond to a person in need. Thank you very much for the excellent computer that you sent me.

I am a novice when it comes to computer skills, but with the set like the one you sent I am ready to get to work. I can see that the possibilities are endless. The information I got from the Google Map of Izabal, Guatemala, was overwhelming. I could almost see the Mayan Indians trudging over mountain paths going to and from their remote villages. An interesting feature of the map is that it gives the distance to the villages; often we would wonder just where we are. It's so nice to see the pictures of Livingston and then to hear the music of the Marimba.

Once again, thank you all for your kindness and generosity and may God bless you and your families and the good work that you do.



Sincerely,
Fr. Tom

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Dress. The rest of the team included Jim Cella, Dave Evans, Ken Hopke, Dave McKernan, John Needham and Mike Soroka. On May 12, leaking from faulty components was repaired by a team including Dennis Dress, John Enzmann, Tom MacFarlane and Johnny Restivo.

I suspect that at least half a dozen people who deserve mention are not listed in the above description. If I left off your name, misspelled it, mis-stated your affiliation or otherwise misrepresented you, let me know at e.molinelli@att.net and I will post a correction in the next *Mariner* and submit a notice for the Parish Bulletin.

Gene Molinelli

The Chaplain's Corner



Jesus' Teachings on Leadership

For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

True greatness, true leadership, is achieved not by reducing men to one's service, but in giving oneself in selfless service to them. (J. Oswald Sanders)

Jesus taught that a true leader is one that has a servant's heart. His ideas on leadership were different than what was being taught in the world at that time. If Jesus is the master of our life, then we must strive to be like him in all we do.

In his book *Jesus on Leadership* Gene Wilkes discusses seven principles on servant leadership.

1. *Servant leaders humble themselves and wait for God to exalt them.* Jesus taught his disciples to humble themselves by taking the lower place instead of exalting themselves (Luke 14:1, 7-11) Humility comes before honor. (Proverbs 15:33) *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. (1 Peter 5:6)*

2. *Servant leaders follow Jesus rather than seek position.* In following Jesus, servant leaders are nurtured by the Spirit. They are created by obeying their commander, Jesus. They have yielded to God's power in their lives, and thus become an incarnation of Christ and a true leader in the world.

3. *Servant leaders give up personal rights to find greatness in the service of others.* For Jesus greatness was found in the life of a servant, forfeiting personal rights. This means giving up yourself so that others can have the life that God wants them to have.

4. *Servant leaders can risk serving others because they trust that God is in control of their lives.* The secret to risking being a servant leader is in knowing with certainty that God is in control of all that happens in our lives. Jesus knew that the power of his ministry came from God and that He controlled all that happened to Him. Similarly, if we have surrendered our lives to Christ, His power works through us in all we do. Our security is in God and not in self.

5. *Servant leaders take up Jesus' towel of servanthood to meet the needs of others.* At the Last Supper, Jesus, who was teacher and Lord, took up the role of a servant and washed his disciples' feet. The disciple had dirty feet and there was no one to wash them. There was a need to be met so Jesus left the table, knelt down, and washed their feet. This does not mean giving in to people's wishes, but identifying and doing what has to be done for the betterment of the kingdom.

6. *Servant leaders share their responsibility and authority with others to meet a*
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greater need. In Acts 6:1-6, the apostles saw their role as preachers of the Word, but there were other needs to be met so they gave the responsibility and authority to seven members who were *full of the Spirit and wisdom* (Acts 6:3) to serve those that were being neglected in the community.

7. *Servant leaders multiply their leadership by empowering others to lead.* In Exodus 18:17-23, Moses was wearing himself out trying to lead alone. Moses followed his father-in-law's advice and delegated responsibility and authority to judges to meet the needs of the people. Similarly, Jesus, by empowering his disciples with the Holy Spirit, multiplies His leadership and presence in the world.

As Jesus came to serve rather than be served, we follow in Jesus' footsteps when we become servant leaders. Service is our priority and success is measured by our service. We need to serve God's people and show them His love through our service.



God bless you all,
Father James S. Barkett

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.

How Native Americans in the Old West Viewed Priests

"In the land of the Cheyennes, there is a mountain higher than all mountains around him. All the Cheyennes know that mountain; even our forefathers knew him. When children, we ran around wheresoever we wanted. We were never afraid to lose our way so long as we could see that mountain, which would show us home again. When grown up, we followed the buffalo and the elk; we cared not where we pursued the running deer, so long as the mountain was in sight; for we knew he was ever a safe guide, and never failed in his duty. When men, we fought the Sioux, the Crows, the white men. We went after the enemy, though the way ran high up, and low down. Our hearts trembled not on account of the road; for as long as we could see the mountain, we felt sure of finding our home again. When far away, our hearts leaped for joy on seeing him, because he told us that our home came nearer.

"During the winter, the snow covered all the earth with a mantle of white; we could not longer distinguish him from the other mountains except by his height, which told us he was the mountain. Sometimes dark clouds gathered above. They hid his head from our view, and out of them flew fiery darts, boring holes in his sides. The thunder shook him from head to foot; but the storm passed away and the mountain stood forever.

"This mountain is the Black-Robe. His heart is firm as a rock. He changes not. He speaks to us the words of truth. We are always sure of our path, when we look to him for guidance. He is the mountain that leads us to God."

NOTE: This excerpt can be found in *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism*, by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster, 2006, Pages 31-32. It is a story told by Old Wolf in the 1880's, a Cheyenne chief from Montana. "Black-Robe" is a Native American expression for a Roman Catholic Priest.



Fraternal Year 2007-08 Officers

Grand Knight	Johnny D. Restivo
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul A. Maltagliati
Chancellor	Daniel J. (Dan) Turgeon
Recorder	David Sharp
Treasurer	James J. (Jim) Cella
Advocate	Scott E. Leitch
Warden	Donald R. (Don) Wilkinson
Insider Guard	Peter W. (Pete) Marzluff
Outside Guard	Paul E. Armstrong
Outside Guard	David S. (Dave) Evans
3-Year Trustee	Walter A. (Tony) Vanderbeek
2-Year Trustee	Gerald E. (Jerry) Hovan
1-Year Trustee	Kurt C. Meinsen
Grand Knight Delegate	Johnny D. Restivo
Grand Knight Delegate Alternate	Paul A. Maltagliati
Past Grand Knight Delegate	Walter A. (Tony) Vanderbeek
Past Grand Knight Delegate Alternate	Daniel J. (Dan) Turgeon
Appointed Positions*	
Chaplain	Father James S. Barkett
Lecturer	Thomas C. (Tom) McFarlane
Financial Secretary	Philip H. (Phil) Torrey
* Appointed by Supreme Council to a 3-year term on recommendation of the Grand Knight.	



Point of Hope Picnic

We had a wonderful turnout for the Grief Counseling Camp for kids at the Point of Hope Picnic, Saturday, July 28. This was our second year of working this event. It was held all weekend from Friday noon to Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Camp site in Middleburg by Capital Region Hospice, for kids 7 to 14 who lost a parent or sibling during the year. It was a big success with 13 knights and wives showing up to cook and serve a dinner for 130. A late change in the menu was made to cook hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs instead of the original plan for baked chicken with salads and corn on the cob. A tactical error by yours truly was made in not changing the start time from 1 p.m. to 3 or 3:30 p.m. to compensate for the difference in cooking time, however it did give us some down time to talk to each other and the camp director and counselors who were there. We also had a chance to hike down to the pool and witness the frozen tee shirt contest. It turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, a little warm but held in their Oaks Lodge (one of five) which was air-conditioned and had a magnificent kitchen.

Many thanks are due to the capable and hard working team who came to work. Paul Armstrong, Jim Cella, Tom Gilding, Dave and Dixie Lopez, Gene Molinelli, Al and Sandy Obuchowski, Joe Osborne, Bob Ritchie, and Dave and Ann Sharp were always two steps ahead of the coach when something needed to be started or completed.

Dan Turgeon headed up the kitchen staff with his prior restaurant experience and last year warden duties to efficiently run the cooking of the beans, sauerkraut and corn on the cob and direct the salad platters. Sandy Obuchowski and Dixie Lopez were wonderful at setting up the serving line and prepping the potato and bean salads, pickle trays and condiments table and organizing the servers. They were assisted by Al Obuchowski, Joe Osborne, Paul Armstrong, Tom Gilding and Dave Lopez. Jim Cella and Dave Sharp were outstanding (figuratively and literally), cooking all the burgers and dogs on the brand new grills just purchased by the camp the day before. Bob and Paul did a great job keeping the beverage jugs filled and running the meat trays up to the line.

One of the adult counselors from the hospice told a few of us a sad but touching story about an 8-year-old boy's comments after one of their grief circles with three other kids and their adult buddies (counselors). After each kid got to share his story, one boy was asked by the group leader if he got anything out of this session. The boy who lost his 4-year-old brother who died after jumping off a pool table and catching a pool cue through his neck. His answer was "I learned that I didn't kill my little brother." I'm sure there were other stories some of the others heard that made the whole experience very rewarding.

Vivat Jesus
PGK Jerry Hovan

Community Programs

The start of the fraternal year is a good time to assess what community programs you can participate in. You build long-lasting friendships with fellow knights while getting a warm glow associated with doing some good for the community at large, regardless of religious affiliation, if any. Your family members are often welcome and needed.

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 September and October afford some good starter projects.

* **Route 123 Cleanup** is first up. 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 next cleanup is Saturday, September 29. All knights with last names beginning with the letters A through H 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 or 703-425-7246 to let him know you are coming (or risk a phone call from the phone tree!).

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Community Programs

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* **NVTC (Northern Virginia Training Center)** is an assisted living facility for Fairfax residents with severe disabilities. We sponsor an annual **Oktoberfest** and provide volunteers to escort residents to several 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. Great event for all family members over 12 years of age. Contact him at gwdweb@yahoo.com or 703-278-8767 if you are available any Friday evening this October to help out for two hours on the Oktoberfest and get the exact date and to let him know you are coming (or risk a phone call from the phone tree!).

* We also 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 less than two hours spread over two weeks for each of four or five events a year (a total commitment of under 10 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 or 703-250-3927 to join the phone tree.

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. Without these knights leading these efforts, we would have to scale back our community involvement considerably.

* **April Improve-A-Home** project led by Brother Tim Shea and now active year round with a recent project at the home of Peter Drake by Brother Knight Dan Turgeon. If you know of a home in the parish or geographic area that needs a lift, contact Tim. If you would like to lead a team at a 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 announcements in April.

* **Celebrate Fairfax** led by Brother Mike Burbach, just completed a record fundraiser this past June. Mike will need your help next June, but is looking for a co-captain any time.

* **Lenten Soup Suppers and Fall Clothing Drive** led by Brother Pete Garry.

* **Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets** collection and delivery led by Brother Mark Haaland. Look for help requests in upcoming *Mariners*.

* **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 Friday teams are led by Brother Pete Garry. There is a periodic need for monthly volunteers and alternates. You may get a call in the months ahead.

* **KOVAR** (Knights of Virginia to assist the mentally handicapped) is a statewide funding board for which all councils raise funds while distributing Tootsie Rolls in April. Our council's major annual effort is led by Brother Scott Leitch.

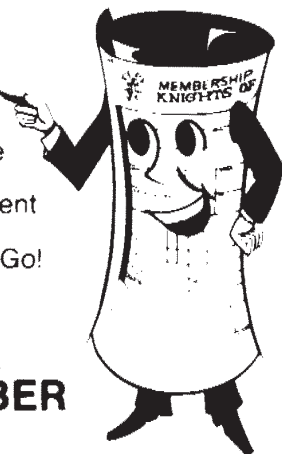
* **Lamb Center** is a Christian assistance program for the homeless in Fairfax County. Our council's liaison is Charlie Hoover. There are ongoing opportunities here. Check with Charlie.

* **Marian Home** is group home for women with disabilities run as a separate organization but heavily

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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!**



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Fraternal Year Budget for 2007/2008

Approved: 07 August 2007

Council Activities	Source of Funds	Expected Income 2007/2008	Activity Coordinator
Number of Knights		391	Financial Secretary (FS)
Income		\$196,015	
1 Operations	Dues	\$13,293	FS
Annual Dues	Dues	\$12,688	FS
Council Meeting Meals	council mtgs	\$625	FS
State Penny per Knight per Day (PKD)	PKD	1,284	State Pass-Through
2 Christmas Tree Sales	Trees	53,000	Geoff Smith/Brian Moynihan
3 Pancake Breakfasts (PCB)	PCB	7,000	Fidel Rodriguez
4 Spagetti/Tex-Mex Dinners (SD)	SD	3,500	Jim Cella/J. Restivo/Fidel Rodriguez
5 Squires and Squire Roses (SSR)	SSR	6,000	Steve Schaefer
6 Christmas Card Sales	CCS	1,500	Bob Richie
7 KOVAR	KOVAR	12,000	Pass-Through
Interest		400	Jim Cella
8 All Saints Parish 5 Car Raffle	Car Raffle	55,000	Jim Cella/Dan Cronin
9 Celebrate Fairfax (CF)	CF	4,500	Mike Burbach
10 State Football Sweepstakes	SFS	500	Paul Maltagliati
11 Appropriate from Reserves or Other Inc.	Oth	38,037	FS

Council Activities	Source of Funds	Expected Expense 2007/2008	Activity Coordinator
Total Expenses		\$196,015	
Council Operations (Phil Torrey)		\$15,715	
1 PC-SC(per capita Supreme)	Dues	1,900	FS
2 PC-VA (per capita State)	Dues	380	FS
3 PKD (Penny per Knight per Day)	PKD	1,284	FS
4 FS Salary	Dues	1,300	Grand Knight (GK) & Trustees
5 Telephone @ OSMH	Dues	400	FS
6 Web Server Hosting	Dues	350	FS
7 Councils Supplies	Dues	500	FS
8 Fraternal Activities	Dues	1,000	FS
9 GK Discretionary Expenses	Trees	5,000	GK
10 Postage (B'day, mailings)	Dues	1,000	FS
11 Liability Insurance	Dues	400	FS
12 State Meetings	Dues	500	FS
13 District 14 Support	Dues	250	GK
14 Catholic Advertisements	Dues	151	FS
15 Membership Expenses	Dues	300	Dan Turgeon
16 Miscellaneous	Dues	1,000	GK
Youth Committee (Joe Osborne)		\$19,750	
1 College Scholarships (10x\$750)	Trees	7,500	Fred Walker
2 Young Man / Young Woman	CF	200	Joe Osborne/Russ DeRose
3 High School Graduation Parties	CF	500	GK/Dick Lee
4 Parish Children's Christmas Party	CF	550	Steve Schaefer
5 Scouting (Cub, Boy and Venture)	CF	2,000	Steve Smith
6 State Free Throw Contest	CF	100	Joe Osborne/TBD
7 Squires	SSR	3,000	Steve Schaefer
8 Squire Roses	SSR	3,000	Steve Schaefer
9 Parish Youth Ministry Work Camp	SD	2,000	Dave Sharp
10 Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest	SD	100	Joe Osborne/Steve Schaefer
11 Miscellaneous	Car Raffle	800	Joe Osborne

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Council Activities	Source of Funds	Expected Expense 2007/2008	Activity Coordinator
Family Committee (Fidel Rodriguez)		\$10,850	
1 Parties/ Reception/Picnic	Dues	3,300	Fidel Rodriguez/Erc Barone
Italian Night		900	Erc Barone/Lu D'Andrea
Crowder's Farm		800	Bill Crowder
Family Picnic		800	Fidel Rodriguez/Carlos Otall
Polish Night		800	Al Obuchowski
2 Spaghetti Dinner/Tex-Mex Supplies*	SD	2,000	Jim Cella/J. Restivo/Fidel Rodriguez
3 Pancake Supplies*	PCB	3,750	Joe Marotta/Paul Ciatti
4 Robinson Partners Club	SFS	1,000	Dick Lee
5 Miscellaneous	PCB	800	Fidel Rodriguez
Community Committee (Gene Molinelli)		\$36,900	
1 Marian Homes	Trees	6,000	Fred Walker
Marian Home Ad	Trees	500	Fred Walker
2 April Improve-a-Home	Trees	2,500	Tim Shea/John Enzmann
3 Special Olympics	Trees	400	Roger Wesley
4 KOVAR Donation	KOVAR	12,000	Scott Leitch
5 KOVAR Supplies	Trees	500	Scott Leitch
6 Celebrate Fairfax*	CF	100	Mike Burbach
7 Food Baskets	Car Raffle	100	Mark Haaland
8 Lamb Center	Car Raffle	500	Charlie Hoover
9 Wounded Veterans Donated Supplies	Car Raffle	10,000	Tony Vanderbeek/Charlie Gulac
10 Clothing Drive	Car Raffle	100	Mark Haaland
11 Route 123 Cleanup	Car Raffle	100	Mike Evans/Scouts
12 Arthritis Walk	Car Raffle	500	Steve Smith/Dave Sharp
13 Cancer Walk	Car Raffle	500	Erc Berone
14 Lenten Soup Suppers	Car Raffle	100	Erc Barone
15 Northern Virginia Training Center	Car Raffle	500	Gerard Durbach
16 Point of Hope Grief Counseling Center Support	Car Raffle	1,000	Jerry Hovan
17 Senior Citizens Lunch	Car Raffle	500	Bob Ferguson
18 Miscellaneous	Car Raffle	1,000	Gene Molinelli
Church Committee (Bob Richie)		\$36,200	
1 Christmas Cards*	CCS	700	Bob Richie
2 Vocations	CCS	1,000	Bob Richie
3 Sanctuary for Life	Oth	20,000	Bob Richie
4 Gifts to Priests	Trees	1,500	GK
5 Pro-Life Program	PCB	1,200	Tony DiGregorio
6 Hope in Northern Virginia	PCB	1,500	Fred Walker
7 Acolyte Support	Car Raffle	1,000	Dick Lee
8 Missionary Stipend	Car Raffle	3,000	GK
9 Mission Support	Oth	500	Dave Megal/Johnny Restivo
10 Priest Education Fund	Car Raffle	5,000	Joe Boyle
11 Miscellaneous	Car Raffle	800	Bob Richie
Council Committee (David Lopez)		\$76,600	
1 Council Meetings	Dues	2,000	Don Wilkinson/Pete Marzluff
2 Officer Installation	Dues	500	GK & Distric Deputy#14
3 Christmas Trees*	Trees	30,000	Geoff Smith/Brian Moynihan
4 Mariner/Web Expenses	Trees	2,400	Frank Romano/Paul Armstrong
5 Athletics	Trees	1,500	Jerry Hovan/D. Connaughton
6 All Saints Car Raffle Expenses*	Car Raffle	34,000	Dick Lee/Dan Cronin
7 OSMH Maintenance	Trees	5,000	Erc Berone
8 Veterans Day Brunch & Activities	Trees	400	Erc Berone
9 Miscellaneous	Trees	800	Dave Lopez
Total Budget for Fraternal Year		\$196,015	

* = These categories are revenue producing activities

From the Chancellor . . .

Membership Blitz: The school buses are again making their rounds and days are starting to get longer. It can mean only one thing: It's time for the October Membership Blitz. This year's blitz actually started at the Labor Day Picnic with brother knights manning a booth to answer questions to stir interest. But the focal point for this year's blitz will be the weekend of October 13-14, when brother knights will talk at each Mass and man tables to answer questions and solicit applicants. Please talk to your Catholic friends and encourage them to join you in this worthy organization. If you need literature or Form 100's, please drop me an e-mail at djturgeon@aol.com.

Degree Ascension: If you are a First or Second Degree knight and have been thinking about rising to full knighthood, or a Third Degree knight wishing to join the ranks of the Sir Knights, now is the time! Advanced degrees are being offered around the area over the next couple of months. In fact, it is possible to rise through all the degrees by year's end. Please prayerfully consider taking your next degree and contact me. The schedule for degrees is as follows:

Sept. 22 (tentative): Second Degree at Fr. Sikora, Council 7992—Nativity Parish

Sept. 29: Third Degree at Council 5998—Alexandria

Sept. 27: Third Degree at Council 7369—Chantilly

Oct. (TBD): Second Degree at Council 1286—St. Raymonds, Springfield

Dan Turgeon

Community Programs

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funded by our council. Mark Roddy is chairman of Marian Homes activities.

* **NVTC** (Northern Virginia Training Center) program, led by Brother Gerard Durback.

* **Point of Hope** bereavement camp provides an escape to families who have lost a loved one to cancer or other tragedies. Our council, led by Worthy Past Grand Knight Jerry Hovan, hosts a barbeque dinner (see separate article).

* **Route 123 Cleanup** program, led by Brother David Evans.

* **Special Olympics** led by Brother Roger Wesley. We help stage track and field events for the individuals with disabilities the first Saturday in May. Contact Roger to get on the planning team.

* **Arthritis Walk** led by Brother Gene Molinelli to raise money or awareness or both for this pervasive disease. We bring a team to a walk at Robinson High School in May each year. Brothers Steve Smith and Dave Sharp are involved at the national and regional level.

* **Wounded Vets** project provides resources for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan recuperating at local military hospitals. We raise funds to buy needed personal goods or facilities upgrades and deliver them to the Red Cross for this particular purpose. This effort is led by Worthy Past Grand Knight Tony Vanderbeek; contact him to offer help.

Bishop Loverde With Seminarians at Serra Club Picnic Hosted by Council 8600



Charity Event Funds Marian Homes Activities

Mark the date on your calendars now, brothers: Saturday, November 3. That's when our annual Marian Homes Charity Ball and Auction will occur. The "black tie optional" event will be held at the Country Club of Fairfax and includes hors d'oeuvres, a three course dinner, dancing to a live band, and both a silent and live auction to help raise needed funds to continue the work of Marian Homes in providing and maintaining group homes for those with mental disabilities.



Erc Barone, president of Marian Homes, summed it up recently by stating that "The ball and auction are our principal source of funds for us in taking care of the capital improvements and mortgage payments of our current home, as well as building up the funds needed to purchase additional homes in the near future. Proceeds from the ball, along with generous donations from KOVAR, have enabled us to accomplish a variety of projects within our current home. These range from refurbishing the kitchen to purchasing a new heavy duty washer and dryer, to yard maintenance and beautification."

Tickets for the Charity Ball and Auction will go on sale at the end of September. The cost will be \$100 per ticket; \$15 of which is a tax-deductible donation.

For further information, particularly if you have items you wish to donate to the auction or buy an advertisement in the ball program, please contact our ball co-chairmen, Brother Mark Roddy (mroddy1@cox.net) or Brother Jim Cella (james_cella@verizon.net).

Mistakes were probably maybe accidentally made in this issue of the *Mariner*. If you can find one you are entitled to a free cup of coffee at the next council meeting.



Erc and Vi Barone

Priorities

Is it time for you to recharge your spiritual batteries? If so, go on a weekend spiritual retreat for men. It starts 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 19, and concludes 3 p.m. Sunday, October 21, at the Dominican Retreat House, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia.

Get away from the rush and distraction of modern life for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Caught up in the busy events of daily living, we have need from time to time to pause and reflect on life and how it is going. Retreat is a special time set aside to examine our life and our relationship with God in a prayerful atmosphere away from daily distractions and concerns. It is an opportunity to nourish the spirit and grow closer to God.

The retreat provides an atmosphere of peace and a balance of thoughtful input, solitude and community. You can sit quietly in the chapel, walk the beautiful grounds, or enjoy conversation on the patio or in front of the fireplace.

The retreat includes daily Mass, conferences, several talks, discussion groups, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Rosary, adoration, private prayer time and a private session with the retreat director if you so choose.

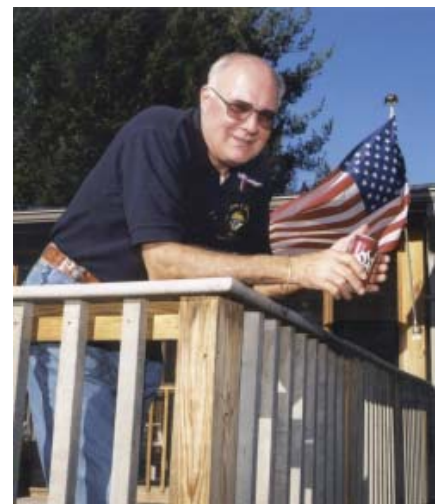
The retreat director is Father Donald Howard, S.A., a Franciscan friar of the atonement, an experienced retreat director.

If interested or you desire more information, contact Pete Garry at 703-978-1163.

Oktoberfest at the Crowder's Cabin

in Beautiful Madison, Virginia

Save this Date
October 27, 2007



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) (Steve Lisi)
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

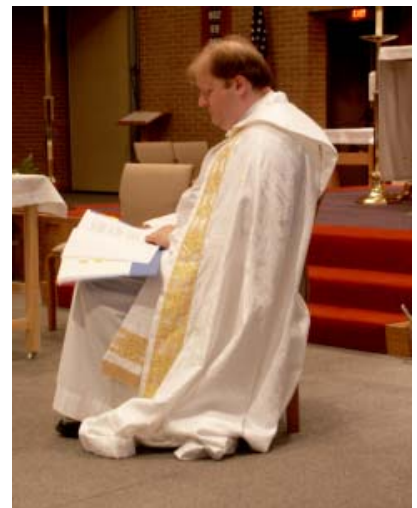
Admissions (Al Obuchowski, Tony Vanderbeek)
Database & Web site (Mike Sakraida, Paul Armstrong)
Charity (Dennis Halpin)
KOVAR (Pat Phillips)
Pro Life (Tony DiGregorio)
Public Relations (Tony De Christofaro, Dave Evans)
Athletic Director (Jerry Hovan)

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 or 703-259-4150 if you can help.



Installation of Officers for 2007-08



2007-08 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day Picnic, OSMH & Historic Church
- 4 Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
- 7 First Friday Adoration, Worship Center
- 8 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 9 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-12:45 p.m., FH
Team Mahoney
- 11 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 15 Support St. Mary's Mass for Memorial of
Our Lady of Sorrows
- 18 Council Open Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
First Degree Exemplification
- 22 Second Degree Exemplification (tentative)
Nativity Council 7992, Fr. Sikora, Burke
- 25 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 29 Route 123 Cleanup, 8:30 a.m., OSMH
- 29 Third Degree Exemplification, Council 5998
Alexandria, VA

OCTOBER

- 2 Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
- 5 First Friday Adoration, Worship Center
- 9 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- TBD Oktoberfest, Northern Virginia Training
Center
- 13-14 Membership Blitz
- 13 Support St. Mary's Pilgrimage to the
Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
- 13 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 14 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-12:45 p.m., FH
Team Ciatti
- 16 Council Open Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
- TBD Second Degree Exemplification
St. Raymond of Penafort Council 12846
Springfield
- 20 Italian Night, 6-8 p.m., OSMH
- 20 Fourth Degree Exemplification, Richmond
- 23 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 27 Third Degree Exemplification, Council 7369
Chantilly, VA

- 27 Crowder Lady Bug Farm Cook-Out
- 30 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH

NOVEMBER

- 2 First Friday Adoration, Worship Center
- 3 Marian Home Charity Ball, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Fairfax Country Club
- 6 Council Business Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH
First Degree Exemplification
- 9 Third Degree Exemplification, location TBD
- 12 Veterans Day Mass and Brunch
9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 13 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 17 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 17 Christmas Tree Setup, 8 a.m. to 12 noon
OSMH
- 17 Thanksgiving Basket Collection
9 a.m. to 12 noon, OSMH
- 18 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-12:45 p.m., FH
Team Marotta
- 20 Council Social Meeting, 8 to 10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 23 Christmas Tree Offload, 8 a.m. to 12 noon
OSMH
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
(through Dec. 21)
- 25 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH



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