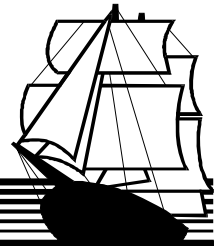


# MARINER



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## MARIAN HOMES SPONSORING CRUISE TO BERMUDA

**M**arian Homes is sponsoring a pleasurable five-day cruise to Bermuda, sailing from Baltimore. Pricing starts at only \$118 per person per day. Your support for this worthwhile fundraising effort will help Marian Homes immensely in their mission to provide homes for the intellectually disabled. Go to the Web site at [www.GroupHomeCruise.com](http://www.GroupHomeCruise.com) for details and the registration form or, if you have questions, you can contact Jim Rannazzisi at 571-222-7729 or [jimrazz@GroupCruisesUnlimited.com](mailto:jimrazz@GroupCruisesUnlimited.com).

**Initial Deposit:** \$200 per cabin *due no later than* October 1, 2010.

**Final Payment:** *due no later than* January 17, 2011. All indications are that we are going to have many knights and their families and St Mary's parishioners joining in on this wonderful cruise. We are hoping you will also.

### MARIAN HOMES UPDATE . . .

**A**s almost all of you know, Marian Homes Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to own and maintain group homes in Virginia for persons with intellectual disabilities. Founded by members of Knights of Columbus Council 8600, Marian Homes is still closely aligned with our council. Marian Homes purchased its first home in 1998 in the Brecon Ridge subdivision of Fairfax. The home is currently the residence to five women who live in a family environment as productive members of their community. Full-time care of the residents is provided by Chimes Virginia, a well-established provider of services in Virginia.

With the resounding success of its first group home and in recognition of the overwhelming need for this type of housing in Northern Virginia, Marian Homes purchased a second home in the Greenbriar subdivision of Fairfax and continues to work with our care provider, Chimes of Virginia and the Fairfax County Community Service Board to identify residents for the new house in the Greenbriar subdivision. Also assuming appropriate inspections and certifications by the state and county fire

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## Grand Knight's Message



**B**rothers all,

Welcome to new Fraternal Year 2010-2011. First I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued participation in the Knights of Columbus. I can think of no better organization to be involved in to support our families, our marriages and life itself. Thanks to our brother knights who have volunteered to be officers and program committee chairmen for this year. I also want to thank Past Grand Knight Dan Turgeon for leading us in 2009-2010 and also for his continued support, mentorship and friendship as I begin my role as Grand Knight.

I am humbled before God and many good Catholic gentlemen to be placed in a position of leadership with the Knights, especially when the group of men is more worldly and experienced than I. In our recruiting drives we talk about –

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## Grand Knight's Message

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Who Are These Men They Call Knights??? Well, I am a convert from the Lutheran Church who grew up in a small town in Wisconsin, but through the bonds of the military, a loving Catholic family that I married into and good examples to follow I began my own journey in the Catholic faith.

Thanks must go out to my mother-in-law, whose daily walk in the faith has been a shining example of love towards her family, friends and greater community. Thanks to Brother Jerry Hovan for recruiting me into the Knights, even if in the beginning it was just a way for me to fit into a new place and play some softball. Finally, special thanks to my wife for walking side by side with me in my journey for over 15 years. I love you.

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson writes, "Our lives should be a journey toward a spiritual destination. If an eternity with Christ is our goal, then our journey should be oriented to that objective." This journey now puts me in a leadership position. I pray that I can witness to the significance of Christ's life and death by living a life that is worth being followed.

I am a sailor and, believe me, I understand the symbolism of the Grand Knight – the anchor. In the next year I will work hard to be an anchor for this council. In my own life I have always tried to live a balanced life, and in this busy time of my life that is important and sometimes very challenging to do. I've always believed to maintain my strength I must be spiritually, physically and mentally strong. Not only is it important to work on our spirituality but it is also important to challenge our bodies and minds as well. I encourage all to work all three areas so you can be an anchor that can be counted on.

I ask my brother knights to continue to witness to Christ's love no matter where you are and continue our efforts of "walking the talk" and supporting our priests because I am counting on you as well. Let's continue our great efforts through our charitable works, unite with all people especially with our fellow Christians, strive to witness to our sense of fraternity with our brother knights and to show our patriotism whether it is here at home or abroad.

To close, I can only repeat what one of our organization's newest members stated for *Columbia* magazine: "Joining the Knights of Columbus provides an opportunity for me to be closer to my faith, my family and my church. We can unite our efforts and resources in this next year and beyond to provide moral support to other men and their families, thus creating a stronger community and Church right here in Fairfax and St. Mary of Sorrows."

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year, especially as we continue our good works and are charitable in our endeavors.



Vivat Jesus,  
Don Wilkinson

## Weekend Retreat for Men

Brother Knights and friends, we want to alert all of you to an upcoming Weekend Retreat for Men from Friday evening October 15 till approximately 2:00 pm on Sunday October 17, 2010, at Dominican Retreat in McLean, Va. Those of you who have attended in the past know the quiet and peace of the Dominican Retreat and the opportunity the weekend gives you to reflect on and strengthen your personal relationship with God and with your family, friends and neighbors. The weekend schedule includes daily Mass, presentations, conferences, discussion groups, confession, Rosary, adoration and private time. The grounds are terrific and the food is excellent. It is a truly wonderful experience. This year we are very fortunate to have Fr. Jude Winkler, a Conventual Franciscan Friar, who is well known and a wonderful presenter, as our Retreat Master.

We are all very busy, but this is time well spent. If you would like more information on the retreat please let Brother Pete Garry know via e-mail at [pgarry1@verizon.net](mailto:pgarry1@verizon.net) or call him at 703-978-1163 and he will give you additional information and send you a brochure.



# The Chaplain's Corner

## THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

*After I had been prayed with for the release of the gifts of the Spirit, I was told to go off and read scripture by myself for a while. As I began to read, the words seemed to jump off the page at me. I felt that the Lord was speaking personally and directly through the words that I was reading. I understood scripture in a way that I had never experienced before. It was as though a light had been turned on in my mind.*

*My experience was similar in personal prayer. Whereas before, my prayer life was burdensome and full of distractions, it was now full of insight and illuminations. I still had to work at prayer and fighting distraction, but the fruit of my efforts was much greater. Sometimes in prayer I would have very strong and direct experiences of the Lord, so much so that I couldn't put into words what happened. In my sacramental life also, the "lights were turned on." This was particularly the case with the Eucharist. — High-school student, Rochester, N.Y., 1972*



**T**he gift of understanding opens our minds and hearts to the mysteries and teachings of God. Scripture comes alive for us. Things about God that we did not understand before we now can grasp more easily. Whereas, before, prayer was difficult, now we start experiencing God and his truths in a more powerful way. We are drawn to spiritual writings and are better able to understand them. In Colossians 1:9 Paul prays:

*And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

**W**hen the gifts of the Holy Spirit become active in us, we get a strong dose of the gift of understanding to better enable us to be followers of Christ. We are better able to lead a "life worthy of the Lord."

Our sacramental life comes alive for us. We receive a better appreciation of Jesus in the Eucharist and his healing power in the Sacrament of

Reconciliation. We have an increased desire to be with Jesus and start experiencing him in a personal way, by intuition and experience.

**A** way to start experiencing the gift of the Holy Spirit understanding is to pray the following prayer each day,

*I dedicate myself to the works of Jesus Christ. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, Lord.*

This should be followed by reading a chapter of Scripture and asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten our mind as to what the Lord is telling us through the Scripture. Then writing down what we think the Lord is saying.

God bless you all,  
Father James S. Barkett



# FROM OUR FIELD AGENT . . .

**D**ear Brother Knights and Families,

I was able to attend a Knights of Columbus Field Agent Sales Conference in July down in Dallas, Texas. Over 75 percent of the field agents were there to exchange ideas and get information that would help in serving our councils. One guest speaker emphasized the new four letter word for the next few years- MATH. He brought to our attention the size of underfunded debt in government programs, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and the new Health Care Act, to name a few. How are we at an individual level able to provide for our families and fund our own retirement? Whole Life Insurance and annuities was one explanation given. The buildup of cash value in a Whole Life Insurance policy allows you to become your own bank. When money is needed, a loan may be obtained from the cash buildup in the policy without any hassle. Yes, interest will accrue, but you still may use the funds when needed. The Knights of Columbus guaranteed interest annuity products, presently 3 percent, with additional .25 percent when the balance is over \$10,000, provide an income stream over your retirement years.

**T**he Knights of Columbus Long-Term Care Insurance allows for customized planning of benefit levels. You may have three-, five-year or lifetime benefit protection. Daily benefit between \$100 to \$400 per day, comprehensive or nursing home only. Maximum daily benefit of \$500 per day by combining two policies. There are three riders offered: inflation protection, return of premium at death, and nonforfeiture of Premium. I would be happy to answer any questions you have about Long-Term Care Insurance.

The councils I serve have all had a very successful fraternal year. The newly installed officers are getting

the budgets and calendars coordinated. We are asked to recruit new members and to contact and involve our present membership. The energy and parish involvement the councils bring in their support of the clergy is recognized. This coming week you should see publicity about the National Knights of Columbus Convention being held here in Washington, D.C. The opening Mass, Tuesday, August 3, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be broadcast on EWTN.

Please call me with any questions about Knights of Columbus Insurance.

Fraternally,

*Paul T. Hannan*

## *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/>

## MARIAN HOMES

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and safety authorities, residents could begin moving in before the end of August and four male residents are expected to be living in the home by the end of September.

Marian Homes is administered by a 15 member all-volunteer board of directors responsible for financial matters, fund-raising and home maintenance. One-hundred percent of profits raised goes directly to group home support. There are no administrative costs.

*Pete Gary*

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# 2010 — 2011 CALENDAR YEAR

## AUGUST

- 3 Council Meeting, 8-9:30 p.m.  
OSMH
- 6 First Friday Adoration, 7-8 a.m., WC
- 7 Sera Club Picnic for Seminarians  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., OSMH
- 10 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m.,  
OSMH
- TBD Silver Rose Ceremony and  
Eucharistic Adoration, WC
- 17 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m.,  
OSMH
- 20 Council Golf Outing  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Twin Lakes Golf Course
- 24 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m.,  
OSMH
- 31 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m.,  
OSMH

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 First Friday Adoration, 7-8 a.m., WC
- 6 Labor Day Picnic and Recruiting  
Booth, OSMH and FH
- 7 Council Meeting, 8-9:30 p.m.  
OSMH
- 11 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 12 Pancake Breakfast (Team Rutkowski)  
6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., FH
- 14 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m.,  
OSMH

- 21 Council Meeting and First Degree  
8-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 25 Route 123 Cleanup
- 28 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m.,  
OSMH

## OCTOBER

- 1 First Friday Adoration, 7-8 a.m., WC
- 3-9 KofC Membership Blitz
- 5 Council Meeting (Open Meeting for  
Scouts Presentation) 8-9:30 p.m.  
OSMH
- 9 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 10 Pancake Breakfast (Team Ciatti)  
6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., FH
- 11 Columbus Day Parade
- 12 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., FH
- 16 Crowder Lady Bug Farm Cookout
- 19 Council Meeting and First Degree  
8-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 23 Italian Night, 6-8 p.m., FH
- 26 Second Degree, 7-10:30 p.m.  
OSMH
- TBD Oktoberfest, Northern Virginia  
Training Center

*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.*

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