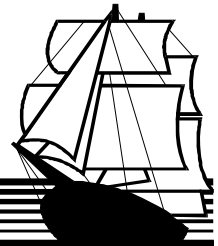


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## 2011 CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

We have just completed a very successful tree sale, in the face of very mild weather and a poor 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 2011 sales were simply great. We ordered 775 trees. We kept our prices the same as the last six years. Going into the sale we were hoping to clear \$20,000 at the end of our sale.

We sold 773 trees grossing over \$ 55,500 and netting over \$25,500. At the end of sales on Dec. 21 we only had two trees left. 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 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 are:

- 1) The set up crew led by Mike Stephens;
- 2) Our electrical and lighting man Mike Perri;
- 3) Our off load crew of Boy Scouts & Squires and

their parents and brother Knights led by Dave Ramos and Steve Smith;

4) Dave Lopez, Jim Cella, and Bill Baker for being an Assistant Sales Coordinators;

5) Dave Lopez for all his work in the difficult job of

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### Grand Knight's Message



Dear Family of St. Mary of Sorrows Council,

January 2012 is here. I can't believe the first six months of my term is behind me. December was fun for the brothers that saw all their hard work come to a successful conclusion. What hard work you ask? The significant events for December were the record-setting Christmas tree sales, which required the support of over 200 Knights; the Children's Christmas party, hosted by the Squires and Squire Roses; the Grand Knight's Christmas Open House; and the preparation of 50 food baskets for the Fairfax County Prohibition program. Wonderful job!

Many of you do not realize the great volunteers our council has. The events don't just happen. I sincerely thank the members of our council for their tireless efforts and the success they have generated, not just for December but for every month.

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## Grand Knight's Message

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December inspires us to be better Christians. When the church fills with music, song and parishioners, Catholics become joyful, for they have looked at the birth of Jesus and have prayed to God in ways they may not have in a long time.

Now that we have the New Year, but are still in the Christmas season, let's remember what God said to us and keep him in our lives and our hearts throughout 2012. Let's continue the gift giving of Christmas throughout 2012 by making a resolution to help the less fortunate in Fairfax County. Starting January 3, 2012, let's begin a new effort in Council 8600 at St. Mary's to help end hunger in Fairfax County, let's bring a nonperishable food or personal hygiene item to every Knight's event and meeting. These "gifts" will be collected and donated to St. Mary's Food Bank for distribution throughout the county.

The Knights will be busy this month with events at the Parish and within our council's schedule of activities. We have been asked to support the Parish's Hypothermia week, we have our monthly Spaghetti Dinner and Pancake Breakfast, and we also have the 39<sup>th</sup> Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C., on January 23. Our council usually provides crowd control by patrolling the VIP and stage area at the March. It is a great time, and the group leaves the parish around 9:00 a.m. Additional announcements will be posted to the website ([www.kofc8600.org](http://www.kofc8600.org)) and via email.

Please check our website for the latest prayer requests and the council information. The website administrator and I are in the process of redesigning the site to give you the information we feel best keeps you informed. Please look at it often and let us know what you think.

Let me leave you with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Religion is to do right. It is to love, it is to serve, it is to think, it is to be humble." Make a sustainable New Year's resolution this year to get involved with the council and its activities. We all became a Knight to serve. It doesn't take much, 24 hours a year, which is just two hours a month. We are always looking for individual project leads during the year.

Have you ever noticed that good intentions are many times difficult to maintain? It seems that change – even for the good – is difficult to sustain. There is comfort in

the familiar, and it is easy to slip back into those habits that may not be good for us. That's why we need the encouragement of a spouse or a friend to keep that commitment to exercise regularly, eat sensibly, or help out at a Knight's function. Let's face it: Anything worthwhile takes some effort. But, oh the return on the investment! Imagine the satisfaction of presenting a seminarian with a check to assist with his education, or helping young people in programs for the disabled. This does not occur without effort.

So if you want to do one thing and not be the Grand Knight, there are opportunities for you. Send me an email and we can have a private discussion to find the right position for you.

We at the St. Mary of Sorrow's Council wish all our Knights, Squires and Squire Roses a happy and safe New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pray the Rosary!

Vivat Jesus!

David Sharp



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH Tony Munera receives his award from Grand Knight David Sharp at the January 3 meeting of Council 8600 of St. Mary of Sorrows.



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The **Squires & Squire Roses**, along with Knights of Columbus, had the annual Children's Christmas Party at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Farrell Hall on December 10 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The hall was decorated with festive Christmas decorations, and the Christmas tree was adorned with lights and bulbs. Those in attendance were children from St. Mary's Parish and Pre-school and Foster Care Nursery, through 4th grade. It appeared all had a great time. The kids had fun making their own special Christmas tree ornaments, jewelry, necklaces and holiday magnets. Many of the attendees showed off their creations by wearing them the rest of the afternoon. The food for the night was a big winner, with hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, cookies, brownies and sodas. What would a Christmas party be without Santa? He made his presence known after lunch to the delight of all the kids, and boy did they go wild! Santa was portrayed by our WGK Dave Sharp, and he handed out candy canes and listened to all the toddlers' requests, like the one from Johnny who wanted a dog instead of a sister, or reminding Santa to please make sure the toy's have batteries in them!

At the same time this event was going on, the Squires were also performing the Shoe Box Collection. The shoe boxes included hats, gloves, socks, underwear and personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste and combs that can fit in a shoebox. The recipient families

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## Tree Sales

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scheduling, organizing and working as an Assistant Sales Coordinator;

6) Our Financial Secretary Phill Torrey, who came out all hours to collect and count money;

7) Our Chairman Emeritus, Brian Moynihan for getting permits, handling publicity, and who is always there to help when needed;

8) Our 46 Shift Leaders and 240 workers;

9) All those who worked extra shifts;

10) Our take down crew led by Eric Barone; and

11) 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 2011 an outstanding success.

*Geoff Smith*

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are not part of the Christmas gift programs sponsored by St. Mary's Church. They represent people who fall in the shadows of poverty or near poverty that we hear about but rarely see. The shoe boxes were dropped off at various charities in Northern Virginia, like the Northern Virginia Training Center, the Lamb Center at Fairfax Circle and BARN. BARN is a secular not-for-profit organization providing housing, supportive services, life management skills and financial education for homeless women and their dependent children. The participation and generosity shown at these events demonstrated the Christmas spirit is alive and well!

*Stephen Morales*



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# The Chaplain's Corner

## JESUS, IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

*Who do you say that I am? Mark 8:29*



This is a challenging question that Jesus put to his disciples, and as Christians, it is one that is put to us today. Paul in response to the question said that Jesus is *the image of the invisible God* (Col 1:15). In the Gospel of John it says, *No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known* (John 1:18). This God that we cannot see is made visible and knowable in his Son: *the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us* (John 1:4). In Paul's letter to the Hebrews it says, *Long ago God spoke to our ancestors on many and various ways by the prophets, but in these days he has spoken to us by a Son. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being* (Hebrews 1:1-3). It goes on to say that this Jesus *had to be like his brothers and sisters in every respect ... tested as we are, sharing our flesh and blood* (2:17, 4:15, 2:14). Jesus is a divine person in which God is totally present.

God is with Jesus in everything he does as a human being. We know what God is like by the words of Jesus. In Jesus, God call us to be his people and asks us to imitate the earthly Jesus. God reveals himself to us in human form. We often forget this human aspect of Jesus. We turn him into a divine object that sometimes seems far away from us, and has no critical impact in our lives. We see him in heaven because we feel that he is safer there. We kneel before

him and call him our Lord, but he has little influence in what we do on a daily basis and in the life of the world. But Jesus is a challenging person to have around. He challenges us to live the gospel in its fullness.

In a mysterious way, in Jesus God fully and completely communicates himself to us: *In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell* (Col 1:9). Jesus is divine in that he is the perfect representation of God in the world. He manifests God's presence in the world. God presents himself as fully human so that we can understand who God is, and God's call to us to follow him as his sons and daughters. Understanding God and what he expects of us, allows us to be his ears, eyes, mouth, and hands and feet - images of God in the world. When we read the Gospels, we learn about the Good News presented to us by Jesus. We learn about the God of Jesus who created the heavens and the earth - we learn who our God is. In Jesus we can confidently tell others about God and his love for us. We are also challenged by the life of Jesus to be his followers and to share what we know about him with others.

It might be helpful to slowly read the Gospel of Mark and look at Jesus as prophet, teacher, and healer; relate to his concerns for the poor, women, children, sinners, and fellowship with others; and study his personal

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## January Birthdays

Peter T. Alberse Jr.  
Sean Alger  
Richard D. Allen  
Edward A. Barker Jr.  
Jimmy A. Bossu  
Mark D. Budgeon  
Cody A. Cardenas  
James M. Carlin  
Paul T. Caton Jr.  
James M. Coleman  
John J. Connolly  
Thomas E. Copeland  
William S. Crowder  
Karl J. Dahlhauser  
Timothy G. Donovan  
Charles McElroy  
Adolph H. Ernst III  
Peter Garry  
Peter T. Gaulke  
John R. Germain  
Sherrill G. Hebert  
Richard F. Holihan  
James J. Jackson  
John F. Keenan  
Dr. Robert D. Kiesel  
Laurence G. Kohler

Stephen P. LaFalce  
John L. Leech  
Brian M. Lopez  
Ramon David Lopez  
Joseph R. Lowry  
Bernard F. Luby  
Michael E. Lyden  
Joseph R. Marotta  
Deacon Jeffrey M. Meyers  
James R. Moran  
Curtis S. Morris Jr.  
Michael G. Muldoon  
John P. Murphy  
James J. O'Brien  
David E. Pedneau  
Ambrose D. Reid  
Fidel J. Rodriguez  
Frank J. Romano  
John J. Schumacher  
Matthew A. Simon  
Peter J. Tompkins  
Ed D. Trimakas  
Frederick A. Walker  
Thomas B. Walker  
George S. Wassif

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traits, such as, faith, how he handled temptations, love, prayer, compassion, forgiveness, humor, exasperation, anger, and fear. In this way we can hold him up as a model to compare our lives to, and we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us to become like him.



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



# OPEN LETTER TO THE COUNCIL 8600 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**T**HANK YOU! What more can we say? Many years ago, an acquaintance asked me in a quiet, almost off-hand way, if I had ever considered becoming a Knight of Columbus. Quite frankly, while I had thought about it numerous times over the years, I never gave it any serious consideration. My wife's father, brother, uncles and cousins were all Knights of one degree or another, so I had some exposure to the Knights of Columbus ever since we first started dating over 45 years ago. However, I really didn't know very much about the Knights of Columbus, what they stood for, what they did or their purpose in the Church community, etc. Yes, I knew they sold Christmas trees (we use an artificial tree), and gave out candy bars (bad for my teeth). And on special occasions I saw them parade around smartly, never missing a beat, in colorful capes and plumed hats of various colors. For really special celebrations they even waved their bright silver swords around with impeccable unity and perfect timing, with nary a drop of blood to behold! (I must admit I make a point of keeping my distance just in case...). However, since my father was not Catholic, I was more frequently exposed to the rites and regalia of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and other Masonic organizations.

When confronted with this invitation to join the Knights of Columbus, I immediately accepted. Having achieved the Fourth Degree, I now can say I have a fairly good "book" knowledge of what the Knights are all about; Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism (I hope I got that right). In any case, some things in life just can't be learned from books, and among those is "Charity." While I value the feeling of fraternity I get when attending a K of C function, whether it be the Sweetheart Ball, the annual Grand Knight's Christmas party, religious functions such as when the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights appear in all of their regalia, the laying of a wreath on Columbus Day, or just a regular meeting (which I must admit I'm not very "regular" in attending), the thing I value most by being a Knight of Columbus is the attitude of charity which is exuded by my brother Knights at Council 8600.

I received my first heart pacemaker almost 22 years ago. From there I went to a heart defibrillator, and then, almost three years ago, I received the "gift of life" — a new heart. However, this was followed by a broken

back due to compression fractures, and then a broken hip 18 months ago, leaving me unable to drive a car. Intertwined with these events were numerous hospitalizations for a variety of ailments. (Rae and I are getting to know the 911 paramedics by name.) As most of you know, Rae was just recently released from the hospital. (She went in for repair of a heart valve, with a projected hospital stay of 4-5 days, but ended up with three open-heart surgical procedures and hospitalization of 29 days.) She won't be allowed to drive until much later this month.

**T**he "bottom line" of this letter is that Rae and I could not have dealt with almost 20 years of heart problems, numerous other ailments, and the loss of our son two years ago, without the "charity" of the Knights of Columbus and their wives. Without your continuous assistance over the years, I would not have been able to keep an almost unending list of doctor appointments, do Christmas, birthday and grocery shopping, or attend numerous church functions, such as K of C, AOH meeting, Cursillo small group reunions, choir practice, or activities such as reconciliation, classes on the History of the Church, ALPHA, ad infinatum. In addition, I would have been denied the joy of seeing Rae's face light up when I visited her in the hospital these past 29 days. While driving me to various appointments and to see Rae during her hospital stay are probably the most visible examples of your charity, it actually goes far beyond that. We can't tell you how much your prayers and Mass offerings have meant to us over the years. The gifts of food, a simple pat on the shoulder as you pass me by, a "thumbs up" from across the sanctuary or a heartfelt smile sends a message which would take a book to explain. The National K of C website has this to say about "charity": "There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day." Thank you brother Knights of Columbus, and your wives, for answering the call through your daily demonstration of love and compassion.

May God generously bless you and your families.

VJ  
*Tom Copeland*

# KNIGHTS MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

For many years now Council 8600 Knights have partnered with probation officers in Fairfax County to provide Christmas Food Baskets to the families of people formerly incarcerated and now free on probation. These families often face severe challenges, including lack of employment, and difficult family dynamics that stem from imprisonment.

Despite the busyness of the season, this year 28 St. Mary of Sorrows Knights and/or their spouses made time to shop and put together Christmas Food Baskets. Each basket provided a wonderful family meal due to the robust nature of the baskets. The Probation Office was told to expect 30 baskets, because one Knight provided two baskets and a St. Mary's parishioner provided another.

Before the Probation Officer arrived, I learned that St. Mary's had some Christmas Food Baskets remaining from the parish collection and distribution efforts the day before. Carol Mayfield, St. Mary's Social Action coordinator, provided 10 additional baskets and Carolyn LaRosa (brother John LaRosa's wife) shared additional food from the parish's food pantry.

When the probation project officer (Angela) arrived she informed me that each of the county's 40 probation officers had identified one very needy family from their case load and that they planned to divide the 30 baskets up among the 40 identified families. When Angela learned that we had 40 baskets, enough to satisfy all the families identified by county probation officers she was tremendously moved by the generosity of our council. She said that the receiving families would be immensely grateful and it will also realize that other people care about them, helping them to push forward with hope and a more positive attitude.

Some people might think that it was a coincidence that we ended up with 40 baskets – exactly what was needed, but I think many will believe that the Holy Spirit guided us from not having enough food to fully satisfying what the probation officers needed to brighten the Christmas holiday for all 40 families.

Many thanks to the 28 Knights who so generously participated in our Christmas Food Basket project; thanks also for the additional brothers who recently donated Thanksgiving meals. Between the two activities

we had 38 Knights who donated through the council. We have over 400 members in our council. If you didn't donate a food basket this year either at Thanksgiving or Christmas, consider doing so next year. It makes a big difference to those in need.

*Peter Garry*  
Holiday Meals Coordinator

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY PROGRAM COMMITTEE EVENTS

Spring is the most active time for Community Program events – and thanks to a great set of event coordinators, we look forward to another successful Spring in 2012. For those ready to brave the elements, we also have the quarterly Rt. 123 roadside cleanup scheduled for Saturday, January 14 to start the New Year. Volunteers meet at the Historic Church at 8 a.m. and are usually on their way back home by 10 a.m.

One of the most important and satisfying community charity events is “April Improve a Home.” Last year our council completed projects as varied as range and sliding door installation, yard cleanup and gardening, painting and sink repair at nine private homes and both Marian Homes. In the months ahead we will seek your assistance to identify parishioners in need as well as your talent, energy and leadership to complete the projects.

We are still looking for a leader or co-leader for overall April Improve a Home event coordination. This is a good way to get to know individual Knights who serve as project leads and directly experience the satisfaction of serving others. Early planning should begin in February, and the leader/co-leader would need to contribute about 1-2 hours each week until project day – Saturday, April 21. Please consider volunteering for this important community program position – which will not be dropped in your lap, but rather shared with other brothers who have made it such a success for the past many years.

*Dave Evans*  
Community Programs Chair

## THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN 2012

At the midpoint of the 2011 – 2012 fraternal year, a review of the council's Church activities noted the many accomplishments and successes in 2011 and the recognition of the need to continue to strengthen our spiritual and catechetical formation in 2012. Laudable is our increased participation in the first Friday Adoration, the large number of knights who participated at the Memorial Mass in November, and the continued involvement of Knights in leadership roles in parish spiritual activities – for example, catechists in the religious education, trained leaders in different programs of evangelization, as RCIA, Alpha, Cursillo, and in social action programs, Scouting and other charitable and spiritual activities.

But the challenge remains – inviting more of our brother Knights to Eucharist, devotion to Mary, and the promotion of a culture of life – three pillars identified by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as the cen-

ter of the Council's mission. The opportunities to grow our spiritual and catechetical formation are many – for example, spend time with our Lord during first Friday adoration, participate in an annual retreat, participate in the Council Communal Mass during the 2012 Easter season, lead or participate in the parish religious education or adult education programs, attend Mass and receive the sacraments more frequently, volunteer to lead or help with an existing program or initiate a new program.

How do you answer the call for active involvement in the work of the Church? If you have questions or want to help please contact Tom Silva at [kapalama@aol.com](mailto:kapalama@aol.com).

*Tom Silva*  
Church Program Chair

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## 2012 RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

Please consider joining with hundreds of thousands of pro-lifer's and brother Knights for the 39th Annual March for Life on Monday, January 23. It is an experience that no one should miss. Just to be walking up the hill on 1st Avenue on the way to The U.S. Supreme Court building, to look up the hill to see an ocean of thousands of marchers then turn around and look down the hill to see the other ocean of thousands of marchers. This is an opportunity to come together in our nation's capital to pray and to be a public witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death.

The idea of the rally and walk began in late October 1973 when grassroots pro-life leaders became concerned that January 22, 1974, might come and go without properly memorializing the Supreme Court's infamous abortion decisions and without petitioning Congress for redress. No established right-to-life organization was prepared to undertake the planning, financial and operational responsibilities for a high impact pro-life March on the U.S. Capitol. But, grassroots pro-lifers wanted to march! About 30 pro-life veterans resolved themselves into a committee and began making plans for the first March for Life. On January 22, 1974, the first March for Life was held on the West Steps of the Capitol. An estimated

20,000 committed pro-life Americans rallied that day on behalf of our preborn brothers and sisters.

The full list of 2012 Right to Life events can be found on the Right To Life website <http://www.marchforlife.org/>. But two of the significant events are the Right to Life Rally and March.

St. Mary of Sorrows Parishioners have many ways to attend the Right to Life Rally and March; they can provide their own transportation to get to the Rally or they can join their fellow Parishioners on the bus that departs the Worship Center after the 9:15 AM and returns about 5:00 PM. For those who cannot attend please consider taking a few minutes in your day to spend with the Lord praying for Pro-life and the Pro-life cause.

**What can you do as a Knight?** The Knights of Council 8600 provide crowd control around the VIP seats at the rally and security during the march. This is a great job and you have an opportunity to meet several of the guests. The Knights departs the Parish Center after daily Mass and returns around 5:00 p.m.. Watch the website and emails for information and how to sign up. Contact me at [adigregol@gmail.com](mailto:adigregol@gmail.com), if you have questions.

*Tony DiGregorio*



## NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

With the New Year upon us, it may be a good time to review policies pertaining to the newsletter. I want to thank Frank Romano for his efforts over the past years on maintaining and publishing our *Mariner*.

All articles and information must be submitted in electronic form to the editor on or before the 15th of each month. This policy is inviolate because with the number of people who can or must submit articles or information, one of them will ask for an extension which holds up the entire newsletter. In addition to the delay, it may cause a hardship on the editor or the Grand Knight. Finally, time does not permit the editor to write articles, check them for accuracy or follow up to obtain more complete information. The final layout and all articles will be approved by the Grand Knight prior to publication to ensure consistent communication within the council for our events.

Articles which do not have sufficient information, are not in narrative form (i.e., are “bullet points” or summaries of information), or do not reflect the policies or be-

liefs of the Knights of Columbus or the Catholic Church are subject to being rejected. Unfortunately, articles which exceed space limitations are subject to being edited to fit or being considered for publication at a later date.

No article will be published anonymously; all articles will be signed by a brother Knight. Articles within the six (6) activity areas, or standing committees, will be published over the name of the pertinent activity chairman’s name or committee chairman’s name. The reason for this policy is to ensure consistent communication within the council for any event.

Any brother Knight who wishes to receive the newsletter in hard copy form and not electronically (and we already have many who do just that) should so advise the editor and Grand Knight by email at [grandknight@kofc8600.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc8600.org).

I hope you are delighted with the quality of our newsletter for the past months. Please let me know, if you have any questions or suggestions.

*David Sharp*  
Grand Knight

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## FACETS: 2012 HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION PROGRAM

For the seventh year, Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transition Services (FACETS) is coordinating county-wide programs with local churches and faith-based charities. This nonprofit works to get those who are homeless into overnight shelters during the winter and is one of five operated across Fairfax and Falls Church in partnership with the Fairfax County government. While the purpose of the hypothermia prevention program is just that – to prevent weather-induced illness and death – the FACETS staff offers personalized case management to move the adults off the street. In 2011, 19 clients took part in this program and moved into permanent housing.

Local Fairfax and Burke churches are offering safe places to sleep and nutritious meals to men and women. Working with St. Mary’s Parish volunteers and staff, FACETS staff registers the clients and works to ensure proper shelter, activities and support is available for the clients.

During the week of January 15, St. Mary’s will be hosting homeless Fairfax County residents. Various Parish groups will prepare the evening food but hundreds of additional volunteers are needed to provide daily cleanup

support of the church, providing overnight security, and ensuring other critical services and assistance are available. This year there is also an identified need for 4-wheel drive owners to be on standby in case of a snowstorm.

To volunteer, sign up on the St. Mary’s Hypothermia volunteer website, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stmarys13>, or email [stmaryshypo2012@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryshypo2012@gmail.com). If you need more information please contact Mary Jo O’Connell, 703-250-1564, or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141, x19.

But if you are unable to volunteer due to work or travel, please help fulfill the following 2011–2012 Hypothermia Prevention Program Wish List. These items will be provided to the Hypothermia staff for distribution to the clients and if any items remain, they will be donated to the St Mary’s Food Bank. Please bring the item to the Spaghetti Dinner on January 14, the Pancake breakfast on January 15, or the meeting on January 17.

Personal Hygiene Items  
Handi Wipes (travel packs)

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## 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)



## HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION

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- Lysol Wipes (travel packs)
- Hand Sanitizer (individualized)
- Foot Powder
- Shaving Cream and Razors
- Deodorant (Men and Women's)
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brush
- Combs and hair brushes

Individual packaged food items:

- Granola Bars
- Packaged Crackers and cookies
- Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers
- Pretzels, Nuts, Trail Mix, Raisins
- Apple Sauce, Fruit Cocktail or other canned fruit)
- Tea Bags
- Hot Chocolate
- Ramen Noodles
- Breakfast Bars
- Cereal (individualized boxes)

*David Sharp*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2011

- 31 - Worship Hour – OSM (11:00 PM)
- 31 - New Year's Day Midnight Mass at OSM (12:01)

### JANUARY 2012

- 1 – New Year's Day Midnight Mass at OSM (12:01)
- 1 - Party at OSMH (Party after Mass) – Champagne provided by Knights; Bring an appetizer to share. (OSM and OSMH)
- 1 – Solemnity of Mary (Parish Center)
- 3 – Meeting; 7:00 Food, 7:40 Rosary; 8:00 Meeting (OSMH)
- 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration (Parish Center) 7:00 PM – 8:00 AM
- 14 – Spaghetti Dinner (Farrell Hall) – 6:00 PM
- 15 – Pancake Breakfast (Farrell Hall (Moratta Team)) – After all Masses (7:30 – 11:00)
- 15 – Pancake Breakfast (OSMH (Squires)) – After all 09:30 Mass
- 15 – 21 – Hypothermia Shelter (Farrell Hall)
- 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (OSMH) (7:30 Ceremony, 7:00 Showtime)
- 19 – Spaghetti Dinner for Hypothermia Shelter (Farrell Hall)
- 24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree John Paul I Council 7165, Dale City (7:30 Ceremony, 7:00 Showtime)
- 25 - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree 8:00-9:30 pm St Bernadette cafeteria (7:30 Ceremony, 7:00 Showtime)
- 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Council 6292 Fr Diamond Council, St Leo Parish (7:30 Ceremony, 7:00 Show)
- 28 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree 12:00 Council 6292 Fr Diamond Council, St Leo Parish (12:00 Ceremony, 11:30 Showtime)

### FEBRUARY 2012

- 3 – 1st Friday Adoration (Parish Center) 7:00 PM – 8:00 AM
- 7 – Meeting; 7:00 Food, 7:40 Rosary; 8:00 Meeting (OSMH)
- 11 – Spaghetti Dinner (Farrell Hall) – 6:00 PM
- 12 – Pancake Breakfast (Farrell Hall (Rutkowski Team)) – After all Masses (7:30 – 11:00)
- 12 – Pancake Breakfast (OSMH (Squires)) – After all 09:30 Mass
- 13 - 1st Degree 8:00-9:30 pm St Raymond's Parish Hall (7:30 Showtime, 8:00 ceremony)
- 15 - 2nd Degree 7:30-9:00pm Nativity Parish Center (7:30 Showtime, 8:00 ceremony)
- 18 – Polish Night – Tentative (More information to come\_
- 18 – 3rd Degree – Good Samaritan Council 6175 Sterling VA (12:00 Ceremony; 11:30 Showtime)
- 21 – Meeting: Open Meeting – Chili Cook-off and Insurance Presentation
- 22 – Ash Wednesday
- 28 – 2nd Degree – Fr Sikora Council 7992 Burke VA (7:30 Showtime, 8:00 ceremony)

## 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.



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