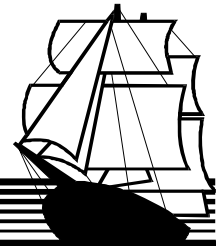


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COUNCIL 8600'S CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DRIVE

December 19, 2010, Parish Center

Even in Fairfax County we have many families and single people living in our community who are hungry. Our council has an opportunity again this holiday season to help by serving with a corporal act of mercy; feeding the hungry. Please plan to help by providing a Christmas food basket. We will collect meals on Sunday afternoon December 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Parish Center. Mark Haaland, 703-944-4898, is our council coordinator. Please contact Mark if you can provide a Christmas food basket.

Suggested food items are for a family of five to six. Please add additional items as desired to make the meal special.

1. \$15-20 grocery card from Giant or Safeway
2. disposable foil roaster pan
3. stuffing mix (such as "Stovetop")
4. fresh white potatoes
5. packaged gravy
6. canned sweet potatoes
7. one bag of marshmallows
8. two cans of yellow and two cans of green vegetables
9. canned pumpkin pie mix (spices included in ingredients)
10. evaporated milk for pumpkin pie mix
11. pie crust



Our council food basket drive supports our parish and is part of a well-organized countywide social action event.

Our council helps to make a difference through this simple yet important corporal act of mercy.

Mark Haaland

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All,



Welcome to fall. It is a beautiful time of the year, with the changing of the colors, football, and families getting back to their school-year routine. Traditionally, fall is the harvest time and a time for reflection and giving thanks. I am thankful for all the Brother Knights who stepped up to assist the order in driving very important persons to the national convention, cooking for our seminarians and their families, coordinating the Silver Rose program and pitching in to make the Labor Day Picnic a success. I am also excited about our early recruiting efforts to bring new Knights into our order.

This summer, while I was away at school, I had a lot of time to focus on getting strong. Not
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Grand Knight's Message

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only did I exercise my mental faculties, I also exercised physically and spiritually. I encourage you all to do the same. One of my favorite activities is praying the Rosary while I am running long distance and contemplating what is right and wrong in the world.

One of my electives this summer was Radical Islam. The ideas presented were challenging for me. As a military man I am well aware that our government uses the term "violent extremism" as the politically correct term; however, the majority of today's terrorism is done in the name of Islam. I am convinced that the terrorists' ultimate aim is to create a Caliphate and install Sharia law. They are far from doing that, but I do believe they are winning the information war and creating divisions within our society and government. We need to educate ourselves about the Islam faith and the best way to do that is not to listen to the media or organizations who claim they are the experts. I recommend reading only documents that are written for a Muslim audience by Muslims and only Muslims that are considered subject matter experts (SMEs) within the Islamic faith. The writer should also base their works on facts from the Koran and hadiths recognized by the greater Islamic community from recognized SMEs endorsed by global Islamic bodies. Any other document should be considered fiction.

The best way to convert the moderate Muslim is to show them the facts of their own religion and demonstrate to them the way, the truth and the life is through the belief in Jesus Christ. "Winning the hearts and minds" of our adversaries is not easy, especially as our military continues to kill innocent people and cause collateral damage in Iraq and Afghanistan. No one said it would be easy to go after the bad guys.

I don't suggest outlawing the Islamic faith or going back to the Crusades, but rather that we follow the example of Christ per Matthew 5:44, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven." We can convert more to Christianity, and the best way to do that is to educate and teach Muslim women about the inequalities they face under Islamic law. Also know that hardcore Muslims use our Constitution and the separation of church and

state against us. True Islam calls for church and state to be one in the same.

The battleground for Christianity has spread to Europe. The Netherlands, France and Switzerland are all struggling with laws that will keep the Islamic faith in check, creating fear and possible discrimination. Terrorist attacks and violent demonstrations are frequent in Europe. The U.S. has seen this battleground as well. There has been a lot of talk and controversy about a mosque being built near the World Trade Center bombing in New York City. Under our laws can they do this? Yes, but should they is the real question. They can build a mosque here, but can we build a church in the heart of Islamic country? Saudi Arabia may be a U.S. partner in the Middle East but don't let that fool you. They will not allow a church to be built on their soil, so it calls to question why should we allow them to build here? Why? Because we are taught to love and not hate.

We should strive to live as an example as good Catholics, build bridges and love all our neighbors. At the same time we should stand ready to defend ourselves against the violent elements of Islam and root out evil where it exists. I also ask you to continue to support our military at home and abroad and to pray for peace, especially as the U.S. begins peace talks with Israel and Palestine over the West Bank.



Pray the Rosary,
Don Wilkinson

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/>

The Chaplain's Corner

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (The Outpouring of the Spirit)

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher for the Papal Household, in discussing the Baptism in the Spirit or outpouring of the Spirit in his book Sober Intoxication of the Spirit states:

This outpouring is not a sacrament, but its name implies a connection to a sacrament and even more than one: the sacraments of Christian initiation. The outpouring actualizes or, in other words, renews Christian initiation. The fundamental connection, however, is with the sacrament of baptism. The term "baptism in the Spirit" indicates that there is something here that is basic to baptism. We say that the outpouring of the Spirit actualizes and revives our baptism.

Catholic theology tells us that a sacrament can be valid and legal but "unreleased." A sacrament is "unreleased" if the fruit of the sacrament is not experienced. It is bound. It is not used because there is something lacking. Some of the conditions for it to take effect are not present; therefore it is not effective. What holds the fruit of the sacrament back?

Classical doctrine on the sacraments state that sacraments are not magical rites that work mechanically without knowledge and cooperation by people. The effectiveness of the sacrament depends on a cooperative effort of our free will and divine power (that is Spirit of God and the grace that comes from Christ). Saint Augustine said, *He who created you without your consent will not save you without your consent.*

The fruit of the sacrament comes from divine grace, but this grace will not act without the "yes" or consent of the person. God does not impose his love upon us by force, but he waits for our free consent.

The part of baptism done by God is very rich in the graces provided: remission of

sin; the virtues of faith, hope and charity; the gift of divine sonship where we become members of the house of the Father. This collection of gifts was given to us at our baptism, but it is still sealed up for the majority of Christians. What is our part? It consists of faith and a serious intention to becoming a disciple of Christ, *The one who believes and is baptized shall be saved.* Mark 16:25. *But to all who all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.* John 1:12.

In the early church baptism was administered to adults that were converting from pagan beliefs and after appropriate instruction were able to make an act of faith — a serious, free and mature decision to surrender their lives to Christ — to say *Jesus is the Lord of my life.*

This synchronism between the action of God and the action of man is not operative today in many cases. With the adoption of infant baptism, little by little, the sacrament began to lack the act of faith that was



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St. Mary of Sorrows Council 8600

Grand Knights: 1984 – 2011

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| 1. S. James Rannazzisi
1984 – 1985 | 20. Michael Sakraida
2003 – 2004 |
| 2. Alphonse Obuchowski
1985 – 1986 | 21. Kurt Meinsen
2004 – 2005 |
| 3. Ercole Barone
1986 – 1987 | 22. Gerald Hovan
2005 – 2006 |
| 4. Anthony DiGregorio
1987 – 1988 | 23. Walter A. (Tony) Vanderbeek
2006 – 2007 |
| 5. Paul Muldoon
1988 – 1989 | 24. Johnny Restivo
2007 – 2008 |
| 6. Carl Kaczmarek
1989 – 1990 | 25. Paul Maltagliati
2008 – 2009 |
| 7. Michael Stephens
1990 – 1991 | 26. Daniel Turgeon
2009 – 2010 |
| 8. Paul Gauthier
1991 – 1992 | 27. Don Wilkinson
2010 – 2011 |
| 9. Frederick Walker
1992 – 1993 | |
| 10. James “Jake” Jacobson
1993 – 1994 | |
| 11. Richard La France
1994 – 1995 | |
| 12. Neil Buttimer
1995 – 1996 | |
| 13. Curtis Winters
1996 – 1997 | |
| 14. Peter Garry
1997 – 1998 | |
| 15. William Crowder
1998 – 1999 | |
| 16. Ercole Barone
1999 – 2000 | |
| 17. James Cella
2000 – 2001 | |
| 18. Timothy Donovan
2001 – 2002 | |
| 19. Richard Lee
2002 – 2003 | |



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personal and free. The environment, in which children grow up today, in many cases, does not allow faith to develop.

As we look at ourselves, are we able to say “Jesus Christ is Lord, He is the Lord of my life, He comes first in my life” *and mean it?* Perhaps we can take this to prayer and ask Jesus to help us to “Yes, I want you to be the Lord of my life; I surrender control of my life to you.” When we do this, we will experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will empower us to be the sons of God He wants us to be.



God bless you all,
Father James S. Barkett

2010 — 2011 CALENDAR YEAR

NOVEMBER

- 2 Council Meeting 8-9:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 5 First Friday Adoration, 7:30 p.m. to
8:30 a.m., WC
- 6 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH
- 7 Pancake Breakfast (Team Marotta)
6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., FH
- 9 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH
- 11 Veterans Day Mass and Brunch,
9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 16 Council Meeting (Open Meeting with
Speaker Vavid Dunn) 8-10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 20 Christmas Tree Setup, 8 a.m. to 12
noon, OSMH
- 20 Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, 9 a.m. to
12 noon, FH
- 23 Reserved Date, 7 to 10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Christmas Tree Offload, to 10:30 a.m.
OSMH
- 27 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
(through Dec. 23)
- 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 to 10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 19 Christmas Food Basket Collection
2-3 p.m., FH
- 19 Christmas Party, 3 to 7 p.m.
Grand Knight's Home
- 21 Council Meeting 8-9:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Blood Drive, FH
- 28 Reserved Date, 7 to 10:30 p.m.
OSMH
- 31 New Year's Party Setup, 10 p.m.
OSMH

DECEMBER

- 3 First Friday Adoration, 7:30 p.m. to
8:30 a.m., WC
- 4 Rt. 123 Cleanup
- 7 Council Meeting 8-9:30 p.m.
OSMH

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



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TODAY!**



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