



# Knights' Courier



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MONTGOMERY COUNCIL #2323**  
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## **FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, FATHER ZYLLA**

Dear Brother Knights,

During this Lenten Season, the very earliest possible in the Church calendar, as Catholics we are called upon to examine once more, each of us, how we are faring relative to our final goal. At Christmas time, when we were celebrating the Birth of Christ, Pope St. Leo the Great urged everyone to rejoice: the saint because in the Savior's Birth he sees the palm of victory at hand; the sinner because he receives the offer of forgiveness; the pagan because he is summoned to life.

In Lent, the Pope St. Clement reminds us that throughout every age of history the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to any who were willing to turn to him. And our own Pope John Paul II frequently urged us all, *every day*, to re-convert. He didn't necessarily mean to turn away from mortal sin (unless we need to), but to turn away from any sin to which we cling, or which clings to us.

The intent is not to make us miserable, but the contrary: to have us experience again how liberating it is to be forgiven, to be a son or daughter of God, and to be able to strive again for holiness, for God-likeness, that is, for supreme happiness. God is supremely holy and God is supremely happy. To this we are all called: whether we are priests, deacons, in the consecrated life, or laity. The call to holiness is universal, as Vatican II reminded us.

A good "technique" to use consists in trying to recognize a particular weakness that we have, a particular sin or fault that we cling to. Then to ask the Lord to help us get rid of it from our lives: by working against that fault, or by striving to practice the opposite virtue. For example, to counteract pride by practicing humility; to counteract self-centeredness by striving to be mindful of others and to help them according to their needs. And so on.

Brothers, let's all try, with the Lord's grace, to have a Happy Lent!

Fr. Robert Zylla, O.S.C.  
Chaplain

**FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY, JOHN DURBIN**

February brings us into the cold part of Winter with the anticipation that Spring will be following rapidly. We have the opportunity to add to our Order during the Spring membership BLITZ. Our Order Wide Membership Drive will take place in February and March. Start now and designate a weekend to hold your individual Council membership drive. We are turning the corner at the halfway mark for our fraternal year and we look forward to a good strong finish. I ask all of you to ask one man at mass each Sunday to join our Order. Wear your pocket name badges at mass to show your pride in being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Parishioners will notice the things you do, your involvement at mass whether you are an usher, lecturer, extraordinary minister or just attending mass with your family. They will notice and maybe want to be part of our family. We still have six months for each of us to attain the Silver Knight award for this fraternal year. We each need to bring in two new members, attend three business meetings and participate in three council events. I am sure most of us need only the two members.

The District Free Throw Competition will take place March 1, 2008 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Council. (See info about Council 2323's competition later in this newsletter) Terry Waters will be running the event for us and we hope there will be a large turn-out of Council winners taking part. The State competition will take place on March 16, 2008 at the School of the Incarnation, 2601 Symphony Lane in Gambrills, MD. Competition will be from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

Pray the Rosary.  
Fraternally  
John L. Durbin, District Deputy

**FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT, SHANNON DOHERTY**

My Brothers All:

Our only event for January was the Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Haiti Mission. A big thanks to Mike Thomas and his crew for another successful fundraiser. Look for a report further on in this Courier.

In February we will host a Second Degree on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please come out to show support for the Council and the candidates. Candidates should arrive at 1:30 pm. The Lenten season starts off on the 5<sup>th</sup> with our Shrove Tuesday Mass and Pancake Supper at 7:00 pm. Please contact our Worthy Chancellor, Chris Dierken for information. We will hold our Lenten fish fries on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Look inside the courier for information. Also inside this edition is information for the Free Throw Competition being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will hold our Spring membership blitz the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make yourself available to participate in this important drive.

Brothers, please get involved. It is together, as a team, that we will keep our council successful.

Fraternally,

Shannon H. Doherty  
Grand Knight

## **2007-08 Directory and E-mail Group**

Did you receive the January or February Courier by e-mail? If not, please send an e-mail to let us add your current e-mail address to Council records: Please send the e-mail to:  
**KofCMontgomery2323@Yahoo.com.**

Please be sure to provide your name so we can identify your name and e-mail together.

### **Parish Round Tables**

Please check the mailing label on this issue of the *Courier*. It should indicate your parish affiliation as currently reflected in Council records – or you may see only your name and address which means we have no parish information. Please send corrections or updates to KofCMontgomery2323@Yahoo.com, or call the Hoffmasters at (301) 770-7840.

Occasionally, pastors of our primary parishes ask for assistance with projects. Round Tables are simply the lists of our members according to parish. These lists need to be updated so that we can more easily respond to our pastors. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### **Shrove Tuesday Mass and Pancake Supper**

Shrove Tuesday Mass and Pancake Supper will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 5th, at the meeting hall. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. At the conclusion of Mass, a pancake feast will be served for only \$5 per person. Proceeds beyond the cost of the pancakes will be donated to support seminarians.

This is a vigil Mass that satisfies the Ash Wednesday obligation. Please join with Brother Knights and Families for this evening.

### **Proceeds of \$1,600 for St. Francis Parish's Medical Mission to Haiti**

Thanks to ALL who supported the Council's Annual Spaghetti Dinner for St. Francis's Medical Mission to Haiti. More than 180 people attended the spaghetti dinner on January 27, and helped raised \$1,600 for the Mission. Particular thanks go to the following Knights and their family members who helped out at this event: Bob Mongelli, Mike Bean and his daughter, Melissa; Mark Arenas and his daughter, Alexxi; Pat Gilroy and his son, Ryan; Kevin Bean, Paul Loebach, Mark Lynch, Andy Einsmann, Mike Ambrosia, Mike Thomas and his son, William.

### **Shrimp Feast March 1**

The Knights of Columbus Softball Team will host an **ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP FEAST** on Saturday, March 1. The feast includes spiced shrimp, french fries, coleslaw, beer, wine, soft drinks. Food will be served from 6 to 9:00 p.m., and a DJ will provide entertainment from 7 until 11 p.m. at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Over hill Road in Derwood, MD.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person ages 12 to 64; \$15.00 for those over 65; \$10.00 for children under 12. Please contact Mike Bean at (301) 460-6193 or email to [kofcsocial@comcast.net](mailto:kofcsocial@comcast.net).

## **LEADERSHIP (2007-08)**

### **Council Officers**

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Convention Alt. #2	Open	

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**From the Supreme Council**  
**Information for this section is drawn from the Supreme's website,**  
**<http://www.kofc.org>**

**Incentive Program Commemorates Papal Visit**

The Knights of Columbus must "prepare the way" for Pope Benedict XVI during his planned visit to the United States April 15-20, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. The supreme knight has outlined a three-point program of preparation for the pope's visit tied to membership recruitment and prayer, including a spiritual e-bouquet.

**Knights of Columbus Insurance Set Three New Records in 2007**

Knights of Columbus life insurance in force reached \$66.1 billion at the end of 2007, setting a new all-time record, Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer Carl A. Anderson announced Jan. 2. It was the seventh consecutive year of insurance sales growth for the Order.

"I am very proud of our 1,300 field agents and 130 general agents, who worked so hard and so effectively to help Knights protect their families and build financial security," Anderson continued. "Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, believed strongly that we should provide every Catholic man with the means to protect his family from financial ruin by offering a sound, professionally-run life insurance program. The size and strength of our insurance program is a worthy testament to his far-sighted vision."

Patrick B. McAleer, CSA, FICF, PGK, is available for your questions. You may reach him at 301-253-3856, 301-802-5850, or at [PMCKofC@verizon.net](mailto:PMCKofC@verizon.net).

**From the Maryland State Council**  
**Information for this section is drawn from the State Council's website,**  
**<http://www.kofc-md.org/>**

Celebrating 48 Years of Working Together

**2008 Cardinal's Charity Ball**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*Of the Archdiocese of Washington*

*You are cordially invited to attend the*

*2008 Cardinal's Charity Ball*

*to benefit the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute*

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*Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 6:00PM until 11:00PM*

*The Grand Ballroom of the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel*

*480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC*

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6:00PM – Cocktails      6:00PM to 9:00PM – Silent Auction  
7:30PM – Dinner      8:30PM – Program      9:00PM – Dancing

*Tickets are \$50 per person*

For Tickets and Information, please contact:

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**The Maryland Knights of Columbus are supporting the  
Maryland Catholic Conference's  
efforts to lobby our State Legislators to pass the  
Pregnant Women's Support Act.**

**What is the Pregnant Women Support Act?**

The Pregnant Women Support Act does just what its title suggests: It offers help to women in crisis pregnancies. A pregnant woman who has been abandoned by her support network may feel that abortion is the only choice. In fact, there are many social service and health programs that can help remove obstacles to childbirth. The Pregnant Support Act provides state and federal funds to non-profit organizations that provide pregnancy support services. The funding would support:

**\*Specialized crisis-intervention counseling for women in crisis due to an unplanned pregnancy.** The state of Maryland currently offers crisis-intervention counseling for women who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault; it should also provide assistance to women in crisis pregnancies.

**\*Extensive referral services that connect pregnant women with existing state and federal programs** that can help them get job training, health insurance, housing assistance and other aid.

**\*The encouragement of prenatal care and child immunization.**

**\*Increasing the number of women who receive assistance through non-profit pregnancy support organizations.**

Learn more about Real Alternatives, the state-funded program in Pennsylvania, that the Maryland Pregnant Women Support Act is based upon. The website explaining the Pennsylvania is <http://www.realalternatives.org/PressKit/FAQ.htm>

**Sullivan Brothers Assembly – 4th Degree**

The Sullivan Brothers Assembly meets on the third Thursday of each month at Montgomery Council's Father Cuddy Hall. The Assembly is made up of brother Sir Knights from the councils in the middle of Montgomery County (Montgomery, Peter Paul Maher, Mater Dei, Manyanet, St Elizabeth's) and members from other councils who desire to join us.

Eligibility requirements for advancement to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree are:

- (1) One year of membership in the K of C.
- (2) You must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight in good standing.
- (3) You must be proposed by a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member in good standing.
- (4) There are exceptions to the one year requirement, if you received your 1<sup>st</sup> Degree prior to September 2, 2007 and have taken your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, the Master of the Fourth Degree can ask for a waiver.

Sullivan Brothers Activities:

- (1) Color Corps: Stand at wakes, assist at masses and other activities that are requested;

- (2) At least 4 meetings during the year are strictly social and include our families, as well as other social activities;
- (3) Trips are planned for Patriotic activities, and guest speakers are sought for our social meetings;
- (4) We are the Patriotic and visible part of the Knights of Columbus. There is no requirement that you join the Color Corps, but you will be welcomed heartily if you decide that it is for you.
- (5) Our Ladies are very much a part of our Assembly, and we need them and their company and ideas.

**Join us and meet Brother Sir Knights and their families from other fine councils.**

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on March 2, 2008. I ask all eligible Knights to contact me for more information on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and the Sullivan Brothers Assembly.

**“We stick together”**

**S/K John L. Durbin, PFN, PGK, DD**

**301-762-4448 email [jndurbin@att.net](mailto:jndurbin@att.net)**

### **Entertainment Book Sales Results**

The 2007 Entertainment Book Sales netted us a profit of \$2,337.50. This has been our best year ever in Sales. This was mainly due to efforts of several of our Council Members who were proactive in selling books. My sincere thanks to all who participated in this effort.

Next year, Gary Palmer has agreed to take over chairmanship of this function. I will still be involved and will help Brother Palmer, where I can. It should also be noted that since we have been selling Entertainment Books over the years, we have netted an overall profit of \$11,251.61. This function has proven to be our major fund raiser for the Council.

Ed Dudenhoeffer, Entertainment Book Chairman

### **Family Socials**

The monthly Family Socials have been great hits. The next evening is being combined with the first Lenten Supper on February 8. This is an easy time to get together with family and friends at the end of the work and school week. Contact Mike Bean at 301-460-6193 or at [kofcsocial@comcast.net](mailto:kofcsocial@comcast.net) with questions, suggestions or offers of help.

### **Lenten Suppers**

Come enjoy the Knights of Columbus Lenten Suppers on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 p.m. at Father Cuddy Hall. These will be traditional Fish Fries, and Pizza and French Fries will also be available. \$10 adults, \$5 for children under 12; tickets at the door. For more information, call John Leighton (301) 340-9143 or see [kofc2323.org](http://kofc2323.org).

### **Basketball Free Throw Competition**

The Knights of Columbus Council #2323 Free Throw Competition will take place on Saturday, February 23, 6pm-8pm. The event will take place at St. Mary's Church, Rockville in the school gym. The competition is open to boys and girls, ages 10-14 (age determined as of January 1). Basketballs will be provided, please do not bring personal basketballs.

For questions, please contact Pat Gilroy, at 301-424-3107 or [pgilroy@fbr.com](mailto:pgilroy@fbr.com).

# Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus

## Beach Club

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Berlin Maryland

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Best Ball - Captain's Choice  
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Any questions call Paul Weber 410-879-0558 or  
email [apaulweber@msn.com](mailto:apaulweber@msn.com)

Foursomes are limited! Reservation and  
payment must be made no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Send check payable to : Maryland State Council Convention Fund  
Mail to: Paul Weber 2223 Larchmont Drive Fallston Md. 21047



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Team Captain	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
Player #2	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
Player #3	_____	_____	_____ @ _____
Player #4	_____	_____	_____ @ _____



**FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .**



***Help us to remember Your Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and help us to use them for the good of one another. Help us to fulfill your request for corporal works of mercy, and help us to personally reach-out to our ailing members and our bereaved families.***



**FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .**



***Of Thanksgiving for Many Blessings and Prayers Already Answered; and For Restoration of Health, we especially pray for:***

Helen Dunn, Mary Ann Klingel, Joseph B. Good, Jim Scoli, James Leighton, Jill Durbin, Tim Durbin, Guy Beaven, Celia Toner, Joe Toner, Lenore Cribbin, Joe Doherty, Rosemary McAleer, Jack McAleer, Clare Wingo, Debora Kessler, Pat McGee, and Military Personnel Worldwide



**FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYERS . . .**

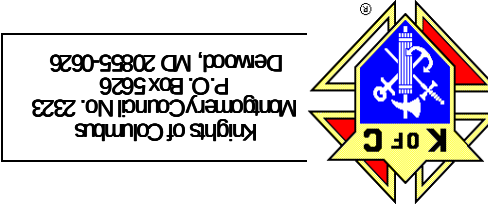


***For the Peaceful Rest and Consolation of Loved Ones of:***

Sogah Ayawo (Africa); Mary Cooney; Jeff Eberhardt; Laverne Rich; Helen Hoffmaster Porter; Robert Werner, PGK; Children Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence; Souls in Purgatory; and Military Personnel Worldwide

***And, finally, Prayers of Gratitude for the Lives and Gifts of our Members Celebrating Birthdays this Month.***

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**COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

February 2	Second Degree	2:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 5	Shrove Tuesday Mass and Pancake Dinner	7:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 6	Ash Wednesday		
February 8	Lenten Fish Fry & Pizza Supper/Family Night	Serving 6-8 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 8	Third Degree		Rock Creek Council
February 19	Council Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 21	Sullivan Brothers Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 23	Council Free Throw Contest	6-8 p.m.	St. Mary's, Rockville Gym
February 24	Building Corporation Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
February 29	Lenten Fish Fry & Pizza Supper	6-8 p.m.	Father Cuddy Hall
March 1	Shrimp Feast	Serving 6-9, DJ til 11	Father Cuddy Hall
March 1	District Free Throw Contest		Our Lady of Guadalupe Council
March 2	Fourth Degree Exemplification		
March 16	State Free Throw Contest		School of the Incarnation, Gambrills