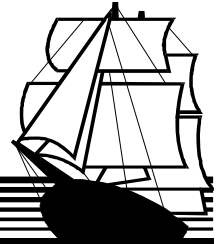


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Marian Homes: A Primer for the Council

If you've been a member of our council for more than a month or so, you've probably heard about "Marian Homes." You may also have heard some snippets of information about it being a group home facility and about it having some sort of connection to the council. However, there's more to Marian Homes than snippets, so we, the members of the Marian Homes Board of Directors, thought we'd take this opportunity to provide all in the council some of the core information about this most worthy and important entity.

Marian Homes Inc., is a 501 (c) (3) charity, formed and supported by Council 8600 with the express purpose of buying and maintaining group homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Formed in the early 1990s by several far-sighted council members, Marian Homes currently owns and maintains one home in the Brecon Ridge neighborhood off of Braddock Road. This facility is home to five women who were placed there by Fairfax County. The women share in the normal activities one would find in any home. They live under the care and supervision of personnel from our partner, Chimes International Inc., which specializes in providing care and support to those with intellectual disabilities. While Marian Homes owns the home, Chimes, in addition to their caregiving activities, also performs day-to-day maintenance and operation of the home.

Marian Homes is supported financially by donations from the council, St. Mary of Sorrows Parish and brother knights, as well as personal and corporate benefactors. Additionally, Marian Homes holds an annual Charity Ball and Silent Auction which provides the majority of its annual funds. These monies are used to perform capital improvements on the facility, as well as pay the mortgage.

All of these activities are overseen by an elected board of directors made up of members from Council 8600. There are three officers of Marian Homes, president, treasurer and secretary, elected by the board.

Members serve pro bono. To date, legal support has been provided pro bono by one of the board members. Board members serve two-year terms with an option for one additional two-year term.

Currently, the board is reviewing options to purchase
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Grand Knight's Message



Knights of Council 8600: Relevant to the Vision

"Father McGivney's vision remains as relevant as ever in the changed circumstances of today's Church and society."— Pope John Paul II

Brothers,

As Knights of Council 8600, are we relevant to Fr. McGivney's vision?

Through the Knights, Fr. McGivney sought to form Catholic men into good spouses and fathers. He saw strong families as the foundation of our parishes, of the Church and of society at large. We have a unique role in influencing society and promoting the values found in what Pope John Paul II named the *Culture of Life and Civilization of Love*. Father McGivney did not use the vocabulary of the 21st century, but he espoused the same

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Grand Knight's Message

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Gospel values that we as Catholic brothers of the Knights of Columbus affirm today.

Our council financial secretary recently forwarded the 2007 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity to Supreme Council identifying our contribution to the Knights of Columbus volunteer service hours and disbursements. During Calendar Year 2007, we contributed nearly 25,000 volunteer fraternal and community service hours, and \$78,000 for charitable and benevolent causes. These contributions and service hours have supported church activities, Catholic Schools, religious education, seminarians and seminaries; support for the elderly, physically and mentally disabled, human needs, pro-life programs, victims of disasters, hospitals/institutions, community projects and habitat for humanity; Columbian Squires, our Scout troop, St. Mary's Youth Group, youth scholarships; and others, to name a few.

Are we still relevant to Fr. McGivney's vision? Our numbers, example and actions speak for themselves. We have continued to "Walk the Talk" into calendar year 2008. We have stepped up when called to help those who are less fortunate, disabled or with special needs, and have made a difference in building a better world for our Church, community, state and nation. But, we still have much more to do to remain relevant to Fr. McGivney's vision into the 21st century.

In honor of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April 2008, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has asked that we continue to make a difference by bringing in at least one new member between now and June 30 and to show the pope just how enthusiastic we are to be among his staunchest supporters and defenders. Our First Degree exemplifications through the end of this fraternal year will be held in the pope's honor. New candidates will receive a commemorative certificate and knights who proposes a new member will receive a small medallion with Pope Benedict's image on it. Every knight recruited between now and the end of the fraternal year will have his name listed in a book that will be presented to the Holy Father.

March 8-9 is our Membership Blitz. We will be speaking at each Mass and will have a table with material and Form 100s in Farrell Hall and Old St. Mary's Hall. So wear your badges and be available to discuss

the Knights of Columbus experience with prospective candidates.

Thank you for your support of Council 8600's charitable and benevolent activities, your leadership, and actions and example in *remaining relevant to Fr. McGivney's vision.*

Continue to 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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a second home. The work in support of Marian Homes is sometimes challenging, never boring, and extremely rewarding through the satisfaction gained in helping those whose need is great. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas to join us and help us grow. If you've been looking for your special "niche" in the Knights, the Marian Homes Board of Directors may be just what you are seeking. For more information contact any current member of the board:

Erc Barone, President
Al Obuchowski, Treasurer
Mark Roddy, Secretary
James Autry
James Cella
Daniel Cronin
William Crowder
Gerard Durback
Robert Ferguson
Gerald Hovan
Carl Kaczmarek
John LaRosa
Paul Maltagliati
John Moar
Frederick Walker

The Chaplain's Corner

What is Sin?



In this season of Lent we will reflect on the nature of sin. Saint Paul wrote in his Letter to the Romans:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. So then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. (Rom 7:15-19)

In Scripture sin is referred to as “missing the mark.” This means that when we sin, we fail to love God and others as ourselves. Sin has also been referred to as “hardness of heart” in Scripture. A hard heart fails to love as God wants us to love. Sinners are called a “foolish people” in the Book of Deuteronomy because it is foolish not to respond to God’s unconditional love for us in a like manner.

Father Michael Pennock in his book on the Sacraments defines sin as an attitude, as an action and failure to act, and as a power.

Sin as an attitude. God wants a loving and open heart that responds to Him by praising and worshipping Him and showing our love for him by loving others. We sometimes fail to do this. We close our heart to God and place ourselves on the throne of our hearts rather than God. We end up worshipping ourselves rather than our Father in heaven who provides us with many gifts to include

the gift of life. We then develop a prideful attitude that says we don’t need God

and others. This and other attitudes such as sloth, lust, greed and envy lead us to be unloving in our relationships with others.

Sin as action and as failure to act. Our lack of sensitivity to others can cause us to do things that harm our relationship with God and our neighbor. As an example in our desire for success and recognition, we may treat people we work with in an undignified manner, demeaning them in order to make ourselves look good. We can also fail to act when we see a fellow worker being treated unfairly and do not voice our concern to the appropriate authority, failing to act in a situation where we should have taken action. It can also be a sin to fail to do something to help the poor and those that are hurting. These are all examples of a person with a cold heart.

Sin as a power. Sin can be a power that takes on a life of its own. Governments can have policies that discriminate against certain groups of people. This makes it difficult for individuals or even groups of individuals to break the power of sin in this situation. Exploitation by large commercial companies, war and terrorism all demonstrate the power of sin in the world.

Our tendency to sin, which causes us to hurt our relationship with God, others, and ourselves, demonstrates the power of sin in the world. In Catholic theology we call this

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The Chaplain's Corner

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power "original sin." Saint Paul tells us that we cannot overcome this power by ourselves, but Jesus has defeated sin and the effects of sin. If we welcome Jesus into our lives and put Him in the driver's seat of our lives, He will soften our hard hearts and through the power of the Holy Spirit enable us to defeat the power of sin and become the loving children of God we are meant to be.



God bless you all,
Father James S. Barkett

Softball Team Seeks New Players

Our softball team, "The Mighty Caseys," is looking for a few new members this year, and from talking to some of our new candidates it looks like we can pick up some talented players to make us more competitive. We still play (slow pitch) in the *Fun and Fellowship Division* of the Fairfax County Church League, and we have our first practices in April. All brother knights, their wives and kids 15 and over are welcome. We play most of our games at Ossian Field (near Annandale High School) and Wakefield Park once or twice a week from May through June. I hope to have our regular season schedule in the next *Mariner*. New or old brothers that are interested can call me at 703-754-8556 or my assistant coach, Dennis Connaughton, at 703 425-1414.

Jerry Hovan, PGK



Degree Schedule

Brothers, please consider advancing to the next level if you haven't already. All it takes is an e-mail (djturgeon@aol.com) or call to me (703-239-8644) to get the ball rolling. The schedule for degrees this year in the local area follows:

Second Degrees

March 6	Council 11922	Annandale
March 27	Council 62192	Fairfax
April 8	Council 5332	Manassas
May 27	St. Mary's Council 8600	OSMH
June 6	Council 62192	Fairfax

Third Degrees

March 9	Council 2473	Arlington
April 12	Council 7877	Stafford
June 7	Council 6546	Richmond
June 14	Council 6332	Manassas

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS . . .

March and April are huge months for the council community programs. We need you! We need you more than once! Find out more by contacting the individual program leaders, whom we list here, or me at genemolinelli@gmail.com or 703-250-4150.

Community Programs Phone Tree

Thanks for the new volunteers for the phone tree: **Lucio D'Andrea**, **Bud Sprague** and chili cook-off honoree **Kevin Costello**. Expect heavy calling in March.

Arthritis Walk

We have supported the Arthritis Walk with money and volunteers for the past several years. One of our brother knights, Steve Smith, who has been involved with the scouts, has a young daughter dealing with this disease that even strikes children. Steve is a national coordinator for the walks and Dave Sharp, also in our council, is a regional coordinator. The council is sponsoring a team to walk at Robinson High School on Saturday May 17. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the walk is at 10 a.m. You may walk as fast and as far as you want, though the average is 3 miles in under an hour. Please go to the council Web site kofC8600 and follow the link to the Arthritis Walk KoC 8600 Team Web page and sign up to walk or make a donation or both, or just learn more about this debilitating disease.

April Improve-A-Home

Led by Brother Tim Shea, the April Improve-A-Home project 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 or 703-250-8716. If you would like to lead a team at a house or wrangle a whole house, contact Tim. Otherwise pencil in April 26 (last Saturday in April) or May 10 (second Saturday in May) to bring your tools and any know-how (none required). If you are interested in performing in any capacity (and want to avoid a call from the phone tree), contact me at genemolinelli@gmail.com or 703-250-4150 so that I can coordinate the teams; let me know in your message what your interests or skills are, if any.

This is a major effort that can use 75 people, including knights and family members.

KOVAR

The annual fund drive is on for Thursday through Sunday, April 17-20. See separate article in this issue for what we all can do.

Route 123 Cleanup

Our council has adopted a 2-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 date is Saturday, March 29, 2008, to have the road looking good for spring. All knights with last names beginning with the letters O through Z 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!).

Special Olympics

This project led by **Roger Wesley** is scheduled for April 26 (same date as April Improve-A-Home), from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Episcopal High School, 1200 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302, rain or shine (indoor facilities are available for inclement weather). We help stage several track and field events for individuals with disabilities. Let Roger know at wesleyr@osdgc.osd.mil or 703-503-3116 if you can volunteer (or expect a call from the phone tree in April). We need about 15 volunteers.

Marian Homes

This organization is a major recipient of community program funds. See separate article in this issue that describes this worthy endeavor.



Gene Molinelli

ANNUAL KOVAR DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14-17

The Knights of Virginia for the Advancement of Virginians With Intellectual Disabilities annual fundraiser is on for April 17-20. Save these dates!

We solicit donations and spread goodwill in the form of tootsie rolls. This and Christmas tree sales are the two activities each year for which participation by the full membership is requested by the grand knight.

Scott Leitch is chairman of this effort again. This year he has locked up Walmart for three of the four days (Friday –Sunday). We need a site captain for Walmart and co-captains for several sites (listed below). If you can help in either capacity, please contact Scott at samaleitch@verizon.net or 703-503-5260 . Site captains and co-captains share calling lists, schedule volunteers, get supplies to sites and collect money. If you are physically prevented from standing a three- or four-hour shift, perhaps you can serve as co-captain or deputy co-captain and help make calls.

Scott has issued the following plea:

The council needs your help for this worthy cause. The goal this year for the drive statewide is \$650,000. We at St. Mary's of Sorrows have been exceeding our expectations each year. This worthy cause has been a key council effort for many years. We hope to carry on this charitable tradition!

KOVAR funds such projects as:

- **Home Loans** – interest free loan program to assist in the purchase of group homes;
- **Transportation** – 20 percent funding to assist in purchasing vehicles needed to transport persons who are mentally challenged;
- **Group Home Furnishings** – grants to establish early detection programs to identify infants with or at risk of mental retardation;
- **Training Programs** – necessary funding for organizations to train persons with mental retardation to enhance their quality of community living;
- **Startup Programs** – grants to establish new and innovative programs designed to assist individuals who are mentally challenged and their families;
- **Special Olympics** – KOVAR is a sponsor of the Virginia Special Olympics, donating over \$25,000 each year.

Thanks to all brother knights who stepped up to lead last year's KOVAR Charity Drive. The following served as site captains last year:

Al Obuchowski, at University Mall Giant;
Tom Milos/Gene Molinelli, at Burke Center–West (Safeway/Chesapeake Bagel);

Dale Allen, at Twinbrook Mall Safeway(Shared with Holy Spirit);

Paul Rowson, at St. Mary's Worship Center; and
John Moar, at St. Mary's Historical Church.

The 2008 site captains will be calling you to donate a few hours of your time to help out. Their lists are assigned alphabetically. Notify Scott Leitch right away if you desire to be assigned to a specific site. When your site captain calls, please be generous with your time – you'll feel good about this, you'll see your neighbors, and you may even make a lifelong friend of a fellow knight on your shift. KOVAR turnout is always full of upbeat caring brothers. You may also volunteer your family or other St. Mary's or council- affiliated groups to assist in the KOVAR Drive. The site captains are crucial to the KOVAR Campaign and can use assistance in the way of a deputy chairman.

Brothers, remember to consider KOVAR if contributing to this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) or use the donor option for other combined charity campaigns (such as, United Way, etc.) at your place of employment. Council 8600 will receive credit toward our 2008 goal of \$13,000 if you provide us with a copy of your pledge designating KOVAR as a recipient. You may omit your identification and the donor does not need to be a council member. Payroll deductions are "The gift that keeps on giving." This is an easy way to help Council 8600 meet our KOVAR goals for 2008. Use CFC CODE 5426. Be sure to retain a copy of your donor pledge and provide the Council KOVAR chairman with a copy for Council 8600 credit. Contact Scott (the 2008 KOVAR chairman for Council 8600) about this program.

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 (March 4).

K of C Annual Survey

Once a year with each member's bill, we enclose an annual survey form. This form is requested by Supreme to gather each council's volunteer hours to their community. Many of you fill out the form religiously and return it with your member bill payment wondering what ever happens to my input.

The financial secretary tabulates the results, enters them on a form for Supreme and forwards the completed form to Supreme. We have been remiss in not providing feedback to those of you who have submitted your survey sheet other than to those who attend one of the meetings where feedback is provided. For those of you unable to attend the meeting where the results are briefed, here are the results for the calendar year 2007.

This effort was an improvement over last year by 1,700 hours and reflects the commitment our council makes to the community. The council and the community is thankful for the support provided and we thought it should be made known to all brother knights who contributed their time and skills to assisting those in need.

Activity	Hours of Service
Number of visit to the sick	2,103
Number of visits to bereaved	415
Number of blood donors	117
Number of visits to Habitat for Humanity	172
Church	9,684
Community	6,236
Youth	3,325
Miscellaneous	2,575
Visits to sick/disabled members and their families	2,752
Total Volunteer Hours	24,572

Thank you,
Phil Torrey

Sister Connie Parcasio Speaks on Our Lady of LaSalette

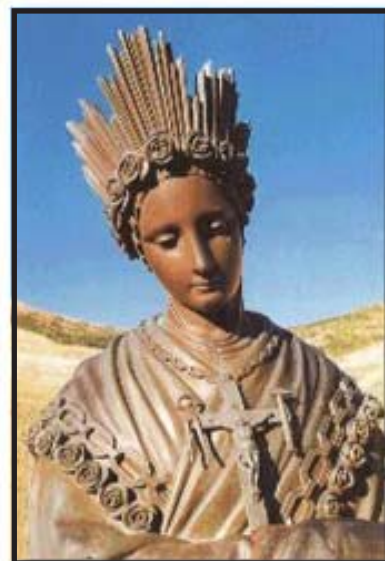
Sister Connie Parcasio, program director for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington, took time from her busy schedule and spoke at our council meeting on February 4. Her presentation was perfect timing for the knight's in attendance because the next day was Ash Wednesday.

Sister Connie's presentation focused on the events of September 19, 1846, when the Virgin Mary appeared to two children in the village of La Salette in the French Alps. The "beautiful lady" was seated and weeping, then rose and spoke to the children at some length weeping all the time. It was not until 1851, determined in a pastoral letter, that "the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to the two children... bears within itself all the characteristics of truth and that the faithful have grounds for believing it to be certain and beyond doubt." The following year, a new religious community was founded, the Missionaries of La Salette. Pilgrims increasingly visited the site of the apparition, and Our Lady was referred to as a "Reconcilatrix of sinners."

The message delivered to the children in the French Alps was full of great news. As we ponder the appari-

tion during this lenten season, the message of our Blessed

Mother is as pertinent now as then: How many people forsake Sunday Mass but take time for the newspaper, sports or shopping? How many have not been to confession in years? How many entertain such blasphemies as "The Da Vinci Code?" Oh yes, the message still



resounds. The world and each of us is in need of conversion. More information on Our Lady of La Salette and specifics on the great news she delivered to the children is available at <http://www.ourladyoflasalette.org> and at <http://catholiceducation.org>

McGivney's Corner

Dying is Not an Obstacle to Caring



Father McGivney was a tireless worker for his parish and, eventually, his exhaustive schedule left him weak and vulnerable to influenza and pneumonia. To the end, he never stopped caring about others. Below is an excerpt from *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism* (pages 200-201). During this Lenten season, take a little time and reflect on how to be positive about life, even if you know you are succumbing to a dreadful disease.

“On returning from Virginia, Father McGivney spent two weeks in New Haven under the care of Dr. Bacon, the physician who had accompanied him to Father Carmondy’s bedside seven years earlier. However, Dr. Bacon could do very little. Apparently, the flu had left McGivney with permanent damage to his system. Emancipated and pale, he went to New York City and consulted with specialists in internal medicine. He wanted his health back; his parishioners

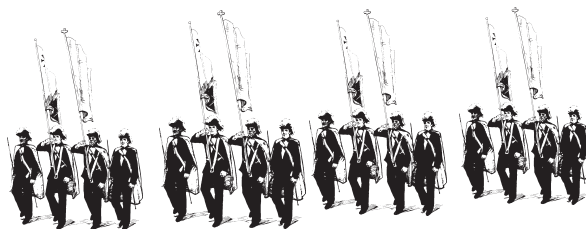
needed him. He took another trip to the South, returning in June. The following month, he was confined to his bed in Thomaston, no longer able to rise. He retained his mental powers, and in a hoarse whisper, continually asked about various members of his parish. Aware he was dying, he was at peace. During the last illness of his cherished friend Mary Ann Gaffney Sellwood nine years before, he had been impressed by her composure, deep in the embrace of Christ, as death approached. He often told her at the time that he only wished that he would be as well prepared to meet God as she was. In that slowing August of 1890, he was. It seems that in helping hundreds of other Catholics along the same course, he had also found the way himself. The only regret that he expressed was that he wouldn’t be present at the ordination of his two younger brothers.”



Sister Connie Parcasian, program director for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington, gives her presentation on Our Lady of LaSalette at the Feb. 4 council meeting.

Military Veterans

You can replace your military records, medals and awards. For information go to the DoD Archives Web site at: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>



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.

25th Annual Walk for Life

The Diocese of Arlington, Catholic Charities, announced that in 2008 it will be hosting the Annual Walk for Life for its 25th year.

This year the walk for life will be on Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Ft. Hunt Park in Alexandria and at Paul VI in Fairfax, starting at 11:30 a.m. The 11:30 a.m. starting time was selected to try to accommodate participants who want to go to Mass in the morning rather than Saturday evening.

The main purpose of the walk is to increase awareness of the services provided by the Children's Services Department of Catholic Charities and to raise funds to support crisis pregnancy counseling, foster care and adoption services.

In addition to the walk, each site will schedule activities to make it a fun day. For example, at the Ft. Hunt site there will be a moon walk and face painting, food

and door prizes. Participants for the walk can register for either of the two walk sites on the Catholic Charities Web site at www.cdda.net or by calling the Burke office at (703) 425-0100.

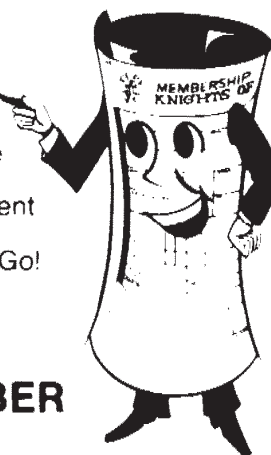
The Annual Walk for Life event is a great way to help to publicize the continuing commitment of our church and Catholic Charities to promote and support the culture of life. All knights are encouraged to take part in the walk. Bring a family member, a Catholic friend or a non-Catholic friend to make a pro-life statement. The involvement can make a difference (submitted by R. D. Lopez).

Council 8600 Grand Knights

1 st	S. James Rannazzisi	1984-1985
2 nd	Al Obuchowski	1985-1986
3 rd	Ercole Barone	1986-1987
4 th	Anthony DiGregorio	1987-1988
5 th	Paul Muldoon	1988-1989
6 th	Carl Kaczmarek	1989-1990
7 th	Mike Stephens	1990-1991
8 th	Paul Gauthier	1991-1992
9 th	Fred Walker	1992-1993
10 th	James W. "Jake" Jacobson	1993-1994
11 st	Richard LaFrance	1994-1995
12 nd	Neil Buttimer	1995-1996
13 rd	Curtis Winters	1996-1997
14 th	Pete Garry	1997-1998
15 th	Bill Crowder	1998-1999
16 th	Ercole Barone	1999-2000
17 th	Jim Cella	2000-2001
18 th	Tim Donovan	2001-2002
19 th	Richard Lee	2002-2003
20 th	Mike Sakraida	2003-2004
21 st	Kurt Meinsen	2004-2005
22 nd	Jerry Hovan	2005-2006
23 rd	Tony Vanderbeek	2006-2007
24 th	Johnny Restivo	Current

Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

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



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TODAY!**



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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
(Russ DeRose)
High School Graduation Parties (Dick Lee)
Parish Children's Christmas Party (Steve
Schaefer)
Scouting (Cub, Boy and Venture) (Dave Sharp)
Christmas Party (Russ DeRose)
Free Throw Contest (Joe Osborne)
Squires & Squire Roses (Russ DeRose)
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, Kurt Meinsen,
Dick Lee)
Christmas Cards (Bob Richie, David Burke)
Eucharistic Adoration (Chaplain, Tom Gilding)
Car Raffle for St. Mary's Capital Fund (Jim
Cella)
KofC Memorial Masses (Bob Richie)

Community Program

Gene Molinelli

Marian Homes (Erc Barone)
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,
Erc Barone)
Hope of Northern VA (Pete Garry)

Special Committees

Admissions (Al Obuchowski, Tony Vanderbeek)
Database & Web site (Johnny Restivo, Paul
Armstrong)
Charity (Dennis Halpin)
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.



2007-08 CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 Polish Night, OSMH. Be sure to sign up early; we are limited to 80 guests.
- 4 Council Business Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m., OSMH
Tim Smith, coordinator for St. Mary's 150th Celebration will speak on planning activities and Knights and their family's participation.
- 6 Second Degree Exemplification, Council 11922, Annandale
- 7 First Friday Adoration, 7 p.m. - 8 a.m. WC
- 7 Soup Supper, 6:30-8 p.m., FH
- 8 Easter Basket Food Collection, 8-10 a.m. FH
- 8-9 KofC Membership Blitz
- 8 Parish Tex-Mex Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 9 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-1 p.m., FH
(Team Barone) Want to help out? Contact Fidel Rodriguez.
- 9 Third Degree Exemplification, Council 2473, Arlington
- 14 Soup Supper, 6:30-8 p.m., FH
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Dance, FH
- 18 First Degree Exemplification, 7-10:30 p.m. OSMH
- 21 Soup Supper, 6:30-8 p.m., FH
- 23 Easter Sunday: He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 27 Second Degree Exemplification, Council 62192, Fairfax
- 29 Rt. 123 Cleanup, 8:30 a.m., OSMH
- 29 District#14 KofC Founders Day Dinner



APRIL

- 1 Council Business Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 4 First Friday Adoration, 7 p.m. - 8 a.m. WC
- 8 Second Degree Exemplification, Council 5332, Manassas
- 12 Third Degree Exemplification, Council 7877, Stafford
- 12 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 13 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-1 p.m., FH – (Team Ciatti) Like to help out? Contact Fidel Rodriguez
- 15 Council Social Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m., OSMH
Joseph Scafetta, Jr., author of *The True and Complete Story of Christopher Columbus*, will speak.
- 17-20 KOVAR Collection 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- 26 Improve-A-Home, 7-9 a.m., FH
- 27 25th Annual Walk for Life

MAY

- 2 First Friday Adoration, 7 p.m. - 8 a.m. WC
- 2, 3 State Convention: Virginia Beach, VA
- 3 Rt. 123 Cleanup, 8:30 a.m. OSMH (Scouts)
- 3 Special Olympics
- 6 Council Meeting, 8-9:30 p.m., OSMH
- 10 Improve-A-Home Followup, 7-9 a.m., FH
- 11 Mother's Day
- 17 Arthritis Walk
- 17 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 18 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. FH
(Team Marotta) Like to help out? Contact Fidel Rodriguez
- 20 First Degree Exemplification, 8-9:30 p.m. OSMH
- 22 St. Mary's Corpus Christi Feast Procession
- 26 Memorial Day Mass - National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.
- 27 Second Degree Exemplification, 8-9:30 p.m. OSMH

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