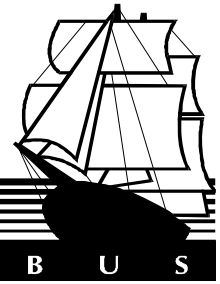


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K N I G H T S O F C O L U M B U S



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## Christmas Tree Sales: “Simply Great”

We have just completed a very successful tree sale. In spite of having wet weather and the coldest December on record, some snow, a power blackout which not only closed Route 123 but forced us to close for an entire shift and in the face of the uncertain economy tree sales this year have been 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, over 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 2010 sales were simply great. We ordered 800 trees. We kept our pricing the same as we have for the last five years. Going into the sale we were hoping to clear \$20,000 at the end of our sale. We sold 781 trees grossing over \$53,000 and netting over \$23,000: A truly impressive result.

Although we had about 19 trees left at the end of the sale (a little over 2 percent of inventory), we netted more money than if we sold all trees at full price. There are two reasons for this great result: First, the generous support of our customers who often paid more than our asking price; second, because almost all of our trees were oversized this year many sold at the price of larger-sized trees.

A special thanks to all of our brother knights that worked so hard in the cold and in soggy conditions to make sure that our sale was a success.

I want to especially thank those knights who volunteered to take extra shifts, as well as those who manned their shifts on those 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 we wish to thank:

- the set up crew led by Mike Stephens;
- our electrical and lighting man Mike Perri; and
- our off load crew of Boy Scouts and Squires and their parents and brother knights led by Dave Ramos, Dave Sharp, Steve Smith and Russ De Rose. An especially difficult task this year due to the very large sizes of the trees;

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### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All,

As I write this message, I am grateful for my brother knights and the good work they do. A new year brings many blessings and new challenges. Half of my tour as grand knight is over. Boy, time goes by fast. Several past grand knights have been helpful in mentoring me through this tour and my deputy has done very well to keep me squared away.

The results of the Christmas Tree Sales were outstanding. Thank you all for contributing to the council's successful season. The teamwork was awesome! “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalms 133:1) There have been some other great efforts, like the Hypothermia Shelter, the five-car raffle and envelop stuffing.

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## Grand Knight's Message

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We have a few big events coming in the spring that I will call upon you to help once again. We will have our annual KOVAR drive (tootsie roll drive) the last weekend in March to raise money for those with intellectual disabilities. April Improve-a-Home is an event where we need a lot of hands on deck. Stay tuned and be ready to volunteer.

We had some great fraternal events in the month of February, such as the Chili Cookoff and Polish Night.

Softball season is just around the corner. And if softball is not your game, you can join us for bowling on Thursday nights at Bowl America on Guinea Road. We start at 8 p.m. and we are gearing up for the KofC state tournament, which is the first weekend in April.

Lent is just around the corner too. Normally many Catholics abstain from something. Maybe this year you can do something different. Spend some quiet time with the Lord, volunteer some of your time, mentor a youth, care or visit the sick or elderly, call a family member every day. There is much we can do and feel better about ourselves other than giving up sweets, alcohol or some other temptation. Forty days is a bit of time. Remember our Lord completed his 40 days in the desert. I like this quote from Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Another great thing to do during Lent is to pray the Rosary with your family. Our state deputy has been on a mission to achieve the goal of Virginia families praying one million Rosaries over the 2010-2011 fraternal year. These are difficult and perilous times for us and our families. How wonderful that we are able to turn to our Blessed Mother in prayer, through the Holy Rosary, and seek her comfort. How pleased Our Lady must be that her knights, their families and friends are turning to her in prayer, and through prayer receiving her blessings for **Life, Marriage and the Family**.

Thank you for letting me continue to serve you as your grand knight. May God's blessings be upon you in 2011. Let's make it a great year together!

*Pray the Rosary,  
Don Wilkinson*

## Christmas Tree Sales

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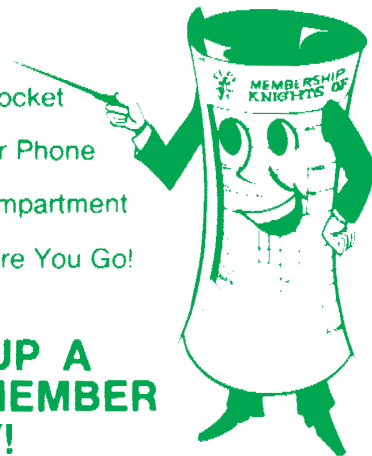
- Dave Lopez, PGK Jim Cella and Bill Baker for being assistant sales coordinators managing the day-to-day operations;
- Dave Lopez also for all his work in the difficult job of scheduling and organizing the sale;
- our financial secretary, Phil Torrey, who came out all hours to collect and count money;
- our chairman emeritus, Brian Moynihan, for getting permits, handling publicity and who is always there to help when needed;
- our 44 Shift Leaders and 240 workers;
- our take down-crew led by PGK<sup>2</sup> 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 2010 an outstanding success.

*Geoff Smith, Coordinator  
Christmas Tree Sales*

## 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**

# The Chaplain's Corner

## THE HUMILITY OF JESUS

*Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

—Philippians 3-11



In his book, *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit*, Father Raniero Cantalamessa talks about the humility of Jesus. What did Jesus do to be humble? He abased Himself. In His actions He demonstrated what it is to be humble. He descended from His glorious state, emptied himself and took on human form. He became a servant of us all and was obedient to the Father. He abased Himself all His life. He said, “I am among you as one who serves” (Luke 22:27). He did not stop serving us and abasing Himself even to death on the cross. At that time the Father, through the Holy Spirit, brought Him back to life and exalted Him in the highest heavens. This demonstrates Jesus’ saying, “He who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11).

Humility is not a question of feelings, of putting ourselves down, of feeling bad about ourselves; rather it is a question of action. Humility is having the will to

serve, a readiness to abase ourselves, and to serve our sisters and brothers. Our only motive for doing this is love. Love inspires our service to others. Humility is gratuitous. It is self-abasement without calculation or self interest. Nothing is expected in return. No strings are attached.

*But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just. (Luke 14:13-14)*

Humility is similar to charity. It is similar to what Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 13 when he says that charity is not boastful or arrogant or rude. This means that charity is humble, and humility is charitable.

For Jesus then humility is to give of ourselves freely, not living only for our-

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# KOVAR FUND DRIVE – MARCH 24-27

The council needs your participation in this year's KOVAR fund drive. The statewide goal this year is \$625,000. We at St. Mary of Sorrows have been exceeding our expectations each year. Supporting fellow Virginians with intellectual disabilities has been a key Knights of Columbus effort for many years.

We are looking for knights to volunteer to be this year's site captains and deputy site captains. If you feel the need to contribute and to enjoy the feeling of giving your time, please contact our council's KOVAR chairman, Jim McHugh, at 703-334-1313 or at [jmchugh@yahoo.com](mailto:jmchugh@yahoo.com). You may also sign up your family or other St. Mary's or council affiliated groups to assist in the KOVAR Drive.

Our site captains will be calling to ask if you can donate a few hours of your time. When they call, please be generous with your time – you'll feel good about this. KOVAR turnout is always exceptional and 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 with intellectual disabilities;
- **Group Home Furnishings** — including living room, bedroom, dining room, kitchen, common area and recreational center furniture for clients;

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selves. When we seek recognition of applause, we are not being humble because this cancels the gratuitous aspect. We seek our own reward.

Let us then turn to Jesus in prayer and ask for the grace of being humble in our actions as Jesus was humble in His actions.



God bless you all,  
*Father James S. Barkett*

- **Training Programs** — Necessary funding for organizations to train person with intellectual disabilities to enhance their quality of community living;
- **Startup Programs** — Grants to establish new and innovative programs designed to assist individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families; and
- **Special Olympics** — KOVAR is a sponsor of the Virginia Special Olympics, donating over \$25,000 each year.

Thanks to all brother knights that stepped up to lead this year's KOVAR Charity Drive. What we also need is some new blood to step up and either run a site or to assist the existing site manager in his duties. It's a great cause and a great way to increase your involvement and contribution to the Knights and KOVAR.

Remember to consider KOVAR if contributing to this year's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) or the United Way of the Greater DC Area at your place of employment. Council 8600 will receive credit toward our 2011 goal of \$10,000 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 to meet our KOVAR goals for 2010. Use CFC CODE 42569 or United Way of Greater DC Code of 8838. Be sure to retain a copy of your donor pledge and provide the council KOVAR chairman with a copy for Council 8600 credit. Contact Jim about this program.



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# 2010 — 2011 CALENDAR YEAR

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| <p>1 Council Meeting (Open Meeting, Fraternal Benefits Night), 8-10:30 p.m., OSMH</p> <p>4 First Friday Adoration, 7 p.m.- 8 a.m. WC</p> <p>5,6 KofC Membership Blitz</p> <p>5 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH</p> <p>6 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. FH (Team Rutkowski)</p> <p>8 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH</p> <p>9 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>11 Soup Supper, FH</p> <p>12 St. Patrick's Day Dance (AOH Sponsored) FH</p> <p>15 Council Meeting and First Degree, 8-10:30 p.m., OSMH</p> <p>18 Northern Virginia Training Center, St. Patty's Day Dance 7-8:30 p.m. Need volunteers, Contact Gerard Durback 703-278-8767 (home), 571-332-2644 (cell)</p> <p>18 Soup Supper, FH</p> <p>19 Rt. 123 Cleanup, 8:30 a.m., OSMH</p> <p>22 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH</p> <p>25 Soup Supper, FH</p> <p>24-27 KOVAR Collection (primary dates)</p> <p>29 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m., OSMH</p> | <p>8 Soup Supper, FH</p> <p>9 Easter Basket Food Delivery 8-10 a.m. FH</p> <p>9 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., FH</p> <p>10 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m. -1 .pm. FH (Team Ciatti)</p> <p>12 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 p.m. OSMH</p> <p>15 Soup Supper, FH</p> <p>19 Council Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m. OSMH</p> <p>21 Holy Thursday, Knights for foot washing &amp; 4th Degree Honor Guard Requested</p> <p>22 Good Friday</p> <p>23 Holy Saturday celebration, Fourth Degree Honor Guard Requested</p> <p>24 Easter Sunday, He is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!</p> <p>26 Reserved Date, 7-10:30 pm – OSMH</p> <p>30 Special Olympics, Roger Wesley, 703-696-4543 (work) 703-503-3116 (home)</p> <p>30 Improve-A-Home, 7-9 a.m., FH</p> |
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## APRIL

- 1 Soup Supper, FH
- 5 Council Meeting, 8-10:30 p.m., OSMH



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