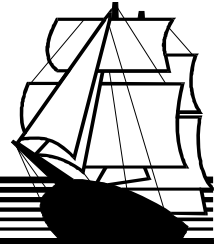


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150th Anniversary, St. Mary of Sorrows

In September 2008, the St. Mary of Sorrows community will launch a yearlong celebration of the 150th year evolution from a small mission church ministering to mostly Irish and German railroad workers to the vibrant, multicultural parish that it is today. Father Barkett and those involved with planning the year of events commemorating the anniversary want to make it a very holy, joy filled and memorable year. The plan is to provide a variety of diverse activities that will touch our parishioners in a very special and meaningful way. The following committees are meeting and developing ideas for the year of celebration.

- Historical
- 150th Anniversary Parish Directory
- Current and Past Clergy
- Social Ministry
- Parish Trips, Pilgrimages and Social Family Events
- Children, Youth and College Ministries
- Business Development and Finance
- Community Awareness and Publicity

Father Barkett wants everyone to know how much he sincerely appreciates what our Knights of Columbus membership has already done to support the 150th anniversary. In addition to the financial support which our council has pledged, many of our members are already lending their support through involvement with the committees identified above. Father Barkett sees the upcoming events as a wonderful opportunity to further enhance the wonderful sense of community that distinguishes St. Mary of Sorrows. In the final analysis, the degree of success we achieve on projects such as the 150th year anniversary celebration is in large member dependent on parishioner and Knight participation. The more parishioners and Knights involved, the more joy and success we will have. Ideally, we would love to

involve every Knight in the parish. There are many tasks that will need to be accomplished as we go forward this year. I know most of you are already very busy, but if you could find a little time to contribute to one or more of the 150th year anniversary events, it would be put to good use and greatly appreciated. The more we spread the work and fun around, the better. If you want to be part of these events or learn more about them call Brother Knights Frank Adams (703-978-0836) or Pete Garry (703-978-1163).

Grand Knight's Message



Greetings, Brothers,

Let me start by saying thank you for the privilege of serving as your grand knight for the next fraternal year. It is indeed an honor and one that I do not take lightly. I assure you that I will do my very best to represent our council in the coming year.

We have been well blessed in many ways, personally, as a parish and as a council. We are supported by our priests, led by our pastor, Father Barkett. Council 8600 has and continues to lead the way in service to our Church, clergy and religious community. Success guru Steven Covey appropriately states “that charity is the rent we pay

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Grand Knight's Message

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for living in this great country." And so, we pay this rent willingly and with due reverence for the blessings we have received.

The state deputy's theme for the coming year is "Adglorious Dei," for the Glory of God. All of our work, service and our very lives should be for the Glory of God. This is an appropriate theme for Catholic gentlemen, and as we contemplate the coming year we ask, "Could we do more?" I have found that some of the most productive times in my life are when a deadline approaches or the week before I go on vacation. Imagine if we could harness the focus and energy of these times for the Glory of God. What would the results look like and how would lives change? This year let us all ponder the Glory of God and act to that Glory!

This year St. Mary's celebrates its 150th anniversary. We have been asked to take an active role in this ven-

ture, and so we will. A wise man once said that one of the most difficult things for man to do is to ask for help. Well, I am doing just that – I need help and I am asking you, my fellow knights, to join me in this journey. Your assistance will contribute to our success and our work will stand as a testament to the Glory of God.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege and thank you in advance for your support. Let us together make this a truly wonderful year and demonstrate by our example the Glory of God.



Vivat Jesus!
Paul Maltagliati

FAMILY COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2007-08

Throughout the fraternal year our council has accomplished a number of activities to bring together our brother knights, their families and guests. Personal thanks to all our team leaders for an outstanding job and having a successful year. My thanks also to all of our brothers that participated and assisted in accomplishing our goals. I also want to thank the spouses and children who supported our council in making it happen. Below are the activities and our accomplishments in each.

Family of the Month Awards

Council families who exemplified the values taught by our church and our order were recognized for their contributions to the Church, community and council. Each month a council family is selected as "Family of the Month."

Hope in Northern Virginia (NOVA)

Our council provided financial aid to support HOPE of NOVA counseling services for woman faced with a crisis pregnancy. HOPE is staffed by trained volunteers that provide free pregnancy counseling services and

pregnancy tests, childbirth education and parenting programs, medical and legal assistance, housing information and referrals, and other counseling services.

Pancake Breakfast

Our council provided a pancake breakfast for parishioners following Masses on the second Sunday of each month from September through May of the fraternal year. The event raised funds to support youth programs throughout the year and other charities. We have three pancake teams, each with a team captain with approximately 20 knights on each team. The teams rotate during the year so that one team prepares and serves meals for only three Sundays during the year. The breakfast menu consists of sausage, bacon, pancakes, juice and coffee, cooked and served in Farrell Hall. We enhanced our teams by encouraging our new First Degree members to participate. Our pastor is highly supportive of our breakfasts since they bring the parish community together in fellowship. Our brothers build unity and fra-

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The Chaplain's Corner

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



At the last Supper Jesus promised his disciples:

I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

(John 14:16-17)

Jesus knew that by their own strength and ability his disciples would not be able to live the life that he had called them to. He knew that they would need supernatural help, the power and strength of God. He promised them that the Spirit of God would come and be with them. And this is what happened at Pentecost.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)

The lives of the disciples were transformed, and they preached the Gospel with courage and power. Today, Jesus continues to give us this power through the Holy Spirit. This is the power to live together in peace and love and to comfort the afflicted. This power also brings us into a more personal and deeper relationship with Jesus. The power of the Spirit changes us and brings us into a new life guided by the Spirit of God.

In the Life in the Spirit we deepen our relationship with Jesus. We establish a

personal relationship with Him and come to know Him by intuition. To do this we yield to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We invite Jesus to be part of our lives by reciting this prayer:

I dedicate myself to the works of Jesus Christ; fill me with your Holy Spirit Lord.

We can also meditate on the Name of Jesus each day during our quiet time with God.

Jesus said in John 10:10,

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The power of the Spirit brings us to know God as our Father. This is a Father that cares for us and loves us. We experience God's presence and love in a new way. We experience the Holy Spirit teaching us and guiding us. We come to accept Jesus as the Lord of our lives.

So let us pray that we can become more centered on God and less on ourselves, that we grow closer to God, that we experience a new and heart-felt prayer life, and a life guided by the Spirit of God.



God bless you all,

Father James S. Barkett

NEW SIR KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 8600



An exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held on May 17 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Chantilly, Va., where over 125 new Sir Knights participated. The new Sir Knights from our council included (in tuxedos, from left) David Lopez, Joe Boyle, Bill Baker and Tom McFarlane. In the center behind Joe Boyle is Sir Knight Bob Sussan, who is also commander of American Legion Post 177.

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.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS . . .

As we begin a new council year, it is not too early to consider your participation in our 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 Gene Molinelli at genemolinelli@gmail.com or 703-250-4150.

* Community Programs Phone Tree:

We need one new volunteer for the phone tree. Most calls will be during the next Fraternal Year starting in September. Contact Gene Molinelli at genemolinelli@gmail.com.

* 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 Brother Dave Sharp, also in our council, is a regional coordinator. Stay tuned for times and dates for this important activity. You may walk as fast and as far as you want, though the average is three miles in under an hour.

* **April Improve-A-Home** project led by Brother Tim Shea is now active year round.

On April 26 we completed tasks at five sites. At this writing we have 52 volunteers from the council and parish including the Basanes, Allen, Armstrong, Dulan, Ells, Enzmann, Evans, Gaffigan, Garcia, Garry, Gilding, Graham, Gulac, Kelley, Kerney, LaFalce, Le, Lehman, Leitao, Molinelli, Nevlud, Obuchowski, O'Connor, Pedneau, Perri, Phillips, Soroka, Sparta, Barone, Crowder, DeRose, Dominick, Gildon, Harshbarger, Lalande, Milas, Raderstorf, Wallace, Williams, and Wood families.



* **KOVAR.** The annual fund is conducted for several days each April.

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



* **Special Olympics** project led by Brother Roger Wesley is conducted usually in April each year in in the Northern Virginia area. We help stage several track and field events for individuals with disabilities.

Gene Molinelli

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/>



PAST GRAND KNIGHT JOHNNY RESTIVO'S FAREWELL MESSAGE: "CONTINUE TO WALK THE TALK"

As we close the 2007–2008 fraternal year, I have taken an inventory of our activities and your support throughout the year. At the start of our fraternal year, I asked you to continue to fulfill Fr. Michael J. McGivney's vision:

- to aid one another in times of sickness and death;
- to strengthen our families and ourselves in faith;
- to provide strong support for our priests; and
- to serve our Church and our community.

I asked, "Are we making an impact? Are we relevant? Are we making a difference?" We know that one man can make a difference, because one man already has: Fr. McGivney.

Throughout the year, I witnessed your enthusiasm and dedication in exemplifying our "Four Core Principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism." You continued to "Walk the Talk." You always stepped up when called upon to help our Church, our community and our priests, those who are less fortunate, individuals with disabilities and those with special needs. You supported church activities, Catholic schools, religious education, seminarians and seminaries, the elderly, human needs, pro-life programs, victims of disasters, hospitals, community projects, special needs, scout and youth groups, and scholarships; to name a few.

During the fraternal year, we exemplified 20 Knights to the First Degree and advanced 13 Knights to Second Degree, 18 Knights to Third Degree and nine Sir Knights to the Fourth Degree. We alone contributed nearly 25,000 volunteer fraternal and community service hours (62.5 hours per Knight), and provided \$78,000 for charitable and benevolent causes. Our efforts and those of our fellow Knights extend to State Council (130 councils and 24,000 Knights) with over one million service hours and over \$6 million in charity and to Supreme Council (13,000 councils and 1.75 million Knights) with nearly 69 million service hours and \$145 million in charity. A job well done!

Last year our Virginia state deputy challenged Virginia Knights to "be bold, be brave, be not afraid: Stand up and make a difference." Council 8600 met and far exceeded that challenge. But we cannot be complacent. We still have so much more to do to remain rel-

evant to Fr. McGivney's vision into the 21st Century. Our world presents many challenges today!! Expectations as a Knight of Columbus are "high." We are challenged by our priests, parish and community to "Walk the Talk." These are not hollow words.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to be your grand knight for fraternal year 2007–2008. This year has been fast for me. But with your strong and active participation in all our activities and functions, my job was made easy. Continue to be "A knight making a difference" as we enthusiastically support our new grand knight; the officers, committee chairs and activity coordinators; and the fraternal and community activities for fraternal year 2008–2009.

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

Vivat Jesus!
Johnny Restivo

Terrific Opportunity From Father Steffan



For seven Wednesdays in a row, beginning on July 9 and ending on August 20, Father Stefan Strazynski will be leading "The Life in the Spirit Seminar" at St. Mary of Sorrows Church at 7:30 p.m.

Come meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Their overwhelming love for you; and Their power to heal and transform your life. Become a new creation in Christ. Experience the spiritual gifts named in 1 Corinthians 12.

To sign up or receive more information contact Pete Garry at 703-978-1163

McGIVNEY'S CORNER

Historical Facts

What do you know about the beginnings of the Knights of Columbus? Was it easy for Father McGivney? Did he get involved in all decisions? What was his main interest in the order? By reading *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism*, by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Foster, you will find the answers to these questions and more. Below is an excerpt from the book found on pages 198-199.

“By 1888, the Knights of Columbus counted 4,020 members in 43 councils. Father McGivney had remained quietly involved, but he did not take an active position in the power struggles that roiled the fast-growing organization. Nor did he have much to say about the move, which was ultimately successful, to replace the Supreme Council with a more legislative Board of Government. The board was charged with electing a Supreme Knight, and in 1886 it chose a Bridgeport lawyer, John Phelan, to fill that post.

Father McGivney was more concerned that the order remain true to those themes with the great influence over the members of their families. The wife of a knight

in New London wrote a poem to express those themes. Despite the fact that the poet couldn't think of anything to rhyme with “Columbus” except “purpose,” the poem was flattering in the way that it reiterated McGivney's goals and proved that they were still intact, whatever the feuding in the executive offices. Reprinted in several Connecticut newspapers, it ran in part:

*The widow and orphan are helped from their hand
At the husband and father's demise.
They are true to their faith, too, by which they will stand
Till death knocks and each of their doors.....*

With the appointment of an assistant pastor in Thomaston parish, Father McGivney had enough free time in 1888 to involve himself in the most significant development within the Knights of Columbus since the order was founded six years before. A group of Catholic men in Providence, Rhode Island, requested permission to form a council . . . the first one outside of the state of Connecticut”

*Vivat Jesus,
David Lopez*

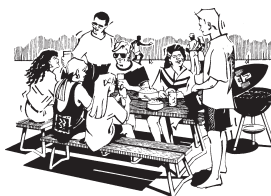
COUNCIL 8600 TO AGAIN HOST SERRA CLUB MASS AND PICNIC FOR SEMINARIANS AND FAMILIES

The Serra Club of Arlington, in cooperation with the Diocesan Office of Vocations, will hold its annual Mass of Thanksgiving and Picnic for seminarians and their families on Saturday, August 9, 2008. The Knights of Council 8600 will host the event for the fourth consecutive year. Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde will again be the main celebrant for the Mass in the Historic Church at 10 a.m.

This event is extremely popular with the men who are studying and discerning God's call to the vocation of the priesthood in a very intense way. Many seminarians have expressed their appreciation for the hospitality at previous picnics and how much they are looking forward to this year's gathering. It is the only event for all the seminarians to which their families are invited, and last year both the Historic Church and Old Saint Mary's Hall were filled to capacity. The Serrans provided drinks

and side dishes, while Council 8600 provided the burgers, chicken, and bratwurst and manned the grills for the picnic.

The Serra Club of Arlington was chartered in 2005. Serra International numbers over 23,000 members worldwide and is comprised mostly of married and single lay men and women. Its purpose is primarily to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated religious life, as well as to assist its members to grow in a greater understanding of and public witness to our Catholic faith.



Dave Maurer

Recruiting Begins for the 2008 Christmas Tree Sales Program

Our Christmas Tree Sales Program is our council's top revenue making program. To ensure that we continue building upon our past successes, this year we are beginning the planning process a little early. As in recent years, the Christmas Tree Sales Program will be coordinated by Brother Geoff Smith and assisted by Brothers Jim Cella and Al Obouchowski. This year, Brother Dave Lopez will assist in coordinating and finalizing the sales schedule. Take time now and let us know if you will be in town between

November 29 and December 23 and can help in selling trees to customers. Saturday sales dates are divided into three four-hour shifts, Sunday sale dates are divided into two four-hour shifts, and weekday sales consist of one three-hour shift. *We need brother knights to work at least two shifts to ensure a robust sales crew.* You can sign up now by e-mailing your shift preference(s) from the table below to Brother Dave Lopez at davelopez75@msn.com.

2008 Christmas Tree Sales Dates and Shifts

Saturday	Nov. 29:	9 a.m–1 p.m.; 1–5 p.m.; 5–9 p.m.	Friday	Dec. 12:	6–9 p.m.
Sunday	Nov. 30:	Noon–4 p.m.; 4–8 p.m.	Saturday	Dec. 13:	9 a.m–1 p.m.; 1–5 p.m.; 5–9 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 1:	6–9 p.m.	Sunday	Dec. 14:	Noon–4 p.m.; 4–8 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 2:	6–9 p.m.	Monday	Dec. 15:	6–9 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 3:	6–9 p.m.	Tuesday	Dec. 16:	6–9 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 4:	6–9 p.m.	Wednesday	Dec. 17:	6–9 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 5:	6–9 p.m.	Thursday	Dec. 18:	6–9 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 6:	9 a.m–1 p.m.; 1–5 p.m.; 5–9 p.m.	Friday	Dec. 19:	6–9 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 7:	Noon–4 p.m.; 4–8 p.m.	Saturday	Dec. 20:	9 a.m–1 p.m.; 1–5 p.m.; 5–9 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 8:	6–9 p.m.	Sunday	Dec. 21:	Noon–4 p.m.; 4–8 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 9:	6–9 p.m.	Monday	Dec. 22:	6–9 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 10:	6–9 p.m.	Tuesday	Dec. 23:	6–9 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 11:	6–9 p.m.			

Celebrate Fairfax Highly Successful for Council 8600

This year the council again demonstrated its community support by participating in the annual Celebrate Fairfax fair June 6-8, 2008, held at the Fairfax County Government Center. Crowds were heavy again this year for the first two days but dropped off Sunday due to the high temperatures, code red air quality and cautions by various governmental agencies to stay inside. Our responsibility was to man one of the beer booths at the main entertainment stage. We won't know how much revenue we generated for several weeks since all receipts are pooled and divided between the beer distributor, fair committee and beer vendors. We can report that the Council accumulated \$885 in tips from the stellar job of drawing drafts and providing great customer

service. A grateful thanks to the following brothers who worked a shift at Celebrate Fairfax: Dale Allen, Paul Armstrong, Dale Avery, Eric Barone, Mark Bednar, Jimmy Bossu, Dick Bulova, Fred Burgess, Dave Burke, Brian Callaghan, Jim Cella, Paul Ciatti, Jim Cocco, Ray Connolly, Joe Fleming, Ausberto Garcia, Paul Gauthier, Rich Holihan, Jerry Hovan, John LaRosa, Dave Lopez, Bud Luby, Tom McFarlane, Bob Metzger, Ed Miller, John Moar, Bob Plebanek, John Post, Rob Purkat, Johnny Restivo, Paul Rinderle, Bob Ritchie, Geoff Smith, Tung Tran, Dan Turgeon, Virgil Villepando, and Nick Yannarell.

Mike Burbach

Family Committee Accomplishments

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ternity and visibly offer humble service to our parish family. Attendance was normally 150 parishioners after each Mass.

Spaghetti Dinners

Our council provided a spaghetti dinner for parishioners following the Saturday Mass on the second Saturday of each month from September through May of the fraternal year. The event raised funds to support youth programs and work camp projects throughout the year, plus other charities. There are approximately 12 knights that cook, serve and arrange the dining facility. The Work Camp Youth Group from our parish also supports in set-ups and serving. The dinner menu consists of spaghetti, ravioli, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, pastries and various refreshments that are cooked and served in Farrell Hall. We invited our new First Degree members to serve on our team. Brother knights build unity and fraternity and visibly offer humble service to our parish family. Attendance was normally 100-120 parishioners per event. Thanks to "Head Chef" Jim Cella.

Annual Seminarian Family Picnic

Council co-sponsored with the Serra Club of Arlington Diocese an annual picnic for the seminarians, families and guests at the Old St. Mary of Sorrows Historical Church. The Serra Club of Arlington Diocese, comprised mostly of married and single lay men and women, foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated religious life, as well as assist its members to grow in a greater understanding and public witness of our Catholic faith. The picnic followed a Mass celebrated by Arlington Diocese Bishop Loverde. This year we had 14 seminarians in attendance, as well as 20 clergy from throughout the diocese and 27 members of the Serra Club. Council knights cooked hamburgers, chicken, sausage and hot dogs. The event was held to honor our seminarians and their families for their commitment to the religious life and our church.

Annual Tex-Mex Dinner

Council provided its annual Tex-Mex Dinner for parishioners on the second Saturday of March of the fraternal year. The event raised funds to support youth pro-

grams throughout the year and other charities. Knights were assisted by the St. Mary of Sorrows Amigos en Cristo + Friends in Christ and the parish youth group. The dinner menu consisted of rice, beans, tacos, nachos, desserts and delicious enchiladas and refreshments cooked and served in Farrell Hall. Attendance was approximately 200 parishioners. Thanks to "Enchilada Chef" Dave Sharp.

Annual Council Family Picnic

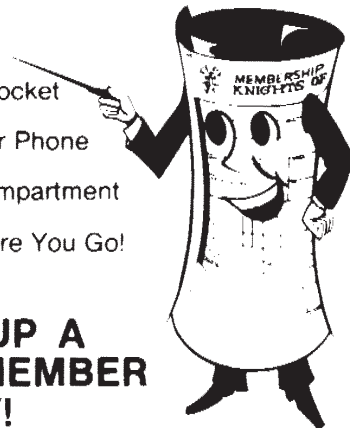
Our council held its annual Council Family Picnic for council members, their families and guests in June. Held at Burke Lake Park, approximately 100 knights, family and guests attended this event, which culminated in celebration of our closing fraternal year and bringing in the new. Thanks to all brothers, spouses and children who supported this successful Third Annual Family Picnic. Special thanks to Brother John La Rosa and his wife Carolyn for planning, buying, setting up and serving. Thanks also to all those who helped "Grill Master" Charlie Gulac and his wife Kathy.

Fidel Rodriguez

Family Committee Chairman

Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

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



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IRRIGATION EXPANSION AND MULCHING PROJECT

Early Saturday morning, May 3, 19 fellow Knights, three sons and three Squires set out to mulch and complete the expansion of the sprinkler system around the St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church grounds. Starting with bagels, coffee and juice provided by Tim Shea, program coordinator, the volunteers gathered on the front steps for a group picture.



In photo (from left) are Dennis Dress, Art De Los Santos, Bill Baker, Jack Finnerty, Dave Lopez, Tom Gilding, Joe Flemming, Squire Eric, John Moar, Al Obuchowski, John Enzmann, Dan Nickels, Pat Halloran, Patrick Holloran, Jim Cella, and Joe Krettek. Not shown are Tim Shea (taking the picture), Russ DeRose, Tom McCook, Paul McCook,

Two obstacles presented some challenges, a funeral at 10 a.m. and a wedding at 2 p.m., but we were able to complete our work keeping out of sight and not causing any disruption during both Masses. After more than five months of planning, Bill Baker, team captain/project manager, gave out assignments and the work commenced.

John Moar provided oversight for the mulching operation, some 70 bags, to include the beds in front of the Old St. Mary's Hall, by the flagpole, on each side of the church and for more than 20 trees. The grotto required leveling with topsoil, mulching and making it beautiful with the planting of 36 impatiens. Knights involved in the mulching operation included John Moar, Russ DeRose, Pat and Patrick Halloran, Joe Krettek, Tom and Paul McCook, Dan Neckel and three Squires.

Jim Cella revved up the behemoth trenching machine. Remembering from last year the trencher worked in a backward motion, he and Art De Los Santos manned the machine with John Ryan as relief. They trenched about five hours for the installation of more than 525

feet of poly piping through clay and foundation rock from the old Hamill house.

Parallel to this operation, holes were dug for the existing pipe connections, the sprinkler standpipes and three drains for pre-winter shut down.

Saving us valuable time, Dennis Dress pre-assembled the 10 sprinkler standpipes two weeks in advance containing more than 45 linear feet of galvanized pipe, 20 brass valves, 10 brass tees and 10 brass sprinkler heads. Dennis was our plumber extraordinaire taking on the installation of the standpipes and tee connections, including some 40 pipe clamps. The trenches were back-filled with the exception of the standpipes for testing. The water was turned on and no leaks in the new system, but guess what, one of the existing standpipes leaked.

After some exhaustive work, we were able to rig a temporary fix and the system worked like a charm with each new sprinkler head throwing a distance of about 50 feet. Knights involved with the sprinkler expansion included Jim Cella, Art De Los Santos, Dennis Dress, John Enzmann, Jack Finnerty, Joe Flemming, Tom Gilding, Dave Lopez, John Ryan, Julian Saenz (from another Council in Woodbridge) and me. My hat is off to several people staying beyond the cut off time to complete backfill of the standpipe holes and final cleanup. More than 150 man-hours were provided for this project!

Special thanks to Al Obochowski for diligently preparing lunch and providing more than 30 sandwiches, potato chips, sodas and cookies and giving us the nourishment we needed to complete the charge. Thanks to Tim Shea for entrusting me with this project. Thanks to Gene Molinelli and his call tree in contacting the Knights to volunteer. Thanks to Dixie Lopez for taking some pictures and serving cold water from a pitcher; and Andi Baker and Virginia De Los Santos in providing bottled water. And thanks to the Grand Knight, Johnny Restivo, for his resourcefulness. If anyone has been left out, please contact me.

Great job everyone! An exceptional group of committed knights! (NOTE: See more photos from the irrigation project on page 11.)

Bill Baker

SCENES FROM THE 2008 OLD ST. MARY'S IRRIGATION PROJECT



Two supers; two diggers.



OK, where's the leak?



It's down here somewhere!

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