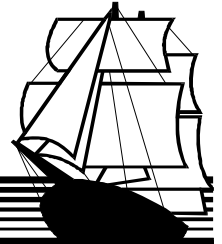


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Christmas Tree Sales 2009

We have just completed a very successful Christmas Tree Sale. In spite of having the worst wet weather and two snow storms, one a record breaker that closed all sales down for an entire week-end in the face of the uncertain economy, tree sales this year were a great success.

The success of this sale is directly linked to the cheerful and spirited work of our Brother Knights who work the shifts and sell the trees.

Contrasted with our meetings attended by 30-40 Knights, more than 240 Knights turned out to work the Christmas Tree Sales. Great work! Our success is made possible by the effort and enthusiasm of all our Brother Knights that came out and sold trees.

Our 2009 sales were simply great. We ordered 790 trees and kept our pricing the same as last year. Going into the sale, we were hoping to clear \$20,000 at the end of the sale.

We sold 774 trees grossing over \$52,000 and netting more than \$23,000 with only 16 trees left over. A truly impressive result.

This is even more impressive when you look at what was left on the commercial lots. They had about 1/3 of their inventories left at the end of sales.

A special thanks to all of our Brother Knights that worked so hard in the snow and in soggy conditions to make sure that our sales were a success, those Knights who volunteered to take extra shifts as well as those who manned their shifts on slow frustrating nights. By manning these shifts, we continue to build a lasting relationship with our loyal customers.

Among those who have made special contributions are:

- The set up crew led by Mike Stephens.
- Our electrical and lighting man Mike Perri.
- Our off load crew of Boy Scouts & Squires, their parents and Brother Knights led by Dave Sharp and

Steve Smith.

- Jim Cella, Dave Lopez and Bill Baker for being Assistant Sales Coordinators.

- Dave Lopez for scheduling and assistance in organizing.

- Our financial secretary, Phil Torrey who came out
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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brothers,

In looking back over the time since I was elected your Grand Knight, it has been a year full of joy and service to our Church, community, and our order. We have welcomed new Brothers to our ranks and were saddened to say goodbye to a few who were called home by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

This is also a time we look retrospectively on our call to be a Knight. All of you have received your annual dues notification and may be wondering if you should remain a Knight. Thankfully, over three quarters of our ranks have responded with a resounding "yes!"

If you are still searching your heart, I offer you these words from our Past State Deputy Kelly Mortensen:

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Grand Knight's Message

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“Which of you joined the Knights of Columbus because you wanted to serve the church? Did you know that 88 percent of the men that join the Knights of Columbus did so because they wanted to serve the church?

And serve you do. I want to share with you a few quotes from letters I received from some of our priests last year. They reflect what your service means to them and to your parish.

- “Only God knows how grateful I am to our Brother Knights.”

- “More than half of my ministry leaders are Knights.”

- “They are one of the major reasons why we are one of the fastest, if not the fastest growing parish in the diocese.”

- “They give me spiritual, moral and monetary support when I most need them.”

- “They always make me feel how important my ministry is as a priest.”

- “Our parish truly loves the Knights and the hard work and charity they give freely to the parish.”

- “They enhanced my growth as a Catholic and a priest of God.”

Now, do you feel that your council has increased its service to the church and our priests over the past couple of years?

Christmas Tree Sales

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at all hours to collect and count money.

- Our chairman emeritus, Brian Moynihan, for obtaining permits, handling publicity and being there to help when needed.

- Our 38 shift leaders and 240 worker volunteers.

- All those who worked extra shifts.

- Our take-down crew led by Eric Barone.

- AND the loyal and generous support of a great many of our parishioners and repeat customers.

Once again, I thank everyone that helped make our sales for 2009 an outstanding and huge success!

*Geoff Smith, Coordinator
Christmas Tree Sales*

Have you ever reflected on why you joined the Knights of Columbus, on what your service has meant to your parish, your community or even to a fellow Knight? What has being an active member done for you personally? Have you become a better Catholic, a better husband, a better father? Have you seen that through your service in the Knights, you have changed many lives for the better?”

Brother Mortensen makes a point of asking us to step up our efforts to get every Knight involved. I look around and see our Brothers involved in every aspect of our parish life, but there may be more that I can do as your Grand Knight to reach out to you and encourage each of you to become involved. We have so many ways to help in this council, and we sometimes rely too heavily on the good nature of our Brothers to volunteer to help. So I want to take this opportunity to ask you to help us. Take a look at the Web site. If you see an activity that interests you; call the respective point of contact or committee chairman for that activity. If you have trouble contacting someone, contact me personally, by the e-mail link on the site or give me a call at 703-239-8644. I will put you in touch with the right individual.

If you don't see something that strikes your fancy or you feel we should expand our mission in other ways, I want to hear about that also. There is nothing more heartbreaking to me personally than to lose a Brother Knight. Especially when it is one that was never asked to do something. He never had the same opportunity to become a person of higher moral, religious and patriotic conviction, and a person that believes in the sanctity of life, the sanctity of marriage and family values. I do not want that to happen on my watch, so please consider this your call to join your Brothers in the service we at St. Mary of Sorrows are known for. If you want to talk about your call, you have my number!

God Bless You All for All That You Do.



Vivat Jesus,
Dan Turgeon

The Chaplain's Corner

Foundational Belief of the Heart



Saint Ignatius of Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises expresses the stance and attitude that a person of faith should have if he is seeking to do the will of God in all things. He calls it the Principle and Foundation of the exercises. It is a gift from God and cannot be achieved by our own efforts. What follows is a statement of the Principle and Foundation followed by a paraphrase of the statement.

We are created to praise, reverence and serve God our Lord, and by this means to save our souls.

God loves us, creates us and wants to share life with us forever. Our love response takes shape in our praise and honor and service of the God of our life.

And the other things on the face of the earth are created for us to help us in the pursuit of the end for which we are created.

All the things in this world are also created because of God's love and they become a context of gifts, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily.

From this it follows that we are to use them in as much as they help us on to our end, and we ought to rid ourselves of them in so far as they hinder us from attaining it.

As a result, we are to show reverence for all the gifts of creation and collaborate with God in using them, so that by being good stewards we may grow in our loving care for God's world and its development. But if we abuse any of these gifts of creation or, on the contrary, make them the

center of our lives, we hinder or break our relationship with God and our growth toward complete enjoyment of his friendship in eternity.

For this it is necessary to make ourselves indifferent to all created things (in all that is allowed to the choice of our free will and is not prohibited to it); so that, on our part, we want not health rather than sickness, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor, long rather than short life, and so in all the rest; desiring and choosing only what is most conducive for us to the end for which we are created.

In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all created gifts (insofar as we have a choice and are not bound by some responsibility). We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or a short one, desiring only what will call forth in us a more loving response to our life forever with God. Our only desire and our one choice should be this: We want and we choose what better leads to the deepening of God's life in us.

We should pray that God will implant in our hearts a desire to do his will in all things; to help us to chose to do those things that will bring glory to God, help our neighbor and sanctify our souls.



God bless you all,

Father James S. Barkett

FROM OUR INSURANCE AGENT

Dear Brother Knights and families,

The Knights of Columbus will be changing the logo for the insurance business. There will be a shield with KofC on the front. The *Columbia Magazine* should have the new logo on the second page in the February issue. Last year the Knights of Columbus Insurance provided \$7.5 billion new coverage for Knights and their families. Over \$480 million was deposited in the annuity savings program. The financial strength of the order makes us one of the industry leaders. Long-term care insurance issued 3,500 new policies. The number of associate members becoming insurance members is growing. Isn't it time that you consider becoming an insurance member of the order?

Meeting new Knights and their families is one of the most interesting parts of my job. The diversity of backgrounds, jobs, how they ended up in the metro-

politan area, common interests and relations, all make up a council. The beautiful children always keep things going. My son called me yesterday and said that he was taking over my title of "most mean dad." It seems that my granddaughters were not happy with him saying NO to one of their requests.

The challenges of the economy still face us each day. Proper planning with a blend of insurance products, annuity and long-term care can provide a sound financial base for the future. Please call me with any questions. Paul T. Hannan, Field Agent, 703-444-6118, 571-276-3927-cell paul.hannan@kofc.org

Paul Hannan



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

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

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)

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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.

KofC 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 councils' 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 but were unable to attend one of the meetings where feedback was 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 very similar to last year and reflects the commitment our council makes to the community. The council and the community are 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 | Number |
|--|----------------------------|
| Number of Visits to the Sick | 1,993 |
| Number of Visits to Bereaved | 368 |
| Number of Blood donors | 104 |
| Number of visits to Habitat for Humanity | 198 |
| Activity | Hours of Volunteer Service |
| Church | 8,342 |
| Community | 6,201 |
| Youth | 4,405 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,594 |
| Visits to Sick/Disabled Members and Their Families | 2,017 |
| TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS | 22,740 |



Thank you,
Phil Torrey
Financial Secretary



Grand Knight Dan Turgeon presents Phil Torrey the "Knight of the Month Award" for February (left) and the "Honoring of the Second Degree Award" to Tom Silva (above).

2010 CALENDAR YEAR

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day Mass and Party
12 a.m. to ? (OSMC and OSMH)
- 5 Council Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 9 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 10 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
FH (Team Ciatti)
- 16 St. Veronica's Knights of Columbus
Casino Night
- 19 Council Meeting and First Degree
8-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 22 March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- TBD Parish FACETS Hypothermia
Shelter Support

FEBRUARY

- 2 Council Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 5 First Friday Adoration
7 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Worship Center
- 5 Soup Supper, FH
- 12
- 13 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 14 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
FH (Team Marotta)
- 16 Council Meeting and Chili Cookoff
(Open Meeting) 8-10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 17 Northern Virginia Training Center
Valentine's Day Dance

- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Soup Supper, FH
- 26 Soup Supper, FH
- 27 Polish Night, 6 p.m. to ? OSMH

MARCH

- 2 Council Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 5 First Friday Adoration, 7.m. to 8 a.m.
Worship Center
- 5 Soup Supper, FH
- 6, 7 KofC Membership Blitz
- 12 Soup Supper, FH
- 13 St. Patrick's Day Dance, FH
(AOH sponsored)
- 14 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
FH (Team Barone)
- 19 Soup Supper, FH
- 26 Soup Supper, FH
- 27 Route 123 Cleanup, 8:30 a.m.
OSMH
- TBD Easter Basket Food Collection
8-10 a.m., FH

NOTE: 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 2).

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